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FRONT ELEVATION

THE HEALTH SCHOOL AT MT. ECCLESIA

During the past ten months we have outlined quite fully and in considerable detail in this magazine the proposed Rosicrucian Health School or Sanatorium at Mt. Ecclesia, describing the methods which would be used, the various kinds of physio-therapy in which it would specialize, and the reasons why it was felt there was a need and demand for this sort of an institution. We have quoted various statements by Max Heindel showing his views regarding it, his belief as to the necessity of it, and his expectations relative to the important results which it would accomplish. We have also explained why the name, "Health School," has been proposed, namely, that it is to be a *School* as well as a Sanatorium, instructing convalescent patients by means of lectures on the Rosicrucian principles of health, for there is comparatively little use to heal people of disease merely in order that they may return immediately to their old lives of self-indulgence which brought on the disease in the first place.

The Source of Our Patronage.

There is one other matter which we would like to mention in connection with this enterprise, and that is the source of the patronage which the institution will receive and upon which of course its success will depend. In conversation some little time ago with a registered nurse, a woman of wide experience in hospital work and one who was, until her retirement, in close touch with up-to-date hospital practice, she stated that in her opinion the Rosicrucian Health School and Sanatorium would be practically assured of success because of its large number of students and members located all over the United States, from whom it would draw its patronage. She said that it would be vastly different from the starting of an ordinary private hospital or sanitarium, which would have to depend on expensive advertising to draw its patients from the general public. Such advertising as we shall do will be inexpensively conducted through the medium of our magazine and our regular periodicals to students.

Physical and Etheric Work under Direction of Same Institution.

It is designed that this Sanatorium shall be an adjunct to the Rosicrucian system of healing by means of the Invisible Helpers, who work principally upon the etheric bodies of the patients. A much quicker cure can be obtained if the

etheric work is supplemented by physical work. And naturally it is to be expected that when the physical work and the etheric work are both conducted under the direction of the same institution, better results will be obtained than otherwise. It is all very well to say that all is spirit and that spirit is capable of restoring health if we will depend upon it. That is true, but spirit expects cooperation on the physical plane. Moreover, physical matter is merely spirit in a state of condensation, and therefore it is only good sense to use physical means as an adjunct to spiritual healing.

Objections Answered.

Some have expressed the thought that Mt. Ecclesia with its fifty or sixty workers would provide so many patients for the Sanatorium that room would not be left adequately to take care of other patients, and that this would prevent the institution from being able to pay expenses. In answer to this objection we can say that although there will be an occasional patient from Mt. Ecclesia cared for in this Sanatorium, still no person will be admitted except after a thorough examination by a physician and a report from him that the patient requires hospital treatment. In a humanitarian institution like the Rosicrucian Fellowship it is only logical and right that some provision should be made for the workers who occasionally become incapacitated while in its service. We can not claim to be truly humanitarian unless we make such provision. But there will be no abuse of this privilege. Patients from the country at large who are not able to pay will be taken care of, it is expected, in endowed rooms. Undoubtedly there will be those among our members who will wish to endow rooms and beds for patients of this character, who will thus not become a burden upon the institution nor jeopardize its financial security.

On the opposite page we are reprinting a cut of the front elevation, showing one proposed scheme for the building. This is only one of several possible treatments, however. It shows a central two-story portion devoted to administrative and treatment rooms with nurses' quarters and solarium above, the patients' rooms and wards being located in the two wings.

Practicing What We Preach.

We have every reason to believe that this institution will not only be a material success, but that it will help the Rosicrucian Fellowship to realize its true spiritual destiny through practicing what it preaches, namely, doing physical healing service as well as teaching the principles of service and spiritual development. We are now in the position of awaiting financial developments that will enable us to make the definite announcement that we are going ahead with the proposition. And it is our earnest hope and prayer that this humanitarian enterprise may be launched in the not distant future.

YOURS IN THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE,

THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP,

"WHEN I DIE, I WANT TO STAY DEAD!"

"I DON'T WANT TO COME BACK TO EARTH AGAIN! Life is too hard. I don't want to believe in rebirth, and I won't believe in it! When I die, I want to stay dead!" The speaker was a middle-aged woman whose face showed the lines of sorrow and suffering. Fate had evidently dealt harshly with her.

"But it is a law of nature," was the gentle reply of her friend, a man who had been a profound student for many years. "Your desiring to come back has nothing to do with it. You might jump off the top of a building and make up your mind that you would not hit the ground—but you would hit it just the same. You can't evade the laws of nature."

"But," said the woman triumphantly, "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT REBIRTH IS A LAW OF NATURE. PROVE IT TO ME!"

"And the answer to that," said the man, "is, PROVE IT FOR YOURSELF! No one can do your thinking for you. All that others can do is to point the way, and that is what I will do for you. The Rosicrucian Fellowship was founded by Max Heindel, the Messenger of the Brothers of the Rose Cross, for just such rebellious intellects as yours, to help them to PROVE FOR THEMSELVES the hidden, occult laws of nature under which we live and die, and which are as yet unknown to our scientists in general. Read the Rosicrucian Philosophy, and the path will be clear to you. If you really want the truth, then enroll as a student of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, and you will be instructed in the methods of self-development which in time will PROVE to you the truth of rebirth—if you are willing to pay the price in self-mastery."

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Current Topics

From the Rosicrucian Viewpoint

BY JOSEPH DARROW

The End of the World

SOME time ago a lady who was a Seventh Day Adventist came to Mt. Ecclesia for the purpose of ascertaining the Rosicrucian views relative to the end of the world, which is alleged by certain cults and societies to be imminent. The Seventh Day Adventists believe this is not far distant, but that the righteous, signified by the 144,000 mentioned in the Bible, will be preserved from the general destruction and will inherit the new heaven and the new earth. The International Bible Students, an organization founded by Pastor Russell in New York City some twenty years ago, interpret various passages in the Bible to indicate that we are in "the last days." One of their slogans is, "Millions now living will never see death": that is, they believe that the Great Change will come so soon that millions of people now living, symbolized by the Biblical 144,000, will pass over into the New Era alive, the rest of humanity being annihilated in some manner.

In 1925 a man on Long Island, Robert Reidt by name, established a cult based on similar prophecies. He and his followers prepared themselves MISLEADING for the end of the world, PROPHETS which he said would take place on February 6th of that year. They disposed of their property, and assembled at the appointed time prepared to make the transition into the new Galilee. Reidt's calculations, however, were askew somewhere. Nothing happened, and those who had disposed of their property had to begin their labors at the point where they had left off. A similar case happened in Los Angeles, also in February of 1925. The

details were much like those of the Long Island affair except that the prophet was a woman, a Mrs. Margaret Rowan.

Where there is so much smoke there is likely to be a little fire. Therefore, it is well to know the facts so that if there is danger of a conflagration, we may take the necessary fire precautions.

Max Heindel, the illuminated Rosicrucian seer, has given considerable authentic and clear-cut information in regard to this matter. In the "Rays" of December 1917 he stated he had been watching for some time the archetype of a cataclysm which was in process of developing. At the rate at which it had developed since he with his clairvoyant vision had first begun to observe it, he judged it would materialize between 1950 and 1990. The archetype indicated that the cataclysm will extend across the

United States in a south-
A MINOR westerly direction from
CATACLYSM Maine to the southern
border of California and
out into the Pacific Ocean. It will be brought about through the agency of fire and explosions produced by the salamanders and other nature spirits working in the earth. We infer, however, from what he wrote about it that it will be only a minor cataclysm, not a world event.

The real world event or cataclysm will not be merely a series of upheavals in certain portions of the earth's crust. It will affect every human being on the face of the earth when it occurs. Relative to this Max Heindel says:

"Both the atmosphere and our own physiological condition are changing, heralding to the seeing eye and the understanding mind the dawn of a new day upon the horizon of time, an age of

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unification called in the Bible the *Kingdom of God*. . . . The aviators of today are already encountering a new element and experiencing asphyxia as did our Atlantean forbears. They have encountered a new element descending from above which will take the place of oxygen in our atmosphere. There is a new substance also entering the human frame which will supersede albumen. (This substance is phosphorus.) In the measure that we are capable of assimilating it we become filled with light and commence to shine from within, a halo surrounding us as a mark of sainthood. The phosphorus, however, is only a physical medium which enables the spiritual light to express through the physical brain, the light itself being the product of soul growth. But soul growth enables the brain to assimilate an increasing amount of phosphorus; hence the method of acquiring this substance in large quantity is not by chemical metabolism but by an alchemical process of soul growth As the Atlanteans whose lungs were undeveloped perished in the flood, so will also the new age find some without the 'wedding garment' and therefore unfit to enter until they shall have qualified at a later time."

Elsewhere Max Heindel states that the new element descending from above, which goes to compose the "wedding garment," is the interplanetary light and reflecting ethers. These ethers are the source of the spiritual light which appears in the aura when the brain has assimilated sufficient phosphorus. They

THE NEW
ELEMENT
FROM
ABOVE

are drawn into our aura by altruistic living according to cosmic law, and are built into the vital body, constituting what is called the soul body. In the advanced person a cleavage is effected in the vital body between these ethers and the two lower ones, namely the chemical and life ethers upon which the vital

processes of the physical body depend. When this cleavage has been accomplished, the person becomes able to leave his physical body and travel on the invisible planes in the soul body.

All this has a definite bearing on the coming world event. When practically all of humanity who are capable of developing a soul body have done so, and when every opportunity has been afforded the races of the earth for spiritual living in order that this soul body may be built by them, then, the Rosicrucians state, Christ will return to inaugurate a new era, spoken of as the Sixth Epoch.

THE DAWN
OF THE
SIXTH
EPOCH

He will return in an etheric body, and those who have developed the etheric soul body will go, as stated in the Bible, "to meet Him in the air." Then the next great era in the evolution of humanity will have begun.

But what will happen to those who have not developed the soul body? Max Heindel states that their condition will be similar to that of the inhabitants of ancient Atlantis who at the time of the "Flood" had not developed lungs and who were consequently unable to breathe air. The "Flood," so-called, was caused by the moisture in the mist-laden atmosphere of Atlantis condensing into the basins of the earth, forming the oceans and the seas. This left the atmosphere composed only of the gases of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc. as we know it today. Those who, through failing to keep up with evolution, had not developed lungs capable of breathing dry air suddenly perished at that time.

Two of the big causes for this class of Atlanteans failing to make the evolutionary grade were the misuse of the creative force and black magic, the latter being the use of spiritual power for material aggrandizement. Both of these conditions are appearing in our civilization today to a greater or lesser degree.

Current Topics

Humanity is approaching a condition analogous to that which obtained in Atlantis at the time of the Flood. The pioneers of the race are developing the soul body by service and by living in accordance with cosmic law, but unfortunately a large percentage are still principally interested in pleasure and materialistic pursuits to the exclusion of spiritual things. The monopolizing of the physical resources of the earth for the undue benefit of the few rather than for the welfare of all is another condition similar to those in Atlantis, bringing us toward the stage when the new element from above, the interplanetary light and reflecting ethers, will descend upon the earth in such quantities that only those who have developed the soul body will be able to live in that rarefied atmosphere. The others will die quickly as did the Atlanteans when the moisture condensed out of the atmosphere.

When may we expect this world event to come? Max Heindel says: "It is extremely probable that the coming Aquarian Age is the final preparatory school day which will fit us for the New Age, the Sixth Epoch, and that this will begin when the sun by precession enters Capricorn. . . . This, of course, would mean that the Second Advent (of Christ)

must take place just before that time, and though it seems to us that so many signs point that way, still it is a mere surmise and may not have any truth in it at all. Thousands of people have been misled during all the ages that we know of to think that Christ would soon be here; it is, however, better that we are looking forward to it than if we should say with some that it will never take place. In that case the Great Day would find us unprepared, and we should find ourselves among the stragglers who are unfit to attend the wedding feast of the Higher Self to the lower because lacking

the 'soul body,' the 'wedding garment,' necessary to enfold them."

The great event which we have just described is without doubt that which the prophets of modern cults are referring to in their prophecies. The trouble with them is that they are not able to translate the cosmic archetype into terms of time. That is why they get so far off in their estimates as to when this event is to take place. Many of them, moreover, are merely mediums, obtaining misleading information from entities on the astral plane.

The sun will not enter Capricorn by precession until the year 4810, that is, 2880 years hence. As stated above, the world event described is not likely to take place before that time, and it may be very much later. Therefore it is evident that we do not need to be unduly alarmed about it at the present time. We should be alarmed, however, to the extent of realizing that unless we improve our present opportunities for evolutionary development through service to the race and spiritual living, three thousand years will roll around very quickly and will find us two or three lives hence

(we are reborn once about every thousand years) still unprepared for the Great Change, still minus the soul body. In that case we shall certainly have to pay the penalty by a sudden and ignominious death along with a multitude of others as did the Atlanteans when the Flood occurred.

Therefore we may see that modern prophets such as those of the Adventists and the International Bible Students may be doing the world a real service by calling attention to the fact that it is necessary for humanity to reform if they wish to escape annihilation, even though these prophets are confused and misleading when it comes to the matter of time.

PREPARA-
TION FOR
THE NEW
AGE

The Mystic Light

My Soul Is a Stringed Instrument

BY KATE A. BATTEN

My Soul is a Stringed Instrument;
Great Artists come to me, and play upon
me.

When Uranus crashes his hands down
upon my strings,
It is a sudden wildly sweet and thrilling
music;
Then he goes.

Sometimes Jupiter touches the strings;
Then great rolling chords resound,
My Soul is in a vast Cathedral,
And I am being lifted up, up, up;
But Jupiter passes on, and the wonder
and exaltation of his music are
just a memory.

Venus touches only those strings which
are in tune;
Her music brings happiness,
But Mars joins her in a duet, and snarl-
ing discords appear.

Mars is a great Artist also, but alas! he
finds the instrument imperfect,
out of tune.

Sometimes the Artists join in a grand
ensemble,
And the discords and the sweet melodies
blend in a great symphony.
Through it all runs a steady tone, in
perfect tune,
In perfect time, harmonizing the wild
music of Mars,
The sweet melodies of Venus, the crash-
ing chords of Uranus.

There is the Great Artist, Saturn,
He is the Conductor;
They all submit to his baton,
And I, too, submit.

Some time I will provide them with
a better instrument.

The Strong Grip of the Lion's Paw

BY MAX HEINDEL

(From "Rays from the Rose Cross,"
May, 1917.)

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to
know what determines the time
of Easter each year, and being a
Freemason he also wishes to know what
connection there is between the resurrec-
tion of Christ at Easter and the resurrec-
tion of Hiram Abiff in the Masonic
symbology.

The Masonic legend says that in the
beginning Jehovah created Eve, the
Lucifer spirit Samael united with her,
and from this union Cain was born. Then
Samael left Eve and she became virtually
a widow, and Cain was *the son of a*
widow. From him descended all the
craftsmen of the world including Hiram
Abiff, the grand Master-workman on
Solomon's temple, who is therefore also

called the "son of a widow" as are all Freemasons to this day. After Samael had left Eve, Jehovah created Adam, and he united with Eve with the result that Abel was born. Thus Cain was semidivine, inspired by his own inherent creative genius, which is seen in his sons to this day in *statecraft* and all industrial inventions which go to make the civilized world, while Abel was the child of two human beings. He did not know how to create, but tended docilely the flocks already created for him by the Author of his being, Jehovah.

Jehovah slighted the sacrifice of Cain who had made two blades of grass grow where formerly there was one; he would rather have a docile automaton like Abel who could be depended upon to obey implicitly his commands than an original thinker like Cain. So there was enmity between Cain and Abel with the result that the latter was slain. Then Seth was born, and from him have descended all those who follow blindly the dictates of their Creator, and are known as the *priestcraft* and their followers. Among them was Solomon the king. To him Jehovah revealed the design for His temple, but Solomon was unable to execute the design, and therefore was compelled to engage *Hiram Abiff, a cunning craftsman, a son of Cain, and therefore the son of a widow.*

High mystic Masons recognize the fact that from the cosmic viewpoint Hiram Abiff is symbolized by the sun. While the sun (Hiram) is in the northern signs—Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo,—he is among faithful friends and followers; but when in the course of the year he enters the southern signs, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius, he is assaulted by the three conspirators as recorded in the Masonic legend, and finally slain at the winter solstice, to be again resurrected as he climbs toward the equator which he crosses at the vernal equinox.

The Masonic legend relates that the Queen of Sheba journeyed from afar to see the wise Solomon of whom she had

heard so much. She was shown the beautiful temple and wanted to see the cunning craftsman, the Master-builder, and his workmen who had wrought such a marvel. But there has always been enmity between the sons of Cain and the sons of Seth. Even when they have co-operated they have never trusted each other fully, and Solomon feared that his beautiful fiancée might become enamored of Hiram Abiff; therefore he endeavored to call the workmen himself, but none responded. They "knew the voice of their shepherd," Hiram Abiff (the sun in Aries, the sign of the lamb). They were trained to obey his call and would heed no other voice. Therefore Solomon was finally forced to send for Hiram Abiff and request that he call his artisans. The moment Hiram lifted his hammer, ♈, (Aries is the sign of his authority and exaltation) they came in a multitude that could not be numbered, each one eager to do his will.

In the spring the sun (Hiram) enters Aries (♈), the sign of his exaltation. The symbol of this sign is shaped like the hammer which Hiram raised; and all the workmen on the temple (the universe) rush to do his bidding and carry on his work when he ascends to the throne of his dignity and authority in the northern heavens. He is their shepherd because at the vernal equinox he enters Aries (♈), the sign of the ram or lamb. Him they hear, but these nature forces take command from no other than the sun in Aries, the Easter Sun.

This is the cosmic interpretation. But according to the law of analogy Hiram, the son of Cain, must also be raised to a higher degree of Initiation, and only the Sun Spirit about to soar into the heavens could accomplish the feat. Hence *Hiram was reborn as Lazarus and raised by the strong grip of the lion's paw.* He had been a leader of the craftsmen during the regime of Jehovah and His creature Solomon. By this Initiation he was raised up for the purpose of being a leader in the Kingdom of Christ and helping the same people on in a higher

phase of their evolution. Therefore he became a *Christian* charged to explain the mysteries of the *Cross*. As a symbol of this mystery the *Rose* was added thereto, and this mission was embodied in his symbolic name, Christian Rose-Cross, (Rosen Kreuz).

The rose is called the emblem of mystery in general, but most people are not aware that this addition of the rose to the cross was the origin of its symbolic significance. The rose is the emblem of the mystery of the cross because it explains the path of chastity, the transmutation of blood from passion to love. Lazarus therefore became Christian Rose-Cross, and the Rosicrucians are the special messengers of Christ to the sons of Cain as Jesus is to the sons of Abel.

The Pharisees knew a great deal of the occult origin of these two classes of humanity, and therefore the Lazarus miracle was to them the crowning crime of the Christ. They became seriously alarmed then that their national religion would be superseded by another if any more such signs were performed, for they sensed that it was an initiation of a higher nature than they knew of and that it boded an entrance into a higher cycle. Before the Christ all the religions were race religions suited to the people to whom they were given and suitable only for those people.

All these religions were *Jehovah religions*, for as the *Father* was the highest Initiate of the Saturn Period, so *Christ the Son* was the highest Initiate of the Sun Period, and *Jehovah the Holy Spirit* was the highest Initiate of the Moon Period. From Jehovah then come the race religions which endeavor to prepare mankind along the path of evolution by means of *law*. These race religions are to be superseded by the universal religion of the Sun Spirit Christ which shall unite all men into one brotherhood. The change from one to the other and the fact that the religion of the lunar God Jehovah must precede the religion of the Sun Spirit Christ are symbolized

by the manner in which Easter is determined.

The rule in present use for determining the time of Easter is that *it falls on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon*. This was the original time adopted by the earliest Christians, who had knowledge of and regard for the occult significance; but very soon ignorant people started schisms and fixed it at different times. This occasioned no little controversy. In the second century a dispute arose on this point between the eastern and western churches. Eastern Christians celebrated Easter on the 14th day of the first Jewish month or moon, considering it to be equivalent to the Jewish Passover. The western Christians kept it on the Sunday *after* the 14th day, holding that it was the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. The Council of Nice, 325 A. D., decided in favor of the western use, branding the eastern practice with the name of heresy. This, however, only settled the point that Easter was to be held not on a certain day of the month or moon but *on a Sunday*. The proper astronomical cycle for calculating the occurrence of Easter was not yet determined, but they finally deferred to the ancient method of fixing the festival by the moon, and so the ancient original custom was finally revived. Thus Easter is now held upon the same day as required by the occult tradition, as is necessary to properly symbolize the cosmic significance of the event. In this respect both the sun and moon are necessary factors, for Easter is not merely a solar festival. The sun must not only go past the equator as it does on the 21st of March, but the full moon after the vernal equinox must also be passed, and then the following Sunday is Easter, the day of resurrection. The light of the vernal sun must be reflected by a full moon before Easter day can dawn on earth.

There is, as said, a deep meaning hidden behind this method of determining Easter, namely that *humanity was not sufficiently evolved to have the religion*

of the sun, the Christian religion of universal brotherhood, until they had been fully prepared through the religions of the moon which segregated and separated humanity into groups, nations, and races. This is symbolized by the annual rise of the Sun Spirit at Easter being deferred until the Jehovistic Moon has thrown back and fully reflected the light of the Easter Sun.

All the founders of race religions, Hermes, Buddha, Moses, et cetera, were Initiates in the Jehovistic Mysteries. They were Sons of Seth. At their Initiation they became ensouled by their particular Race Spirit, and this Spirit speaking through the mouth of such an Initiate gave *laws* to his people, as for instance the Decalogue of Moses, the laws of Manu, the noble truths of Buddha, et cetera. These laws manifested sin because the people did not and could not keep them at their stage of evolution. So they made a certain debt of destiny in consequence. This destiny the human Initiate-founder of the religion had to take upon himself, and so he had to be born again and again to help his people. Thus Buddha was reborn as Shankaracharya and had a number of other rebirths. Moses was reborn as Elijah and John the Baptist.

Christ, on the other hand, did not need to take birth in the first place. He came of his own free will to help humanity, to abrogate the law that brings sin, and to emancipate humanity from the law of sin and death. The race religions of the lunar God Jehovah conveyed the will of God to mankind in an indirect manner through seers and prophets, who were but imperfect instruments as the lunar rays imperfectly transmit the light of the sun. The mission of these religions was to prepare mankind for the universal religion of the Sun Spirit Christ, who manifested among us without an intermediary as the light which comes direct from the sun, and "we beheld His glory as the *alone begotten* of the Father" when He taught the Gospel of Love.

The Christian religion gives no laws but preaches love as the fulfillment of the law. Therefore no debts of destiny are generated under it and so Christ, who was under no necessity to be born in the first place, will not be drawn to rebirth under the Law of Causation as were the founders of the lunar race religions who must bear from time to time the sins of their followers. When Christ appears it will be in a body made of the two higher ethers, the light and reflecting ethers, the Golden Wedding Garment called *soma psuchicon* or soul body by Paul, who is very emphatic in his assertion that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." He asserts that we shall be changed and be like Christ. If we cannot enter the Kingdom in a fleshly body, it would be absurd to suppose that the King of Glory would wear such a coarse cumbersome garment.

The priestcraft from which Jehovah drew His representatives, the prophets and founders of religions and the spiritual temple builders, are the Sons of Seth. The Sons of Cain still feel in their breasts the divine nature of their ancestor. They repudiate the indirect method of salvation by *faith* of the church, and insist upon finding the Light of Wisdom themselves by the direct methods of *work*, perfecting themselves in the arts and crafts and building the temple of material civilization by industry and statecraft according to the plan of God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, Christ being the "Chief Corner Stone," and each mystic Mason a "living stone."

In time however these two great streams, the Sons of Seth and the Sons of Cain, must unite in order to reach the portals of the Kingdom of Christ. Before His time there was no way in which such an amalgamation could take place, but when Christ the great Sun Spirit came, Solomon was reborn as Jesus, into whom the Christ Spirit entered at the Baptism, and Hiram Abiff was reborn as Lazarus. When Lazarus was raised

up by the strong grip of the paw of the Lion of Judah, Hiram and Solomon, the former antagonists, sank their differences as prompted by the Christ Spirit, and both are working now for the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ. It

was this that the Pharisees in some way sensed or surmised, and hence their fears that this Jesus would initiate many people and subvert them from the race religion to which the Pharisees were wedded.

The Light of the World

BY FRANCES RAY

THE FOUR Gospels, which are formulas of Initiation, begin with the account of the Immaculate Conception and end with the Crucifixion—both wonderful ideals which humanity must some time attain to, for each of us is a Christ in the making and will pass through the mystic birth and mystic death as described in the Gospels. By knowledge we may hasten the day.

Nearly two thousand years ago the greatest drama that has ever been enacted upon our old planet took place. The wheels of destiny had been busy for centuries to bring together those who were to participate, incarnated egos whose lives were to be the channel for its great consummation. Prior to that time Jehovah had charge of and guided the earth from without. It was held in its orbit by His power, and He was up to that time the supreme God. But this engendered separateness and fostered egoism because he gave us laws which held humanity in check. But the time had come in human evolution when there must be something higher than just obedience to the law. Man had reached the stage where he could respond to love, fostered by spiritual impulses direct from the sun instead of receiving this influence through Jehovah and reflected from the moon, which is part of the physical body of Jehovah. To accomplish this change the work would have to be done *within* the earth. And so we have the sublime Mystery of Golgotha, which gave the earth its Redeemer, the Christ.

In Bethlehem was born a babe whose life affected every living thing upon the earth and the earth itself. To provide a body of superlative purity to be used by the great Initiate Jesus, and later for three years by a Ray from the Cosmic Christ, the flower of humanity was chosen to become the parents of Jesus, and this great privilege came to Mary and Joseph as narrated in the Gospels.

The beautiful character we know as Mary of Bethlehem was a high Initiate. For many lives she had incarnated in a positive physical body (man's), as Initiates are usually men on account of being able to choose their sex and because at that stage their vital body is positive and this together with a positive male physical body gives them an instrument of the highest efficiency. Yet there are times when the exigencies of a case require a female body, such as providing a body of the highest type to receive an ego of a superlative degree of development. Then an Initiate may take a female body and go through the experience of maternity again after having shunned it for several lives. This was the case with Mary of Bethlehem.

Joseph was also an Initiate of high degree, who for that one time forsook the path of celibacy. He had in previous lives gone past the time when he should be a householder. He was called a carpenter. That did not mean a worker in wood. He was a builder in a higher sense. God is the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the Initiates of the White School are "arche-tektons,"

builders in the primordial essence in their beneficent work for humanity. There are many builders or "tektons" of varying degrees of spiritual power, all engaged in building "the temple of the soul." Joseph was no exception; and when we read in the Bible that Jesus was a carpenter and the son of a carpenter, we should understand that they were both builders along cosmic lines. In this life Joseph had devoted himself wholly to the occult path, and when the time came that a great Teacher was to incarnate, he was selected to give the fertilizing seed for that teacher's body.

In this way there was provided such a wonderful body as has never been before nor since on earth. It was of the most pure and passionless type, according to the Rosicrucian teachings and researches in the Memory of Nature, for such was the condition of Mary and Joseph when the body which formed around the seed atom of Jesus was conceived. The great ego, Jesus, came into life knowing it was his mission to bring his body up in as pure a way as possible. It was to be his for only thirty years. At the end of that time he was to give it up to another Being much higher than he. It has been said that there were other children born to Mary and Joseph, as the Gospels state that "the brethren of Jesus were present." But when we examine the Greek word which has been translated "brethren," we find it has "relatives" or "cousins" as a meaning. The Immaculate Conception like all other sublime mysteries has been dragged into the gutter of materiality.

When the generative act is performed in a low brutal manner, when it is tainted with lust and passion, it degrades those who participate to the level of beasts. But on the other hand, when prospective parents prepare themselves by prayer and lofty aspirations to perform the act of fecundation as a *sacrament* and not for self-gratification, the conception is immaculate. It is not physical virginity that counts as a virtue for every one is at that stage in early years;

but it is the purity and chastity of the soul which makes the pure virgin, either father or mother, a purity which will carry its possessor through the marriage nuptials without taint of passion and enable the mother to carry her unborn babe under her heart in sexless love. To be born of "a virgin" predicates a past career of spirituality for one who is thus born; and we should cultivate characters so spotless that we may be worthy to inhabit bodies that are immaculately conceived.

According to the Rosicrucian teachings it is necessary to distinguish very sharply between Jesus and Christ. When the Memory of Nature is searched, it is found that the spirit born into the body of Jesus was a very advanced ego, the same ego which had incarnated in a previous life as King Solomon. This great soul had reached a most sublime spirituality through many lives of holy, self-sacrificing service. But in the case of Christ there is no record of any previous embodiment because He does not belong to our evolution.

It is a fact that no one can build a body unless he has learned by evolution to do so. Great and mighty as was the cosmic Sun Spirit Christ, he could not build a dense body in the womb of the mother nor by magical methods as do Adepts for he had never had the experience in the heaven world where the archetypes of bodies are built, nor had he gone through the actual experience of body building such as had mankind for ages. He was two life waves ahead of our humanity, the highest Initiate of the archangels (the humanity of the Sun Period in Rosicrucian terminology), whose evolution in matter only touched the Desire World. Therefore He could not build a denser body than that of desire stuff.

There is very little related in the Gospels regarding the childhood of Jesus after the time of his visit to the wise men in the Temple. But occult tradition states that he went through his early boyhood days in full knowledge of the mission which was his in that life. He was

put into the school of the Essenes on the shores of the Dead Sea. The Essenes were a community of the most devout character. Among them the growing Jesus had his early training. At a later period he went to Persia. This school of the Essenes was a great center of learning, and it had a great library from which he absorbed an immense amount of occult knowledge, regaining that which he had learned in previous lives. At the end of thirty years Jesus had purified his body so far that it could be taken by the great Being whom we call the Christ.

Christ is the greatest revelation of truth we have had from God. He is the Great Revealer. He stated, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." When we follow the events of His three years' ministry on earth, we know that aside from being stepping-stones in the life of a cosmic being they represent also the path of the awakened soul who seeks for truth. They symbolize the path which leads to liberation at Golgotha.

If some one had lived for thousands of years upon a distant planet and had looked clairvoyantly at our earth, he would have seen a gradual change from bad to worse in its Desire World and World of Thought. These were getting more and more filled with murky, bad vibrations. Man in his cosmic childhood was not able to control his impulses, for he was controlled mostly by the desire body, and so after death he had to stay in purgatory almost the entire time between incarnations. There was little progress because the Second Heaven life where we learn to do creative work was almost barren. Had Christ not come to this earth as Redeemer, we should have crystallized ourselves and the earth until we should have been like the moon beings, who have become failures and are on their way back to Chaos, thence to begin another day of manifestation in another life wave. The seer who can read the Memory of Nature sees that to escape such a calamity Christ's benefic influ-

ence was exercised from without the earth ages before His actual advent. He was preparing to act as indwelling Planetary Spirit of our earth and thereby raise its vibrations so as to purify its moral atmosphere.

Christ took possession of the dense and vital bodies of Jesus at the Baptism, and Jesus stepped out of these two vehicles. He turned them over to the Christ Spirit that they might be used to bridge the worlds from God to man. In other words, Christ now had the twelve vehicles necessary to function in the seven worlds of our system. St. Paul enlightens us regarding this great Being: "There is no mediator between God and man except Christ Jesus." Only He knows our weakness and suffering and can carry our prayers to the throne of the Father; only the Christ understands.

It is occult tradition that after the Baptism Christ Jesus sought the Essenes. He, a cosmic Being, knew nothing of a physical body. It was a prison house for His great and glorious Spirit. It would have been shattered by His vibrations had he not withdrawn from it occasionally to release the atoms from the accelerated rate. The Bible speaks of His going into the wilderness for forty days and nights to be tempted of the devil. It was also to have the vibration of His newly acquired physical and vital bodies adjusted by those who knew how to care for them. We read that all through His three years' ministry at stated intervals "He withdrew from His disciples." It was for this purpose.

After the Transfiguration Christ's real ministry began. The Transfiguration is an alchemical process by which the physical body formed by the chemistry of the physiological processes is turned into a living stone, such as mentioned in Revelation. At the present stage of our evolution the effulgence of the indwelling spirit is effectually darkened by our dense body. But we may draw hope from even the science of chemistry: there is nothing on earth so rare and precious as radium, the luminous

extract of the dense, black mineral called pitchblende; and there is nothing so rare as that precious extract of the human body, the radiant Christ principle. It was the vehicles of Jesus which were transfigured temporarily by the indwelling Christ Spirit. But even allowing for the enormous potency of Christ in effecting the transfiguration, it is evident that Jesus must have been a sublime character without peer among men, for the transfiguration as seen in the Memory of Nature reveals his body as a dazzling white, thus showing his dependence upon the Father, the Universal Spirit.

In the Last Supper we see one of the most significant incidents of Christ's ministry. It had a far deeper significance than one last repast with His beloved disciples. He knew that by giving Himself to the death on Calvary He would gain entrance *into the earth* and thereby infuse His own life into all that lives upon it. His body is being broken for us daily in the food we eat. "If we meditate upon that life which is annually poured out in the spring, we shall see it as something gigantic, awe-inspiring; a flood of light which transformed the earth from one of frozen death to rejuvenated life within a short time. The life which diffuses itself in the budding of millions and millions of plants is the life of the Earth Spirit (Christ). From it come both the wheat and the grape. They are the body and blood of the imprisoned Earth Spirit, given to sustain mankind during the present phase of evolution. They must be eaten worthily, otherwise under pain of ill health and even death."

When Christ knelt in Gethsemane with the sorrow of the world resting upon Him, this world He came to save from destruction caused by crystallization and which rejected Him, it was that He should know the agony and sorrow of humanity when everything has culminated in what Gethsemane stands for to them. Had He not drunk of *this* cup, He could not have understood *human* suffering and the loneliness of souls who

die facing their Crucifixion. Had He faltered as we so often do, there would have been no resurrection morn. The destiny of humanity for this cycle was bound up with Him.

In the Crucifixion we see that the mystery of Golgotha was not a human but a cosmic event. Christ was a unique Being who until this time was cosmic and who through the mystery of Golgotha linked Himself with the evolution of the earth, a Being who in His own realms could never have experienced death. He descended to earth to give a *spiritual* impetus to evolving life and to save as many of the stragglers as possible by raising the vibrations of the earth's desire body. Since then He lives in the souls of humanity. But by His great sacrifice He has progressed a stage further in His own evolution. When the blood flowed on Calvary from the wounds in hands, feet, and side, the great Being, Christ, flowed out of the body of Jesus, diffused Himself throughout the earth, and became indwelling Planetary Spirit. The liberation of the Sun Spirit Christ from the physical body of Jesus caused a great and blinding light which, however, produced a sense of darkness, just as when one has gazed at a brilliant light and suddenly enters a darkened room everything seems black. It was due to the glorious liberated Christ Spirit which enveloped the earth; but as the earth absorbed His vibrations normal conditions returned. The vibrations that had thus been started, however, purified and set in rhythmic order the higher worlds and gave a spiritual impulse that could not have been given otherwise. It was this which cleansed and took away the sin of *the world*, and it is this continued influence still working with man that is bringing the spirit of love and altruism more and more into the heart of humanity.

After the events of Golgotha humanity was endowed with the faculty of being able to take with it through the gate of death that which saves man from isolation in the spiritual world. What happened in Palestine was the central

feature not only of human physical evolution but also of evolution in the other worlds. When the Crucifixion had been accomplished, Christ appeared in that world where souls sojourn after death, and He set limits to the power of death. From that minute the region which the Greeks called "the realms of shade" was illuminated by the flash of His spirit, indicating to its inhabitants that "Light" was to come. The great Sacrifice cast light into the spiritual worlds.

What flowed into human evolution with the appearance of Christ acted like a seed, and only slowly can the seed mature. In the ancient past man's connection with the spiritual worlds was kept alive by the Mysteries. Through these the Initiate in special states of the soul was able to receive revelation from the spiritual world.

Had it not been for Bethlehem, Gethsemane, and Calvary and what they typify, our misguided, Lucifer-guided, humanity would have been ages longer in making the evolutionary grade. Most of our life wave would possibly have been lost to evolution.

Death is the great revealer, and the death of Christ-Jesus revealed His life. At some time in man's evolution when by Initiation he learns to sound the name of this great Earth Spirit, his consciousness will be opened to that all pervading Presence. One of the facts revealed to our consciousness by Initiation is the living reality of the Earth Spirit, the Christ. But we shall forever remain blind to His presence and deaf to His voice until we arouse our dormant spiritual nature within. Once this nature has become awakened, however, it will reveal the "Lord of Love" as a reality. Therefore Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." In the past humanity has been looking for a light exterior to itself, but now we have arrived at the place where we must look for the Christ *within* and emulate Him by making ourselves *living* sacrifices as He is doing.

In the Rosicrucian School, when insight is gained into the Mysteries through the intellect, results will be barren unless accompanied by constant acts of love. The intense expression of this quality increases the phosphorescent luminosity and the density of the two higher ethers of our vital bodies. As time goes on, Christ by His beneficent ministrations attracts more and more of the *interplanetary* light and reflecting ethers to the earth, thus making its vital body more luminous. We shall in time be walking in a sea of light, and when we learn to forsake our ways of selfishness and egotism through the constant contact with these beneficent Christ vibrations, we shall become luminous.

Easter is the final act in the cosmic drama involving the descent of the solar Christ Ray into the matter of our earth. The Resurrection was the fulfillment of the mission of Christ. The Rosicrucian Teachings state that during the three days in the tomb the physical body of Jesus which had been used by the Christ was disintegrated by His celestial vibrations. The two higher ethers of the vital body vibrate at a much higher rate than the two lower. When a man by spiritual thought and living has massed around him a great volume of these ethers which then become a part of his vital body, the vibration of the dense body becomes more intense, and when he leaves it at death, its disintegration is very rapid.

When Christ appeared to His disciples He attracted to Himself by an exercise of the will sufficient physical matter to clothe himself in a dense body. Then it was possible for His disciples to touch and handle Him. *Initiated* Invisible Helpers who have passed through the gates of death have learned to attract or repel physical matter by the will, and are able to materialize despite the fact that their archetype has collapsed. The Christ was naturally at the head of this class, and was able to pass through a wall in His vital body and materialize a dense body by His will,

Christ used the vital body of Jesus until the Ascension. It was then taken charge of by the Elder Brothers. It is kept deep in the earth where no uninitiated can penetrate. Vigilant watchers keep constant guard over their precious charge, for were that vehicle destroyed Christ's only avenue of egress from the earth would be cut off, and He would have to remain a prisoner in the earth until the cosmic night dissolves its elements into Chaos.

Easter is an annual symbol that strengthens our souls in the work of well doing that we may grow the Golden Wedding Garment required to make us sons of God in the highest and holiest sense. This soul body consists of an augmented quantity of the two higher ethers of the vital body. When this golden substance has clothed us with sufficient density, then we shall be able to imitate the Easter sun and soar into the higher spheres.

The coming to earth of Christ was the beginning of a new kingdom that shall endure. The preparation for this began 12,000 years ago when the sun by precession was passing through Libra. Christ brought to humanity spiritual love, which is independent of flesh and blood.

The sacrifice of Christ was not an event which, taking place on Golgotha, was accomplished in a few hours once and for all time. The mystic births and deaths of Christ are continual cosmic occasions. This sacrifice is necessary for our spiritual and physical evolution during the present phase of our development, until sufficient of humanity are spiritual enough to propel the earth in its orbit and thus release this great Being from His yearly crucifixion. To quote Max Heindel's own words on this annual occurrence:

"On the darkest night of the year, when the earth sleeps most soundly in winter's cold embrace, when material activities are at their lowest ebb, a wave of spiritual energy carries upon its crest the 'divine creative Word' from

heaven to earth in the mystic birth of Christmas. As a luminous cloud this spiritual impulse 'broods over the world that knew it not.' This divine creative Word has a message and a mission. It was born to love the world and give its life for the world. It must of necessity sacrifice its life in order to accomplish the rejuvenation of nature. Gradually it buries itself in the earth and commences to infuse its vital energy into millions of seeds which lie dormant in the ground. It whispers the 'word of life,' into the ears of bird and beast, until this gospel of good news has been preached to every living creature.

"This sacrifice is fully consummated at Easter. Christ dies upon the cross of the earth at that time (in a mystical sense) while uttering as a last triumphant cry, 'It has been accomplished.' The whole of creation takes up the echo to the celestial song, a legion of tongues repeat it over and over. The little seeds in the bosom of mother earth commence to germinate—they burst and sprout in all directions. From the furred and feathered tribes the 'word of life' re-echoes as a song of love impelling them to mate. Generation and multiplication are everywhere. The spirit has risen to more abundant life."

This annual life wave carries with it the full consciousness of the cosmic Christ. The connection between the death of the Savior upon the cross of the earth at Easter and the vital energy which expresses itself so profusely in spring is "the key" to one of the most sublime mysteries encountered by the human spirit in its pilgrimage from clod to God.

When man reaches the stage where he desires lasting release from sorrow more than anything else and commences to seek the path of purity and self-abnegation, then he is instructed in the mysteries of Golgotha, the Grail Cup, the Cleansing Blood, and the Rose Cross. Christ in His final session with His disciples took *the Cup as the symbol of the*

New Testament. This was no ordinary cup into which any liquid might be poured, nor was the liquid alone that which had the potency to ratify the new covenant. This great mystery lies in the fact that *the cup and its contents* were integral and necessary parts of one sublime whole. The German word for cup is *kelch*, the Latin, *calyx*, both meaning the outer covering of the seed pod of the flower. The Greek word for cup is *potarion*, which means pot or receptacle. Our English words potent and impotent, meaning to possess or to lack virile strength, further show the meaning of the Greek word which foreshadows our evolution from man to superman.

Humanity is suffering with a wound that will not heal, a wound made by the abuse of the spiritual creative power. This power is lost to man on account of excesses induced by the lower nature. Since the time Adam and Eve (humanity) ate of the tree of knowledge (sex generation) misuse of the creative power has been man's weakness. All flesh has been conceived in passion and sin. The generation of the plant, however, is pure and immaculate. The fragrant flower, particularly the red rose, stands in direct symbolical opposition to the tainted flesh. The flower is the generative organ of the plant. It tells us that immaculate conception in love and purity is the path to peace, happiness, and progress. It is our animal passions that keep us from the path of attainment, and it was the knowledge of the absolute necessity of chastity upon the part of those who have had a spiritual awakening (except where procreation is the object) that dictated the words of the Christ in giving the cup as a symbol of the *New Covenant*. The cup represents the seed pod of the flower which holds the life essence. The Grail Cup stands for the immaculate human being and the untainted creative power. It is the ideal through which the awakened mystic learns of "the cleansing blood of Christ." Paul the apostle stated an esoteric truth when he said that those

who partake unworthily of the communion cup without living the pure life are in danger of sickness and death.

The holy mystery of this cup of the New Covenant is the key to the mystery of Golgotha. When we have learned through pain, sorrow, and suffering to drink worthily, we shall then find the "Light" within ourselves which will guide us to the Lord of Love.

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

—Rev. 3:8.

Life

BY CHAS. I. STARRETT.

Ahead are sweet scented flowers,
And mountains of wearisome height,
As the Path windeth through the long
afternoon,
And endeth at last with the night.

But the night over there is the morning,
And the brightness again intervenes,
And what I thought would be darkness
Is the gayest of silvery sheen.

So friends, fear not for the future,
It only appears to be dark
To those who have not found the secret
That lieth deep down in the heart.

The Spinal Spirit Fire

The mounting upward (of the spinal spirit fire) sets the pituitary body and the pineal gland into vibration, opening up the spiritual sight. Striking the frontal sinus it starts the *crown of thorns* throbbing with pain as the bond with the physical body is burned by the sacred spirit fire, which wakes this center from its age-long sleep to a throbbing pulsating life, sweeping onward to the other centers in the *five-pointed stigmatic star*. They are also vitalized, and the whole vehicle becomes aglow with a golden glory.—Max Heindel.

Science, Religion, and Mysticism

BY SAMUEL L. LEWIS

(Concluded)

WHEN WE realize that these are not the blind thunderings of a fundamentalist or reactionary, when we hear a call for light and still more light from such a source, it should make us pause and consider.

With all this we are still forced to protect the Bible against both friend and foe. It is not yet possible to get a fair hearing on the relationship between the Pentateuch and the Egyptian teachings. Even the latest discoveries in the Holy Land have little affected those who see chiefly a strong Babylonian influence. Neither the statement that Moses was learned in the sciences of the Egyptians, nor the Jewish traditions of discrete interpretations of texts, nor the insistence of Philo and the early Church Fathers on allegorical interpretation have made much impression. We still hold to the letter and ignore the spirit.

The time may come when we shall have with us, as one savant has already suggested, a Moses to write on "the mistakes of Bob Ingersoll." We seek for some ancient trail that will save us alike from the darkness of superstition and the delusions of materialism, but forget that to uncover esoteric knowledge there must be *an awakening of the spirit*. "Ye must be born from above." This inner awakening or rebirth is one of the corner stones of true religion, one which all great teachers have proclaimed, and which some of our far-sighted scholars, as James and Hocking, have given proper recognition to, although by this act they have become *personae non gratae* to our Huxleyans and super-Darwinians. But until the veil over the Book of Genesis is lifted, all dispute, argument, discussion, debating, et cetera are mere quibbling which can do naught but ex-

cite men's passions and lead even to worse results.

Within the last few years there has appeared a rather important book, "The Dance of Life," by Havelock Ellis, in which he relates his own inner experience and tells of its import. Now I do not know whether Mr. Ellis should be classified as a scientist. But the fact that he has collated a mass of psychological and other data is of no avail in face of this claim of his to have transcended the physical and to have felt the pulse of the cosmos, realizing something of the "dance of the soul," an experience of many mystics. Enough—he must be excommunicated; he is no longer safe!

The name of Edward Carpenter may also be mentioned here. This man began life as a scientist, but passing through the inner awakening of the mystic, endeavored to bring to the world something of his knowledge. His inner life, which is reflected at great length in his "Towards Democracy," is paralleled in Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Renaissance," one of the finest poems of this century.

Neither Ellis nor Carpenter nor Miss Millay have impressed our modern academicians. They still go back to the Middle Ages—or as some one has called them, the "Muddle Ages"—in their treatment of mysticism. A modern mystic is impossible and the mystics of the Orient have been ignored; that we may include among them one of the greatest kings of all times, Akbar, the Great Mogul, means nothing, for our *critics'* theories would have to be revamped, and no good "scientist" should ever "lose face."

In some respects this has been unfortunate. Despite the growth of Comparative Theology and the many movements that have sprung up since Madame

Blavatsky began her journeyings, there is still a great gap between the Academy and the new cults. A good book on universal mysticism may still be awaiting the light of day. Dr. Bucke bravely essayed this task; he has been pooh-poohed, and he did lack the historical knowledge requisite for such an undertaking.

The results of a survey of all schools of mysticism, in every country, would show a vast amount of evidence in regard to the higher stages of the soul's progress and the lives of many "travelers." Even "The Travel Diary of a Philosopher" would pale into insignificance before such a work.

In the cosmic state of consciousness, or Samadhi, finiteness disappears. One is at one with time and space and the universe. This grows into at-onement with God, an experience indescribable, yet which can be reflected in many ways. Mystics, occultists, poets, musicians, and others have felt in degree something of the Universal Presence.

There is something in this experience or in the philosophical description of it which is quite consistent with the new Mathematics of the Infinite referred to above. For instance, in this condition the part becomes equal to the whole, which is true with infinite quantities. Likewise the mathematical Infinite is non-inductive; this is also true of the cosmic state and Divinity. Despite the claims of certain psychologists that they can explain this condition with their present-day knowledge it can no more be done than we can explain transfinite numbers with our ordinary numerals. Concentration and contemplation are needed by mathematician and mystic alike. Professor Keyser of Columbia University has noted the strong resemblance in the inner life of mathematician and poet, both of whom must transcend the sensual world and rise to an inner heaven.

Another parallel that might be drawn to the relation between the mystic and

other psychological types is that between the radioactive and the other chemical elements. To have explained the phenomena of radium in terms of the chemistry and physics of 1890 would have availed naught, but the study of radium has thrown new light on all the other elements. So a study of the mystic will help us to understand all other human types.

Along with this is the fact that we may not know so much of the human body as is sometimes assumed. Endocrinology is in its infancy, and our physicians still ignore all claims of the occultists and such "charlatans" as Reichenbach in regard to our marvelous physical structure. We only hope, if we cannot predict, that the next generation will see a marked change in this attitude.

Now we are in a position to offer a definition:

Revelation is the recording of knowledge received in the cosmic state of consciousness.

Particularly is it the knowledge given to those enlightened and developed souls called Masters, or to those who are regarded by their followers as prophets or Divine Incarnations. Actually everything received in this state is Revelation, but it is difficult, if not impossible, to prove this to others, and the lesser cannot judge the greater. When one is defending mysticism or occultism or any other philosophy and the question is asked, "What are your proofs?" the answer is, "What would you consider a proof?" Naturally you cannot give an exact description of higher knowledge, and this is the reason why so much sacred writing has been allegorical.

It may be asked, "How can one reach this stage?" It is almost impossible to give a perfect answer, for in the hour when ye think it least, the Son of Man cometh. Various schools and various teachers have their methods or directions or practices, but all agree that the one great Master-teaching is Love. It is through Love that our consciousness expands. It is through Love that we

grow; Love can cross continents and span oceans! Love can bridge the gap between earth and heaven; Love can unite us to our beloved anywhere, and it is through Love we find at-one-ment with God.

At-one-ment is attunement. Through the attunement of hearts we come close one to another. Whether it is Love between parent and child, between sweet-hearts, between friends, there is attunement. It is this love nature, centered in our hearts, that can expand and grow until one finds the Source and Essence of Creation, and then we learn something of our true being. It has been said, "Not by self-realization does man find God, but by God-realization man finds his true self."

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Not in his head, but in his heart. The center of intuition is in the heart as the center of intellect and reason is in the head. The more we use our intuition, the more we realize this is God speaking in us and through us, and that the essence of intuition is divine love. This is the Master Teaching of all ages, and the pearl of wisdom and religion.

In his "Problems of Philosophy," Bertrand Russell sums up "The Value of Philosophy" (final chapter) with such passages as these:

"Knowledge is a form of union of Self and not-Self."

"The impartial which, in contemplation, is the unalloyed desire for truth, is the very same quality of mind, which, in action, is justice, and in emotion, is that universal love which can be given to all"

"Philosophy is to be studied above all because through the greatness of the universe which philosophy contemplates, the mind also is rendered great, and becomes capable of that union with the universe which constitutes its highest good."

One might also quote here from G. Stanley Hall's chapter on "Adolescent Love," in volume II of his "Adolescence," page 137:

"We and the world exist just in the degree in which we press to our perfect goal of union with God."

From the pen of one of our greatest Americans, this passage should and can become a universal maxim. We could follow with quotations from Millikan, Kellogg, Jordan, and others pointing the way out of our present-day conflict. Russell has been especially mentioned because he is not a deist. But when we get to the root of the matter, we can see all science, all religion, all philosophy, all art, all culture go to prove in the end the mystical point of view, which alone reconciles and unites them, holding the one while they portray the many.

It has been said: "God is His own proof;" and, "To define God is to dethrone God." Christ in His day tried to explain universal truths to simple minds. His auditors could not understand, so He formulated symbols and parables, some of which were personal. Those of a later age, preserving not His spirit, have either perverted the teachings through ignorance or else have come to regard much of what He is purported to have said, as meaningless.

In the New Age when peoples of all races, religions, and degrees of culture are mingling, a world point-of-view is necessary. So long as we live in our heads and bow before the throne of reason, so long can we advance only so far as reason will permit. Only when we begin to develop our heart faculties, when we employ our intuitions, shall we know and understand and live Love, and only then can we find the solution to life's problems.

Professor Hildebrand, dean of the College of Chemistry at the University of California, a real scientist although presumably not a mystic, has long held that there are no adequate grounds for conflict between science and religion, that they both have one supreme ideal, and that is Love. But call it love or beauty or any other name, we feel sure

the Professor will agree that these are but terms for the Ideal of Ideals Who is the sum total of all, before Whom we should bow our heads and bend our knees.

God needs no proof. Today we need insight for the life within as well as education for the life without. By liv-

ing this balanced life we shall see our way through every problem and perplexity confronting the human mind, quandaries will dissolve themselves, and we shall have mental disarmament, so much more necessary than physical, and be on the high road to lasting World Peace.

Circles

By S. MCK. McINTYRE

TERROR of the closing of a circle began upon the awakening of a murderer the morning after he had disposed of the victim of his crime and had gone far on his way toward escape from the consequences of it.

He had turned upon his back in the clean bed of a hotel room, and was gloating over the fact that he was free and that he had ample funds, youth, and the garden spots of the earth before him, when a slight shadow seemed to cross the vision of his eye that was nearest the entrance to his room. He turned his head quickly, his heart thumped terrifically in his breast, but he saw nothing that could have caused the shadow, and he laughed at himself.

"Think of it! After all I've been through this past week without turning a hair, then to have my heart jump like that at an imaginary shadow is surely sickening," he exclaimed as he jumped out of bed. He dressed, left the building, and was soon on his way toward fields that would lend to his sense of still greater freedom.

But each morning when he awoke the shadow again crossed his line of vision, and although at first it had appeared to be but the size of a man's hand, yet it had grown and grown until the morning after his capture and incarceration it had reached the height of a short man. It was beginning to take on human shape, and its first colors, varying with the slant of the sunlight in the different places

where he had stopped along his route, had settled into a shade of blue that was plainly discernible against the background formed by the dull gray of the walls of his cell.

In vain he tried to believe that his imagination was working overtime, or else that his eyes were becoming defective, but the reappearance of the shaping blue figure at times when it had been farthest from his thoughts convinced him that it was not a figment of his imagination; also his ability to thread a very fine needle with ease proved to him that his sense of sight was as perfect as need be.

Then he took himself in hand and tried to beat the figure from him or else to curse it out of existence, but without success. Next he tried to use it in his plea of insanity at his trial. He claimed that he had always been haunted by a blue spirit that had influenced him to do wrong against his will. But he was judged sane, and he found the blue figure lying softly beside him when he awoke the following morning. He arose quickly and climbed into the narrow bunk of his cell mate, seeking companionship and escape from the ghastly blue thing that was assuming more human shape each day, and that had begun to fill his heart with greater terror in the darkness of each night; for at night the blue of the figure had begun to shine through the darkness until he could see it in whichever direction he looked.

He felt sure it must be the spirit of

his victim. He had heard that victims always haunted those who had murdered them, and while the physical body of the child he had destroyed had held no terrors for him, yet he knew he should go mad with terror if her spirit were continually before his eyes throughout the few earthly days left to him. This terror and his horror of the death before him seemed more than his brain could stand.

The last night after he had been taken to his cell in the death house he had tossed sleeplessly for an hour on his bed, tortured by thoughts of the awful death ahead of him through which he must pass in full consciousness and in the strength of young manhood, when all lights in the building went out and left him alone in utter darkness. The darkness in his cell became so thick that he could almost feel it, and the terrible silence about him affected his nerves to such an extent that he finally left his rocklike couch and groped his way to his cell door. Here he pressed his ear closely to an iron bar in hopes that he should be able to hear the slow, dull thud, thud, of the steps of the sentry coming in his direction over the concrete floor. But soon the slight trouble at the power house had been overcome, a light down the corridor suddenly flared up, and the blinking youthful murderer turned again to his cot. He seated himself on its edge, and pressed his fingertips against his weary eyes until they should again become accustomed to the faint reflection in his cell of the distant light that dispelled the thick darkness.

And while he waited his mind again resumed its grinding out of the thoughts that had been a ceaseless torture to him since the days of his trial when his crime had been brought to light in all its horrible details, thoughts vivifying the last acts and words of his victim; her bravery and her often expressed hope that she would soon be restored to her home and family; her tears and the sobs that she tried to suppress; her blackening face and protruding tongue as he drew a cord tighter about her neck.

Swifter and swifter raced his thoughts; swifter and swifter changed the scenes; thoughts of his race to escape punishment for his deed, his capture, his plea of insanity, his trial, his interviews with his soul-tortured mother, his sentence to death by a judge who could not pronounce that sentence in the usual way because of his pity for the boy not yet out of his teens.

Last of all came thoughts of his incarceration in the death house after all hope of further reprieve had fled, when his horror of the awful death before him had so filled his heart and so completely stripped from him the cloak of bravado in which he had clothed himself that he had turned gladly to the ministrations of a kindly priest.

With fingers still pressing his eyes he finally stood erect, and not quite conscious of his action he began to move. Slowly he placed one foot before the other until his bare toes felt a wall before him. With his eyes still closed he extended his arms up over the cement wall, turned his face upward, and moaned aloud:

"How could I ever have done so horrible a thing? How, how could I in my short life have learned to be so fiendish, so insensible to the anguish of others, so callous to the destruction of an innocent little child?"

In his anguish the prisoner's body relaxed and sagged against the cold wall, when a new terror seized him. A voice sounded clearly through the dimness of his cell.

"Thy life has been short only in this thy last physical instrument," it announced. "It had no beginning. It will have no end."

The murderer's hands dropped to his sides, and slowly he turned, the look of fear materialized blanching his face.

"You have come," he said in a voice of finality as he sank slowly down upon the only chair allowed him and gazed with stricken eyes at the plainly discernible figure before him, surprised that it had taken the shape of a man instead

of that of the girl he had expected it to take.

"Yes. I come always to help the repentant sinful, but seldom do they see or heed me."

"I deserve my fate; I do not ask for help."

"I come not to give physical help to thee, and thou hast already received spiritual help through me, though thou dost not now realize it. But I would that I could persuade the destroyers of thy body of the wisdom of allowing the Higher Powers to take charge of thy punishment, which would then be so perfectly carried out that never throughout all eternity wouldst thou be again tempted to strip from an ego its earthly instrument. Neither would there be brought upon thy nation their deserved punishment for ruthlessly stripping from thy ego its body until it had gained its full allotted experience through that body."

"The Bible says that he who sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed," said the prisoner in finality.

"Yes? Gentiles claim to be Christians mostly, but still they cling to the laws of a race they despise, and they heed not the laws of their own advanced Teacher. Moses gave ten commandments suited to the advancement of the people of his day, eight of which decree, 'Thou shalt not.' Christ gave two commandments of 'Thou shalt,' suited to the advancement of the people of thy day. Should people use lamps now that a greater light has come?

"Is not thy sincere repentance evidence of the benefits thou wouldst gain by the preservation of thy body that thou hast been so long in perfecting? Does not this increase the responsibility of the destroyers of thy body to thy Creator whose laws none may escape?

"Hast thou not proved to them that thou art repentant? Hast thou not acknowledged thy guilt and done all in thy power to obtain forgiveness for it? Hast thou not humbled thyself before God and before man, and asked forgive-

ness not only from God in secret but from all who have been in any way injured by thee, even to the parents of the child whose body thou didst destroy? This thou hast done publicly.

"And hast thou not spent thy very last hours in warning the youth of the nation against following in thy footsteps? Hast thou not raised thy voice through the press against the printing of crimes in all their horrible details, that they might not serve as educators of the youth of this day in the ways of criminals, as well as instigators to yet greater crimes than have yet been committed? Hast thou not stated a great truth when thou didst say that it would pay the nation to let thee live that thy particular complexes might be studied? Would not thy service in this latter respect alone entitle thee to the possession of thy body, that thou might spend the remainder of thy earth life in great service to thy race?"

The murderer became too lost in thought to remember for a while his former horrible fear of the wraithlike figure before him from which now came words of power.

"Thou hast not yet come into possession of thy full grown mind," continued the voice, "and thy governors are so aware for they would not have enfranchised thee for yet another year. Therefore their responsibility concerning thee is the greater. Furthermore, it should be easy for them to reason out that thou art but the product of the ages gone before thee when thou didst live in other physical instruments as thou now livest in this one. The most advanced of thy race already know this. Yet a little while and all shall know it from the least to the greatest. The tendencies developed in thee in the past still cling to thee. Thou wast a killer of human sacrifices during thy last earth life, wherefore thy callousness to the sufferings of others and to the taking of human life now. These tendencies are not in thy physical body; taking it from thee will not educate them out of thee nor aid thee in thy efforts to

overcome them. They must be overcome whilst thou art in the flesh. Taking thy body from thee but delays thy evolution."

In terror the murderer raised piteous eyes to the speaker as his words now recalled forgotten studies.

"All life is vibration. All vibration travels in circles. That which thou sendest out makes a circle, and returns to thee again just as thou sendest it out. That which thou sendest out whilst thou art in this earth body returns to thee; if not in this life it will come in a later earth life. The child which thou didst murder reaped the effects of the vibrations which she in a former life had sent out or they could not have come to her in this earth life."

"Shall I at some time be —" gasped the murderer, and there his voice failed him. He could not for terror speak the word "strangled."

"As thou sowest so shalt thou also reap, is a law, not a platitude. None escape it. The vibrations thou didst send out included not only the suffering of the murdered child but the agony of her relatives and of thine own. Thou must endure not only her suffering but the suffering contingent on thy act before thou wilt be purged of all tendency to again commit this sin."

The youth, just turned twenty, rose unsteadily to his feet, stumbled to his cot and sank unconscious upon it, though the papers next day claimed that he had slept calmly throughout the night.

At daybreak he regained consciousness, arose, and feverishly began to set his house in order, another terror so filling his mind that he no longer feared the blue figure that continually hovered near him.

He again wrote letters of contrition to all who had suffered through him. He gave his pitifully few belongings to those he thought would benefit by his gifts, while his eyes occasionally turned to the blue figure as though he were seeking some sign of approbation for his acts.

"Let me do what I can to mitigate," he was whispering to himself when the guards came. They strapped his hands to his sides, rushed him across the corridor outside his cell, and hurried him up the thirteen dreadful steps to the gallows.

One look upward and the words he had been saying in answer to the litany read by an accompanying priest ceased.

"Oh, my God! Oh, my God! Is the first circle going to close now?" His lips formed these words, but no sound came forth.

He fainted and fell sidewise as the trap beneath him was sprung. And only the ethereal man who helped the ego free itself from its physical instrument which the physician pronounced dead fifteen minutes later, knew that the youth had been conscious during the greater part of the time while he was being strangled, though the audience had suspected this when it had watched and commented upon the clutching and clinching of the victim's hands during the first ten minutes.

A primary circle for the lad had closed, but the circle of evil committed by a nation had opened to admit one more crime.

Death!

Death!

Ah, no!

It is not so,

But only, dear, a space of peaceful sleep,
Then graceful waking in my Master's arms.

Oh, do not weep,

Nor feel alarm

At this, a quiet stilling of my breath.

Know this, dear one, the Silver Strand's release

But joins me to the Golden Strand—and Peace.

Then do not call to me, nor weep,

But kiss my eyelids, dear,

And know my soul is smiling,

As it finds—surcease.

—Prudence Van Tine.

A Trip to the Picture Gallery

A Personal Experience

By R. M. B.

A GOOD many years ago I was with the U. S. Army, doing duty in a small village on the Island of Luzon, P. I. While on guard one morning I had a rather odd experience. My post extended along part of the plaza in front of the officers' quarters, dining hall, and several other small buildings; the rear part was through a large fenced yard. The ground was hard and level. Near the center of the yard was a well. This well was about five feet in diameter and twenty-five or thirty feet deep. The wall of the well extended about three feet above ground. This gives a fairly good word picture of the place.

It was about two-thirty A. M. and pitch dark, so dark that I could not see at all. I had made several rounds and was starting through the yard again. Probably I had taken ten steps when I thought I heard some unusual sound where I had passed. I turned back a few steps, investigated, but could not find anything wrong, so turned and started around in what I thought was the proper direction. Now remember, the ground was level and hard, the night was pitch dark. My left foot struck a brick, I stumbled forward, my belt came against something. In a flash I knew I had made a terrible mistake. I tried to reach out with my gun to save myself, missed, then started to fall head first. I knew there were sharp rocks at the bottom of the well. I was certain that my time had come. Somewhere I saw a pin point of light. This pin point rapidly expanded to a blinding light, then snap! the curtain went up. What I saw is hard to explain and harder to understand. I saw my past life as a marvelous moving picture with this exception: time and distance and speed did not exist! Everything appeared at once and

vanished at once. Just how such a thing can happen in a fraction of a second is marvelous.

I hit the bottom, gun first, with arms in a spring position. This broke the fall. I didn't know it because I had my mind made up that it was the end. So when I managed to get into a sitting position, I commenced to reason out that perhaps death was not so bad after all, and a lot of other odd thoughts came and went. Suddenly I felt thousands of needle points all over my body. Then I thought I was still alive. Then I was afraid to move because it struck me I might find that I was mistaken. However I determined to find out what my standing was, so I willed to move, and I moved a little. This, as I recall, was very satisfactory. So I felt around for my gun and got it. It was O. K. I shoved a shell into the chamber, held the gun above my head, and fired. It sounded like a cannon. The corporal of the guard stuck his head above the well and asked me what I was doing down there. What I said and what he said is nobody's business. Enough to say the boys got a rope, lowered it, I tied it around my chest under the arms, gave the word, and so to the surface.

Outside of a bad shaking up and a slight scratch, no damage. No one could figure out just how this could happen with such a pleasant ending. But the bugler didn't blow taps. Sometimes I think he was cheated. Taps means finis.

I always seek the good that is in people and leave the bad to Him who made mankind and knows how to round off the corners.—*A Saying of Goethe's Mother.*

—*Book of Remembrance,*

Esoteric Bible Studies

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST JESUS

III—*The Baptism.*

6. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7. And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8. I indeed have baptized you with water: but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan.

10. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

—*St. Mark 1: 6-11.*

INTERPRETATION

Every series of mystic rites includes a ceremonial of purification with water. The festival of the Eleusinian Mysteries included baths. The Tabernacle in the Wilderness had its Laver of Purification. So in the life of the great Way-Shower of the Christian religion, Christ Jesus, the next important step in which we must learn to follow Him is that of the Baptism. The water, of course, is only symbolic of the great inner purification. The Baptism really represents that place in the life of the neophyte where his heart has become awakened, when he is no longer content to think of himself first, when he cannot be happy and enjoy the beauties and luxuries of life while his brother man is starving and dying

for lack of the bare necessities of existence.

When a person has had the real, mystic experience of the Baptism, which is a great spiritual awakening *within*, accompanied by a great spiritual down-pouring from *without or above*, such a one can no longer say, "My country (or my family or my church) first," for he yearns to soothe, to comfort, to bring healing, peace, love, and understanding, true spiritual understanding, to the entire world.

He sorrows with the taking of the life of every condemned criminal, with the taking of the life of his younger brothers of the animal kingdom, with the downfall in reputation and character of any man or woman. He knows, or else he has never passed through this mystic rite of Baptism, that we are all parts of one great whole. And so he has come to realize that where another has failed, he has in part failed also; that he is in a certain measure responsible to God's great Laws of Love and Truth and Justice for the shortcomings of everyone else. Like the great Compassionate One he too weeps for the sins of Jerusalem.

Such a person, who has been truly baptized, understands the meaning of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. He goes forward in the light of a high and holy purpose. He lives only that he may give of himself, not only his worldly possessions, be they great or small, but of *himself* in service to others. "Present your bodies a *living* sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." So sang one of the great and spiritually awakened seers who had passed through this holy rite of Baptism.

Upon the head of such a one rests the dove of spiritual power, and where he goes the clouds of inharmony part and

the voice of God is heard saying: "Thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

This represents the attainment which all mankind will have made at the time of the Sixth Epoch, when all separateness and all races will have been done away with; when we are once again a united whole; when every man shall seek the good of others. This is the "*pitcher of water*" which the Master told Peter and John to look for when they went into the city to prepare for the Last Supper. One who bears this pitcher of water always has an *upper chamber* (the head) *furnished and prepared*.

The Master Jesus had built the purest, most perfect body that it was possible to build. The sublime spirituality of the Sons of Seth—those who follow *the path of water, or faith*—was centered in Jesus at the time of his baptism in the waters of the river Jordan. When he arose from the *water* he was in the same state as Hiram Abiff when he came forth from the *fire*. He had left Jehovah as Hiram had left Samael, and each was ready to serve the Christ. In esoteric parlance each spirit had reached the full attainment of the Water and the Fire development respectively, and so they were both ready for the next great step known to the student of the deeper Christian mysteries as following the Christ by the blending of these two great principles *within oneself*.

The pure and holy ego known as Jesus left his body at the Baptism, and the great archangel, the Christ, descended as a dove to inhabit that body during the three years of His glorious ministry. The beautiful body of Jesus was Christ's means of ingress into the earth. The plan of redemption was made possible through the combination of Christ and Jesus. Therefore it is true in the very highest sense and also in the most literal sense too when St. Paul says, "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—I *Timothy* 2:5.

The Ancient Wisdom

BY PRENTISS TUCKER

Towering above all man-made institutions, like some great heaven-piercing peak which shoulders high over the mountains of the range, upon whose head the sunshine falls while yet the lower hills are wrapped in shadows, the great Teaching of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood lifts its mighty brow above the lesser hills and peaks of mortal philosophy and the speculations of ignorance and fanaticism.

When this great Wisdom first was given to men we are not told, but this we know that the pathway of the human race is strewn with the wrecks and fragments of former attempts to give this precious treasure to suffering humanity. And humanity, deluded by its superstitions and crude illusions, has ever clung desperately to the false and trampled under foot the true.

But a new day is dawning, and black-browed Superstition is weakening in the first glorious beams of the ancient Wonder-Lore divine. Up the steep paths leading toward the peak of KNOWLEDGE innumerable multitudes of men have toiled with blistered feet and bleeding hands until, climbing above the sordid levels of earth's frantic follies, they are resting their aching limbs upon its crest and bathing their souls in that supernal glory of radiant light which grows ever brighter and brighter as the Seeker climbs toward the heights, a light too dazzling for earthly eyes to behold as it scintillates and sparkles with the Wisdom of the Spirit.

Criticism

In men whom men denounce as ill
I see so much of goodness still,
In men whom men pronounce divine
I see so much of sin and blot,
I hesitate to draw the line
Between the two, where God has not.

—*Joaquin Miller.*

Worth-While News

Senator Schall's Triumph Over Blindness

The story of a twenty-one-year struggle against the handicap of blindness and of an effort to continue the practice of law through the assistance of his wife was related today by Senator Schall of Minnesota.

Speaking over the Columbia Broadcasting System, Schall explained he lost his sight at the age of 30 from an electric shock.

When he became blind he asked his wife if he should sell lead pencils and she replied:

"I should say not, Tom. We're going to practice law. I will be your eyes. You have your profession. In a short time, I am sure, you can try a lawsuit as well without your sight as you could with it. People will trust a blind man, if he has the ability, just as quick as a man with sight."

"So I went back to the practice of law," he continued, "broke, worse than broke—in debt—and blind. It was a weary road. It was like learning to walk all over again. I worked along in the darkness a good deal harder than when I had my sight."

"I never realized what a weak flabby thing the seeing brain is. I was normal, perhaps a little above normal, having taken honors in my class. But, like every other seeing person, I had always depended on my sight, not my memory. When I had to rely on my memory, I found it was like a muscle that had atrophied from lack of use."

He explained that when he was preparing a case, his wife would read passages to him again and again "until at last, after stupendous efforts the flabby old brain tissue tightened until it could stand alone."

"Through chastisement has come to me understanding. With that understanding I realize the truth. I no longer pray to have this cup taken from me, but accept the fight as it is presented to me. After twenty-one years of darkness, I wouldn't trade the understanding that has come to me for all the eyes in the world."

"I entered the forest of darkness untamed, undisciplined, grasping, selfish. I came out of that darkness when understanding became my sight, when I had learned to bear disappointment, when I had comprehended that the thing was to be done for love of the cause and not for self-aggrandizement."

Schall was elected to the Senate in 1924 after serving ten years in the House.—*Los Angeles Times*.

Thomas Schall, member of the United States Senate from Minnesota, has made a brilliant demonstration of the fact that blindness does not necessarily put a man down and out. Instead of giving up and quitting as most blind men do, he compelled himself by sheer force of will and character to continue with his legal work and the development of his mind until finally he won a seat in the United States Senate. Of course, every blind man is not as fortunate in having an able wife to stand by him and help him through. A striking point in the above radio speech by Senator Schall refers to the weak, flabby thing he found the seeing brain to be. When unassisted by eyesight, passages had to be read to him many times before he could remember them. Misfortune, however, is many times the lapidary which polishes the human stone and brings out its lustre.

The Russian Social Experiment

The Soviet government loses the last vestige of consideration from civilized peoples by its relentless war upon religious organizations, of every denomination. Churches, synagogues and mosques are being slowly converted into workshops and warehouses. Church bells are being taken down and melted for industrial uses. Without pretense or apology the band that rules Russia says it will determine the spiritual as well as the secular affairs of the people. Nothing could be farther than this from the American conception of popular government. Russia is now ruled by a cruel cabal of crafty politicians, whose first purpose is to remove every other influence except their own. Whatever the hopes for the original ideal of Lenin and Trotzky and the probability of their being imposed upon a great nation, they are gradually going glimmering. No finely-grained, sensitive people like the Russians will long tolerate the brutal rule of the materialist.—*Los Angeles Daily News*.

The reports of tearing down churches and persecution of religious organizations in Russia seem to be more or less

authentic as they are appearing quite generally in the current press, both newspapers and magazines. There may be another side to the matter, however. A former officer of the Czar's army, at present at Mt. Ecclesia, a man who knows Russia well, states that in spite of appearances to the contrary he thinks Russia is making distinct strides forward toward a new and improved era. He says Europeans and Americans can not apply the same rules and conceptions to the Russian people as they do to themselves because the Russians are distinctly different in character. He thinks the Communistic regime in Russia is paving the way for a greater demonstration of universal brotherhood than the world has yet seen. This idea is somewhat supported by the fact that the Russian people are being reduced economically all to the same level and classes are being done away with. Russia may be showing us how to make a practical demonstration of universal brotherhood which we under our capitalistic system are unable to do. Time will tell, however.

Narcotic Education Week

Narcotic drug addiction has become a major world problem. In one form or another, it is either devastating or menacing every region of the globe. The menace is particularly alarming in America.

Congressman Fish, before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, recently estimated that most of our criminals use narcotic drugs to generate the daring to commit their crime, and that the resulting yearly economic burden laid upon our people exceeds \$5,000,000,000.

A stream of boys and girls, as young as fourteen, is pouring into the underworld of our cities. It is estimated that 75,000 girls from all walks of life disappeared from the homes of America last year, an increase of fifty per cent in the estimate for the previous year. Investigation has shown that a large percent of the boys and girls arriving in the underworld, have come down the "drug road." The boy drug addicts recruit the robber gangs that create our crime wave with its daring hold-ups and cruel and unnatural murders.

This horrible, indefensible exploitation of our people and the people in other lands is carried on by a powerful, secret inter-

national drug ring that uses the huge overproduction of narcotic drugs manufactured in violation of the solemn treaty obligations of the European nations, estimated at a total of 8,600 tons of opium, while the legitimate amount, to which the nations are pledged, required for medicinal purposes, is estimated at 336 tons.

Education constitutes the very foundation for the protection of the individual and the safety of society in this new narcotic drug environment. The International Narcotic Education Association, Incorporated, and its subsidiary, the World Conference on Narcotic Education, 578 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., in their difficult task of organizing and developing Narcotic Education in America and in other lands, invoke the helpful cooperation of good men and good women and of constructive organizations everywhere. They appeal especially for the helping hand of those who are associated with the organic function of education and religion in bringing about systematized narcotic education for the youth in schools, colleges and Sunday Schools. For the education of the public at large to lay the foundation for an enlightened and militant public opinion we appeal for the cooperation of the press, pulpit, screen, radio, clubs, organizations and individual citizens.—*World Conference on Narcotic Education.*

The fourth week of February was Narcotic Education Week throughout the world, sponsored by the World Conference on Narcotic Education. During that week there occurred the annual conference of committees on narcotic education, held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, presided over by Capt. Richard P. Hobson of Merrimac fame. The rapid rate at which boys and girls are being "hooked" by narcotic peddlers is extremely alarming. Adults are also becoming addicts at a rapid rate, in many cases through the instrumentality of physicians who administer opiates unnecessarily. Well informed observers state that at the present rate of increase of addiction, within a comparatively short period narcotics will be the foe above all foes which the world will have to grapple with if civilization is to be saved. Narcotics destroy the moral fibre of people so quickly and so completely that little can be done after the process is started. The only salvation is education to prevent it from getting under way.

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. Once each month the questions not answered here are answered by letter.

BY KITTIE S. COWEN

How to Attain Spiritual Insight

Question:

We hear much about "head development" and "heart development" when one talks with occult students. How is it possible when studying a lesson, say one of those belonging to the Preliminary Course, for any one to use any method other than that which is classed as "head development"? Surely the "Cosmo-Conception" must be *studied* in order to be able to answer the questions that are asked in this course. Consequently, I cannot understand just where "heart development" can be introduced in such cases.

Answer:

It is the aim of the Rosicrucian Fellowship to develop the head and heart equally; to give explanations in relation to the problems of life and being which are not only logical but scientific as well, in order that the mind may be able to readily accept them, after which the heart may be allowed free scope in working over the material which the mind has accepted. For example, take Lesson No. 11 of the Preliminary Course: Here we find the question asked, "Why do spirits seek rebirth?" In the "Cosmo-Conception" we find the following answer: "Spirits incarnate only to gain experience; to conquer the physical world; to overcome the lower self and attain self-mastery."

When we study the first sentence of this answer, we realize at once that, comparatively speaking, an individual gains very little experience in one life. Many people live and die in the same locality

in which they were born, consequently their experience must be very limited. The busiest man or woman in the world contacts very few people in comparison with the approximately seventeen hundred million individuals using physical bodies at the present time. The mind grasps the idea at once—the experiences of one life are certainly very limited.

Consider the next phrase: "To conquer the physical world." The mind knows at once it has scarcely encountered, much less conquered, the innumerable problems pertaining to the physical world. Specialists along any line will tell you that they have only touched the surface of the subjects in which they are attempting to specialize. The more they learn, the greater the possibilities which open up before them. Again the inadequacy of one life.

And now let us consider the last phrase, "To overcome the lower self and attain self-mastery." Who is there among us that can accomplish this in one life? The mind realizes the impossibility at once. It cannot be done. What then is the answer to the problem? If only we had another chance! Why, according to the Brothers of the Rose Cross we have many chances—rebirth is the master key which solves the problems of life. In a series of lives, to be sure, it can all be done, and man, all men, may attain the glorious goal of perfection.

For the time being the head has completed its work; the lesson has been intellectually assimilated, and we are now ready to turn it over to the heart to be dealt with in a devotional manner. Imagination, the feminine heart principle, now becomes active: "Spirits incarnate only to gain experience." Experience—how that word grips the heart! It be-

gins to *feel*. "There was the first lie I ever told my mother. I did not fool her at all, but oh! how I did hurt her. Never since that day have I ever been tempted to falsify without seeing again the tears in her eyes and sensing the pain in her voice. That was an experience!"

"To conquer the physical world." What have I really done to warrant my existence anyway? Have I ever won any worth-while victories in the battle of life? Have I ever turned a single one of nature's forces to good account? Do I know how to control myself, much less conquer the world? These questions make me feel that somehow I have not quite done my part.

"To overcome the lower self and attain self-mastery." Must I face this too? How the heart begins to beat—to *feel*. Why, I lost my temper not five minutes ago and acted like an infuriated animal. And just before that I only suspected a certain thing and, yes, I told it for the truth, or rather intimated that it was the truth. Why, where is all this leading me to anyway? Self-mastery? Yes, it does look as if it will take me *several lives* to attain that. Why, of course, *rebirth is a fact*, the master key that solves the problem. Thank God for the *knowledge* of it! "The knowledge which is the product of the union of head and heart."

No really great amount of progress in spiritual work can be accomplished without this union of the two forces represented by the head and the heart, for their union produces a spiritual insight which cannot be attained in any other way.

Why the Knowledge of Rebirth Was Withheld.

Question:

If rebirth is one of the great principles of God's plan for developing man, why did not Christ give us more information on this subject than His mere statement concerning John the Baptist being Elias who had returned to earth?

Answer:

In the Polarian, Hyperborean, Lemurian, and Atlantean Epochs humanity

had much more knowledge of the spiritual worlds than they had of the physical, and their consciousness was principally focused there. They knew that when one body was lost, it was only a question of time until another took its place. Knowing this they had no real appreciation of the opportunities and advantages which were to be derived from an earth life existence. It was necessary, however, that they should become thoroughly aware of the importance of the physical world in order that they might learn thoroughly all the lessons which pertained to it. Therefore, it became necessary to deprive them of the memory of their former lives and their knowledge of spiritual worlds for a time in order that they might be impelled to apply themselves earnestly in learning the important lessons pertaining to concrete existence.

Other religions previous to Christianity had taught rebirth and the Law of Cause and Effect. When the learning of lessons pertaining to the physical world became paramount, alcohol and meat were given to humanity, the effect of which was benumbing to the spiritual nature. Therefore at the time of Christ rebirth was not publicly taught for the reason that the majority of the people were learning lessons pertaining to the material world. However, to those who were ready for it He taught rebirth.

The Effect of the Radio

Question:

What occult or other effect, if any, is the radio likely to have upon us or our vehicles? It seems to me that as our atmosphere becomes more and more filled with these electro-magnetic vibrations, or waves, they will have considerable effect upon us.

Answer:

The radio transmitter, an electrical machine of many horse power, sets a series of electrical impulses or vibrations traveling through the ether, radiating outward in all directions from the sending point, on a principle similar to that of wireless telegraphy. We are

only aware of their existence through the sound which they produce in the receiving instrument. These electrical vibrations when traveling through the ether are too slight to produce any effect on our vehicles, unless perhaps one were very close to the sending instrument where they are generated. Such effect, if any, would probably be similar to that of an electrical therapeutic machine.

Heavenly Instruction

Question:

What does a child gain by early death?

Answer:

Death in early childhood comes under what we call the "Law of Infant Mortality." According to this law any person passing out of the body and not able to transfer the record of his life from the seed atom of the physical body to the desire body, loses the benefit of the lessons learned in that particular life. Therefore, when such a one comes to earth again he passes out in childhood, and is taken directly to the heaven world where he is instructed in the lessons which he was unable to assimilate on account of the manner of previous death.

Settling Our Unpaid Bills

Question:

I believe that our Philosophy as given in the "Cosmo" and elsewhere clearly teaches that on laying down the present earth body we pass through purgatory, experience its inevitable remorse followed by penitence, enjoy a period of reward in the heaven world, and in time return through the maternal womb into a new earth life, pure and innocent with all our past sins wiped out. This being true, the question persists in my mind and will not be downed: Why do we hear so much of "karma still unsatisfied," perhaps karma of long standing dating far back into the past?

Answer:

Being purged of a sin does not pay the debt incurred by it any more than being sorry for cheating a merchant pays the debt we owe to him. In purgatory

we suffer until we realize that it is wrong to cheat, et cetera. After having learned this lesson one of the reasons for our return to earth is to pay our debts. "Karma unsatisfied" in plain English means "debts unpaid." We shall never be free from karma or debt until we learn all of the laws of the universe and no longer disobey them. Up to the time of the "Fall" we knew these laws and kept them. The "Fall" was occasioned by disobeying cosmic law. This disobedience involved us in such dense bodies that we automatically became separated from this knowledge so that it had to be given to us by Jehovah in written form—the Ten Commandments,—and we have been struggling to learn them ever since. First we learn from without to keep the law through fear of punishment if we disobey; later we learn to keep the law because we know it is right to do so. Then we say that we have the law within.

Contracting a debt in one life through the violation of law and learning in purgatory that it was wrong to do so does not pay the debt any more than contracting a debt in one town, then moving to another one and feeling sorry that we owe the debt, but making no effort to pay it, frees us from the obligation. The real purpose of purgatory is to teach us the difference between right and wrong.

What Are Electrons?

Question:

Is an electron in our physical universe a separate ego in process of evolution in the mineral stage? If not an ego, what is it?

Answer:

All things in the universe are God or spirit in different states of vibration. An electron is a differentiated part of God's energy, but it is not a virgin spirit. Virgin spirits are differentiated in life waves, the egos of which are destined to become gods. Electrons are charges of negative electricity revolving about a nucleus of positive electricity called the proton. Such an aggregation constitutes the physical atom.

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 Delineation of Two Teachers

BY "MINERVA"

THIS IS the true story of the lives of two teachers as told by the stars and correlated with actual life.

In case No. 1, the native is a male who became director of music in a college. In Case No. 2, the native is a female who became superintendent of a small town school system. Both are truly remarkable characters and very good teachers. No. 1 won honor and acclaim through love, and No. 2 won recognition through sheer force of will and necessity. In both maps the sun is either in or passing into the tenth house, which house rules teaching. No. 1 has five planets in fire signs and four in fixed signs. No. 2 has five planets in earth signs and four in fixed signs. The positions of the planets in the signs give to No. 1 a love of spiritual things and will power to accomplish those things which have to do with spiritual values; to No. 2 a love and desire for material things and the will to obtain them.

No. 1 has the musical, artistic Libra ascendant, with the ruler, Venus, in Leo, which rules educational institutions. Venus is in the tenth house, that of the profession. The noble sun, the beneficent Jupiter, and the altruistic Uranus also are all in the magnanimous sign of Leo and in the tenth house. The Ascendant is sextiling both the sun and Jupiter, which makes a wonderfully attractive and magnetic personality. The imaginative moon is in the mercurial

sign of Gemini, in beneficent aspect to Mercury and Neptune. Neptune placed in Aries and in good aspect to the planets ruling the mind gives a mind and ear capable of hearing the higher inner music of nature and the faculty of composing.

The following are distinct periods as indicated by the progression of the sun: the sun in conjunction with the radical Jupiter at the age of two; the sun in conjunction with the radical Venus at the age of four; the sun in trine aspect with Neptune at the age of eighteen; the sun in sextile aspect with the moon at the age of twenty; the sun in conjunction with the radical Mercury at the age of twenty-seven; the sun in trine aspect with the radical Saturn at the age of thirty-eight; the sun in sextile aspect with the planet Mars at the age of forty; and the sun in square aspect to the radical moon at the age of forty-nine.

As a child No. 1 lived next door to the village music teacher, and at the tender age of three played melodies by ear. He attended college and graduated, specializing in music, his progressed sun being within orb of a trine to Neptune at that period. When nineteen, with the aid of an older brother, he left America for a two-year study period in Berlin. The progressed sun was within orb of a sextile to the radical moon at this time, and the moon was in the sign of Gemini, ruling brothers and sisters. After returning from abroad he taught music, becom-

ing music director of a university. In the next period when the sun was conjunct the radical Mercury he married and became a father.

When he was thirty-eight years old he resumed music study at the Royal Academy, Berlin, for the period of a year. At this time his progressed sun was trining the radical Saturn. The next year he resumed work in his old position. Two years after this his progressed sun reached a sextile to the radical Mars. At this time the president of the institution passed away, and he was tendered the presidency by the Board of Regents. He was loved for his sense of justice, and known for his poise and diplomacy, which are noticeable characteristics of the Libran. He felt, however, that his place was not in the president's chair, and recommended the appointment of another. He also felt that he could not give up his music work, for in this he found and knew a higher revelation. He continued teaching, playing the organ, and composing. For years he had been the organist at the church of which he was a member. He ultimately became nationally known for his pedagogy and his musical compositions. At the age of forty-nine his progressed sun reached a square to the radical moon, and he passed away suddenly from heart failure. The spasmodic Uranus was in the heart sign of Leo in the radical map. He was greatly loved and idolized by all who came in contact with him, and he loved intensely and altruistically. A fitting memorial was erected to his memory at the university. He is not forgotten.

No. 2 was born with the ambitious sign of Capricorn rising. This is the sign of the Savior, the sign of the slave driver, and also that of the goat which climbs to the mountain tops and occasionally falls to the depths below. The ruler of No. 2 is the analytical, persistent Saturn, which is placed in the sign of Taurus, governing finance. Saturn is in trine aspect to the altruistic Uranus, in sextile aspect to the imaginative moon,

and in sextile aspect to the ambitious Mars. Saturn sextiling Mars gives the energy to overcome almost any obstacle, and the other aspects give executive ability and personality. But Saturn is also opposing Mercury, which is in the Midheaven. This gives a cruel tongue, for Saturn is in Taurus and Mercury rules speech. The moon, which has much to do with the woman, is exalted in Cancer but conjunct the rash, tyrannical Mars. This conjunction in Cancer shows that the native dominated her home. The sun is in Libra.

When she was seventeen she graduated from high school as valedictorian. The subject of her valedictory address was, "I Will." This became her life motto. Progression of her sun at this time, in sextile to the moon and Mars, brought her a normal school training. When twenty years of age her progressed sun was opposite the radical Saturn. There was a marriage, also vague rumors of parental displeasure, under this configuration. She married a bank cashier. She had a child, which came when her progressed sun was sextile to Uranus and opposite the radical Neptune. During the fifteen-year period of her early married life she became a society leader, and was active in women's club work. In the period indicated by the progression of the sun in opposition to Jupiter in Taurus she came to sorrow. Her husband was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to Leavenworth, the federal penitentiary. Then she entered the teaching profession, supported herself and child, also moving to a large city.

Her husband in two years was out on parole. While he had been away she explained her position as a lone woman by inferring that he was in the secret service. She rose from grade teacher to superintendent of a model high school in a period of eight years. This rise was in spite of the fact that she was a married woman, with her husband working only six of the eight years, married women teachers being under ban by the school board. She incurred the enmity

of several of her professional sisters by usurping their turn for promotion. Among teachers she is more feared than loved, for they know that she will not hesitate to sacrifice them for her ambitions should they chance to stand in her way.

When she is fifty-five years old the progressed sun will be in square aspect to the radical Uranus, and when she is sixty the sun will be square to the radical Venus. At the age of seventy-five, the progressed sun will square the radical moon and Mars. Thus we see that destiny has some further hard lessons in store for this soul. She is unhappy.

Being under the sign of Capricorn, which is ruled by the tenacious Saturn, she has lived through some very difficult configurations. At the present time she and her husband have managed to pay off most of their old debt due to the embezzlement and they live in comfort. She knows in her heart that her worldly ambitions for the material luxuries of life and her Capricornian desire for society and social position influenced her husband and helped to force him into the part of an embezzler. Her sense of fairness, however, has led her to stand by him, and she has helped to save him for his higher self.

No. 2 should be commended for endeavoring to pay off the old debt, but should she have done this at the cost of riding roughshod over her professional associates? In strong contrast is No. 1, who refused the highest promotion and helped another ahead of himself. "He who would be the greatest among you, let him be the *servant* of all," not the dominator over all.

No. 2's life lessons as written in the stars are that she must learn to desire only that wealth which consists in abundance of opportunities to serve and power to be used for the upliftment of humanity. No. 1 had learned a large part of these two great lessons. He was demonstrating the greatest lesson of all, the lesson of love for everyone and everything. He had reached the stage where

his countenance began to shine. One instinctively felt the calm and peaceful love which he radiated. I think he came near to a perfect mastery of this lesson.

Only when we have put away earthly ambitions can we come to altruistic love, the greatest thing in the world. "For God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him."

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The Children of Aries, 1930

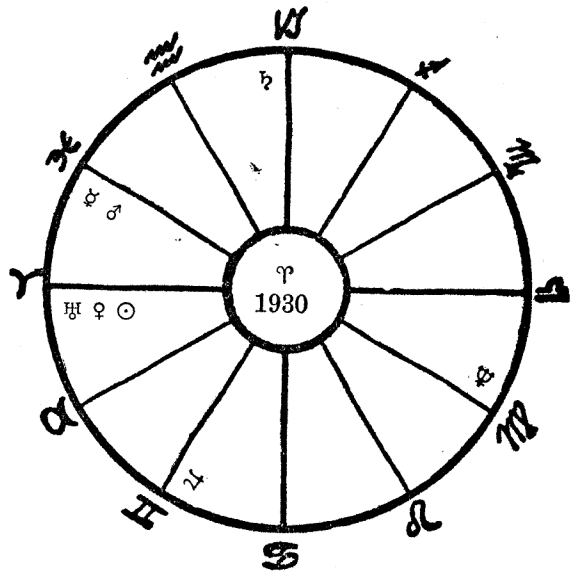


A Character Delineation of the Children Born between March 21st and April 20, inclusive, 1930.

The children of Aries are wiry, swift-moving, and of an impulsive, enthusiastic, and often quick-tempered disposition. The typical Arian child must be heard. He refuses to take a back seat. He must be noticed or you will hear from him, for he is not backward. If he can not lead he may refuse to play, and he is ever ready for an argument. He feels he must accomplish what he undertakes in a very short time, and if the work drags or is held back, he will lose patience and often throw it up, leaving the Taurian to come along and finish the job. On account of the Arian's rebellion against being led he does not make a very faithful employee; he ever rebels against leadership. While he is quick-tempered he is very quick to forgive.

One thing which the guardians must teach the Arian child is to finish what he starts, for a great tendency with Arian people is to have too many irons in the fire at once, and they are very prone to leave them there while they go seeking new ones. These children should be taught concentration, to do one thing at a time, and to stay with a thing until it is finished.

The children who are born this year during the time when the sun is passing through Aries will be very impulsive, for the liberty-loving and emotional Uranus is also in this sign. Uranus is in conjunction with the artistic and music-loving lady Venus, and sextile to Jupi-



ter in Gemini, the sign which rules the hands and arms. This will express itself through the use of the hands in art, drawing, painting, music, fancy embroidery and so forth. But it will be necessary that the parents use their loving influence to induce the child to develop the talent for these things, for with Saturn strong in its home sign of Capricorn, square to Uranus during all the month, there will be adverse conditions in the home. Capricorn stands

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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.

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BY AUGUSTA FOSS HEINDEL

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AGRIPPINA C.

Born August 30, 1926, 2:30 P. M.

Lat. 33 S., Long. 61 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Libra 16; 11th house, Scorpio 21; 12th house, Sagittarius 26; Ascendant, Capricorn 26-57; 2nd house, Aquarius 19; 3rd house, Pisces 15.

Positions of the Planets:

Sun 6-37 Virgo; Venus 15-22 Leo; Mercury 19-47 Leo; Moon 13-30 Gemini; Saturn 20-31 Scorpio; Jupiter 20-20 Aquarius, retrograde; Mars 13-46 Taurus; Uranus 28-18 Pisces, retrograde; Neptune 24-56 Leo.

"We sleep, but the loom of life never stops;

And the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up tomorrow."

—Henry Ward Beecher.

And well may this young Miss whose horoscope comes to us from far-off Argentina say that the pattern which she, as a soul, has woven in past lives is now facing her with a most intricate design. The colors and details which she did not weave according to the design of God are facing her now, and these mistakes must be met. The squares and oppositions of the planets will bring her opportunities, involving some suffering and disappointment, to weave such a pattern in the present life that it will bring her the trines and sextiles in the next.

This horoscope is most interesting in that it has so many aspects between the planets. This always indicates a life

that will be full of experience and with many lessons to learn.

The determined cardinal sign of Capricorn is on the Ascendant and the ruler, Saturn, is in the fixed sign of Scorpio, practically on the cusp of the eleventh house, and in opposition to the fiery Mars in the sign of its detriment, Taurus. Saturn is also square to Jupiter, Mercury, Neptune, and Venus. All these afflictions are from fixed signs, which indicates a soul that has come into this life with a very stubborn and determined nature; she is one who will have her way if possible regardless of opposition. Six planets are in fixed signs, and all of these are either square, opposition, or conjunction each other. One of them, Mercury, the planet of reason, is in the fixed sign of Leo, conjunction Neptune and Venus, opposition Jupiter, and square to Saturn and Mars. My, what a determined mind this indicates! But there is a redeeming feature: the moon is sextile to Mercury from the sign of Gemini, which will make the mind clear and alert. This, with the conjunction of Venus and Mercury will soften the opposition of Saturn and Mars, which would otherwise have made the native very cruel and cutting.

A horoscope of this kind is difficult to read for the reason that every planet except Uranus has one or more adverse aspects. The moon seems to be the best aspected planet even though it is square to the sun. It is making a trine aspect to Jupiter and a sextile to Venus and Mercury. This is good for the study of

the fine arts, languages, and poetry. As the moon is in the sign of Gemini, which has rule over the hands and arms, the native will be very clever and dextrous with her hands.

With the sun trine Mars and the moon sextile to Venus and trine to Jupiter, this girl will be above the average in health and will be able to overcome disease easily, although a nature such as she has will be very hard on the physical body. With Saturn in Scorpio, square Venus and opposition Mars, and with Venus and Mars square to each other she will have a tendency to sluggish circulation, which will probably cause her to suffer somewhat from adenoids and swollen tonsils. But we would caution the guardians against operations of any kind, especially during the age of puberty, for the throat is in close touch with the development of the generative organs, which would be adversely affected by an operation on the throat.

HEATHER W.

Born January 9, 1916, 1:04 A. M.

True Local Time.

Lat. 17 S., Long. 145 E.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Leo 0; 11th house, Leo 29, Virgo intercepted; 12th house, Libra 3; Ascendant, Scorpio 9-08; 2nd house, Sagittarius 9; 3rd house, Capricorn 4.

Positions of the Planets:

Sun 17-01 Capricorn; Venus 15-53 Aquarius; Mercury 0-56 Aquarius; Moon 4-03 Pisces; Saturn 12-43 Cancer, retrograde; Jupiter 23-21 Pisces; Mars 29-27 Leo, retrograde; Uranus 14-05 Aquarius; Neptune 1-40 Leo, retrograde.

The horoscope which we are here reading is that of a young girl with the watery and martial sign of Scorpio on the Ascendant. In the sign of Scorpio we find elements combined which are very opposite in nature—fire and water; the element of the sign is water, while the planet which rules the sign is the fiery Mars. Hence we often find Scorpio people unsatisfied with themselves and

their surroundings. If they are under planetary afflictions, they are very easily affected and influenced thereby.

The ruler of the Ascendant is weak in this horoscope, being in the last degree of a sign and retrograde. So we will look to other planets to ascertain which has the strongest rule over the life. We find Uranus at home in Aquarius and in conjunction with the Lady Venus; we also find Jupiter at home in its night sign of Pisces and sextile to the sun. Therefore Uranus and Jupiter are the planets which will have the greatest rule over this girl's life.

Venus conjunction Uranus in Aquarius in the fourth house shows a strong and loving influence for good which should come to the native from her home environment, in spite of some little inharmony and some differences in opinion between the parents. With Mercury in the fourth house opposite Neptune in the tenth the parents will be apt to disagree as to the training of this daughter. The mother should get close to her and keep her confidence and companionship, for while Venus conjunction Uranus is good in the home, it brings dangers to a girl through the attentions of the opposite sex. The native should on this account be carefully sheltered as well as taught that a young girl's charm lies in her modesty and her womanly purity.

Jupiter in Pisces sextile to the sun, and both Jupiter and the moon being in the fifth house, will give her a strong influence with children, and as a teacher she could be quite successful.

With Saturn in Cancer, opposite the sun, she should be very careful of her diet. While she is young and full of life she may not have any difficulty, but after she has put a strain on her body and the nerves become a little tired, she may suffer from indigestion. However, as the old saying goes, "A stitch in time saves nine," and Heather should begin while young to practice eating moderately; thereby she will avoid digestive disturbances in later years.

VOCATIONAL**FRANCIS F.**

Born Oct. 24, 1913, 11:15 A. M.

Lat. 4 E., Long. 6 N.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Libra 27; 11th house, Scorpio 27; 12th house, Sagittarius 24; Ascendant, Capricorn 20-57; 2nd house, Aquarius 22; 3rd house, Pisces 25.

Positions of the Planets:

Sun 0-26 Scorpio; Venus 3-59 Libra; Mercury 22-26 Scorpio; Moon 20-00 Leo; Saturn 17-40 Gemini, retrograde; Jupiter 11-44 Capricorn; Mars 18-05 Cancer; Uranus 3-40 Aquarius; Neptune 28-13 Cancer.

For our vocational reading we have the horoscope of a young man with the cardinal sign of Capricorn on the Ascendant, and with Saturn in Gemini sextile to the moon. We find a very strong and well aspected Venus in the ninth house in Libra, the sign of its home. Venus is sextile to Neptune and trine to Uranus, while Uranus is also at home in its sign of Aquarius. This will give talent for art and music of an unusual nature. Francis is one who should be able to compose music. A musical instrument such as the pipe organ or harp, or the cultivation of the voice, would be an avenue of expression which he would enjoy. This would be especially true of church music or singing in a choir, for Venus is in the ninth house which rules churches, and Saturn is in the fifth house, ruling theatres and public places, sextile to the moon in the seventh house, ruling the public. So it looks very much as though this young man would some time have a public career.

When the powerful Venus by progression reaches the conjunction of the radical sun in Scorpio at about the age of twenty-one, it is likely to bring marriage into this young man's life.

THE CHILDREN OF ARIES*(Continued from page 205)*

for the father and the tenth house for authority, and the fathers thus represented will be apt to exert a restricting

influence over these Arian children and not allow them to choose that which they would prefer. Thousands of talented children through the obstructing influence of the parents have become failures in life, because the parents insisted on choosing for them and forced them into fields for which they were wholly unfit; whereas had they had a knowledge of astrology and had watched the trend of the mind of the child and lovingly guided it into the path for which it had a liking, they might have helped it to become a success instead of turning out a failure. Oh, if the parents could only realize their responsibility, but how often they injure and hurt those dear souls that have been given into their charge!

The Arian child can not be driven. Force him and you will bring out the worst in his disposition. He must be handled with the greatest love and tolerance to develop the latent constructive tendencies within.

With Mars in Pisces, square to Jupiter in Gemini, and opposite Neptune in Virgo, all in common signs, these children if taught to breathe deep and to sleep in well ventilated rooms may be saved from frequent colds.

ERRATUM

In the December number of this magazine, page 636, in the delineation for Willem Antonius Van B., it was stated that Mars was trine the sun, Uranus, and Venus. It should have been stated that Mars was trine the sun, and Uranus was trine Venus.

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BY ALFRED ADAMS

(Continued from March)

- Q. Do the Race Spirits still exist and work with man?
- A. They do, but the more advanced the nation, the more freedom is given the individual. In countries where the people are more fettered, the Race Spirit is strongest. The more in harmony a man is with the Law of Love and the higher his ideals, the more he frees himself from the spirit of the race.
- Q. What is patriotism?
- A. Patriotism, while good in itself, is a tie of the Race Spirit. The ideal of Universal Brotherhood, which identifies one with neither country nor race, is the only path which leads to emancipation.
- Q. What was Christ's mission on earth?
- A. Christ came to reunite the separated races in the bonds of peace and good will, wherein all willingly and consciously will follow the Law of Love.
- Q. When will the true religion of Christ come?
- A. The present Christianity is not even a shadow of the true religion of Christ. That will remain in abeyance until all race feeling shall have been overcome. In the Sixth Epoch there will be but one Universal Brotherhood, under the leadership of the returned Christ. But the day and the hour no man knows, for it is not fixed but depends upon how soon a sufficient number of people shall have commenced to live the life of fellowship and love, which is

to be the hall-mark of the New Dispensation.

THE FALL OF MAN

("Cosmo-Conception," page 360)

- Q. If there had been no "Fall" of man, what would have been obviated?
- A. There would have been no need for the "plan of salvation." "The Fall" is the backbone and sinew of popular Christianity.
- Q. What happened in the middle of the Lemurian Epoch?
- A. The separation of the sexes occurred, in which work Jehovah and His Angels were active. At that time the ego began to work slightly upon the dense body, building organs within.

(To be continued)

Astro-Diagnosis, the Healer's Guide

BY MAX HEINDEL AND
AUGUSTA FOSS HEINDEL

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



One Bright Morning

BY AMY C. KURT

"**T**ODAY I WILL think good thoughts," sang little Louise as Mother finished dressing her one bright sunny morning, "and then I shall do only good deeds. I will be kind to every living thing, then my heart will be as pure as a white rose, and I shall see God in everything," she continued as Mother brushed and combed her pretty brown curls. All the while her little face was so bright and sunny that it seemed as if it never could be marred by ugly frowns and salty tears. After finishing her breakfast she ran into the yard, where she played every day among the trees and flowers, watching the bees and butterflies and the tiny winged jewels, the humming birds, as they flitted swiftly about, finding their breakfast in the beautiful flower cups.

Louise was a bright little girl, five years old, slim and airy as a butterfly. She loved to watch the butterflies, the birds, and all the little outdoor insects in their busy life each day, but she never molested them nor frightened them from the garden. They were her little garden friends, and she could go very close to them in their play and work and their quest for food before they would spread their wings and fly or run away.

Louise had other friends also. These friends were very different from the birds and bees and butterflies, as they could not be seen by everyone. They were invisible playmates, and were called

fairies. But she said very little about these playmates because one day when she was speaking of them some of her little friends and some grown-up friends too made fun of her, and said, "There are no fairies, that is all nonsense." But Mother knew there were fairies, though invisible to those who do not have the seeing eyes, and she loved to hear her little daughter tell of them. Thereafter Louise only spoke about them to Mother and Sister.

Now let us see what happened in Louise's garden one day. Let us watch her little invisible friends and see what happened to make them look so sad for a time.

Now a whole family of little rainbow fairies made their home in Louise's warm, little heart. They called it their royal throne, and as long as Louise was a good girl and minded what she was told, the rainbow fairies sang and danced in her heart. But alas! when the sunshine left her face, the fairies must leave their royal throne and go out into the cold—they could only live in the warmth and sunshine of her love and kindness. And if her naughtiness lasted too long, some of the fairies became ill and died, and that meant fewer fairies in Fairyland.

Louise wanted to play in the yard. The sun shone bright, but still it was rather cool, therefore mother said she must not take her shoes and stockings off that morning. She left the house promising cheerfully not to take them off. But by and by as she was playing near some sand a naughty thought entered her mind, and this happened while

the fairies were asleep in the cradle of her heart. She said very softly, "I'll take my shoes off anyhow." But just then the Fairy Queen awoke and said to her softly, "Oh, Louise, you must not do that; go ask your mother first."

Louise heard the fairy's soft voice, but the naughty thought persisted and cried, "Do it; do it anyhow!" Again the Fairy Queen pleaded with her, and urged her to do right until she did go into the house and ask Mother. But she asked Mother with the naughty thought still crying out, "Take them off anyhow no matter what Mother says."

Now Louise should have chased the naughty thought away with a happy one. And when Mother said, "No, dear, not this morning, it is scarcely warm enough yet; wait until this afternoon," Louise's face began to change into ugly lines, and the tears gathered in her eyes. Seeing this an ugly little brown imp called some of his friends, and they all together urged dear little, sunny-faced Louise to be naughty. They told her if she cried and teased Mother long enough she would have her way. Oh! a whole cloud of them surrounded her and made the ugly thought grow faster until Louise was in tears and cried angrily, "I want to take my shoes and stockings off!"

And now, what do you suppose the rainbow fairies were doing? Oh dear, what has happened to them? When they all awakened they found themselves surrounded by ever so many naughty thought imps, and these were pulling and pushing the rainbow fairies out of the royal chamber of Louise's warm little heart. But it was not warm now; the cold breeze of naughtiness was pouring in, and the good fairies were tumbling out. Mother talked to her patiently and lovingly and told her of the plight of the rainbow fairies, how sad and cold they were, and oh, how they did want to get back into the warmth and sunshine of her heart! But the naughty thoughts were so strong just then that it seemed they never would let go. Mother said,

"Just one sweet smile or one pleasant word from my dear little girl and all the naughty fairies will tumble out, and the good fairies can enter again. Then they will return to their cozy home in your heart and bring the warmth and sunshine back."

Louise stopped crying for a moment to hear better what Mother said. As she slowly turned her head, she saw a sad, sad sight: all her rainbow fairies were huddled together in the corner of the room with their hands covering their faces and their beautiful rainbow-tinted wings folded sadly. What had happened? Surely these could not be her own bright little fairies! What had happened to them? In her amazement she stopped crying. She was so intent upon what she saw that the naughty imps became powerless to do their naughty work, and in that unguarded moment the Fairy Queen rushed back into her heart. The rainbow fairies followed, and down sank the naughty thoughts. As the rainbow fairies came rushing in, Louise said: "All right, Mother, I will be good. I will not take off my shoes and stockings today. I wish I had not been naughty. One of my little rainbow fairies is dead, and there is one less fairy in Fairyland. Will it ever come back again?" As she asked this, she put her arms around Mother's neck and kissed her.

Then all the good thought fairies began to sing again,, but just a wee bit sadly. How glad they were to get back into Louise's warm little heart, and how swiftly the naughty fairies faded away! Louise's face was soon bright and shiny, with all traces of tears vanished, and a beautiful smile shone out of her dear brown eyes. But as she slowly went out to play, she asked again, rather wistfully, "Mother, will my fairy ever come back to life again?"

Mother said, "I do not know, but let us hope that your sunny smiles and your obedience and loving deeds will some time awaken it to a new life." And how Louise did try to accomplish this!

Nutrition and Health

Our Hormone Producing Glands

BY MURIEL ANNE HOVEY

(Continued from March)

"CHEMICAL tests demonstrated that adrenalin originated in the medulla. The exact amount of it in the medulla, in the blood issuing from the medulla, and in the circulation has been determined. The concentration in the blood is about one part to twenty millions, while there is about one hundred thousand times as much stored in the glands as reserve. In infections and intoxications, after muscle exertions, and with profound emotions there is a decrease of it in the gland and an increase in the blood. Pain and excitement, especially fear and rage, will bring about its discharge from the gland. With its entry into the blood there is a tremendous heightening of the tone, a tensing of the nervous system. The nerve cells become more sensitive to stimuli, more sugar is poured into the blood from the liver, and more red blood corpuscles are squeezed into the circulation from the blood lakes of the liver and spleen. There is a redistribution of the whole blood mass, a good deal being withdrawn from the internal viscera and hurried to the skeletal muscles and the brain. The heart beats more strongly, the eyes see more clearly, the ear hears more distinctly, and the breathing is more rapid. The temperature rises, the hair of the head and the body becomes erect, the skin gets moist and greasy. It will help a fatigued muscle to regain its normal tone. In short, it has a reinforcing action upon the nutritive properties of the blood, the tone of the muscles, and the activity of the brain and the sympathetic nervous system."

This bears out the information given us about the adrenals by Max Heindel in "*The Message of the Stars*." Chemists have been able to isolate the internal secretions of the medulla, namely adrenalin, and to reproduce it in synthetic form.

"As the glands of acute stress and strain, the adrenals in modern life are called upon to function more heavily and frequently than in the past. As a matter of fact, the life of the barbarian and savage are just as full of emergencies and shock as that of the average city man or woman. In the case of the latter, however, inhibitions, education and the conditions of modern living, improper food, sedentary indoor confinement, and universal rack and noise have undoubtedly made greater and greater demands upon the adrenal glands.

"Chemical quantitative studies have shown that by repeated stimulation the adrenal glands may be exhausted of their reserve supply of secretion, which returns only insufficiently, if not enough time is given for their recuperation. There results a condition of temporary or chronic adrenal insufficiency. In persons so afflicted there appears a fatigability, a sensitiveness to cold, cold hands and feet (which are sometimes mottled bluish-red), a loss of appetite and zest in life, a tendency to worry, and a weepiness upon the slightest provocation.

"A certain number of the temporary breakdowns or nervous prostrations which have grown more common every year may be traced to such an insuf-

ficiency of the normal response to the needs of every day conflict by the adrenal glands. In some, mental and physical elasticity are totally lost, and even the slightest exertion in either field often causes so much weariness and exhaustion as to be prohibitive. Depression and even melancholia are associated with the fear of not being able to do good work hitherto easy and enjoyed. Sometimes they are obsessed with the thought that they have lost their nerve completely, and so dread to commit themselves in even the most trivial situations. These and many other symptoms indicate an insufficiency of the adrenal secretion.

"The converse of adrenal insufficiency is that of adrenal excess. In certain types of the middle-aged a high blood pressure accompanied by great capacity for work has been shown to be associated with an excessive development of the adrenal cortex. In women there is a degree of masculinity neutralizing more or less the specifically feminine influences of the internal secretions of the ovaries. Such women possess a vigor and energy above normal, and command responsible positions in society, not only among their own sex but also among men. They are the ones who, in the present overturn of the traditional sex relationships, will become the professional politicians, bankers, captains of industry, and directors of affairs in general.

"For several thousand years the Chinese have been using in the treatment of asthma a drug they called Ma Huang. Asthma is due to the spasm of the contraction of the bronchial tubes. It has been shown recently that the active principle of Ma Huang is an alkaloid which resembles adrenalin in its chemical composition and physiological action."

We gather then from reading Dr. Berman that the adrenals are glands of emotion, specifically. The work of the occult student is to learn to rule his emotions, using them for energy rather than

letting them rule him to the tearing down of his physical and nervous organism.

The Pancreas.

The glands already discussed, the thymus and the adrenals, are true ductless glands. The next one we shall take up is the pancreas, important to us because of its interaction with the adrenals.

The pancreas is a large gland lying just back of the stomach, near the solar plexus. The major part of this gland is employed in manufacturing a digestive fluid that is poured through a duct into the duodenum. Scattered through the cells of the gland proper are groups of smaller cells called the *Islets of Langerhans*. These cells have been found to secrete a hormone called *insulin*.

"The control of sugar mobilization from the liver, where it is stored as glycogen or animal starch, is divided between the pancreas and the adrenals, the pancreas acting as the brake and the adrenals as the accelerator of the mechanism. Adrenals and pancreas are, therefore, direct antagonists—the pans of the scale which represents sugar equilibrium in the organism. Diabetes may be regarded as a disturbance of the adrenal-pancreas balance, assisted by events which produce adrenal overwork, like great or prolonged emotion, or by strain of the pancreas, effected by overeating for example."

Sulphur is the most important element found in insulin so far, and it is thought that the pancreas plays the same part in sulphur metabolism as the thyroid does in the metabolism of iodine.

The Spleen.

The spleen is the largest ductless gland in the body. It lies in the left side of the abdominal cavity, between the left curve of the stomach and the diaphragm. Not so much is known about the spleen as about some of the other glands of internal secretion.

The hormone of the spleen is called *Hemolytin*, and is known to have a

marked influence on the formation of the blood.

"When the spleen is removed, death does not occur, but a temporary anemia develops, probably due to the withdrawal of the large amount of blood and blood-forming material normally present. In diseases of the blood it frequently becomes swollen, congested, or hypertrophied."

There seems to be a war between the secretion of the spleen and the red blood corpuscles. It is also interesting to note that the treatment or removal of the gland will cure certain cases of anemia and bleeding where it is impossible to make the blood coagulate. Experiment has shown that the secretion of the spleen has a definite influence on the peristaltic action of the bowels, stimulating it, and curing chronic constipation where no other measures have been used. To quote Dr. Berman:

"I have also seen *radiation* of the spleen to have a remarkable effect in removing the feelings and symptoms of fatigue. This may be due to the tonic intestinal results occurring when stored hormones in the spleen are released."

The spleen becomes enlarged during digestion, and is thought to have some very close relation to the pancreas, for it enlarges when the pancreas pours its digestive fluid into the intestine and atrophies when the pancreas is not functioning properly. The scientific study of the spleen has just begun.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy teaches that the spleen is the "gateway" of the solar forces and the seat of the vital body. We are told in the "Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception" that the vital force from the sun is absorbed by the vital body through the etheric counterpart of the spleen. It then undergoes a curious change of color. (The vital force from the sun surrounds us as a colorless fluid.) It becomes a pale rose and travels along the nerves all over the dense body. "It is to the nervous system what the force of electricity is to

the telegraph system." This vital force radiates outward in every direction from the periphery of the body, carrying with it poisonous materials. In cases of illness the emanations of the vital force become weaker and less able to throw off the poisons. To quote the "Cosmo-Conception":

"The vital body has become diseased, and the vital force can no longer flow. In such cases, as in most sickness, the trouble is with the finer invisible vehicles. In conscious or unconscious recognition of this fact the most successful physicians use suggestion, which works on the higher vehicles as an aid to medicine. The more a physician can imbue his patient with faith and hope, the more speedily will disease vanish and give place to perfect health."

The antagonism of the secretion of the spleen for red corpuscles gives food for thought, since the spleen is the seat of the vital body, and we are passing from the Mars to the Mercury half of the Earth Period, when the vital body must become more and more a usable reality.

The Thyroid.

The thyroid is a true ductless gland. From the occult point of view it is the link between the four glands affecting the personality—the thymus, two adrenals, and spleen situated below the throat in the trunk—and the two in the head, the pituitary and pineal, that furnish our contact with the spiritual forces.

The thyroid consists of two maroon colored masses lying on either side of the trachea, near the larynx, connected by a narrow strip of the same tissue called "the isthmus." It is known to science that the thyroid was once a primary sex gland and is still an accessory one.

Thyroxin is the hormone of the thyroid, and *iodine* is its principal element.

"The thyroid maintains the same percentage of iodine in the blood as there is in sea water. Sea water was our early habitat, and an intimate study of the

composition of the blood has revealed a close relation between it and sea water. The blood is sea water to which has been added hemoglobin as a pigment for carrying oxygen to the cells not in direct contact with the air, and for nourishment of the cells. The white corpuscles have also been added to the sea water as the first line of defense against infection."

The thyroid is a gland of energy.

"The isolation of thyroxin has made possible the determination of the influence of the thyroid hormone upon the evolution of energy in the higher animal organism. There is for every individual a constant known as the metabolic rate, or the combustion rate, the rate at which his cells are consuming material for heat. The metabolic rate is thus a gauge of the energy pressure within the organism. It may be calculated by measuring the amount of carbon dioxide gas exhaled during a unit of time and the number of calories of heat radiated by the skin simultaneously. It has been shown that what would amount to less than a grain of thyroxin would more than double the amount of energy produced in a unit of time. That illustrates some of the power of the internal secretion of the thyroid and its importance in normal life."

Not only does the thyroid determine the degree of pressure of energy in the cells, it also controls the mobility of that energy. Myxoedema is a condition that often attacks women in middle life, resulting from insufficient thyroxin stored in the blood and tissues.

(Concluded next month)

White Flour, Staff of Death-- Not Life

BY ELOIS JENSSSEN

How often we hear the expression, "Bread is the staff of life." But when wheat has been bleached in the modern mills, it truly becomes the STAFF OF DEATH. When it enters the mill for

its flouring process, it carries all the nineteen mineral and chemical elements that constitute the blood stream and the living human body; therefore it is a perfect food, and in truth "the staff of life." But once it has gone through the "refining" process it is minus twelve of these nineteen elements. These twelve are sold for cattle, chicken, and pig feed; "lucky animals" say we. But man is fed bread made of this refined flour. Sick people are usually fed white bread toast, as if toasting a dead thing would inject life into the patient!

It is this unbalanced food that causes many of our modern diseases, call them by what name you will. Chemists tell us that bleached flour is seventy-five per cent unbalanced, and this causes acid in the stomach and putrefaction in the bowels, the latter evolving poisons the most deadly known to body chemistry. These poisons are picked up by the blood stream, carried to the cells of the body, there to begin their destructiveness, eventually causing the death of the organism. Whether we call the result rheumatism, tuberculosis, pneumonia, apoplexy, heart disease, or any other name, it can usually be traced to the poison factory in the digestive tract, working night and day distributing its destroying poisons.

New Rosicrucian Song Card

We have just printed the Rosicrucian Opening Hymn and the Closing Hymn, both words and music, on a heavy card, 6 x 9 in., one hymn on each side of the card. The Opening Hymn is sung to the tune of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and the Closing Hymn to that of "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." This song card will be of service in local Centers and wherever Rosicrucian students get together. Price 8 cents each post-paid, 50 cents a dozen, \$3.00 per hundred.

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Vegetarian Menus

—BREAKFAST—

Baked Apple
Shredded Wheat Biscuits and Poached Egg
Corn Meal Crisps
Cereal Coffee or Milk

—DINNER—

Celery Soup
Vegetable Loaf with Brown Gravy
Spinach with Egg
Baked Potatoes

—SUPPER—

Combination Salad
Cottage Cheese
Whole Wheat Biscuit and Butter
Strawberry Preserves
Hot Chocolate

Recipes

Shredded Wheat Biscuit and Poached Egg

Place biscuits in moderate oven with small piece of butter on top. Poach eggs in slightly salted water; when sufficiently cooked lift carefully and place one on each biscuit.

Corn Meal Crisps

One cup each of white flour, corn meal, and cold water; three teaspoons of baking powder, three tablespoons of oil, a little salt. Mix dry ingredients, add oil and water. Beat well, drop in spoonfuls on hot oiled tins; bake in hot oven.

Celery Soup

Use the entire stalk of celery, including the outside leaves and roots. Wash and chop fine, cover with milk and water, add quarter teaspoon of celery seed, and cook till tender. Brown in a skillet one tablespoon each of butter and flour and add the celery, first rubbing it through a sieve with a wooden spoon. Also add one pint of sweet milk, and season to taste.

Vegetable Loaf

Peel one carrot, one beet, two potatoes, and a fair size onion. Chop onion and place in skillet with one third cup of oil. Put the other vegetables through the grinder and add them to the onion. Cook slowly to prevent burning. Prepare in mixing bowl one cup each of dry bread crumbs, rolled oats, cold boiled beans which have been put through a grinder, and half a cup of chopped nuts. To this add the vegetables when nicely browned, and two eggs, paprika, salt, and herb seasoning. Moisten with vegetable stock, tomato juice, or water. Mix well and

pass through the grinder again to make all smooth; the mixture should be stiff. Pack in oiled bread tins and set these in pan of water. Place in moderate oven and baste with vegetable stock; bake about three hours.

Brown Gravy

Place two tablespoons each of flour and oil and a bay leaf in skillet. Cook slowly until well browned, then add one clove. When cooked remove bay leaf and clove; allow mixture to cool slightly, then add one pint of water, and beat well. Season to taste, and boil again. If wished, it may be strained.

"Gleanings of a Mystic" in Spanish

Spanish-speaking students of the Rosicrucian teachings now have the opportunity of reading Max Heindel's "Gleanings of a Mystic" (Recolecciones de un Místico) in their own tongue. This book has been translated, printed, and published in Barcelona under the direction of the local Fellowship Center. Among other valuable information it gives the meaning of the Sacraments of the Church from the standpoint of the occultist. We feel that this book will be much appreciated by our friends in Catholic countries. "Recolecciones de un Místico" is bound in green and gold, uniform with the other publications of the Fellowship. It contains 231 pages and index. It may be obtained at the price of \$2.00 from,

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The Rosy Cross Healing Circle

MEDITATION FOR THE SOLAR MONTH OF ARIES

March 21st to April 20th, Inclusive.

Aries sounds for us the notes of *Initiative, Courage, and Right Action* that we may utilize that "life abundant" which is given to us by the Sun Spirit, Christ.

PATIENTS' LETTERS

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 14, 1930.

Healing Dept.,
Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Dear Friends:

I want to tell you, Tuesday evening I made an appeal for help. I was suffering terribly with a sudden attack of asthma and a cold in my chest. The asthma and my heart were most distressing.

It was only ten minutes after I penned those lines that I received sudden relief and have been improving ever since. I am able to be up again and know I shall make steady progress. I want to thank all the friends so much.

Sincerely,

—A. H. McL.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 31, 1930.

Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Healing Dept.,
Dear Friends:

After mailing you the second letter concerning R. H. (unconscious for a week as the result of an auto accident) everything began to work out well. He regained consciousness and I succeeded in getting his father to take him home. Next day we drove to his new home, and there we found him in spite of bad wounds and bruises sitting up fully dressed, playing the radio in the front room. This showed a remarkable healing.

His wife's condition became normal just as soon as I mailed the letter.

If Mr. H. has not already written I know he will soon write and thank you for the wonderful results you helped him get.

Best love and appreciation of the wonderful work you are doing.

Yours in fellowship,

—C.

Port Orchard, Wash., Oct. 22, 1929.

Dear Friends:

Two hours after I had written and asked for help I was so near well I forgot anything was wrong with my chest. I wrote and then lay down for a nap, as I find I get much better results. I mean I get help quicker if I take a nap. This may help some one to know about taking a nap. Thank you many times.

—Dr. E. M. G.

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 supported by freewill offerings. For further information and application blank, address,

*Healing Department,
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HEALING DATES

March 2— 9—15—22—30

April 5—12—18—26

May 3— 9—16—23—30

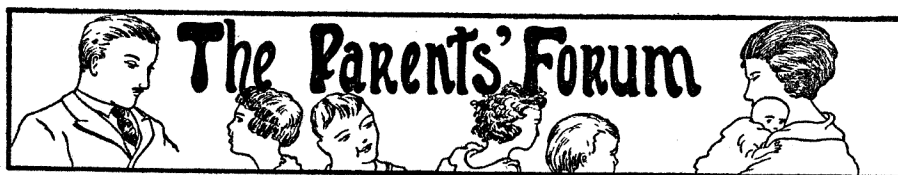
Healing meetings are held at Headquarters on the above dates at 6:30 P. M. If you would like to join in this work, begin when the clock in your place of residence points to 6:30 P. M., or as near that as possible; meditate on health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the healing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

The Rosicrucian Sunday School

The Rosicrucian Sunday School is being found of great value in the training of children. The lessons are sent out from Headquarters in the form of booklets, each containing the lessons necessary for an entire solar month and illustrating the particular virtues which should be inculcated during that month. They are furnished to the Centers and also to individuals who wish to conduct classes in their homes. The booklets are 15 cents each, and the manual of instructions for conducting a Sunday School is 10 cents. An entire year's lessons consisting of twelve booklets and the manual of instructions are sent for \$1.70.

We hope that those local Centers which have not yet instituted Sunday School classes will consider the matter, as it is an important phase of the Rosicrucian work.

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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

Hoover Conference on Child Welfare

"The most sweeping study of child welfare ever made in the world," is what Secretary Wilbur says of the work now being done along this line since President Hoover announced his White House Conference on Child Health and Protection. Those in charge of the four sections listed below are preparing recommendations in their respective fields.

1. Education and training, including that of parents and pre-school children, vocational guidance, child labor, recreation, and physical education.

2. Public health service, including the control of milk production and communicable diseases.

3. Medical service, including prenatal and maternal care and the growth and development of children.

4. The handicapped child, including the crippled, blind, deaf, mentally defective, delinquent, and the orphans.

We trust the above work will inspire the thoughtless American public to a greater effort in behalf of our children.

Books on Bringing Up Children.

To all parents of growing boys I would heartily recommend the reading of Charles W. Eliot's "*Talks to Parents and Young People*." The author certainly understands "boy nature." He stresses the constant need of sympathetic understanding of the boy's physical and mental qualities, his temperament and disposition. (\$1.75, Beacon Press, N. Y. City.)

"*Newer Ways with Children*" is the title of a new book by the famous educator, Professor M. V. Shea, head of the Department of Education at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin. He has made the training of children a life study, and today is considered the foremost authority in that field by almost every agency of child education in America. He deals with every phase of child training (he is himself a father). I urge all parents to own the book for constant reference. (Any bookseller, \$3.50.)

Child Slavery.

Somehow April with its warm spring rains and its promise of early spring flowers always fills the writer of this column with sorrow instead of the natural one of joy; why? Because she knows that soon thousands of children will leave the schools not to return until next December. In some parts of the country they will be herded in gangs in labor camps, and work from ten to fourteen hours a day picking berries, fruit, and vegetables. These labor camps or shacks have no proper sanitary facilities, no protection against mosquitoes, no one to look after the physical health of the children, let alone their spiritual welfare.

Why is child slavery permitted? Because it seems to be nobody's business to stop it. Those who fought for a federal amendment to the Constitution prohibiting child labor were defeated on the ground that each state must care for its own children, although pledges were given that the legislatures would bring the state laws up to standard. Philadelphia last spring sent 2000 children over to the state of New Jersey into labor camps there, as the laws of New Jersey can protect only its own children. Thus the greedy slave drivers can use children from other states as long as they want them. What's the answer? There is little hope unless the parents who burn with indignation at such treatment of our helpless young will bestir themselves in their behalf.

Local Center News

From the Local Centers of the Rosicrucian Fellowship

THE PLAN OF THIS DEPARTMENT

During 1929 we followed the policy in this department of giving news in regard to the various speakers, teachers, and officers in the local Centers in an endeavor to make them feel acquainted with one another and to give an idea of the numbers of people actually engaged in Rosicrucian work throughout the country. So far during 1930 we have followed the plan of restricting this department to an account of the outstanding activities of the various Centers and methods of executing Center work, mentioning personalities only in those cases where they have done special work outside of routine activities. We believe this plan is the better of the two. From the occult standpoint personalities should always be subordinated as much as possible, although the expression of appreciation for good work done is constructive. It is understood, however, that the routine activities of lectures, classes, and devotional services are going on regularly in the Centers, and therefore special mention will ordinarily not be made of them in order that the space may be available for other matters. We are always particularly glad to have information in regard to methods of conducting Center work that have proved successful in order that we may print it for the benefit of other Centers.

Burlington, Vermont.

The Burlington Fellowship Center writes us as follows: "We are taking up the Supplementary Philosophy Course by giving out two questions each week. The students search for the answers through the week, and the result has been many interesting discussions."

Liverpool, England.

The Liverpool Study Center advises that they are getting satisfying results from an advertisement they have been running in one of the papers. This advertisement makes known the fact that the Rosicrucian Fellowship teaches a philosophy that is satisfying to both the head and the heart; that it is a Christian philosophy giving the esoteric explanation of the Christian religion.

Los Angeles, Calif., 8th Street Center.

The Los Angeles Fellowship Center is now located in their new rooms in the Beaux Arts Bldg., 1709 W. Eighth St. In accordance with the advance notice given last month, the formal opening was held Sunday evening, February 9th, the dedication service being conducted by Mrs. Max Heindel.

Los Angeles, Calif., Broadway Center.

We now have two Centers in Los Angeles, the second one being a study group organized by Mr. John Wierz, located in the rooms just vacated by the Fellowship Center at 213 So. Broadway. The reading room will be open daily except Sunday from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. To get the work started Mr. Wierz is giving a series of stereopticon lectures every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. He will also conduct classes in the study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy and astrology, and he plans to open a class in public speaking soon.

"While the planet Uranus, the Awakener, goes through the martial sign of Aries, the pioneer," Mr. Wierz writes, "every effort is made to break up old crystallized conditions and to establish better ones. Every Rosicrucian student should help not only in breaking up bad conditions but establishing better ones through helping to bring the Rosicrucian teachings before the public." Mr.

Wierz is not conducting Sunday Evening Services at the Broadway Center, but will lecture in the Pasadena Center every first Sunday, and in the Long Beach Center every second Sunday of each month.

New York City, Union Center.

A communication from this Center informs us that Mrs. A. W. Conner of this Center will broadcast over WLIT, Philadelphia, Friday, March 14, 2:15 P. M. Subject, "Do the Stars Influence Us?" Mrs. Conner will lecture the evening before at the Philadelphia Center.

Paris, France.

We have news from the Paris Study Center that their beloved secretary, Madame Lejosne, passed out very suddenly on February 1st. Madame Lejosne will be very much missed for she has served faithfully as secretary of this Center ever since it was started in 1925. Last June she lost her husband in death, but in spite of sorrow and ill health she carried on the work.

Through the efforts of some of the students in the Paris Center the Students' Monthly Lessons are being translated into French.

We are notified by the president that this Center, formerly called "Société des Rose-Croix" has changed its name to "Centre de Paris de L'Association Rosicrucienne," as they wish to conform as nearly as possible to the American name, "The Rosicrucian Fellowship."

Portland, Oregon.

From this Study Center comes the following interesting item: "Our astrology class has been studying Czar Nicholas' chart and also that of King George V, and are planning on using the chart of the Prince of Wales. We intend to assign some particular characteristic of the latter chart to each individual student to work out, as for instance, 'strength,' 'individuality,' 'personality,' 'physical description,' and so forth."

Rochester, New York.

A good suggestion for group study

comes to us from this Fellowship Center, which we append for the information of our readers: "We have had a very interesting class in the 'Mysteries of the Operas,' . . . in which we have just completed the study of Goethe's 'Faust.' At each meeting we had musical selections from the various operas as they were being studied, and also excerpts from the dramas themselves." This appears to us to be a fine idea, and one which we hope will be put into practice by other study groups.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

We are again in receipt of the *Bulletin* from this Center, which is opened with a poem by one of the members of the editorial committee, followed by a short but interesting article discussing the Rosicrucian Philosophy, entitled, "Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves."

San Francisco, California.

This Center, which has been doing excellent work in character building and in the study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy, sends us the following announcement:

"The San Francisco Center announces removal on April 1st to their new home at 1725 Washington Street, where spacious quarters have been secured, consisting of an auditorium, library, class rooms, etc. Due to the continued growth of this Center it has become necessary to seek larger quarters in which to carry on the numerous activities. This Center is doing very active work in every department."

Utica, New York.

The Utica Fellowship Center writes us: "For the past few months a semi-weekly ad has been appearing in the Personal Column of Utica's evening paper, advertising one of the series of the Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures. (These ads are run at private expense.) The response has been very gratifying. The names of those who answer are entered on our mailing list, and a copy of the lecture wanted is sent by the person in charge of that department. We decided upon the plan of imme-

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diately following up the sending of the lecture by sending the pamphlets, 'The Object of the Rosicrucian Fellowship' and 'Why I Am a Rosicrucian.' After a short period more free literature is sent, the party in this way receiving a comprehensive idea of the Rosicrucian Fellowship and its work. Utica Center through these ads is spreading the message directly to those it could not otherwise reach."

NEW CENTERS

St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss Annella Smith, field lecturer for the Rosicrucian Fellowship, writes us that she has succeeded in organizing a Study Center in St. Louis, which meets at the home of Mrs. H. Ferrero, 5056 Delmar Avenue.

This new Center will undoubtedly appreciate letters of encouragement and suggestions from older Centers. Thoughts of love, we are told, take the form of flowers on the invisible planes. Knowing this, let the secretaries of our various Centers send letters to this new one, also to the Los Angeles Broadway Center previously described. Let these letters be so full of love that their recipients will feel *showers of the roses of fellowship* and know them to be an actuality; also they may detect the unseen presence of the Elder Brother, whose holiness radiates a fragrance as of a glorious Rose.

Rosicrucian Field Lecturers

Miss Annella Smith, having delivered a series of lectures in St. Louis, Mo., which were very well received, is now once more in Cleveland, Ohio, where she is lecturing under the auspices of the Cleveland Center. A telegram just received from E. Wagner of that Center reads as follows: "Annella Smith lectures once again being enthusiastically received in Cleveland by her old friends and with audiences increasing at every lecture. Miss Smith displays added force and power. Her talks are vivid, practi-

cal, and unusual. Hearers comment on her oratorical and intellectual ability. Akron friends attending."

We rejoice that Miss Smith is so successful in her work, and our prayers are with her and with the many sincere friends of the Fellowship who are giving her loyal cooperation and assistance.

Mr. Ortwin Schaumburg continues his successful work in the German field. His recent communications inform us of work accomplished in Dresden, where he feels that he has made a good start in bringing the Rosicrucian Philosophy to the people. He plans a more extended lecture tour through Germany, but the schedule has not yet been made out. Information concerning this will appear later. After this tour Mr. Schaumburg will return to the United States to engage in lecture work here for the Fellowship. It is hoped to increase our lecture corps to include at least four lecturers on full time in the not distant future.

Address by Mrs. Max Heindel in Los Angeles

Our many friends in Los Angeles and its immediate vicinity will be pleased to know that they have a stereopticon lecture by Mrs. Max Heindel to look forward to. Mrs. Heindel will speak in the Major Theatre, which seats five hundred, located in the Beaux Arts Building on Beacon Street at Eighth. The time is April 2nd, 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture is, "At the Gate of Life and Death." This lecture is being given under the auspices of the Los Angeles Fellowship Center. Come and bring your friends.

Fellowship! Harmony! Truth!

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The HARMONY CLUB idea is a practical means of promoting these vital qualities. See description on page 223.

Echoes From Mt. Ecclesia

Chats with the Editor

I AM WRITING these "Echoes" on the 3rd of March. Just outside of my window the acacia trees are yellow with their sweet-smelling blooms. Everywhere the flowers are in blossom. The canyons are filled with ferns and wild flowers. California has had a warm and most delightful winter. The lateness of the rains has delayed the vegetation about a month behind its usual time.

The mountain tops are white with snow. Sometimes people who hear the Californian tell about his oranges and also his snow think the story is exaggerated, and truly it does seem at times almost unreal. Take, for instance, the cities of Riverside and San Bernardino where the oranges are so plentiful. These towns are at the foot of the San Bernardino Mountains. Recently the roses were in bloom there and the oranges ripe, while a few miles distant Big Bear Lake up in the mountains was frozen over sufficiently for the enjoyment of skaters, and the San Jacinto Mountain was covered with eight feet of snow. At the same time it was warm enough at Oceanside, seventy-five miles from this snow-capped mountain, for us to take a swim in the Pacific Ocean.

The writer must talk a little to her readers about her pet hobby, the dear little children. We have one little fellow about whom we have not written, a baby born to two of our disciples, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley. This little fellow a short time ago passed his second birthday. Oh, such a little golden and curly haired darling! His great delight is to attend services in the chapel while his mother plays the organ. Little Junior sits at the back of the chapel among the BIG MEN. He joins in our oral prayer, which by the way is always spoken aloud

by the members: "Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of serving Thee; we thank thee for Thy divine Love." This little baby's voice rings out, word for word, in this prayer, and in the songs he sings at the top of his voice. The children at the New Era School are always begging to come to the chapel, and they can sing the hymns as well as the grown-ups.

This school is now so full that we may have to have a waiting list. Such a big work is getting its start in this school for children, namely, building the spiritual teachings into the vital bodies of the little ones, who will never lose what they have received even though they should wander into other fields. A mold is formed here for a moral and religious character. Where can one find a more lasting and more effective work than with the children? We pray that God will strengthen and bless the teachers and nurses in this school, and that possibilities may materialize for expansion, which is so badly needed.

Will History Repeat Itself?

BY ESTHER TOBIASON

WILL the gods of ancient lore reign again? Will shepherds rediscover the oracle of Apollo? Is Mt. Parnassus, hill of the gods, again to play a part in the world's history? What mystery lies in the wonders of antiquity!

Like an enchanting fairy tale it is told that once upon a time, far, far back in the legendary history of man, shepherds were watching their flocks on the sunny slopes of Mt. Parnassus of old Greece, when of a sudden one of them noticed that a goat

which had wandered close to a great cavern in the mountain side had begun dancing about and making strange noises, which was far different from the customary manner of goats. His curiosity having been aroused, the shepherd went to see what had brought on this frenzy, but he had no sooner come near the cave than he too began acting in a most unusual manner. Among other things he began foretelling future events.

Apparently, human nature was not so very different in those ancient days from what it is now, for due to curiosity this cave, later the seat of the Delphian oracle of Apollo, soon became famous. But from the fact that those who came under the influence of the fumes emitted from the cavern frequently lost control of themselves to such an extent that they met death by throwing themselves into the vent, it became necessary to enclose this stronghold of Apollo. This was done, and a priestess, a young and beautiful maiden, was selected to serve as mediator between the god of the cavern and his subjects.

It was on Mt. Parnassus that in Greek mythology the mighty sun god slew a great python and threw its body into a cavern. The spirit of the serpent then became the slave of the sun god. It was believed that the fumes from the python's decaying body formed the magic effluvia of the oracle of Apollo. However, it is said that this oracle had a most constructive and progressive influence on Greek culture, for it often brought to justice wrongdoers, and politically it favored civil liberty.

It was also thought by the ancient people of Greece that the great vent or fissure in the cavern was the umbilicus of the earth, consequently they must have regarded the earth as the physical body of some great genie or planetary spirit. Were they right? Was Mt. Parnassus a vital center of the earth? If so, where are the other six vital centers? Are they yet to be developed? It is known that man has seven vital centers in his body, and if the earth is the body of a

planetary spirit it too probably has seven such centers.

Recently while Mrs. Max Heindel was president of the Beautification Club of Oceanside, a tract of land adjoining the city reservoir was set aside through the influence of this club for park purposes. The name selected for it by vote of the citizens of Oceanside, including the residents of Mt. Ecclesia, was "Mt. Parnassus." This name was suggested by Mrs. N. A. Courtright of Los Angeles, who had visited the Rosicrucian Fellowship Headquarters and was fascinated by the future possibilities of our locality.

The name "Mt. Ecclesia" was selected by the Elder Brothers, and means "hill of the churches." It therefore seems most significant that an adjoining hill should be called "Mt. Parnassus," meaning "hill of the gods." It has been said by developed people who have visited Mt. Ecclesia that the Temple is built directly over a vital center in the earth. If the oracle of Apollo at Delphi was the umbilicus of the earth, what may our own Mt. Ecclesia and the adjoining Mt. Parnassus, "Hill of the Churches" and "Hill of the Gods," be? Will history repeat itself here?

The Harmony Club

The idea which inspired the formation of the Harmony Club at Mt. Ecclesia is finding favor in many quarters, and we believe that this movement, beginning with a small group here at Headquarters, is destined to play an important part in the work of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. We as students of these cosmic Rosicrucian teachings know that thought is the power which molds all outer conditions, but we have not as yet awakened to a realization of the wonders that can be performed by a united effort to conserve and direct this great force into constructive channels. We feel that if the friends in the various local Centers would join us in this effort, the power of the work would be increased enormously, and dis-

cordant vibrations sent out through thought and word which are a definite hindrance to the spreading of our teachings would be largely eliminated.

Fellowship! Harmony! Truth! These are the qualities which the members of the Harmony Club are endeavoring to build into their consciousness, and through concentration to send out in powerful thought forms in order to clear away all negative conditions and help the inner torch of truth in every heart to blaze out with new luster, and thus light the way to peace and greater accomplishment.

"If we persist, though oft we fail,
In time our efforts shall prevail
To end the discord and dispel
All evil with Harmony's rhythmic
swell." —Adele Donovan.

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Our Prison Department is in need of men volunteers to correspond with our men prison students. We are doing a splendid work in this field, and shall appreciate your cooperation. This service relieves the wretched monotony of prison existence, and the personal interest of our members give the men courage to carry on. In making your application for a correspondent, address,

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