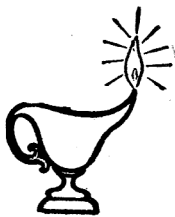


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Current Topics

From the Rosicrucian Hightpoint

BY JOSEPH DARROW

It is the aim of this Department to correlate current events with the underlying laws of occult philosophy, so as to illustrate the fact that the visible world of affairs is governed by the forces of the invisible world, which is the realm of causes.

Is Christianity Doomed?

THERE have been a number of statements coming out of the Orient and from far eastern sources the last few months from persons in high positions stating or implying that Christianity is a failure, not only in the East but also in America, and that it is destined to be replaced by a more rational form of religion. It is somewhat disturbing to be told that all of the millions of church people have been following an impractical system of philosophy and a religious will o' the wisp. Since the Rosicrucian philosophy is a Christian esoteric philosophy, Rosicrucian students are deeply interested in the subject.

The first statement which we will quote regarding Eastern appraisal of Christianity emanates from Dr. Hu Shih, Dean of the Peking National University, called the Father of the Chinese Renaissance, reported in *The Literary Digest*, commenting upon an earlier article in *The Forum*:

"After all, Christianity itself is fighting its last battle, even in the so-called Christendoms. To us born heathens, it is a strange sight indeed to see Billy Sunday and Aimee McPherson hailed and patronized in an age whose acknowledged prophets are Darwin and Pasteur! The religion of Elmer Gantry and Sharon Falconer must sooner or later

make all thinking people feel ashamed to call themselves 'Christians.' And then they will realize that Young China was not far wrong in offering some opposition to a religion which in its glorious days fought religious wars and persecuted science, and which, in the broad daylight of the twentieth century, prayed for the victory of the belligerent nations in the World War, and is still persecuting the teaching of science in certain quarters of Christendom."

In *The Server* for June, 1927, there was an article entitled, "World Peace" by J. Krishnamurti, and in the article occurs the following paragraph:

"India has been preserved untouched, though the mighty civilizations which were her contemporaries in the past have perished, not that she might live in the shadow of her past, but in order to fulfill her greater mission in the future.

INDIA'S CLAIMS She will not hold the balance because she is either rich, prosperous, or powerful, but because she must fulfill her great destiny—that of spiritualizing the world."

This statement by Mr. Krishnamurti is not directly upon the subject of Christianity, but implies that the religion of India is the world's hope from a spiritual standpoint.

In view of the above quotations it is interesting to see what the Rosicrucians have to say upon this subject. In one of Max Heindel's books occurs the following:

"At the point when the sun entered the sign of the Lamb, Aries, the Aryan religions were inaugurated. The religion of the Lamb is to hold sway for the next Great Sidereal Year while the sun by precession passes around the

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twelve signs of the zodiac, as the religion of the Bull held sway during the previous celestial year from the time the sun entered Taurus until it left the same sign on its next passage."

Elsewhere Max Heindel states that the sun entered Aries by precession about 1650 B. C. Since the religion of the Lamb, Christianity, is to 28000 YEARS be the dominating religion OF CHRIS- for thirteen celestial signs, TIANITY this means that it is to hold sway for approximately twenty-eight thousand years, since the precessional passage of each sign requires 2156 years.

The above statements by Max Heindel are not based on his personal psychic investigations. They are cosmic truths given to him by the Hierarchs of the Rosicrucian Order. Thus it would appear that Christianity is pretty well founded, and that it is not a temporary system of philosophy that will last two or three thousand years and then disappear. Instead, it is designed to forward humanity during the next twenty-five thousand years or so upon its evolutionary path, and it is more particularly adapted to that purpose than any other religion, either modern or ancient. Humanity, however, may by its obstinacy and wilfulness decline to cooperate to the fullest possible extent with the Agents of Evolution, and therefore the Christian religion may not accomplish all that it should during its period of supremacy. Nevertheless the cosmic forces behind it are so strong that the great majority of humanity will eventually fall in line.

Christianity is designed to teach humanity that we are all cells in the cosmic body of God. Thus the welfare of one becomes the welfare of all. When we have learned this lesson, self-seeking will be at an end. Altruism and service to

the race will be the dominating motive of each man and woman. To help us in this great educational project the cosmic Being, Christ, the second aspect of Deity, came to earth 1900 years ago to become the indwelling Planetary Spirit of the earth, and from that vantage point to radiate His spiritual vibrations outward through the earth and through humanity. Thus He became in reality the Savior of mankind, because they had reached the limit of their ability to progress through their own unaided efforts. After the 28000 year period noted, the religion of the Father will appear, which will be even higher in character than Christianity.

Therefore when we have reports brought to us that Christianity is staggering to its final fall, we are not alarmed, for although we know that Christianity so far has realized only a very small percentage of its ideals, still we know that any great cosmic system of education destined to endure nearly thirty thousand years is not to be mastered by humanity in the short space of two thousand years. We are still in the kindergarten class of Christianity; we have not even THE KINDER- got into the primary grade GARTEN yet. But we have the cosmic facts, in which we have STAGE entire confidence because we know the unimpeachable source from which they came. Therefore we are entirely optimistic in regard to our religion even though we are far from giving a good demonstration of it.

From age to age new phases of Christianity will be revealed as fast as humanity is ready for them. The latest of these is the Rosicrucian Philosophy, giving the esoteric explanation of the Christian doctrines. Through it thousands of earnest people are finding a satisfying solution to their religious problems.

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Directing the Blood

THAT the blood may be directed by the will and the mind to any part of the body for the healing of disease or the building up of any organ is quite a startling idea. It has long been known by the Rosierucians, however, that exactly this thing may be done by the advanced student of esotericism. A present day confirmation of this fact has recently come to us through an article in the *Grocotts Penny Mail* of Grahams-town. This article tells how a man in South Africa is able to direct the blood to any part of his body that he desires.

"Supposing that you ask him to send an extra force of blood to the left forearm, he will hold out the arm, and in a very short time, say about thirty seconds, you will see the skin of the forearm changing rapidly from its normal hue to a bright red; indeed, it will look almost like a burn, and as long as he allows his will power to direct an unusual flow of blood to the forearm, the skin will remain a much deeper shade than the rest of his flesh. If you ask

BLUSHING him to blush on one cheek
ON ONE only, he can easily do so,
CHEEK and it certainly gives him

a very strange appearance when he does this, the other cheek retaining its usual hue. Some little time back he was troubled with a variety of sore throat that defied all the usual remedies. A friend who was interested in the strange power he possessed induced him to try the experiment of sending his blood stream to the troublesome sore throat to try to effect a cure. To his delight and also amazement, for this was the first time he had tried to make use of this power, after two or three trials the throat trouble entirely left him the same day and did not return."

The Rosierucians tell us that the heart will eventually become a voluntary mus-

cle through the development of cross stripes. These stripes, it is known, are developed by altruism and general mastery of the lower nature. The cross stripes transform the heart into an electro-magnet. In electrical science this consists of a coil of wire through which an electric current is sent, the coil having within it a bar of soft iron. The effect of the current is to transform the bar of iron into a magnet, whose strength depends upon the strength of the current. Industry is utilizing the electro-magnet for the handling of iron in large quantities such as, for instance, in a structural steel yard. The cross stripes

THE HUMAN in the heart, or for that
ELECTRO- matter any other voluntary
MAGNET muscle, correspond to the
coil of wire. When we de-

sire to produce muscular action, we involuntarily turn a current of bodily electricity through the cross stripes of the muscle in question, with the result that its longitudinal fibres are able to contract and perform the necessary action.

When we have developed our hearts to the point where we can send the blood wherever we choose, we can develop health and strength as desired. One of the big objects then to be accomplished will be the development of the right half of the brain, which is under the rulership of Mercury and which is the instrument of altruism. The left half of the brain is ruled by Mars and is the instrument of selfish material development. When we get complete control of the heart, we can send a greater supply of blood to the right half of the brain and thus speed up our spiritual development at a great rate.

As to whether the man mentioned in the above article accomplishes the results noted through voluntary control of the heart or through a reflex action developed by mental suggestion we cannot say, but he certainly has some unusual development along one line or the other.

The Mystic Light

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

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

Our Motto is—A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY.

Christ in the Twilight

BY ANITA OLIN

<p>Arise, my Soul! Prepare to worship Him Whose gentle heart beats deep within the earth! Hear through the lonely overtones of wind His mystic song of love divinely given, Waking to life the sleeping Christ in man! Behold where Jupiter at twilight glows Upon the pallor of the eastern sky— So shines within the questing soul that vivid light —A guiding star—Christ's love and sacrifice.</p> <p>And when we kneel in prayer, and seek again Communion with our Lord, and when our hearts, Feeling a great flood-tide of love and hope,</p>	<p>Seem near the breaking with sheer joy- fulness, We lift our eyes to heaven where we see The twilight arch rise slowly from the east. There angels beat the air with silent wings, And in their gentle, quiet journeyings Hither and yon in space they pause a bit, Seeing our human earnestness, and smile, A slow and tender smile, so exquisite It opens wide the golden Temple door.</p> <p>Lo, we, the erring, stand within the room, The golden East Room where the Savior stood Two thousand years ago. Here we remain Until another twilight of the soul Descends, bearing angelic harmony Upon the twilight arch.</p>
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The Esoteric Reasons for Christmas

BY MAX HEINDEL

THE GOSPEL story as it is usually read by people in the churches is only the story of Jesus, a unique character, the Son of God in a special sense, who was born once in Bethlehem, lived once upon the earth for a short space of thirty-three years, died once for mankind after much suffering, and is now permanently exalted on the right hand of the Father. Thence they expect him to return to judge the quick and the dead. They celebrate his birth and his

death at certain times of the year because these are supposed to have taken place on definite dates, the same as the battle of Gettysburg or the birthday of Lincoln or Washington.

But while these explanations satisfy the multitudes who are not very deep in their inquiries concerning the truth, there is another side which is very patent to the mystic, a story of divine love and perpetual sacrifice that fills him with devotion to the cosmic Christ, who is born periodically in order that we may live and have an opportunity of evolving in this environment. The mystic understands from this viewpoint that without such recurring annual sacrifice the earth and its present conditions of advancement would be an impossibility.

At the time when the sun is in the celestial sign Virgo (the Virgin), the immaculate conception takes place. A wave of solar Christ light and life is then focused upon the earth. Gradually this light penetrates deeper and deeper into the earth, until the turning point is reached on the longest and darkest night of the year, which we call Christmas. This is the mystic birth of a cosmic life impulse which impregnates and fertilizes the earth. It is the basis of all terrestrial life; without it no seed would germinate, no flower would appear upon the face of the earth, neither man nor beast could exist, and life would soon become extinct. Therefore, there is indeed a very, very valid reason for the joy that is felt at Christmas time. As the Divine Author of our being, our Father in Heaven, has given the greatest of all gifts to man, the Son, so men also are impelled to give gifts to one another, and joy reigns upon earth and good will and peace, no matter whether man understands the mystic and annually recurrent reasons therefor or not.

As "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," so this spiritual life impulse which impregnates the earth at the winter solstice works its way during the winter months toward the circumference, giving life to all wherewith it comes

in contact. Even the minerals could not evolve were this life impulse withheld. By the time Easter is reached, when the earth is in bloom, when the birds start singing and the little animals in the forest are mating, all are imbued with this great divine life. It has then spent itself, it dies, and is raised again to the right hand of our Father. Thus Christmas and Easter are turning points which mark the flow and ebb of the divine life annually given for our sakes, without which it would be impossible for us to live upon the earth. The latter holy day ends the annual recurrence of the festive feeling which we experience from Christmas to Easter, the joy that then thrills our being. If we are at all sensitive we cannot help but feel Christmas and Easter in the air, for they are laden with divine love, life, and joy.

But whence comes the note of sorrow and suffering which precedes the Easter resurrection? Why may we not rejoice with an unmingled joy at the time when the Son is liberated and returns to his Father? Why this passion, this crown of thorns? Why cannot this be left out of consideration? To understand this mystery it is necessary to view the matter from the Christ standpoint, and it is necessary to fully and thoroughly realize that this annual life wave which is projected into our planet is not simply a force devoid of consciousness. It carries with itself the full consciousness of the Cosmic Christ. It is absolutely a fact that without Him was not anything made that was made, as we are told by St. John in the opening chapter of his Gospel. At the time of the immaculate conception in September this great life impulse commences its descent upon our earth, and by the time of the winter solstice, when the mystic birth takes place, the Cosmic Christ has fully concentrated Himself upon and within this planet.

You will realize that it must cause discomfort to such a great Spirit to be cramped within this little earth of ours and to be conscious of all the hate and

discord we are sending out from day to day all through the year. It is a fact that cannot be gainsaid that all life expression is through and by love; similarly, death comes through hate. Were the hate and discord which we generate in our daily lives in our transactions one with another, and the accompanying deceit, infamy, and selfishness left without antidote, this earth would be swallowed up in death.

You remember the description of Initiation given in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*. It is there stated that at the services held every night at midnight the Temple is the focus of all the thoughts of hate and disturbance in the Western world which it serves; that these thoughts are there disintegrated and transmuted, and that this is the basis of social progress in the world. It is also known that saintly spirits grieve and suffer greatly at disturbances in the world, at our discord and hate, and that they send out from themselves individually thoughts of love and kindness. The associated efforts of such orders as that of the Rosicrucians are directed in the same channels when the world is still so far as physical exertion is concerned and when it is therefore more receptive to spiritual influence, namely, midnight. At that time they endeavor to attract and transmute the thought arrows of hate and discord, suffering thus their small share while trying to lift a few of the thorns from the Savior's crown.

Considering the foregoing, you will understand that the Christ Spirit in the earth is, as Paul says, "actually groaning and travailing, waiting for the day of liberation." Thus He gathers all the darts of hate and anger; these are the crown of thorns.

In everything that lives the vital body radiates streamers of light from the force that has spent itself in building the dense body. During health they carry away poison from the body and keep it clean. Similar conditions prevail in the vital body of the earth which is the vehicle of Christ. The poisonous and destructive

forces generated by our passions are carried away by the life force of the Christ. But every evil thought or act brings Him its own proportion of pain, and therefore becomes part of the crown of thorns—the crown because the head is always thought of as the seat of consciousness. We should realize that every single evil act of ours reacts upon the Christ in the manner stated and adds another thorn of suffering.

In view of the foregoing we can realize with what relief He speaks the final words at the time of liberation from the earthy cross, "Consummatum est" (it has been accomplished). And why the annual recurrence of suffering, you ask? As we have to take into our bodies continually the life-giving oxygen to go through its cycle to vitalize and energize the whole body, and as that oxygen dies to the outside world for the time while it is living in the body, being there charged with poisons and waste products and finally exhaled as carbon dioxide, a poisonous gas, so it is necessary for the Savior annually to enter into the great body which we call the earth and take to Himself all the poison that is generated by us in order to cleanse and purify the earth and give it a new lease of life before He finally is resurrected and rises to His Father.

(This article first appeared in 1915.—EDITOR.)

A Random Thought

A dreamer dropped a random thought;
 'Twas old, and yet 'twas new;
 A simple fancy of the brain,
 But strong in being true.
 It shone upon a genial mind,
 And, lo, its light became
 A lamp of life, a beacon ray,
 A monitory flame.
 The thought was small; its issue great;
 A watchfire on the hill.
 It shed its radiance far adown,
 And cheers the valley still.

—Charles Mackay.

Dangers on the Path

BY MARGARET THORPE

(This article was awarded fifth prize in our recent competition. EDITOR.)

A LONG the various highways in every state in our Union there are signs to warn the traveler, "Curve Ahead," "Narrow Bridge," "Danger—Slow," and similar signals, which if they are heeded by the driver will enable him to journey safely on his way. There is another highway traveled by fewer people but vastly more important. It is the highway to life everlasting, called by many, "The Path." This more important highway is frequently not placarded with danger signals. Consequently many aspiring souls on this road are wrecked ere their journey has hardly begun. This should not be. There are many danger signals which can be given to guide the traveler safely. The way to life everlasting leads over a very narrow path, and many are the stumbling blocks that one can wreck his life upon if he is not wary. I shall enumerate a few of the most dangerous.

Eagerness to advance upon the Path is responsible for as many troubles of the aspirant as any other cause. There is always somebody to show the ignorant and anxious soul a quick way. Much sorrow, physical danger, disillusion, and perhaps mental disturbance await the unwary person who is led by such a one. He will be offered (for money, of course) "practical" methods for self-development, mental, spiritual, and physical. He may purchase a course and follow directions carefully if he is a true but ignorant seeker. If he is of the persistent kind and results do not show after the given three months of practicing breathing exercises, affirmations, etc., he may go over the directions for another three or six months. Then results begin to come. Poor, deluded mortal! When he feels himself almost

jerked out of his body and lifted off his feet, he congratulates himself that he has made progress—but such progress! Ignorant still but diligently applying himself to his ill-chosen lessons he now finds himself troubled by entities. If he is sensitive, he may even feel their hateful presences near. Always they are undesirable and cause terror, fear, and nervousness. He may still think he is on the heaven-chosen Path. He may even go out of his body many times, but the danger of this he little realizes. Only when he has truly become a seeker and is in alliance with the great White Ones does he know the dark forces that sought to destroy his soul. He is then led by the spirit within and not by an incompetent one from without.

There are impostors and charlatans in the spiritual world as there are in this one. Keep away from all mediums and spiritualists. No one should dare to enter the spiritual world unless he is being guided by one of the great White Brothers and unless he is following one of the seven true occult paths that lead to spiritual enlightenment. If he is not, his soul is in great danger. He feels around him the evil forces. He may not be free from nightly and daily interference. If he is not careful, he will be made a victim of some fraud.

Patience and persistence in well-doing will bring the reward in good time. We cannot climb into heaven by any other door. Service is the motto of the Great Ones; it was and is the chief purpose in the life of our great ideal, the Christ. Do we presume to enter the kingdom without a wedding garment?

There is another though lesser danger to the seeker. Have you sought to model your life in accordance with that of one who you know is following the Path and who may be years ahead of you in achievement? If he does not go to church

and does not give a helping hand there, should you also stay away? If he lives a secluded life should you follow his example? Again I say, beware! Make no man your ideal but the Christ. Seek no guide for your actions but Him who dwells within. By following Him you learn many things; you gain in knowledge and understanding of things of the soul. Should you not learn to stand alone if you expect to guide others? Strength, not weakness, is needed by one who attempts to climb higher while reaching one hand downward to his struggling brother just below him. Self-reliance must be fostered, not dependence upon others. Be an oak, not a clinging vine!

Still another danger comes from the tempter who offers you fame and money. Are you doing a great work in a little position? Do those for whom you are sacrificing and struggling fail to appreciate your efforts? Are you lonely and discouraged because you cannot see the good that results? Do you wonder if, after all, it pays to work as you are working while others around you shirk their tasks? Then comes the tempter. He offers you a high place and much more money. He promises work with people of refinement and a more comfortable home for you to live in. He whispers that you are not appreciated, filling the little position that carries with it the hard work. Will you yield and fall one step backward on the Path, or will you hold on to the little position trusting God to give the increase? If you do the latter, then you will hear the still small voice of the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I shall make thee ruler over many things." You will have taken a step upward if you deny the tempter. The accompanying peace will repay you, as also will the love and gratitude of the very few around you who dimly sense your sacrifice.

Another danger on the way is the temptation to leave the Path when many

adversities come. Money takes wings and flies away; friends misunderstand and fail you; your loved ones do not sympathize with you; and many kindred trials come to you. Are you a bearer of the cross? Will you still help to lighten His burden, or will you whine and say it is too hard to bear? Remember, the silent Watchers are ever near the aspirant. You do not walk alone. It should be a dear realization to you to know that though unseen they are there giving you a helping hand whenever it is necessary. Never give up and your reward will be sure. Many have trod this Path besides our Savior.

Another danger lies in allowing yourself to become "queer." Do not become so hidebound by your own ideas that you cannot fit in with the people around you. If you are not sociable, if you disapprove of people's doings constantly, if you assume your own superiority, can you hope ever to influence them to inquire about your religion? They will not care to know anything about a doctrine that will make one such an oddity as you have become. Do we need to be perpetually sad because we know the deeper things in life? A smile will make a happy entrance for anyone anywhere. It is true that as we go farther on the Path we feel, see, and know more of life's sadder side; but will a long face help? A smile is what this old world needs. Therefore avoid "queerness" in any form. On the other hand, you must never sacrifice a principle, no matter how much the world scoffs and scorns.

The subject of our next warning may properly be called a hindrance on the Path rather than a danger. Telling your new-found ideas and philosophy to everyone you meet is a very doubtful policy and may be a real stumbling block to you later on. Christ gave "milk" to the babes in truth and "meat" to the few. Are you wiser than the Christ? It is your duty to never withhold truth from one who is a seeker; but only harm can result from "casting your pearls before

swine." *If the truth that you profess is real to you, it will become a part of your life.* Your life will then shine before others. *Kindness and loving helpfulness will mean more to others than your words can.* Your philosophy will henceforth be interesting to your friends. Your converts will come from the ranks of those who see and know your real life, *if it is what it should be.* Avoid undue and promiscuous talking about your philosophy.

One of the lesser dangers that will affect, however, comparatively few people is that of going to extremes. Should you spend all of your spare hours, or minutes, in reading nothing but your philosophy? Is it well to neglect reading an elevating magazine? Do you not think you may become overfed on one diet? Intolerance is also an extreme. Will you not grant to the Christian Scientist, the Catholic, or to any philosopher that there is some good in his phase of religion? A true seeker respects the other fellow's religion. He may even go to his church to help him out when competent help is hard to get.

As purity is the most necessary requisite to true success on the spiritual path, we should carefully guard our thoughts, our lives, and everything with which we are concerned from suggestions of impurity. These low suggestions must be shunned, doubtful conversations never indulged in, and sex pictures avoided as poison to the soul. This danger is one of the most subtle known to man, and the unsuspecting one can easily fall into this pit unless he is more than careful. Thoughts of purity, divine love, and kindred qualities must be substituted for undesirable ones. Constant vigilance is the price of safety.

Impulsiveness in speech and action may be well classed as a minor danger. Poise must be cultivated by every true aspirant. Little progress can be made without it. Cultivate the habit of checking hasty words and actions. Let your heart and your head be a balanced guide.

No true traveler along the Path permits himself to do flighty things and to be put into questionable positions. Avoid all appearance of evil.

As the traveler along the physical highway comes to a cross road, so the spiritual traveler sometimes comes to an intersection of roads. The question arises, Shall I continue to follow this philosophy that has made my life more satisfactory, or shall I leave it and try to follow the new ideas of my friend as he is urging me to do? The point to settle is, Can I attain as quickly or as safely by changing my route? An old adage says, "Never swap horses in the middle of the stream." This is good advice and safe.

Self-conceit is a very subtle danger, and can work itself in while we are scarcely conscious of it. The true aspirant learns humility as Christ practiced it. No matter how high you climb there are always dim vistas yet ahead. Why then should you scorn your younger brother on the Path when you realize that there are many ahead of you? Remember, it is the Christ within that does the work. The Master Christ told us that His Father deserved the credit and He it was that should be glorified. Self-conceit will lead one very far astray. Many a promising soul has fallen from a height because of this. Let us all learn meekness.

Anger is a danger and does damage to the one who gives in to fits of temper. One of the purposes of our journey on the Path is to learn self-control. If you cannot control yourself, are you capable of ruling others? Are you captain of your soul when the demon anger rules you? It will lead you into paths of cruelty, violence, and perhaps murder. Your body will be greatly damaged from the outbursts. A greater danger lies in the fact that your vehicles may in a fit of anger be seized and used by an entity. Is it not then imperative that we struggle manfully to avoid anger?

Akin to anger is hatred. No one can

advance upon the Path feeling hatred for anyone. There may be more provocations for you since you have been following the Light, but woe to you if you indulge this destructive emotion! If some one differs from you, if he underrates and belittles you, if he insults you even, should these be causes for your demeaning yourself? The hurt of one is the hurt of all. Can you realize that your thoughts of hatred will surely come back to you? Let hatred never find a home in your heart.

The wavering habit should never be allowed to creep into our minds as we travel along the Path. The constant questioning, "Should I do this? Should I do that? Was that right?" and kindred queries can become a habit. No soul can grow while this constant and irritating process is going on. Occultists tell us that this activity is similar to planting seeds and digging them up every few days to see if they are growing. Under such conditions growth can take place neither in the case of the seeds nor of your soul. Decide; do your best; then drop the subject until your evening retrospection when you assimilate the quality of the good deed or weep over that of the mistaken one.

Common sense is our best guide in every circumstance. We should never leave this necessary factor out of our calculations. If we think that because we are dealing with spiritual things we can afford to decide questions without it, we shall surely find ourselves running upon a snag; and it will take much trouble to get off this snag too. If we are guided by common sense, we shall never become erratic.

There may be other dangers along the Path, because each soul's experiences though similar in some respects are vastly different in others. We do not all need the same experience. All of these things will not be your own particular dangers, but some of them surely will. Heed these warnings along the spiritual highway, and you will find things

running smoothly; disregard them and you will be in danger and may become a wreck physically, morally, or mentally. The originator of the sign, "Stop, look, and listen," used throughout the country by railroads as a warning to those crossing their tracks, obtained thousands of dollars for it. I shall feel amply repaid if the above suggestions find lodgment in even one earnest heart and save him from wrecking his life. All glory should be given to him who reaches the goal without succumbing to these dangers.

Civilization

Civilization is political order, economic provision, moral development, and cultural creation. The order and the provision are the soil in which the flowers of art and consideration grow.

Rulers and governments are not civilization except as they promote security, coordinate industry, encourage education, and spread by example the courtesy which once came from courts. Labor is not civilization unless it leads to leisure; and wealth without art is barbarism. Religion is not civilization if it is mere faith without works, weakening the spirit with compensatory dreams; but let it make a passion of perfection, and pour an animating fire into the cold commandments of morality, let it lift our eyes and thoughts from the ground with reminders and exemplars of unselfishness and sanctity, and it achieves a grandeur and nobility acknowledged by even the earthiest mind.—*Will Durant*.

MORE OR LESS

Worry less and work more;
Ride less and walk more;
Frown less and smile more;
Eat less and chew more;
Preach less and practice more.

—*Leavenworth New Era*.

Another Chance

By R. N. WHITE

SNOW HAD been falling steadily all day with a constantly increasing wind so that by night the storm had become a blizzard. Prairie scenery is not particularly interesting at best, at least not to the seasoned traveler, and the heavy snowfall had obliterated the few landmarks which were usually visible.

On such a day the attention of Pullman passengers is turned inward more than usual, and so confidences are exchanged a little more freely perhaps. A Pullman at any time is a confidence coxer. Grievances are aired, petty sins are dragged from their hiding places and held up to view with a certain amount of pride, diseases are discussed; and if one hasn't a sufficiently interesting infirmity of his own, he drags in Uncle Eben's lumbago; diet lists are exchanged and corrected, babies named, governments set up and knocked over, fortunes made and unmade.

The dining car had been deserted for a couple of hours or more, and most of the passengers were again busy with the confidence game. In the rear of one of the Pullman cars somewhat apart from their gossiping companions sat three men, each busy with his own thoughts. William Johnston stared out of the window into the blackness of the night; his intimate friend, Charles Demerest, stared down the aisle seeing as little as his companion; and John Davis, a traveling acquaintance, sat on the opposite seat reading a small paper-covered book.

The three had been sitting thus for some time, when as if by some prearrangement the two friends turned toward each other and the other man laid down his pamphlet, seemingly finished. Demerest was the first to speak.

"Bill, I wish I could live my life over again."

"Me too. How about you, Mr. Davis?" said Johnston.

"I expect to," was the astonishing reply.

The two friends glanced at each other, and each read in the other's expression the thought, "Idiot." Ignoring the peculiar remark, Johnston continued:

"Yes, I would give a thousand dollars to live my life over again."

"I would like to take that offer," said Davis. "Only I wonder if you would be like the woman who, having a terrible headache, remarked that she would give fifty dollars to get rid of it. 'Perhaps I'd better call the doctor,' suggested her husband. 'Oh, my! no; he charges ten dollars to come 'way out here,' she replied. But perhaps you would not be like that."

Again the two friends exchanged glances, and each thought that this man might not be exactly "off" but was trying to be funny without the necessary sense of humor. At any rate Johnston didn't get the point and so continued:

"I rather suspect I would be like that woman, but of course you are not serious; and even if you were, my money would be perfectly safe."

"Yes, I am serious, but I will admit it was a peculiar remark to make. But really, would you give a thousand dollars to live your life over again?"

"It would be worth much more than that," interposed Demerest. "In fact, I am afraid the things I would like to remedy couldn't be changed now if I had a million."

"That's it; how are we going to remedy the faults of the past by spending a few thousand now? The past is gone forever," said Johnston.

"Of course," answered Davis, "you

can't pay the price to another party and order it done. Each must make his own changes; no one else can do it for him. The only thing another can do is to show how it is done; the teacher gives the rule, the student solves the problem."

"Very well then," said Demerest, "let us take the case of an officer in a financial institution who by manipulating the funds for his own use causes a failure and so robs the workmen and widows of their slender savings. Can anyone, you for instance, give the rule for solving that problem?"

"Yes, and the same rule will also solve many others."

"Humph!" grunted Demerest. "It sound fishy to me." His tone and the decisiveness with which he crossed his legs and settled back in his seat indicated that as far as he was concerned the discussion was ended and the matter settled. But Johnston was more curious.

"I'm skeptical too, but I must admit that I'm interested. Give me the rule, Mr. Davis."

"Very well; but first let me ask you a few questions. I suppose you believe that the universe is kept in order by a Being, Principle, or Force called God?"

Johnston nodded his assent.

"And while you can't see the evidence of it everywhere, you would like to believe that this Being is absolutely just."

"Yes, I certainly would, but it is difficult."

"Also you probably believe in evolution; I don't mean the monkey brand, but that which embraces all progress. For everything does progress: art, literature, science, and religion, the latter being the slowest."

Another nod of assent.

"And I presume that you believe in the law of cause and effect. Do you believe that every effect must have a cause and that every cause must produce an effect?"

"Absolutely."

"Very well, then, these are the reasons behind the rule. A belief in justice, evolution,

and cause and effect necessitates a belief in rebirth. And therein lies the solution to our problem."

Another violent crossing of the legs and a pitying look toward his friend and Demerest settled down for an evening of boredom. But his friend was of an inquiring disposition and really seemed to be interested as he asked, "Isn't that a rather heathenish doctrine?"

"It came from the East and is known there as reincarnation; but many thousands of Christians believe in it, and it was taught by the Savior."

"I thought reincarnation meant being reborn into an animal."

"Not at all. That's transmigration and does not conform to the law of progress or evolution. We are reborn in constantly improving bodies."

"How can you prove that?"

"I can best answer that question by asking in return, 'How can you prove that a certain planet is thirty-eight light years away?' An astronomer has told you so, but how are you going to check up on him? Or take a child who has just learned that two matches and two matches make four matches. The words two and four have little meaning for him, and when we show him four apples and ask, 'What have we here?' he answers, 'Apples.' He doesn't realize at first that two and four can apply to anything but matches. Then how in the world are you going to prove to him that two numbers may be multiplied by adding their logarithms, or that the square of the hypotenuse of a right angle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides?"

"Can't be done, of course; but you must have evidence of rebirth."

"Yes, there is evidence, and logical conclusions may be made from it. Then there is analogy, which is almost as important. Personally I like to use the latter, as it seems to make the matter clearer, whereas evidence is often merely a recital of phenomena which is disputed or doubted."

"Even so, I would like to have you give one or two incidents illustrating rebirth if you don't mind."

"Very well, I will use the case of a young child who remembered a previous life. This example is taken from the literature of a certain Rosicrucian society, and this experience is not claimed as being that of a member of any particular sect or cult. One day a number of years ago a man by the name of Roberts was walking along a street in Santa Barbara, Calif., when a little girl about three years old rushed up to him and throwing her arms around his knees called him 'papa.' Mr. Roberts was quite indignant, and the child's mother who arrived on the scene was greatly put out and embarrassed. The child insisted that Mr. Roberts was her father and clung to him for some minutes in spite of the mother's efforts to get her away. The circumstance made such an impression upon him that he sought the aid of a trained clairvoyant, and together they visited the home of the child's parents. It was first ascertained that the child was not obsessed, and then by questioning her during the course of an afternoon the following story was unfolded:

"The child said she had lived with Mr. Roberts and another mamma in a little house so far away from other houses that none could be seen. It stood beside a brook over which there was a plank. She had been cautioned not to cross the brook on account of the danger of falling into the water. She said that flowers grew beside it. One day her father went away and did not return. Their food gave out, and finally mother lay down and became very still. Then the child added, 'I died too; but I didn't die. I came here.'"

"Here are the facts in the case as told by Mr. Roberts: His father, a London brewer, was greatly opposed to his contemplated marriage with one of the servants, with whom he was in love, so the couple eloped, were married, and fled to Australia, where they built a

cabin in the bush by a brook exactly as the little girl had described it. Here a daughter was born to them. When she was almost two years old, Mr. Roberts left the place to do some work in a clearing, when he was arrested by an officer who had traced him from England as a man suspected of being connected with a bank robbery that had occurred the night he left. In vain did he plead with the officer to allow him to see his wife and daughter, but was not allowed to do so for fear of confederates. He was taken to England and his innocence proven. In response to his constant pleading and raving about his wife and daughter the authorities investigated and found their remains in the cabin. Although his father, now deceased, had disinherited him, his brother divided with him. Then he came to America, a broken man. He then produced photographs of his wife and himself. These were mixed with several others, yet the child unhesitatingly picked out those of her former parents."

"That is very interesting," said Johnston, "but suppose the child had not been so fortunate; suppose she had come back a negro. Then what?"

"That would not have been in the line of progress," said Davis; "that wouldn't have been evolution. Nothing happens by chance; one has a certain freedom in choosing his future environment and parents."

"Gee whiz, do you mean to say that I had a hand in picking out my own parents?"

"With the help of Beings higher than yourself, yes."

"I must congratulate myself on my choice of parents then, for no man could ask for better ones than mine."

"All of us have many lessons to learn," said Davis. "Many past wrongs must be made right. Before rebirth we are shown by the Lords of Destiny the several paths by which necessary experience can be gained. One of these paths must be chosen. With the help and ad-

vice of these great Beings all of the paths are considered, and parents are chosen who will furnish the necessary environment and early instruction so that we can learn our lessons and right past wrongs if we choose to do so. In any life free will may step in at any point and create a new cause. For example, I could, if I chose, hold up these passengers, or I could jump off the train. I might also choose to ignore the lessons of life I am supposed to learn in this incarnation. If I do, I shall only be retarding my advancement, as these lessons will be presented to me again and again until I take heed and learn them. It is a matter for us to decide whether we make good or bad use of any particular life; but having once chosen to tread a certain path there is no turning back."

"That's too deep for me. Let's have another bit of evidence. Maybe I can follow that better."

"Very well. I didn't intend to go into the subject quite so deeply at the start, but we sort of drifted that way. A certain mother and daughter were very jealous of each other because of the affection of the husband and father, but not one of the three could understand the situation. The mother didn't want to be jealous, but she couldn't seem to help it. Neither did the daughter feel that she should be jealous because of the attentions her father showered upon her mother. Finally a friend was asked to read the records pertaining to the case in the Memory of Nature. Then it was discovered that in a former life the father had been a beautiful woman and the other two had been rival suitors for her hand."

"Do you mean to tell me that I may once have been a woman or that my wife may have been a man?"

"Certainly. How else could you ever get the experiences of a woman or she the experiences of a man? And what are we on earth for except to gain experience? Can your wife know and understand the thrill a man feels at having won a victory on the football field or in

business, or understand his inner nature, his hopes, desires, and passions unless she experiences them as a man? How can you understand the complexity of a woman's nature, her moods, her inner struggles against the thoughts and words she deems wrong, and her endurance of pain and silent suffering unless you are reborn as a woman part of the time? You couldn't understand it otherwise."

"No, I guess I couldn't; but all this has an effect on me similar to that of an article in the paper some time ago stating that Henry Ford was worth two billion dollars. I could understand the words but I couldn't comprehend two billion. But I must admit that your statements sound logical."

"Perhaps it can be made clearer by the use of analogy. Suppose it is a cold winter day and just in front of you on the sidewalk is a person wearing a blue suit and a heavy gray overcoat with collar turned up high so that no part of his body is visible. You know it is your friend Bill Jones. During all the winter you see him in these clothes. But some warm day in late spring you see a familiar form strutting down the walk ahead of you in a brand new suit, latest cut and color. There is a familiar hitch to his gait, a certain swing of the shoulders and poise of the head, and you say, 'If that fellow had on a blue suit and a heavy gray overcoat, I would say that it was Bill Jones.' Finally you decide that it is your friend, and overtaking him find it is true. Now if these same new clothes were being displayed on a dummy in a shop window, no matter how life-like they looked, you would not say, 'That's Bill Jones.' Why? Simply because Bill Jones is not inside them."

"Let us further suppose that Jones wears the suit one year. He then considers it worn out and discards it. Perhaps he throws it in a corner of a shed thinking he may some time use it for rags, but forgets it. Years after suppose you discover this old suit, which is now so old and moth-eaten that the fabric will not hold together in your hands. Are

you going to say, 'Well, here is Bill Jones'? Of course not.

"Perhaps you are an examining physician for the army or navy and Jones comes to be examined. Standing before you in his naked body you do not see the spirit that animates this body any more than you saw what propelled that blue suit and winter overcoat. What you see is the suit of flesh that the Ego has taken on for one life's experience. The spirit animates this suit until it is worn out just as Bill Jones did his. He wore his one year and discarded it. The spirit wears its suit one life and discards it. And just like Jones, it will have a new one and a better one next time."

Pausing to allow Johnston to make comments on this, but hearing none, Davis proceeded.

"Let us suppose that you have a big seven-passenger car and you start on an all-day journey over a new road. Passing through various cities and towns you pick up certain people. Some will ride a few miles or to the next town perhaps, while a few will go to the end of the trip. You encounter many difficulties on the road, which may be likened to our problems in one life. Perhaps you are not familiar with some local traffic ordinance and are detained and fined. It is just the same in life: ignorance of a law does not bring remittal of the penalty if it is transgressed. There are bridges, sharp curves, and steep grades on the road, then again there are stretches where you can spin merrily along. On the return trip the entire route including the difficult places is covered in reverse order. Here was the place where so-and-so got off, and then you will remember the conversation held. After awhile the point is reached where you remember that another passenger got in with you. Thus everything is reviewed in reverse order back to the beginning of the trip.

"This is exactly what happens immediately after death. The life is reviewed in reverse order. In the next life a new

vehicle is taken and the journey starts anew. Part of the trip may be over the same road. If you broke a traffic law on the previous trip, you will pass through that same city again, and you will be penalized if you break the law a second time. It is just the same in life. You must continually come face to face with the same problems until you have solved them.

"As in the case of these automobile trips, life after life you pick up some of the friends who rode with you before. You will also meet new ones, and some of the old ones will drop out. On each trip you become a better driver. As the driver becomes expert in the handling of his car, so will you handle your vehicles, or bodies, more efficiently as you overcome the difficulties of one life after another. As soon as the driver understands the traffic laws, he no longer breaks them; a problem once solved is no longer a problem.

From birth to birth life advances in a continuous upward spiral, so you can see how the laws of rebirth and consequence, will solve all of your problems. Take that banker you mentioned for an illustration. He robbed the working man and widow in this life, and he will suffer for it. While we cannot say just what form his suffering will assume, the chances are that he will have a fortune and lose it, and it may be that those whom he robbed will regain their losses through his. A person may be born a cripple in this life, a hunchback perhaps, because he had a twisted and warped view of life in a previous embodiment. The poor man of today may have dissipated his fortune of yesterlife, while the man of wealth in this life used his talents wisely in the past.

"You have an idea now of how these laws operate. To the occultist these are vivid truths. I am not posing as one, but I am telling you that to an occultist these ideas are not merely beliefs. He sees the operation of these laws in his full waking consciousness. The evil deed

may be forgiven, the good one forgotten, but the punishment or reward is certain to follow. Every one of us is bound to work out his own salvation. We cannot shift our sins and problems onto another's shoulders. We can begin right now to right the wrongs of the past, and if everything cannot be completed in this life, we can at least lay the foundation now for a better life next time. If you wish to be surrounded with love and beauty in the next life, start cultivating those traits in yourself right now. Death does not liquidate a money debt nor one of gratitude. You will be given an op-

portunity to repay both in a future life. The occultist *knows* that justice prevails. He knows that one should sow only that which he wishes to reap."

For some time Demerest's attitude had been one of interested attention rather than that of the boredom which he had at first assumed. Now as he turned toward his friend he spoke for the first time since the early part of the discussion, and he spoke with finality:

"Bill, he's right!"

"He is, Charles, absolutely!"

"Very well then," said Mr. Davis, "let's have our berths made up."

The Suppression of Evil

Through a Rational System of Education

BY E. HUMBOLDT

THE OCCULT student is taught not to fight evil but rather to overcome it with good so that it may be ultimately transmuted and assimilated as goodness. There are, however, a great many instances where forestalling evil and preventing its appearance would render its overcoming unnecessary.

To be logical and to properly understand one another, let us define exactly what is meant by the term "evil." The dualists see in evil a principle diametrically opposite to good, ever fighting it for mastery and using humanity as a pawn. The monists, on the contrary, contend that since good is omnipotent and omnipresent, evil cannot have any separate and independent existence, being therefore merely a delusion of our weak minds.

Yet in spite of all contentions evil does exist and makes its presence felt very keenly all around us. Both of the above schools of thought are partly right, but also partly wrong because their outlook has been limited to the tiny strand of life they have under observation.

The path of evolution represents a

very slow and gradual transition from utter ignorance and helplessness to wisdom, perfection, and omnipotence through an infinite number of intermediate stages. The completion of the process, in so far as we can understand it, is always somewhere ahead of us and requires all of eternity. Every intermediate stage represents a step ahead of the preceding one and the starting point for the next higher; and none is either absolutely good or absolutely bad. As long as we refuse to accept as final any of these evolutionary steps, recognizing their transitory and evanescent character, we retain our freedom of action. But if we look upon them as final and revere them as such, they may easily become what we call "evil."

Imperfection surrounds us. But to be conscious of its reality, of its causes, and of its ultimate ending enables us to see our present as an improvement on the past and as the starting point for the future; and we can then estimate our progress and to a great extent shape our destiny. Extremes are dangerous; it is silly to feel sanctimonious and overproud

of whatever little progress we may have made when we stop to consider how much we still have to do; it is just as silly to grovel in the depths of dejection and despondency at sight of our failures. To err is human, and the worst sinner is a god in the making. Self-mastery is not a matter of days or of years but of life after life, until the lesson has been learned and the personality and its conceit have been conquered.

The only legitimate purpose of legislation is to guide men along positive lines of endeavor toward a well defined ideal, protecting the weak and the helpless while restraining in a firm but gentle manner those who may become reckless and unruly, to the end that with the help of education and training mankind may eventually approach that ideal and become a law unto themselves. Functioning at its best, law means a gradual bending of young humanity toward the highest and the noblest ideal we can conceive of, but which is forever changing as we advance on the path of evolution. To be truly effective, instead of wasting its efforts in merely punishing those who become weary and fall by the wayside, law should comfort, help, and encourage them as soon as they begin to show signs of weakness and fatigue, so that as far as possible the painful mistakes of those who have gone ahead may not be uselessly repeated by the weaker ones.

We have not yet evolved that far, however, and our much vaunted civilization is at best but a very thin veneer barely sufficient to cover our barbarous tendencies. For a good many years yet to come mankind will continue to act foolishly, to suffer for its errors, and to go aimlessly through the same silly antics. But eventually the lesson of right living must become hammered into their consciousness through suffering, and right conduct will become a part of their daily life, rooted in their innermost being.

At present we suffer from a plethora of useless legislation enacted through bigotry, ignorance, and selfishness. The

sooner much of it is erased from our statute books, the better off we shall be. It has been said that society has the right to protect itself, and that is true, generally speaking. However, when society has but itself to blame for the various evils that befall it, the only solution is a mending of its ways and a purification of itself. Our laws are at best very crude experiments: some sort of compromise between fear and intolerance, with a leaning toward one side or the other according to the mental balance of the legislators, or perhaps as a matter of chance. The main tendency of mankind, with its inherent inertia, is to follow the law more or less closely in a sheeplike fashion so long as obeying it does not involve the undergoing of any great hardships. This tendency of man to follow the line of least resistance is a sociological factor of the utmost importance which must always be given serious consideration. That is the reason why all legislation to be efficacious and efficient should be of a broad character.

The soul of man is essentially free, a spark of the Divine Fire. During his descent into matter the consciousness of that divine origin becomes more or less dim but is never completely obliterated. Sooner or later the individual becomes conscious of his freedom, and that consciousness is his most valuable possession, something which will stay with him forever to illumine even his darkest moments and provide a motive for action, a guide to future behavior. This awakening of the soul is like the opening of a blossom. It may take ages of preparation, but the event itself happens quickly when the time has come.

When the individual begins to sense his freedom and chafe under restraint, unless he is made to understand the limitations hedging him in on all sides and is shown how to work out his destiny along the lines of least resistance, he may try to break away from the restrictions of society. He cannot do it, of course. But until such time as he may come to the conclusion that he must work with

the race and not against it, he is apt to be a disturbing factor. Such an individual we call a criminal.

The only way to eventually repress and minimize crime, finally suppressing it entirely, is through education and training, not through punishment. Punishment is only an extra link added to the chain of social restrictions which many have tried to break, thinking they could thereby find freedom. True, you may restrain a man physically, but you cannot bind or fetter his mind. Even if it were possible, the procedure would be foolish. The guiding law of the universe is love; and that means forgiveness and forbearance, not spite.

Consciousness of innate freedom is often more pronounced during youth than in later periods of life, probably because the memory of the higher planes has not yet been obliterated by the cares and worries of everyday life. It is a well known fact that children often retain for a long time the faculty of contacting the higher worlds which have become a sealed book to most adults. It often happens that a child may be compelled by its elders to do things which it rebels against mentally due to its psychic impressions. The most casual observation can hardly fail to reveal the extent of the maze of limitations which stunt and paralyze the moral and mental growth of the young: conflicting commands of all kinds and ever recurring examples of conduct diametrically opposed to the teachings given them in the home, the school, and the church. Is it any wonder then that many children eventually evolve for themselves a system of conduct which they keep carefully hidden so long as necessity compels, but at other times flaunt openly and boldly?

These important matters are beginning to attract the attention of public-spirited people who are trying to get at the very cause and root of the evil for the purpose of finding some remedy. A recent investigation of the causes of crime by several well known psychol-

ogists and economists under the direction of Prof. Edwin J. Cooley, included the following among its conclusions:

"The years of child life immediately preceding the age of six, say from three to six, seem to be the most impressionable, at which time youth is generally sadly neglected."

Chief Magistrate William McAdoo of New York City blames present conditions on the lack of religion. But all agree that sentimentality or rash punishment cannot cure youthful delinquency; youth needs sympathy, guidance, and training. As this is being written the N. Y. State Commission on the Causes of crime has just turned in its report, which is a thoroughly documented indictment of urban society, so painstaking, so crowded with detail, and so disinterested that there is no escaping its challenge. The Commission has spent months in tracing and analyzing the life stories of many members of notorious "gangs." Among its findings one reads as follows:

"Most of the criminal careers traced began with childish misdeeds which resulted from the City's failure to assist children to normal life. The search of boys and girls for play and amusement in an environment which afforded them little opportunity of any wholesome sort for either, ended in thefts of money for amusement or of materials for games. The childish hunger for thrills in an unhealthy environment early produced the criminally inclined gang. Juvenile beginnings matured in older organizations, more definitely criminal, pushed along the highways of crime by bad housing, bad home conditions, bad surroundings, stunted opportunities, and artificial methods of living."

The U. S. Census Bureau, however, comes out with the statement that criminality and juvenile delinquency are plainly showing a tendency to decrease as compared with conditions of fifteen to twenty years ago. If this is true, and we cannot very well disprove it, what couldn't be accomplished by a proper

system of teaching and training for the young?

Let us look at the subject in the light of occult teachings: The child enters the physical world for the specific purpose of acquiring knowledge and experience under conditions which have been in a general way prepared for it but which it can modify as it goes along. That, and not the pursuit of happiness and pleasure, is the aim and purpose of this venture. Old associations must be renewed and new ones started; old debts must be paid, either in part or in full, and new ones probably contracted. The incoming Ego must ultimately do its share of the world's work. Whether it will be able to accomplish all of the task set before it or only part of it no one knows. But it should be equipped in the best possible manner so that all its efforts may become constructive. That is the one and only purpose of education.

The parents constitute one of the most important factors which shape the future of the child. They owe the child they

have brought into the world love, protection, and guidance until such time as the man can stand alone and take up his work; and from that time on, fellowship. The old oriental saying, "From birth till twelve be his father, from twelve till twenty be his master, and from twenty until death be his friend," has all the marks of wisdom.

A great deal can be accomplished during the prenatal period if both parents, and especially the mother, try to visualize for their child a future in which the desired ideals stand out strikingly. The spirit ready to inhabit that little body which is being built will then know and feel that it is coming among friends who are preparing to receive it with love and joy. The resulting peace and contentment felt by the incoming Ego will surely react on the mother's organism and her body-building faculties, helping to provide a fit vehicle for the expected visitor.

(To be concluded in next issue)

The Path

BY WALTON C. FURNAS

IT WAS morning, and I saw a Father and son. The Father said to the son, "Son, walk with me today." And the son placed his hand in the hand of the Father, who led him along the Path. And the Path was narrow. As they journeyed hand in hand, I saw on the left hand ways leading downward to a vast garden where bloomed red roses of passion, and where grew the Tree of Indulgence; and in the midst of the garden was the great Fountain of Pleasure.

The garden was pleasing to the eye, and those who dwelt therein beckoned to the boy and invited him to tarry with them in the garden and enjoy its pleasures. The Path was both narrow and

steep. The boy looked with longing at the attractions of the garden; then he withdrew his hand from the hand of the Father and turned and walked down into the garden. There he plucked the red roses of passion and pressed them to his breast; but the roses soon withered, and the thorns pierced his hands. He also ate of the fruit of the Tree of Indulgence, but it was dust and ashes in his mouth. He tasted of the waters of the Fountain of Pleasure, and they were sweet to the taste, but when he had drunk a little the water became insipid and bitter.

In his disappointment the heart of the boy longed for the Father from whom he had turned away and he said, "I will

return to my Father." Then he took his way back to the Path, where the Father awaited him and received him with a smile; and he again gave his hand to the Father, and was led lovingly on up the Path.

On the other side of the Path, as they journeyed, I beheld a dark wood and a wilderness. The wood was called Dogma, and the wilderness was Superstition. Those who dwelt in the wood were of solemn mien and wore long faces. They spoke to the son and said, "Come to us and we will teach thee what to believe, and show thee what thou shalt do." And the young man followed them into the wood and the wilderness and listened to their words; and they differed greatly one from another. One said, "Do this and thou shalt be saved." Another said, "Not so, listen to me and I will reveal to thee the whole truth."

The young man became confused and knew not which way to turn; and he said within himself, "I understand not the doctrines of these men, but my Father I know, and to Him will I return and seek peace in communion with Him." And he again turned his face to the narrow and rugged Path. Again the Father met him. And the son said, "Father, if I may walk with Thee I will no more turn to either the right hand or the left, but Thou shalt guide me." And the Father smiled on him, and took his hand, and they journeyed on communing together; and a great peace filled the heart of the young man.

As they walked hand in hand along the Path, the Father pointed out to the son some who had fallen and could not rise, others who were bowed down by heavy burdens, and still others who had strayed from the Path among the rocks and brambles and could not find their way back. Then the son began to help the fallen to rise, to guide the wandering ones back into the Path, and to lift the burdens of the heavy-laden. And I saw that as he thus labored he grew in stature to full manhood, and he had great

strength, and the smile of the Father was upon him.

And I saw the Father and son travel on up the rugged Path. The day began to wane, and as the sun declined in the west to its setting, its rays shone upon a Golden Gate which swung open. The Father led the weary son, together with those he had helped, through the Golden Gate into a place of peace and rest until the morrow.

As I pondered the vision, I understood that the true Christian life consists not in obedience to forms, rituals, and dogmas; but it is the walking, day by day, in harmony and communion with the Father; lifting the fallen, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and being always helpful and kindly. For has not the prophet of old said: "And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God"?

The Passing of Max Heindel

The question is sometimes asked, "Why did Max Heindel die so young, and why was he not allowed to live longer to benefit humanity when he was so well fitted for it?"

The Lords of Destiny determine the length of every life. Until we are able to read the records in the Memory of Nature and investigate all the forces which any particular Ego has set into operation in preceding lives, we are unable to say what the destiny of that Ego may be. Until a person has worked out all his past destiny and become free to choose his own course in the higher evolution, he is bound by past causes to a certain extent, even though he may have taken some of the higher Initiations. Max Heindel had undoubtedly served his purpose in connection with the founding of the Rosicrucian Fellowship which it was designed that he should serve, and conditions of destiny then made it necessary for him to return to the inner planes for the preparation of his future course.

Esoteric Bible Studies

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

TEXT

8. "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring thee good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
—*St. Luke, 2nd Chapter.*

INTERPRETATION

Who were these shepherds who were keeping watch by night? Sheep raising was a principal industry of the time, and there were hundreds of shepherds scattered over the Judean hills who neither saw nor heard anything unusual on this particular night. The student of Mystic Christianity knows that these men to whom the angel of the Lord came were Initiates of the Arian Religion, and as Holy Men possessed extended powers of vision. It was clairvoyantly that they saw the angel messenger, and it was clairaudiently that they heard the heavenly chorus. The tidings of great joy which they brought was of the new epoch beginning on that night for the world. It was indeed a Holy Night for humanity. It was the opening of the Way to eventu-

ally free man from the wheel of birth and death. With the coming of the great Christ Spirit the means were provided so that whosoever wills may come and partake of the Water of Life freely.

David means, "well beloved." Bethlehem means "the house of bread," or the feminine or heart principle manifesting in all things from the atom to God. The desire nature must be purified and this love or heart principle expanded before the Christ can be born within us. The analogies of the Bible are perfectly correlated with our own lives. Thus though Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, seventy miles away, they must, to be in accordance with the law, make the trip to Bethlehem for the birth of their child, for the great redeeming principle of love can be born in no other place than the purified heart of a Holy One, represented by Bethlehem.

Jesus was born in the manger where beasts fed. This place represents the lower desire nature, which must be regenerated before the Christ power can be born in the Inn, which is the head. So each one of us as neophytes upon the Way of Initiation must leave Nazareth, the material life, and make the journey to Bethlehem, the purified impersonal life. We, each one, shall find in the beginning that there is no room for us in the Inn and that the birth must take place in a manger where beasts feed. This is the real significance of Christmas. It means little to the great spirit Jesus that the Christian world honors His birthday on Holy Night. He made His great renunciation only that we might learn to follow Him and find the way that leads to our own individual Holy Night. "Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, and not within thyself, thy soul will be forlorn."

Worth-While News

In this Department we give up-to-date news of an interesting character on scientific and sociological subjects, together with brief comments.

A Calendar of Thirteen Months

There is some agitation at the present time in certain quarters regarding a possible change in our calendar, as stated in the following clipping. It is proposed to substitute a calendar of thirteen months of twenty-eight days each for the old calendar of twelve months of varying lengths. It is claimed that business operations would be facilitated thereby. The calendar as it now stands, however, is not a matter of chance. It has a certain esoteric significance. The twelve months correspond to the twelve natural divisions of the year made by the sun's progress through the twelve signs of the zodiac. The thirty-one days of which most of the months are composed are correlated to the thirty-one pairs of nerves of the human body. There are other correspondences also of more or less importance. The calendar is not a synthetic product; it would be better to leave it as it is.

The Georgian calendar now in use has certain obvious defects. The months vary in days from 28 to 31, and there are differences in the quarters and the half years. Then, the calendar shifts every year. Business is to some extent inconvenienced by the arrangement. This is in evidence when it comes to computing interest and some few other things.

Many leading business men favor the adoption of the Cotsworth plan, one that contemplates the division of the year into thirteen months of 28 days. The movement for a change in the present order has reached such a point abroad it is believed this country should express itself. With the idea of stimulating interest in the matter George Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., has sent out questionnaires to business men of the country and expects in this way to develop a national opinion on the subject.

Child Labor

The American Federation of Labor, as noted below, has recently through its president taken a pronounced stand against child labor. Such labor is one of the big blots on American industry, particularly in the New England states and the South. The brotherhood of man will never be realized until this abuse, among others, is eliminated. The critical years immediately following the Ego's return to earth life through rebirth must be filled with the best possible influences, not deadened by hard labor unadapted to the child.

Those who wish to engage in some altruistic form of activity should interest themselves in creating public sentiment and obtaining votes against child labor. There are various societies working against child labor from which information may be obtained, and with which one may ally himself if he wishes to take up this work.

A nation-wide campaign against child labor was vigorously demanded by William A. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in his opening address before the federation's forty-seventh annual convention in Los Angeles recently.

"The 400 delegates of this federation will speak in tones that cannot be misunderstood about children in industry," President Green said, "and union labor will never be satisfied until every child is given a square opportunity within the borders of the United States."

The Possibilities of Chemistry

Modern chemistry is accomplishing wonders, some of which are indicated in the following clipping. Chemistry as well as the other physical sciences is the handmaid of occult science and will increasingly grow into this relation. Physical science is toying with the idea that it may some time create life. This, how-

ever, is a delusion. The germ of life comes to us from the higher planes through the agency of divine Beings higher in the scale of evolution than we. The germ of life will never be created by man.

Springfield, O.—Psychologists for the world psychological symposium at Wittenberg College recently heard a chemist envisage a day when "living beings may be artificially produced in a chemical laboratory" and "personally changed by use of chemical compounds."

Visions portrayed by Dr. Edwin S. Slosson, Washington, D. C., who addressed the psychologists at a banquet celebrating the dedication of the new Wittenberg Psychological Chemistry Building, are based on the recent laboratory discoveries of chemists and psychologists.

"The chemist of the future will turn from his humble task of providing the conveniences of life and gain control of life itself," Dr. Slosson said. "He may mold stature and character as the sculptor his clay. He can turn his attention to the preparation of compounds that will contribute to human welfare instead of woe.

"What we value as individuality—fascinating temperament, charms of vivacity, sympathy—are all due to definite harmonies, some of which are already known as chemical compounds. Courage is not a matter of 'sand' but of sugar."

Condemning the Unfit

The article below is taken from the *Leavenworth New Era*, a prison publication edited by Frederick A. Cook of Arctic exploration notoriety, now serving a sentence in the Leavenworth penitentiary. This article brings out a vital truth in the matter of handling the unfit, showing quite conclusively that the defectives of society must be helped forward and upward. The object of nature is to provide opportunities of evolution for all the Egos of our life wave, not merely for a few who have made better progress than the others. Many of our life wave have become stragglers to some extent, as we also have stragglers in our schools. But these Egos are of just as much importance as the more progressive ones, and must be helped to rehabilitate themselves and to proceed in their evolution as far as possible.

We are inclined to underestimate the prognosis of the unfit. At school the boy who lags behind either in study or in the games that tax physical powers is regarded as unworthy of attention, and such a system of ignoring the infirm goes with equal force all through life.

However, the weakling in the family always gets the benefit of mother's greatest love. She knows the child and its defects better than any one else. Her hope and anxiety and care are likely to change the outlook of the unfortunate one.

It is not difficult to prove that the mother instinct is correct, and always has been. Julius Caesar had fits. Beethoven was a life-long sufferer from chronic disease. Boswell records the same of Johnson. Cecil Rhodes, the rebuilder of Africa, and Theodore Roosevelt, the re-generator of America, both as boys were weaklings. It is not within the scope of the most discerning mind of today to pronounce a backward boy or a wayward man a lost unit to any community. If the dogmatic system of the savage had been followed some of the greatest men of history would have gone to early graves unknown.—*Leavenworth New Era*.

Pure Films

The following newspaper extract shows a very healthy movement in the film industry. Those who are in charge of the various producing companies are to be commended for taking this stand against unclean pictures and pictures illustrating crime. Moving pictures are a public educational agency of tremendous importance, and must be kept on the side of progress instead of retrogression.

Aimed at making moving pictures safe for the moron, and so for the rest of the public, a resolution embodying a list of "won'ts" for producers was offered on October 10th by Louis B. Mayer, of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer at the opening session of the Trade Practice Conference called by the Federal Trade Commission in New York.

It was resolved that special care be exercised in the film portrayal of theft, robbery, safe cracking and dynamiting of trains, mines, buildings, etc., "having in mind the effect which a too detailed description of these may have upon the moron."

Among other won'ts which Mayer, speaking for the forty-five companies comprising the Motion-Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., asked the conference to adopt are the film dissemination of profanity, portrayal of nudity, traffic in drugs, ridicule of the clergy, offense to any nation, race, or creed, arson, use of firearms, technique of murder, methods of smuggling and sedition.

Question Department

Questions from our readers on occult philosophy or mysticism are answered here as space permits. Inquirers should look for questions similar to their own, for we often combine two or more of the same character and answer them as one.

BY KITTIE S. COWEN

Rosierucian Principles of Healing

Question:

To what extent and under what conditions do the Rosierucian teachings sanction or approve of the usual medical and surgical treatments and methods? What is the principal cause of disease, and where shall we look for it to manifest?

Answer:

The Rosierucian Fellowship aims to cooperate with the doctors so far as their knowledge of the inner constitution of man makes that cooperation possible. Rosierucian students recognize the fact that physical matter is crystallized spirit, and therefore it possesses in latency all the powers of the spirit. The Rosierucians, therefore, believe in using material means whenever possible for facilitating the recovery from disease, because when material means are available and suit the case they frequently produce results more quickly than adhering strictly to mental or spiritual methods. In fact, unless we conform to the laws of the material plane and to the laws which govern the physical side of our constitution, we cannot maintain health no matter how much we may practice mental and spiritual methods of healing.

We realize that the doctors have done wonders in the matter of the mastery of infectious diseases, the isolation of the germs of disease, and the means of com-

bating them through hygiene, nursing, and prophylaxis generally. We also know that when bones are broken, bodies mutilated, etc., the skill of the surgeon is absolutely necessary, and to a limited degree it is evident that certain medicines have a beneficent effect. Paracelsus, one of the Rosierucian Initiates, was a physician and did much to establish the art of medicine, always correlating it, however, with the science of astrology. Certain physical substances either retard or accelerate physiological functions, and in certain conditions or crises this retardation or acceleration may aid in promoting recovery. However, we believe that this field of healing is limited indeed and that drugs in general do not achieve one-tenth of what they are popularly supposed to accomplish. Many of the progressive doctors are arriving at the conclusion that drugs are relatively valueless and are using them less and less.

The real laws of health include the laws of harmony in relation to the mind with its creative powers, the desire body with its harmonizing or inharmonizing activities, the vital body with its distribution of vital force. These three higher vehicles have far more to do with health than the physical body has. As a general rule the latter, in the main, reflects only the condition of the three higher vehicles. If they are in a state of health, the physical body will be in a state of health also, provided ordinary common sense is used in caring for it. But if one or more of the higher vehicles is in a diseased condition, no amount of

dosing of the physical body will restore it to normalcy. The cause of the disease is higher up, and before the physical effect can be changed, the cause must be removed. This is where mental healing and spiritual healing should be applied, for they remove the cause of inharmony in the mind, desire body and vital body; if this is removed, the physical body will automatically recover. Therefore, it is easy to see that mental and spiritual forms of healing are of first importance, and purely physical healing is and must necessarily be a secondary consideration.

The principal cause of disease is wrong thinking, which leads to wrong action. When for a considerable length of time one generates thoughts of anger, fear, envy, greed, sensuality, strife, or hatred, he creates a diseased condition in the mental and desire bodies, and this communicates itself to the vital and physical bodies; the result is sickness. Now, if a person under such circumstances uses the creative power of thought, and the spiritual power from the higher planes which may be invoked through prayer and concentration, to clear up this state of inharmony in the mental and desire bodies, it is easy to see that he has done effective work toward bringing about recovery from disease; because when the results of the past evil thinking have been neutralized by the above method, the physical body will quickly demonstrate health.

Strange to say, the doctor is, as a rule, very materialistic and in many cases an avowed agnostic. One would expect that the physician, having at his command such a great amount of knowledge regarding the wonderful construction of the human body, would be the most reverent and the most spiritual in nature of all men, and therefore most able to see the spiritual causes of disease. However, his contact with his work for centuries has apparently dulled his spiritual perception, and the rank and file of the medical profession as a result are exceedingly materialistic. This explains their blind dependence on drugs and

material means of combating disease. But in due time the physician will go through another phase of evolution, during which his spiritual blindness will be removed, and then he will be able to perform miracles of healing which are quite undreamed of at the present time.

The Breathing of the Sun

Question:

Having read with great interest in the "Rays" about the inbreathing and the outbreathing of the sun every five and one-half years, can you tell me the exact year the sun inbreathes and the years it expels? In the year 1927 is the sun inbreathing or exhaling, and for how many years does it continue?

Answer:

A great outbreathing of the sun commenced about the beginning of the year 1907 and lasted approximately five and one-half years. This was followed by an inbreathing which required about five and one-half years, ending in 1918. The next outbreathing lasted until 1923 had passed and included six months of 1924. The latest inbreathing then began and will end at the close of the year 1929. This of course will be followed by another outbreathing, etc.

The dates are approximately as follows:

Outbreathing:

1907 to 1912½
1918 to 1923½
1929 to 1934½

Inbreathing:

1912½ to 1918.
1923½ to 1929.
1934½ to 1940.

In 1927 the sun is inbreathing.

Non-Secrecy of Esoteric Teachings

Question:

Why is it that esoteric teachings are kept secret and only given to Initiates and perhaps a certain other selected few?

Answer:

The esoteric teachings are not kept secret from any individual any more than the intricacies of calculus are kept

secret from the child in the primary grade in school. When through service, the development of love, and the proper exercises, which are available to everyone, an individual has aroused into action the pituitary body and the pineal gland and developed a certain amount of dynamic power, he is shown how to release this accumulated energy, which in turn raises his state of consciousness and opens up his clairvoyant sight, which is dependent upon the activity of the before mentioned glands. Then he is able to contact and see spiritual realities which always existed but which hitherto he had been totally unable to contact or comprehend.

The Working Out of Destiny

Question:

Is it possible for one to sow without reaping? A friend of mine and myself have had several arguments over this subject. My friend believes that if, for instance, one knows that on a certain day an accident is likely to happen to him, it could be avoided by remaining quiet and in safe places during that particular day. But it does not seem likely to me that we can escape the results of causes started into action in the past.

Answer:

All things in our universe, the Law of Cause and Effect included, are under the administration of great Beings of superior spirituality and wisdom. The laws do not work blindly for the reason that these Great Ones and those who are assisting them administer all things with an understanding and wisdom that are beyond the comprehension of the finite mind. The will of God working through His agents is manifesting in everything, everywhere. The same divine Intelligence which directs the planet in its orbital path, watches over man, endeavoring to guide him and guard him against indiscretions and dangers; again we see it manifested in tender solici-

tude and care when the tiny sparrow, wounded, falls to earth.

There is, however, a desire on the part of most of us to run away from the payment of debts contracted in former lives. When this occurs, the plan is always frustrated by a counter move on the part of the great invisible Administrators in charge. Nevertheless there is a way of escaping the harvest of our past deeds, and that is through repentance, reform, and restitution, for by this process we wipe out the record of our past misdeeds, and the Great Ones, seeing and knowing that we have ceased wrongdoing along a particular line, do not wantonly inflict suffering upon us.

The point to bear in mind is this: All the laws of nature are under the administration of intelligent, spiritual Beings who direct the working out of the law according to the results which it is necessary to obtain.

Desire for Rebirth

Question:

In the "Rosicrucian Mysteries" I notice it says that the spirit periodically desires new experiences and therefore is reborn. Will you kindly explain how the spirit after losing its desire body is able to manifest a desire for rebirth?

Answer:

After death the spirit passes through purgatory, the first and second heavens, and finally reaches the third heaven, where it rests for a time, bathing itself in the harmonious vibrations of that higher region. At the time of death in the physical world the spirit lost its dense body but retained the dense seed atom. When leaving the first heaven world it lost its desire body but retained the seed atom of it. Finally it lost its mental body, but again it retained the seed atom. The seat of desire is located in the desire body seed atom; as the spirit is in possession of this seed atom, the desire for rebirth is caused by an activity which is set up in it, and which manifests as a desire for new experiences.

The Astral Ray

The Rosicrucian Conception of Astrology

Astrology is a phase of the Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals and not to be confused with fortune telling. As the tides are measured by the motion of sun and moon, so also are the eventualities of life measured by the circling stars, which may therefore be called the "Clock of Destiny." A knowledge of their import is an immense power, for to the competent astrologer a horoscope reveals every secret of life.

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

To the medical man astrology is invaluable in diagnosing disease and prescribing a remedy, for it reveals the hidden cause of all ailments.

If you are a parent, the horoscope will aid you in detecting the evil latent in your child and teach you how to apply the ounce of prevention. It will show you the good points also, that you may assist the soul entrusted to your care in becoming a better man or woman.

The message of the marching orbs is so important that you cannot afford to remain in ignorance of it.

The December Ingress Chart

Our Spiritual Opportunities for 1928

BY A STUDENT

A GREAT number of people are looking forward to the events which so many have prophesied about during the past year. The world will soon celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ, who was born on the longest and darkest night of the year at the time when the sun was starting on its northward journey to bring life and warmth to the world so that man might continue his earthly pilgrimage. The marching orbs of our solar system are fast nearing a position where their rays will send forth vibrations to the earth that will inaugurate a testing time for mankind. If there are a sufficient number of souls spiritual enough to contact the Christ Spirit which is working through the ethers, much good will be accomplished in a short space of time, and the brotherhood of man will soon become a fact in the world.

All governments are now facing an evolved humanity, many of whom are no

longer satisfied with their conditions and are demanding changes in the old system. This condition not only prevails in the commercial world, but our Christian churches are making many changes in an effort to hold their members' interest in the work of the church, which has done so much good in the world. Our lawyers and judges are deploring the increasing divorce rate, which is demoralizing our home life. The whole world knows something is wrong, and it is seeking the reason through the advanced teachings.

We will now consider some of the planetary vibrations for the end of 1927 and the early part of 1928, which many writers have been discussing relative to the beginning of the passing of old conditions. When the sun enters a cardinal sign, there are special vibrations set up in our earth and also in the consciousness of man, varying according to the positions of the planets relative to one another and the signs of the zodiac

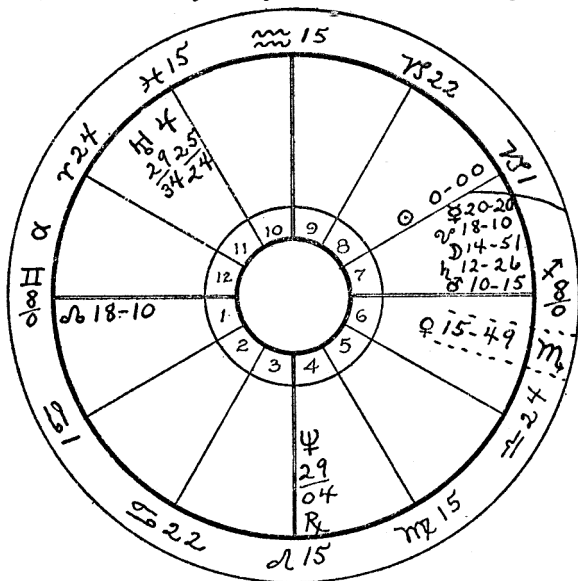
through which they are moving. These vibrations bring about changes on three planes, the physical, mental, and spiritual. Without them there would be no evolution of man nor of any of the lower kingdoms. All advancement would cease.

On the 22nd of December when the sun passes into 00 degrees of Capricorn and the other planets move into their respective positions, very unusual vibrations will pour through the ethers affecting our physical earth and the vitality and consciousness of its inhabitants. These vibrations will last for different periods of time in different places according to the sign of the zodiac that is rising in any particular country at the time of the sun's entry into Capricorn. The ingress of the sun into this sign occurs at 3:18 P. M. Eastern Time, which is the time in use at Washington, D. C., the capital of the United States. An ingress chart set up for Washington for that time will indicate the influences that will operate in the United States during the succeeding six months.

Our sun is the physical embodiment of the Spirit of God, and the rays that radiate from the three aspects of this great Being take care of our every physical and spiritual need, working with the rays of the planets of our solar system, which in the Bible are called the "Seven Spirits before the Throne." In the material world the sun astrologically signifies rulers and those in authority. The sun's vibrations on December 22nd will carry with them the forces of the sign of Capricorn, which sign produces among other things slaves, slave drivers, and saints. At our present phase of evolution it has produced many slave drivers, for it is the sign that gives ambition, and there are more people ambitious for selfish purposes today than for spiritual growth. However, the qualities that promote justice, organiza-

tion, and spiritual power are also embodied in this sign.

On December 22nd the life-giving sun is in conjunction with Mercury. Mythologically Mercury is represented as the messenger of the gods. The Lords of Mercury lived upon our earth at one time, guiding infant humanity and initiating the most advanced so that they might become kings and rulers and direct humanity for its upliftment. Mercury is now working with man as a focus through which the faculty of reason finds expression. In the material world Mercury signifies writers, speakers, and teachers. On the above date Mercury is in the fiery sign of Sagittarius. The forces of this sign have developed man from the savage state. In its higher phases this sign gives vision and awakens in man aspiration and the spiritual instincts which will eventually rule the lower mind. When the vibrations of Mercury carry the forces of this sign and



INGRESS CHART, WASHINGTON, D. C.
December 22, 1927, 3:18 P. M.

join those of the sun, there will be those who will have the divine awakening.

In the above ingress chart we find Neptune, the planet of divinity, trine to the Sun. Neptune's rays, when contacted in their highest aspect, raise man

to superman in a manner similar to that in which Mercury through the faculty of reason is making it possible for man to rise above the animal. Neptune's negative vibrations produce the lowest type of psychic and the drug "fiend." These vibrations produce deception and work much evil in the world. In the material world Neptune signifies democratic political movements and charitable institutions. Neptune is in the sign of Leo, which sign gives the incentive and ability for leadership. Being close to the cusp between Leo and Virgo he takes on the qualities of both signs. Virgo in its spiritual phases embodies some of the loftiest and purest ideals of the zodiac, and it is one of the most mystical of the signs. When the sun by precession passed through the sign of Virgo in the early stages of man's development, the germinal impulse was given toward the birth of the Christ within. So is it not possible that we have those among us who will respond to the spiritual vibrations from Neptune, the planet of divinity, whose vibrations will carry the qualities of the signs of Leo and Virgo, and that the new leaders who arise during this period will have but one motive, that of rendering service to humanity for Christ's sake?

On the 22nd of December we find Jupiter, the Great Benefic, in the sign of Pisces, through which the sun by precession has been passing for the last 1429 years, awakening the spirit in man through the teachings of Christ, who called His disciples to be fishers of men. Jupiter is in conjunction with Uranus. Uranus is in 29-34 Pisces, close to the cusp of Aries, thus carrying forth to humanity the vibrations of both of these signs. On the 25th of January, 1928, Jupiter and Uranus will form a conjunction in 0-24 Aries. It is well to consider the powers embodied in these two signs and planets, and endeavor to realize the high incentives that they will give to those who are sufficiently advanced to respond to their vibrations. The development that man has received through

the Pisces vibrations is the foundation on which he will build in the future. Uranus will give a new impetus for the awakening of man's consciousness through the fiery sign of Aries, which gives light and energy to everything which receives its vibrations. It gives the incentive for pioneering and the determination necessary for carrying out new ideas. Uranus is the planet of altruism, and in its highest vibrations radiates the love of our Savior, for it embraces all and is not personal.

Uranus rules the ethers and the sign of Aquarius. When the sun by precession enters Aquarius, we shall have a new phase of the religion of the Lamb. The sun is now within orb of the cusp of this sign, so our present work is a preparation for the coming era. On the physical plane Uranus has the power of breaking up old conditions in order that man may build anew. In the material world Uranus signifies those who exercise power in national affairs, those who stand next to kings and presidents.

Jupiter in its spiritual phases gives man vision, making him humane and honorable in all his dealings. In the material world Jupiter signifies churches and philanthropic movements, ministers, physicians, judges, and bankers. Jupiter is working in conjunction with Uranus, which is on the cusp of the signs of Pisces and Aries, thus carrying onward all that is good of the old system and combining it with the forces of the new order so that man may go forward in his evolution and also help the lower kingdoms in their development. All who are viewing the world's activities from the astrological point of view know why our governments, religions, business organizations, and home life are changing. It could not be otherwise with Uranus and Jupiter and their marvelous powers, aided by the forces of the signs of Pisces and Aries, giving the ambition to work out of the old conditions into the new.

Having considered the most advanced of humanity and their possibilities under

the intensified vibrations of the sun, Mercury, Neptune, Uranus, and Jupiter we must also consider the rest of the world's inhabitants, those who respond to Mars, Saturn, and the moon. These souls have reached the place in their evolution where their consciousness has partially unfolded, and the vision they behold is not entirely pleasing to them. In our ingress chart we find Saturn, the reaper, in the fiery sign of Sagittarius, whose vibrations in earlier periods helped the savage in his development and in later times have produced the most spiritual qualities in mankind. Saturn restricts man until he has learned his lessons. When the lessons have been mastered and man has come into a realization of his powers, Saturn has accomplished his immediate purpose. Man then literally will live in the realm of the Divine.

Saturn is symbolized as the reaper with his scythe. There is no doubt that Saturn will exercise this activity in the next six months when we consider his position relative to the other planets. In the material world Saturn is considered the planet of obstruction and crystallization. He represents executives of the law who act only from thought and not from feeling. He rules all those who administer the law, from president to policeman. In our ingress chart we find the forces of Saturn joined with those of Mars and the moon. This group of three planets is connected with the preceding group of five planets through the conjunction of Mercury with the moon and the sun, the latter being trine Neptune, also square Jupiter and Uranus. One cannot fail to see here the perfect working of divine law through the bridge that is thus made by which man may pass over into the new era, just as it was possible for the few to be led out of ancient Egypt.

On the 26th of December a conjunction takes place between Mars and Saturn, and that is worth noting. Four days later, the 30th of December, Mars passes into opposition to the point of the total eclipse of the moon in Gemini on

December 8th. On January 9th Mars passes over the point of the total eclipse of the moon on June 15, 1927, and on January 27 he passes in opposition to the point of the total eclipse of the sun on June 29, 1927. When an eclipse occurs an excessive strain of a mechanical gravitational kind is set up, and its vibrations are registered in our earth, also in the vitality and consciousness of man. When Mars, the planet of action and fire, passes the place of an eclipse, another vibration is generated in the ethers which causes the culmination of effects started by the eclipse. This, however, should not be feared. It is simply changing conditions for man's benefit and growth, destroying the old in order to bring the new. The degree of manifestation of evil in connection with it will depend upon how much spiritual progress we have made. Principle is not bound by precedent, therefore the culmination of these vibrations may not be as severe as it has been in the past.

The moon in the ingress chart is in conjunction with Saturn, Mars, and Mercury. The moon rules the mystical sign of Cancer, the emblem of the soul, and it also rules the instinctual mind. The moon makes it possible for all things to be brought into concrete existence, from physical bodies to the cognizing of spiritual things in other realms. People generally know that it rules the tides and the crops even though they do not know of its other activities. In the material world it rules democracy, the general public, and women. Mars through the Lucifer spirits infused iron into the blood so that the Ego might become an indwelling spirit. While the Lucifers have been instrumental in causing mankind to pass through phases of development which have brought much misery into the world, still man will emerge from these conditions with a greater consciousness than he would otherwise have had. When the Martian forces are roused into activity and properly directed, they are of untold value to the world. In the material

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The Children of Sagittarius, 1927

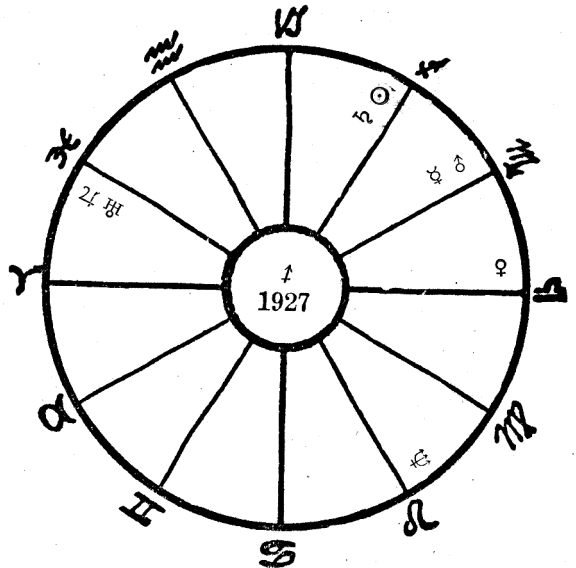


A Character Delineation of the Children Born between November 23rd and December 22nd, inclusive, 1927.

The children of Sagittarius are under the rule of the hearty, jovial, humanitarian Jupiter. Jupiter people generally look upon life with joy and optimism, seeing things with eyes that have a tendency to magnify. The Sagittarian child is prone to do things, or want to do them, on a large scale. He has dreams of big things in life. His ideals are oh, so very high! But Sagittarius is a common sign, and common-sign people are easily influenced by the minds of others; consequently the Sagittarian does not always carry out his high ideals. But in the words of Emerson, he has "hitched his wagon to a star, and changed his grocer's cart into a chariot for the sun."

What should we expect from a sign which has for its symbol the centaur, half horse and half man? As a matter of fact we find two types of people among the Sagittarians. When they are blessed with good planetary aspects, they are most kindly, lovable, accommodating lovers of humanity, though sometimes bold, reckless, and of a daring nature. But the afflicted Sagittarian who gives way to the lower nature is often found on the race tracks, in gambling houses, and among the sporting element.

The children born this year during the time when the sun is passing through this sign will be more serious than the Sagittarian usually is, for the serious, cautious Saturn is passing through Sagittarius. This will give more than usual



persistence and thrift to the usually free and easy Sagittarian. Between November 23rd and December 8th the energetic Mars and the mental planet Mercury are in mundane trine to Jupiter and Uranus. This will endow these children with originality and eloquence, which should be given expression in whatever direction the child desires to direct its energies as long as its desires are constructive and good. The impulse of the Uranus-Mercury-Mars aspect, if directed

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NOTE:—We keep back numbers of this magazine in stock so that parents may obtain a reading for children born in any month after June, 1917. Twenty-five cents each.

Your Child's Horoscope

Delineations of the horoscopes of subscribers' children are given in this department each month to help parents in the training of their children. Vocational readings are also given to help young people find their place in the world. Readings for children are given up to the age of 15 years; vocational readings for those between 15 and 25.

To be eligible for a child's reading the parent or applicant must be a YEARLY SUBSCRIBER to this magazine. Vocational readings may be applied for by the subscriber for himself or for another. The names for delineation are drawn by lot. Each full year's subscription to this magazine, either a new subscription or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to an application for a reading. If you wish to apply for a delineation, please state so plainly at the time of subscribing or renewing your subscription. The number of names submitted each month exceeds the number of readings to be given, hence we cannot guarantee a reading in every case.

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When applying for a reading, be sure to *give Name, Sex, Birthplace, and Year, Month, and Day of Birth*; also hour and minute of birth if known. If these data are not given, the reading cannot be made.

NOTICE:—*When the time of birth given is DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, applicants for readings should be very careful to so state it, otherwise the delineation will be in error.*

LAWRENCE CROWTHER M.

Born October 31, 1914. 11:20 A. M.

Lat. 47 N., Long. 112 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Libra 24; 11th house, Scorpio 19; 12th house, Sagittarius 8; Ascendant, Sagittarius 25-04, Capricorn intercepted; 2nd house, Aquarius 5; 3rd house, Pisces 20.

Positions of the Planets:

Uranus 7-46 Aquarius; Jupiter 13-15 Aquarius; Moon 13-17 Aries; Saturn 2-6 Cancer; Neptune 0-27 Leo; Sun 7-29 Scorpio; Mercury 21-33 Scorpio, retrograde; Mars 22-23 Scorpio; Venus 11-31 Sagittarius.

Lawrence has the common and fiery sign of Sagittarius on the Ascendant, and the opulent and benevolent Jupiter is his life ruler. Jupiter is in conjunction with the ruler of Aquarius, the progressive and inventive Uranus, and sextile to the moon and Venus. This will give Lawrence a very kindly, gentle, and pleasing personality, and indicates one who is desirous of making everybody happy. He is a born peacemaker, and also a money maker. Finances will be likely to play a prominent part in his life, and as long as he avoids speculation with large corporations he will be suc-

cessful. Uranus and Jupiter are in conjunction and both sextile to the moon and Venus, yet Uranus is square to the sun and in opposition to Neptune, which will bring danger from corporations.

Lawrence will be quick mentally, and everything along mental lines will have to move quickly or he will get out of patience; for Mercury and the moon are in Mars' signs, and Mercury is in conjunction with Mars, indicating impulse which it might be well for the parents to check to a certain extent without putting too much restraint upon the boy.

As a healer or physician he would be above the average, and any association with hospitals or institutional work would bring success. With Uranus and Jupiter located as they are, work in occult orders or institutions of a similar nature would be successful.

EDWARD C.

Born November 10, 1924. 12:40 P. M.

Lat. 44 N., Long. 70 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Sagittarius 6; 11th house, Sagittarius 26; 12th house, Capricorn 17; Ascendant, Aquarius 15-17, Pisces intercepted; 2nd house, Aries 7; 3rd house, Taurus 11.

Positions of the Planets:

Mars 8-51 Pisces; Uranus 17-43 Pisces, retrograde; Moon 9-14 Taurus;

Dragon's Head 18-22 Leo; Neptune 22-32 Leo; Venus 9-42 Libra; Saturn 6-41 Scorpio; Sun 18-4 Scorpio; Mercury 27-18 Scorpio; Jupiter 21-40 Sagittarius.

Edward has the humanitarian sign of Aquarius on the Ascendant. We cannot, however, call Uranus the life ruler because this planet is intercepted and retrograde. The magnanimous and law-abiding Jupiter is in its own sign of Sagittarius and in the 10th house; therefore Jupiter, being elevated and strong, will have the greatest influence over the life of this boy. Jupiter is trine to the mystical Neptune, and Neptune is in conjunction with the Dragon's Head, which is of a Jupiterian nature. Neptune and the Dragon's Head are in the seventh house in the fixed sign of Leo. This will give the boy a very religious nature, indicating one who should be interested in and a great lover of humanity; it will also incline toward the study of mystical subjects.

There is another side to the boy's nature which will require close watch to to master it. Mercury, the planet of reason, is in conjunction with the sun in the martial sign of Scorpio, and square to Neptune, its higher octave, in Leo. This will give a tendency to untruthfulness and trickery. This aspect is strengthened by Saturn in Scorpio in opposition to the moon in Taurus. If the tendency noted is carefully watched and uprooted while the boy is young and the noble Jupiterian nature fostered, it will save him much unhappiness in later life.

Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, is intercepted in Pisces. Intercepted planets indicate powers held in abeyance, temporary inaction. At the age of nine years, however, this planet will be freed, and at the age of thirteen the progressed Ascendant will be in conjunction with Mars. This will give him at that time a desire to strike out in a very aggressive spirit of independence. Mars is sextile to the moon and trine to the serious and thoughtful Saturn. This will bring much harmony between these two planets

on account of Saturn being in Mars' house of Scorpio. It will to some extent tone down the Mars aggressiveness. But the desire nature of this boy will be very strong; with Mars coming to the Ascendant at the age of puberty the parents should begin while he is young to help him transmute the lower nature by giving him creative work to do, encouraging him to work with tools and electrical machinery. A diet from which meat has been eliminated will be of great assistance.

VOCATIONAL

MARJORIE H.

Born October 31, 1910. 6:10 P. M.

Lat. 49 N., Long. 123 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Aquarius 6; 11th house, Pisces 2; 12th house, Aries 14, Taurus intercepted; Ascendant, Gemini 7-10; 2nd house, Gemini 28; 3rd house, Cancer 17.

Positions of the Planets:

Neptune 21-34 Cancer, retrograde; Mars 26-21 Libra; Moon 26-59 Libra; Jupiter 27-49 Libra; Mercury 0-34 Scorpio; Venus 1-26 Scorpio; Sun 7-46 Scorpio; Uranus 21-41 Capricorn; Saturn 2-42 Taurus, retrograde.

In this horoscope we see a soul that came into this life with a most interesting grouping of planets, for we find six planets in the sixth house, and five of them are in conjunction with one another. We find the planet of reason, Mercury, in the martial sign of Scorpio, in conjunction with Venus, the sun, Jupiter, the moon, and Mars. Mercury is also parallel to Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. This will give a wonderfully active mentality, but one which may have a tendency to expend its energies in a manner that will deplete the physical strength; with so many planets grouped in the 6th house, which is the house of health, there may arise a tendency to centralize the thought on health. But this will be in the hands of the young woman. Her will power will have to be brought into

play so as not to be too strongly dominated by the minds of others.

Mercury, Venus, and the sun in Scorpio in conjunction with the ruler of Scorpio, Mars, will give very effective healing powers and talent for the art of healing. As a physician or nurse Marjorie would be very capable, also in the study and practice of hygiene or chemistry. But this young woman while at work as a nurse or a physician would be prone to become a patient herself. Unless she exerted her will she would be likely to take on the illness of the patient, and as a result might become a victim of the doctor's knife, due to Mars in the 6th house in conjunction with Mercury and in opposition to Saturn in the 12th, Saturn also being in opposition to the other planets in the house of health. Unless she asserts will power she will be liable to have many illnesses and much experience with hospitals and doctors. With Neptune in Cancer in opposition to Uranus and square to the moon, Mars, and Jupiter, it would be well for her to be cautious with her diet and her general mode of living.

Her most successful field of work lies in the direction of healing or nursing, as indicated above. We may repeat, however, that her future health and success lie in the strength of her will to rise above the physical and let the spirit be the master.

THE DECEMBER INGRESS CHART

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world Mars is considered the planet of war, and signifies soldiers, agitators, and rebels; also engineers and workers in iron. So when the forces of Saturn, Mars, and the moon increase their activities in connection with our earth and in the consciousness of those who are responding to their vibrations, a great day of change will take place. But there will be those whose human minds will be perfect instruments to register the vibrations of Mercury, which will make the bridge from the divine realms to the

human sphere. The rays of Venus in the ingress chart are radiating through the sign of Scorpio, which rules the secret forces of nature and carries with it healing power. Venus is semi-sextile to Mercury and the moon, the vibrations of which will carry comfort to those who will receive it.

Thus there seems to be nothing amiss or left to chance in the great scheme of evolution. All is working to a perfect end.

CHILDREN OF SAGITTARIUS

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toward electrical science and advanced methods, will give an outlet for its energy. Venus is in its home sign of Libra and in mundane sextile to Neptune, and this combined with the above Mercury-Mars-Uranus-Jupiter combination should give talent for art, designing, or architecture.

The parents should teach these children sex hygiene, or else the lower nature may be the source of impaired health in later years.

A CORRECTION

In the article entitled "The Great Pyramid," by John B. Ward, which began in the October number of the "Rays," it was stated that 2170 B. C. is supposed to be the date of the completion of the Pyramid. We should have stated, however, that this is only the material scientist's estimate in the matter. Max Heindel in "Astronomical Allegories of the Bible," states as follows:

"The occult investigations which are based upon the imperishable records found in the 'Memory of Nature,' fix the date of construction at about 250,000 B. C., when it was used as a temple of Initiation into the Mysteries, and was the shrine in which a great talisman was kept. . . . The great pyramid of Gizeh is one of the witnesses to the knowledge of the ancients concerning the true cosmic relationships, for they built these cosmic measurements into that monumental pile."

"Cosmo" Studies

This Department is devoted to a study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy by the Socratic Method, the material being taken direct from the "Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception."

BY ALFRED ADAMS

(Continued from November)

- Q. What work did the seven creative Hierarchies perform?
- A. They did the actual work of bringing man to where he acquired a dense physical form through which the indwelling spirit could work.
- Q. What is said after the description of each part of the work of creation?
- A. "And Elohim saw that it was good." This is said seven times, the last time being on the sixth day when the human form had been created. It is stated that on the seventh day "Elohim rested."
- Q. Does this coincide with the occult doctrine?
- A. This is all in accord with our occult teaching of the part taken by each of the creative Hierarchies in the work of evolution down to the present period.
- Q. What further is taught?
- A. That in the present Epoch the Gods and creative Hierarchies have withdrawn from active participation in order that man may work out his own salvation, leaving the necessary guidance of ordinary humanity to the "Elder Brothers," who are now the mediators between man and the Gods.

The Saturn Period

- Q. What is recorded in the second verse of Genesis?
- A. "The earth was waste and uninhabited, and darkness rested upon the face of the deep; and the spirits of the Elohim floated above the deep."

Q. In which Period was the earth at the beginning of manifestation?

A. In the Saturn Period, and in exactly the condition described, as may be seen by referring to the description already given of that Period.

Q. What was the condition of the earth at that time?

A. It was not "without form and void," as expressed in the King James' version. It was hot, and thus well defined and separate from the deep of space, which was cold. It is true that it was dark, but it could be dark and still be hot, for "dark" heat necessarily precedes glowing or visible heat.

Q. What was going on above the earth at this time?

A. Above the dark earth of the Saturn Period floated the creative Hierarchies. They worked upon it from the outside and molded it. The Bible refers to them as the "Spirits of the Elohim."

The Sun Period

Q. What is said of the Sun Period in the third verse of Genesis?

A. "And the Elohim said, Let there be Light, and there was Light."

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Children's Department

Bobbie's Tantrums

BY KATHARINE BUTLER

BOBBIE had tantrums. That's what his mother called his fits of temper; when he was in one of them you would never think he was the same little boy that he was at other times.

One morning while they were staying at the beach, Bobbie woke up in one of his tantrums and started screaming:

"I don't want to get up; I don't want my bath; I won't have my hair combed; I won't have my ears cleaned; I won't brush my teeth; I don't want mother or daddy; I won't play with Billie."

Wasn't that naughty? It made poor Billie cry. So Mother, instead of petting Bobbie, just shut his bedroom door and left him. She gave Billie his bath and breakfast, then took him for a nice ride in her car. She told Janie the maid not to go near Bobbie, to let him scream all he wanted to. Janie's heart ached for him, but she dared not disobey Mother.

Presently Bobbie stopped screaming, then Janie heard him moving about. He came downstairs and went into the garage for the new spade and pail his daddy had given him on his birthday, but they were gone. Mother had hidden them to punish him.

Bobbie thought that Billie had carried them to the sands where they always played. He walked slowly along, not a bit like a happy little boy. When he got there, there was no Billie, no spade, and no pail.

He started playing in the sand with his hands. It was not half as much fun as it would have been with his new spade. Presently a broken shell cut his finger and made it bleed. He had no "hanky" so he wiped it on his overalls.

Some children near by were digging in the sand, and this made him long for his own spade. Not very far away were some more children who had come with their mother to spend a day at the beach. She was giving each of them a big cookie. This reminded Bobbie that he'd had no breakfast. He started to run home, forgetting his tantrum.

All the way home he heard little voices scolding him. His "tummy" said, "Bobbie, you didn't give me any breakfast this morning."

His teeth said, "Bobbie, we're not clean. You didn't brush us this morning."

His hair said, "I'm like a broom. You didn't comb me this morning."

His ears said, "All over your face is sand and tears—and such 'piggy' ears!"

Now Bobbie didn't like this kind of talk, so he ran faster and tried not to listen. You see his conscience was accusing him. Do you know what a conscience is? It is the little Voice inside you, the Voice of God, which tells you when you are doing wrong.

When he got home, he found that Mother hadn't come back and Janie wasn't in the kitchen. Breakfast was cleared away. He tried to open the refrigerator, but the handle was so hard to turn that it hurt his hands. Oh! he was so hungry and lonesome! He sat down on the steps and cried for Mother and Billie.

Mother was watching a little way off and heard him call for her. Between two big, big sobs Bobbie heard the "honk! honk!" of her car. He jumped up and ran to meet her.

My, but he looked a sight with his overalls half buttoned and hanging loose, and his face all dirty with sand and tears! He looked like a little boy who had no one to love and care for him; and to think he had brought all this on himself through his naughty temper, oh dear!

Mother bathed him, combed his hair, and cleaned his ears; then Bobbie himself brushed his teeth. He never said a word, he was so good. Then Janie brought him a bowl of nice hot milk and some whole wheat bread with butter and honey. And it did taste good. Bobbie ate it all. Then Mother had him kneel at her knee, and talked to him and showed him how he could not live without being cared for: how good God was to give him a nice twin brother to play with, and a wonderful daddy who worked for him all day long and who bought him nice toys.

Bobbie understood, and told God and Mother how sorry he was, and promised to try not to give in to his naughty temper again. I am sure he kept his promise, aren't you?

Review of the Mt. Ecclesia School for Children

BY ELOIS JENSEN

AS WE look over the first year's activities of our little school, we cannot but feel truly grateful to the Wise Ones who guide our destinies, for the many opportunities given us to help the little ones who have been brought here for our care. As in all new ventures we experienced the usual minor difficulties at first. But thanks to those who never lost sight of the Great Ideal they had of the work to be accomplished, we now feel much gratified at the results of our first year's work.

We wish our friends could see the little children who came to us from homes where they were given meat, white flour products, and candy, and then see the

great improvement in health and growth of these same children a month or six weeks after living on a diet consisting of fruits and vegetables scientifically prepared, and wholesome milk, eggs, and butter.

We have at the school two Rosierucian services daily; the little children conduct the one in the morning themselves, and the earnest expression on their dear little faces would convince the most skeptical person of the great value of a spiritual environment for the small child. Music is another important factor in harmonious character-building. The children are given several periods of music each week besides the fundamentals of the theory of music. Primary French is also taught. Dancing for rhythm and harmony is a part of the regular kindergarten work. For recreation the children are given long walks in the surrounding country, where they study plant and bird life. Many joyful hours are spent in the playground, where we now have a number of new kinds of playground equipment.

Just a word of appreciation regarding the staff: Mrs. Max Heindel, who is at the head of the school, is never too busy to help with a word of advice or sympathy. Miss Esther Kjellberg, the superintendent and kindergarten teacher is an experienced instructor, having had a school of her own in Rochester, N. Y. for many years, which she gave up to come to us. Mrs. Faith Kent, the nurse and matron, is an expert in her line, having had charge of a large institution for children before coming to us; and if the children's love for her is a sign of her ability to handle little folks, we are well satisfied. Mrs. Janet Morgan, the dietitian, needs no further recommendation than the health charts of the children under her culinary care.

We trust that in the above we have given our many friends some slight conception of the institution and of the work we have accomplished in one short year.

Nutrition and Health

Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Fellowship teachings advocate a **SIMPLE, HARMLESS, and PURE LIFE**. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; that meat of all kinds, including fish and fowl, also alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality.

As **CHRISTIANS** we believe it to be our duty to refrain from sacrificing the lives of the animals and birds for food, and so far as lies in our power to refrain from the use of their skins and feathers for wearing apparel. We hold that vivisection is diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer, but we sometimes advise the use of material means to accelerate recovery and bring relief, and to clear the channel for the inflow of higher forces.

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

The Chemistry of Personality

By PAUL H. WILCOX

TO WHAT extent are we as living organisms conditioned by our chemical environment? This question is worthy of careful consideration regardless of our theory as to the ultimate nature of the real self. . . . This article is an attempt to get at the contribution which science has given us in respect to the character of the integrated human organism and the factors which condition its normal expression.

In order to understand these conditioning factors it is necessary to have a knowledge of the form and structure of the body, known as morphology. The basic unit of all life is the cell. Protoplasm, the living substance in every cell, is a viscid, contractile, semiliquid, and more or less granular substance, which is apparently the same whether in plant or animal. The human body is made up of four types of specialized cells, namely, the epithelial cells—those that cover the inner and outer surfaces; the cells of connective tissue and of the bones and ligaments; the cells of the striped muscles and the smooth muscles, being the voluntary and involuntary muscles respectively; and the cells of nerve tissue. The first three determine the shape, texture, and appearance of the body and

its organs, while the fourth determines the degree of the co-ordination and intelligence of the organism. What do you look like? What is the shape of your face, the size of your body, the color of your hair, and what are your general proportions? These are determined chemically through the specialization of the cells of your body.

Among the most interesting and most important special organs of the body are the endocrine glands, so-called because they secrete and inject hormones directly into the blood. They are also called glands of internal secretion. They are ductless except the pancreas, liver, and gonads, which have ducts for another form of secretion. The seven ductless glands are the thyroid, the parathyroid, the thymus, the pituitary, the pineal, the adrenals, and the spleen.

The hormone (exciter) secreted by the thyroid gland, called thyroxin, apparently controls the texture of the skin, the growth of hair, and the size of the limbs. A defective thyroid produces cretinism in a child and myxedema in an adult due to the lack of thyroxin. Dorsey, in *Why We Behave Like Human Beings*, describes cretins as follows: "Children with deficient thyroids, through re-

removal, atrophy, or injury, become heavy-featured, gibbering, idiotic dwarfs known as cretins; they do not metamorphose into normal adults. Their skin is dry and hairless; their sex glands are under-developed; their puberty develops late or not at all; their temperature is subnormal; they are pot-bellied because their pelvis remains small, their limbs short and thick. . . . Three and a half grains of thyroxin are all that stands between intelligence and imbecility."

Very little is known about the parathyroids except that their removal always causes death, and that they seem to affect the nerve synapses which we will speak of later. The thymus gland is another organ about which little is known to modern science. It apparently retards sex development because "its removal in young animals retards growth but hastens sexual development; the sex glands remain weak, the body flabby and dwarfed." (Dorsey).

The anterior lobe of the pituitary gland is very little understood, but it seems to determine to some extent the size of the body, because when it is diseased it leads to a disorder known as gigantism in which the bones and fleshy parts of the face and extremities become much enlarged.

The adrenal glands are thought by some to be the physical center of the emotions, because in coordination with the autonomic nervous system, they put the body in fighting trim. "According to Cannon's theory adrenin (the secretion of the adrenal glands) bucks us up. It speeds up the heartbeat, draws blood from spleen, kidneys, intestines, and other organs of the abdomen, thus also reducing their size; drives blood to the skeletal muscles, brain, and lungs; relaxes the smooth muscles of the tiny air sacs in the lungs, thus facilitating the exchange of carbon dioxide waste for the greater supply of oxygen required in great effort; orders the liver to give the blood more sugar, the optimum source of muscle energy; drives fatigue from the

muscles; contracts the blood vessels of the skin and makes the blood coagulate quickly, so lessening our liability of bleeding to death in case of a wound. Adrenin wins battles and makes men brave; lack of it may make them cowards.

"We recognize many emotional states and are subject to them in varying intensity: pain, anger, fear, rage, horror, sorrow, anxiety, grief, terror, disgust. . . . We feel these states; we observe the results in others. What is not so obvious is that the body itself often undergoes profound physiological change (during them)." (Dorsey). This change is now thought to be delicately controlled by the secretions of the adrenal glands. The adrenals are automatic emergency organs below the level of consciousness.

The gonads have a specific effect on the sexual characteristics of the individual. We often think that the difference between a man and a woman is a fundamental difference in personality, but it is now known that when either sex is deprived of certain hormones by disease or by removal of the gonads, the entire nature seems to become changed.

Insulin, the hormone of the pancreas, seems necessary to enable the liver to convert the sugar in the blood into a storage product called glycogen. Without insulin this sugar stays in the blood instead of being stored in the liver or in other parts of the body, and so it passes off in the urine and the body becomes undernourished and diseased. The liver under the stimulation of the hormone of the adrenals, balanced by the action of insulin, regulates the blood flow and richness according to the body's needs.

We see from this survey that the functioning of the normal healthy body is definitely conditioned by the presence or absence of certain chemicals, which are gradually coming under the control of science. These chemicals affect such characteristics as the size of the body, its general shape and appearance, the texture of the skin, the secondary sex char-

acteristics, and the general emotional tone.

We are discovering specific chemicals which can be used to correct a deficiency in the character of the personality. This is especially important in the problem of idiocy. If we can by chemical means bring an idiot practically back to normal, we must recognize the potential value of even an idiot, and must take this factor into consideration in determining our philosophy of life.

One of the most important controls in producing a normal personality is proper food. In this day of refined foods many of the old wholesome eating habits are being neglected. We stuff ourselves with white bread, polished rice, refined sugar, and bakery products. We lose the valuable vitamins which are found in whole wheat bread, vegetables, fruit, butter, milk, and other unrefined products. What about our friend the chronic grouch? How often is his trouble just due to improper food? How about the pessimist who always sees the dark side of life and is dissatisfied with himself and the world? What about the person who always has a headache? Often the remedy can be found in a change of diet.

(To be concluded in next issue)

Lightening Up the "Rays"

One of our members writes in to say that he feels that the "Rays" is too serious and puritanical in character and that it should be lightened up. He suggests that "subscribers be encouraged to submit short, pithy, epigrammatical reports, views, and opinions from their peculiar angles." He feels that the readers would thus get acquainted with one another through the magazine. He also suggests that "subscribers be encouraged to send in curious, odd, and interesting items and clippings."

We feel that these are very good suggestions. As regards the latter one, many of our subscribers have been sending in clippings for a long time, particularly since the Worth-While News

Department was established, and many of these clippings have been used as the subject matter in that department. We shall welcome from our members and subscribers at any time clippings or short news items of interest which have some bearing on the Rosicrucian work which our magazine is designed to illustrate and extend. The "Rays" was designed by Max Heindel to be an adjunct to our correspondence courses and also to act as an advertising medium for the Rosicrucian literature, since we do very little advertising outside of it.

As to the magazine being serious in character, we may say that Max Heindel laid down the lines along which it has ever since been conducted, and that these lines are serious in nature. The magazine was not designed to furnish light entertainment such as the secular magazines do. On the other hand, lightness of spirit is always a desirable thing, not only among persons but in literature, as it helps to lighten the burden of depression which many are carrying. We shall endeavor to keep as much of this spirit in our magazine as is consistent with its purpose.

We shall also be glad to have suggestions from our subscribers as to ways and means of improving the magazine at any time. All ideas received will be carefully considered, and if found feasible will be adopted as conditions permit.

New Astrology Lessons 19A, 19B, and 19C

Our Junior Correspondence Course in Astrology has just had three new lessons on aspecting and reading the horoscope added to it. These lessons give the student exact information as to how to aspect and read a horoscope, illustrating the subject with examples completely worked out. All former students who have taken the course and completed it as far as lesson 19 or beyond may enroll for these new lessons. Address,

ASTROLOGICAL SECRETARY
The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
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Vegetarian Menus

—BREAKFAST—

Stewed Prunes
Shredded Wheat Biscuits
Spanish Omelet
Hot Rolls
Cereal Coffee or Milk

—DINNER—

Salsify Soup
Lentil Roast and
Brown Gravy
Escalloped Mushrooms
Boiled Green Peas
Whole Wheat Bread
Buttermilk

—SUPPER—

Apple and Celery Salad
Parsnip Patties
Graham Gems
Chocolate or Milk

Recipes

Lentil Loaf

Brown in a little butter one-fourth cup minced onion and one-third cup minced parsley. To this add one and three-fourths cups of lentil pulp, one hard boiled egg cut fine, one tablespoon of butter, salt, and one slightly beaten raw egg. Put half of this mixture in an oiled baking pan, then a layer of the following mixture: One cup stale bread crumbs soaked in hot water, one-half cup chopped walnuts, a little grated onion, one slightly beaten egg, with salt and sage tea to taste. Over this spread the remainder of the lentil mixture. Bake and serve with brown gravy.

Brown Gravy

Put two cups of water and one-half cup of butter into a pan to simmer fifteen minutes. Then place where it will boil, and thicken with two rounded tablespoons of browned flour and one of white flour dissolved in enough strained tomatoes to make a smooth mixture. Let it cook a few minutes, and add salt and celery seed.

Escalloped Mushrooms

Cut mushrooms into a buttered baking dish, with alternate layers of bread crumbs. Season each layer with a little salt and with butter, and add thin cream to cover. Keep covered with a lid while baking for twenty minutes.

Parsnip Patties

Boil and mash parsnips, season with salt and butter, mold into small patties, and cook in hot oil.

Rosicrucian Books at Reduced Prices

We have a limited number of the following books which are slightly damaged or shelf worn which we are closing out at the prices noted. The books are perfect in all cases with respect to subject matter.

Message of the Stars (regular edition)	\$2.50
Message of the Stars (without alphabetical index)	2.50
Message of the Stars (plain cover)	2.00
Message of the Stars (thin paper, standard cover)	2.00
Questions and Answers	1.25
Gleanings of a Mystic	1.25
Web of Destiny	1.25
Rosicrucian Mysteries	1.00
Freemasonry and Catholicism50

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1928 Ephemeris

Our Simplified Scientific Ephemeris for next year has already been sent to hundreds of students. This Ephemeris gives the planets' longitudes, latitudes, declinations, new and full moons, eclipses, and all data required for setting up a horoscope. A superior Ephemeris at the low price of 25 cents postpaid. Get it and see what the transiting planets have to offer you in 1928.

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The Rosy Cross Healing Circle

PATIENTS' LETTERS

Hyattsville, Ind., Sept. 22, 1927.
The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Dear Friends:

Little Lucien seems to be entirely well so you may take his name off the healing list. It was truly wonderful the way he improved after I wrote you. He was so thin and white; then one morning he awoke filled with new vigor and had a tremendous appetite—like his old self. His improvement was very rapid from then on, all due to the dear Helpers.

I don't seem to be able to put my thanks into words. I can only hope to be worthy to help some day, and bring to others the blessings you have brought to me.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

—Mrs. L. B.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1927.

Dear Friends:

I have good news to write, and I know you will rejoice with me. It is this: I am able to bend my back. I could not bend backwards or sideways for years without the most agonizing pain. Now I am feeling wonderfully well.

I am so thankful to the Invisible Helpers. Thanking you, dear friends, I am,
Devotedly yours,

—L. R.

Roslindale, Mass., Sept. 5, 1927.

Dear Brothers:

I am feeling much better, and am gaining in strength and weight. My hand still continues to improve.

Regarding my heart trouble—when it was at its worst the doctor told my son-in-law that I had one chance in a hundred; but here I am, with the help of God and the loving Brothers, on the road to recovery.

Lovingly,

—Mrs. M. H.

People Who Are Seeking Health

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done entirely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is conducted on the freewill offering plan. For further information and application blank, address,

*Healing Department,
The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Oceanside, California.*

HEALING DATES

November 6—12—19—27

December 4—10—17—24—31

January 6—13—20—27

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

Philosophy Correspondence Course

Our *Preliminary Course* consists of twelve lessons, using the "*Cosmo-Conception*" as textbook. This is followed by the *Regular Student Course* conducted by Mrs. Max Heindel. These lessons are not sold; the *Rosicrucian teachings* are free, but the expenses incidental to their production and distribution are met by freewill offerings.

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The Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum aims to help parents properly guide their children in accordance with scientific and spiritual principles. They are invited to send their child problems to this Department.

By ELOIS JENSSEN

A Highway Safety Pledge

"Knowing that suffering, sorrow, and unhappiness usually follow street and highway accidents, I will cooperate in an effort to avoid them by using courtesy and caution at all times, and especially when driving an automobile. I will observe traffic regulations and drive my car so that it may be controlled and stopped within a safe distance. I will instruct all persons in my employ and urge others to use courtesy and caution while driving automobiles, and never exercise haste to the point of creating a hazard. The above I promise on my honor."

The above pledge is being sent out by the American Road Builders' Association in the hope of checking the terrible waste of human life caused by careless drivers of motor vehicles all over this speed-mad nation of ours.

Statistics for 1926 tell us that 25,302 deaths and 759,060 casualties were the toll exacted in the United States by careless motorists during that one year. Over 7000 of those killed were children under the age of ten years, and 266,092 were injured for life.

What is the remedy? First of all we must teach our little ones to be more careful when crossing streets. We must also know where our children are out of school hours. We must vote for automatic traffic signals and for proper police protection, especially on the streets near the public schools. Then above all else we must see that the law is enforced. Obey the traffic laws yourself, and by

your example your children will develop a respect for them. I wish all motorists might memorize the following verse by G. C. Schink, Director of Traffic in Detroit:

"When I am driving on a street
Where little folks I'm apt to meet,
Who dash across the street in play,
I hope I'll drive in just the way
That I would drive if mine were there
Upon that crowded thoroughfare."

Group Leaders

Just a word to those dear friends who are offering their services as leaders for child study groups. Please read over the suggestions given in the October *Parents' Forum*. This will give you some idea of the duties of a group leader. An earnest desire to serve, necessary as that qualification is, will not compensate for the lack of a certain amount of knowledge regarding the child and its needs, and you will find yourself sadly handicapped unless you have made adequate preparation to help the members of your group with their various problems.

The Blessedness of Giving

Once more the blessed Yuletide is with us! What will this particular Christmas mean to your children in the years to come? Will it mean memories of beautiful lessons of unselfishness learned because they were permitted to help some other little ones less fortunate than themselves? Let the children accompany you on an errand of mercy to some family that is very poor, or take them to visit a children's ward in some charity hospital, say one where little cripples are confined to their beds for months at a time. The lesson of kindness, compassion, and brotherly love thus learned will make a lasting impression, especially if the children are given the suggestion to share their own gifts at Christmas time with these unfortunate ones.

Echoes From Mt. Ecclesia

Chats with the Editor

ON FRIDAY, October 28th, Mt. Ecclesia celebrated her sixteenth birthday anniversary with a picnic in Live Oak Park. The day before the picnic and until after midnight of the 27th the heavens were opened with a most welcome rain. Mother nature just reveled in this first drink of the season, for you know that California has no rains during the summer, and things get quite dry before the fall rains come. We thought our picnic was spoiled, but behold! on the morning of the 28th the sun was out bright and warm, and the little raindrops on the trees were soon dried up. At 10:30 A. M. fourteen automobiles loaded with picnickers started for the picnic grounds nineteen miles away. The Ford truck had already been sent on ahead with the lunch baskets. My, what a happy crowd! They numbered seventy-three in all. Games were enjoyed, and helpful suggestions to further the Rosierucian work were given by the speakers at the dinner table.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stone of Melbourne, Australia, were among the guests. These friends are on a tour of the world. After a visit in India in search of the truth they contacted our Rosierucian Fellowship Center in Colombo, Ceylon, where they procured their first copy of the "Cosmo-Conception." We all know the power that lies between the leaves of this book, and these two seekers have now landed at Headquarters, where they hope that they may remain as long as their passports will permit.

Our little children were a great attraction at the picnic. Their table manners

and behavior during play were especially favorably commented upon; they were the sunshine of the party. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to our next annual picnic in 1928.

"Many Will Come in My Name"

"If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

"If they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers, believe it not.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

St. Matthew, 24: 23, 24, 26, 27.

The great Teacher, the Christ, when He sat on the Mount of Olives talked privately to His disciples and in answer to their questions told them these wonderful truths. He told of the troubled times that were to come, of the wickedness in high places, and of wars and rumors of wars. The world is today in a similar state. In accordance with the signs of coming world changes false prophets are to be found everywhere. Some are prophesying with the hope of attracting by their spectacular prophecies the unsuspecting public, who flock to their lectures and subscribe to their

clairvoyant and astrological readings.

P. T. Barnum, America's most successful circus man, made the statement that the public desires to be humbugged. In this assertion there is much truth; and never in the history of man have there been more humbuggers than at the present time. Especially is this so in the occult and metaphysical fields. There they are as thick as bees in a hive. Hardly a day passes at Headquarters that the mails do not bring literature or magazines from self-styled prophets, seers, masters, or Elder Brothers. Christ told His disciples that false Christs would arise. Truly it is lamentable to hear of the women Messiahs and the Elder Brothers who are endeavoring to represent the Fellowship.

The Rosierucian Fellowship Headquarters at Oceanside is still under the guidance of the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross, it is still being directed by Max Heindel, and it is not associated in any way with any modern Messiah or prophets. It is not connected with any other society or lodge using the name of Rosierucian.

Those representatives who have been sent out by Headquarters, you will note, are from time to time given publicity through the "Rays," and the names of those who are directly connected with and recognized by Headquarters as leaders of local Fellowship Centers and classes are often mentioned in the magazine. Lecturers in the field, when sent out by Headquarters, are supplied with credentials. The Rosierucian Fellowship is incorporated, and its emblem is copyrighted. Any infringement upon the name or emblem is a civil offense.

As the Christ had many imitators, so will there be many who will use the beautiful truths contained in the extensive literature of the Rosierucian Fellowship for their own purposes. So we would advise our friends out in the world to request credentials from those who make unusual claims to Messiahship, Elder-Brotherhood, or leadership. A letter to

Headquarters will bring you the facts whenever you desire them.

—Mrs. Max Heindel.

Dr. Lash in the Northwest

Dr. Franziska Lash, national lecturer of the Fellowship, will deliver lectures in accordance with the following schedule during the next three months.

Calgary, Canada, public library, Nov. 15, 17.

Vancouver, Canada, Room 12 Williams Bldg., Nov. 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, and December 2 and 4.

Victoria, Canada, Dec. 12 to 18.

Seattle, Dec. 21 to Jan. 4.

Portland, Jan. 8 to 22.

Oakland, Jan. 25 to Feb. 11.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.

Further information regarding these lectures may be had by addressing the secretary of the local Center in any of the cities noted, the addresses being found on the inside front cover of this magazine. Dr Lash is very well equipped to carry the Rosierucian message, being entirely familiar with the Rosierucian philosophy in all its branches. The reports along the route which she is following are very encouraging, and we feel sure that she will reach and deliver her message to many inquiring spirits.

We regret that through an error we failed to announce in last month's issue the lectures which Dr. Lash was to deliver in Brandon, Canada, in the first part of November.

Mr. Johnson's Lectures in Detroit

Mr. Alfred Johnson, one of the lecturers of the Rosierucian Fellowship, will deliver a series of lectures in the local Center of the Fellowship in Detroit, 303 Lincoln Building, 333 State Street, on the evenings of Nov. 15th, 17th, and 19th. Mr. Johnson is thoroughly familiar with the Rosierucian Philosophy, and has a bright career opening out before him in the lecture field.

Symbolical Philosophy

Mr. Manly P. Hall, noted lecturer and author of Los Angeles, has in preparation a monumental volume of occult philosophy entitled "An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy." It is expected that this book will be ready about the first of February. Among other phases of occult philosophy it covers the history of the early Rosicrucians and their doctrines. A special edition of this book has been dedicated to the Rosicrucian Fellowship and contains a foreword by Mrs. Max Heindel. We are handling the sale of this Rosicrucian edition. It may be secured by our students on monthly terms. Write us for further information. Circular upon request.

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Rosicrucian Emblem Song for Children

One of our members, Mrs. Emma Wendt of Los Angeles, has recently prepared for us the words and music of an emblem song to be sung by the children in the Rosicrucian Sunday Schools. The composition both as to words and music is very attractive. We have had this song printed in four-page leaflet form. The front cover is attractively decorated with a cut designed by Miss Dorothy Miller, one of our students, showing the three positions which the children take during the progress of the song to illustrate the forming of the Rosicrucian cross, star, and roses. These songs may be obtained for ten cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen.

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Rosicrucian Sunday School Lessons

The lesson for the month of Sagittarius, from November 23rd to December 22nd, is now ready. This lesson completes the first year's series. These lessons have been compiled in such a man-

ner that they may be used in succeeding years. We expect to supplement them with a new series of lesson leaflets for the kindergarten class, giving the Bible stories in a more elementary form suitable for young children. These lesson leaflets will be ready in the near future.

The monthly booklets, each containing four lessons, are 15 cents each or \$1.60 per dozen, and the Manual of Instructions accompanying them is 10 cents.

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Rosicrucian Publications

ON THE ROSICRUCIAN PHILOSOPHY:

The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception, \$2.00.

The Rosicrucian Mysteries, \$1.50.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers, \$2.00.

The Web of Destiny, \$2.00.

Freemasonry and Catholicism, \$1.00.

Mysteries of the Great Operas, 2.00.

Gleanings of a Mystic, \$2.00.

Letters to Students, \$2.00.

Teachings of an Initiate, \$2.00.

The Mystical Interpretation of Christmas, 75 Cents.

Bound Volumes of *Rays from the Rose Cross*:

Vols. 5 and 6 (one book), \$5.00.

Vols. 7 and 8 (one book), \$5.00.

Vols. 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, each \$3.00.

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Pamphlets

Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures, 10 Cents each, or complete set of 20 consecutive numbers, \$1.50.

How Shall We Know Christ At His Coming? 15 Cents.

Earthbound, 10 Cents.

Evolution from the Rosicrucian Standpoint, 15 Cents.

Christ or Buddha? 30 Cents.

Why I Am a Rosicrucian,

5 Cents Each—\$1.50 per hundred.

How the Rosicrucians Heal the Sick,

5 Cents Each—\$1.50 per hundred.

Fundamental Rules of Natural Dietetics,

8 Cents Each—\$3.00 per hundred.

Facts About Life Here and Hereafter,

5 Cents Each—\$1.50 per hundred.

Postcard Views of Mt. Ecclesia, 5c. Each.

ON ASTROLOGY:

The Message of the Stars, \$3.50.

Simplified Scientific Astrology, \$1.50.

Simplified Scientific Ephemeris, 1860 to date—25 Cents Each Year.

Ephemerides Bound, 20 years, \$5.00.

Simplified Scientific Tables of Houses, (3), 50 Cents Each.

Tables of Houses Bound, (3), \$2.00.

The Rosicrucian Mysteries and Christianity Lectures, in Braille, for the blind. Loaned, not sold.

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