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The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

The Lost Word of Power

By JOSEPH DARROW



HE question might arise as to whether the Lost Word, which was lost eons ago in prehistoric times, is an appropriate topic for the "Current Outlook." Our justification for using this subject is that the Lost Word may be "current" much sooner than we think. Metaphysicians of different schools are already saying that in the New Age, which they think is near at hand, the advanced Egos of the race will materialize from primordial substance the greater part of their physical needs, which is another way of saying that they will have regained the Lost Word, and become able to use it creatively.

We regard this as a rather extravagant claim, but still we know that the Lost Word of power is a reality, and that it will eventually be recovered and used by the human race. Also that even now the Adepts of the race are using it, and that some who have far less esoteric development than the Adept are employing certain variations of it. Therefore we will look into the matter a little further.

Freemasons were the first, within the limits of historical time, to use the Creative Word. But they lost it a long time ago, and since then have been using a substitute, as Master Masons today know. Moreover, every modern Mason is in possession of the substitute. But it

doesn't do him much good, for the substitute has no power.

Masonry was originally an esoteric or occult institution dealing with the hidden forces of Nature, and taught its members how to use those forces. Among the accomplishments of the early Masons was the ability to leave the physical body in its etheric counterpart and travel on the invisible planes. This was spoken of in Masonic parlance as "traveling in foreign countries." But when the Masons lost the Word, they also lost the power of traveling on the inner planes. Thus modern Masons have become mainly a fraternal organization.

Hiram Abiff was the head of the Masonic Order at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, and since Solomon did not have the mechanical skill to construct the Temple, he engaged Hiram and his artisans to do it for him. Traditionally this was around 1000 B.C.

Hiram Abiff possessed the Word and its power. But there were traitors among his artisans who frustrated his great design of casting the "Molten Sea" and who, according to Masonic tradition, fell upon him and killed him, with the result that the Word which he possessed was lost to the Masonic Order. The esoteric meaning of all this is set forth illuminatingly in the Rosicrucian book *Freemasonry and Catholicism*. There is a great wealth of occult lore there.

The Bible refers to the Word and says that everything in the universe was created by it. The Rosicrucians agree with this and explain it by saying that in the beginning the power of the Word acted upon the Cosmic Root Substance out of which all things are made to mold that substance into the myriad of forms which have become the worlds in space and the bodies of men and animals.

In the prehistoric periods of the earth the creative Word was extensively used by the inhabitants. The ancient Lemurians who lived on the continent of Lemuria, now lying beneath the Pacific Ocean, used the etheric Word, and it gave them power over animals and Nature. In Atlantis, which succeeded Lemuria, the Word was also used extensively. Genesis says that the animals were brought to Adam and that he "named" them. What

THE WORD IN LEMURIA AND ATLANTIS this really means, as disclosed by the Rosicrucians, is that Adam was a symbolic name for humanity, and that naming

the animals did not consist in calling a lion a lion and so on, but instead that it was the use of the Word of power to control the animals and to work formatively upon them. Modern animal tamers would give a lot to be able to do this.

Incidentally it is to be noted that the Atlanteans did not degrade the Word, or language, by "small talk." Instinctively they knew the divine nature of language and respected it accordingly. The use of words to express thought is the highest privilege that man has. Some time that fact will become universally known, and language then will not be abused as it is now.

Now regarding the actual nature of the Word and the possibility of its use, the Rosicrucians give us some most interesting information. First, the Word is etheric and is spoken by the etheric larynx. Second, *it has the power of infusing vitality into inert substances.* But first let us have a little general information about it from *The Rosicrucian*

Philosophy in Questions and Answers, from which we quote:

"A time is coming when man will create directly by the word of his mouth, and he is now learning to create by other means so that when in time he becomes able to use *his word* to create *directly* he will know how. That training is absolutely necessary. At the present time he would make many mistakes. Besides, he is not yet good—he would bring into being demoniac creations. . . . But as time goes on and we learn to think aright more and more, we shall at last obtain such a power of thought that we shall be able to think the right thought at once in every case without experimenting, and then we shall also be able to *speak our thought into actual being, as a thing.* . . . It was only when selfishness, cruelty, and unbridled anger unfitted man for the mastership that the Word of power spoken of by the Masons was lost."

Now for some more detailed information about the Word, we quote from an article by Max Heindel in the *Rays from the Rose Cross*, of April, 1916, entitled "A Cosmic Event":

"An etheric organ [is being] built within the head and the throat by the unspent sex force, which [organ] to the ETHERIC LARYNX spiritual sight appears as the stem of SPEAKS THE WORD a flower ascending from the lower part of the trunk. This . . . is truly a creative organ, capable of speaking the Word of life and power.

"The present word is generated by clumsy muscular motion which adjusts the larynx, tongue, and lips so that the air passing from the lungs makes certain sounds. But air is a heavy medium, difficult to move in comparison with Nature's finer forces like electricity which move in the ether. When this [etheric] organ has been evolved, it will have the power to speak the Word of life, to *infuse*

vitality into substances that were hitherto inert. This organ we are now building by service.

"At the present time those who drink from the cup of self-abnegation that they may use the force in the service of others are building that organ, together with the soul body which is the wedding garment. They are learning to use it in a small way as Invisible Helpers when they are out of their bodies at night, for then they are forced to speak the Word of power which removes disease and builds in healthy tissues."

The above quotation gives us a general idea of the technique of the Word and the qualifications necessary for using it.

The use of the etheric Word by a person having less esoteric development than an Adept or Initiate is best illustrated by the Rosicrucian system of healing through the aid of invisible helpers. The invisible helper works upon the vital body of the patient while the Ego of the patient is absent in sleep.

THE WORD USED IN HEALING The helper has developed the etheric larynx to some degree so that he is able to speak the etheric Word and direct its vibrations to the vital body of the patient in such a manner as to infuse new vitality into it. Disease always starts in the vital, or etheric, body and is then gradually communicated to the physical organism. Therefore if we can attack disease at its source and remove it from the vital body, it follows that in due time the improved condition of the etheric vehicle will be communicated to the physical, and health will be restored. There are other methods which the invisible helper also uses, one of which is the manipulation of the vital body of the patient by the etheric hand of the helper.

Another important use of the Word is the creation of a new body, which the Adept or high Initiate of the Mystery Schools does even now. This method will be universally employed in a much later

period of Evolution, replacing the present method of generation through sex.

How may we in this twentieth-century world of ours develop the ability to use the etheric Word of power? The process is simple, but not easy. As indicated above, altruism, service to the race, the recognition of the fundamental unity of each with all, and practicing the principles of universal brotherhood over a long period of time eventually develop not only the etheric larynx with which to speak the Word, but also the super-etheric body in which the aspirant is able to travel on the invisible planes. That is the only way it can ever be done.

Modern Masons, still fumbling with the substitute for the Word and recalling the legendary glories of their former state, will never get anywhere until they return to the conditions which alone make it possible to recover and use the lost Word again. But they will do this eventually after long periods of experimentation, trial and tribulation, for the Masons are Sons of Cain, the more creative branch of the human race, particularly adapted for the using of the Word of power. The Sons of Seth, the more passive division of the race, will also learn to use the Word to a lesser degree.

Even now there are in the world quite a large number of Initiates of the Mystery Schools and a host of invisible helpers, and their numbers are increasing every year. All these can speak some variation of the Word. By the time of the Aquarian Age their number will have been greatly augmented. And in the Sixth Epoch, following the present Aryan Era, all who continue in Evolution will use the etheric larynx to speak the creative Word through the co-ordinating mechanism of the brain, guided by the Spirit, directed by the mind, and molded by the imagination. Then the Golden Age will have arrived because man will have fitted himself and learned to use the hidden potencies which now lie all about him undiscerned.

The Mystic Light

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The Life of St. Paul the Apostle

By ISABELLE M. NYSTROM

(IN THREE PARTS—PART ONE)



IT is anno Domini 37, shortly after the crucifixion of the Master Jesus. A young Greek, having been convicted of blasphemy by the Sanhedrin, was taken out of the city of Jerusalem for the death assigned by the Hebraic law to such a capital crime. As he was led through the streets, a herald preceded him who proclaimed his name, his wrongdoing, and the witnesses on whose testimony he had been condemned. At ten paces distant from the place of death, he was bidden to confess. Then a bitter drink containing a grain of frankincense was given to stupefy his senses, he was stripped bare of his upper garments and stoned to death; custom decreeing that the witnesses against him hurl the first stones. His name was Stephen, and the one who held his clothing and gazed admiringly and approvingly at the fury of the mob was a young man named Saul, a Hebrew, a Roman citizen, born in Asia Minor, and it is the story of his life that we are about to relate.

Saul was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, Asia Minor. It was a part of the Roman Empire, a city of importance commercially and intellectually, for it combined the Roman resourcefulness and trading

ability with the Greek culture. Although a Roman citizen, Saul's father was a Jew, of the tribe of Benjamin. He belonged to the narrowest sect of the Pharisees and so his son received the education and home training of a Jewish boy of very pious parentage. When Saul was five years of age, he began to read the Scriptures. A little later he began his daily visits to the synagogue. He read the Talmud, listened to the sermons and discussions of the priests and thus became very familiar with the Jewish law and all of the Old Testament, which he revered and referred to all his life.

All Jewish boys, regardless of their station in life, were obliged to learn a trade, and Saul chose to become a tent-maker. Tarsus was famous for its weaving of tent and sail cloth, and it was made of goat's hair, shorn from the goat flocks of the hills surrounding the city.

When Saul was about thirteen years of age, he was taken to the famous teacher, Rabban Gamaliel, of the High Priests of the Temple at Jerusalem, for thorough instruction in Jewish learning, for it was the intention of the family to make of little Saul a Jewish Rabbi. The influence and abiding effects of these seven years of study with the wise and cultured Gamaliel remained with Saul throughout

his life, for Saul was a Jew in nationality, in culture, in faith, and in his sympathy and understanding of his race. He was "an Hebrew of the Hebrews." (Philippians 3:5.)

Under Gamaliel's instruction, he took part in Temple discussions and controversies. He studied faithfully and was brilliant in his class. And so the young man Saul was graduated with honor and distinction. He believed that righteous living meant keeping in detail the Jewish law, its moral precepts, and its traditions. He was very orthodox, observed all the formalities of his religion, which explains his bitter hatred and contempt, his persecution of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth, the Galileans. To Saul, these people were heretics, they slighted tradition, they were revolutionary in their teachings and should be done away with, and with his customary faithfulness to what he regarded as his duty, he did not spare himself in his determination to exterminate them. He was savage and relentless to the followers of the Nazarene. He dragged not only men but women out of their little church in Jerusalem, brought them to judgment before the Sanhedrin and followed them to prison and to death. He helped to stone them, defied them at every turn, for Saul did nothing by halves and so his treatment of them was very cruel.

At last he regarded his work as finished in Jerusalem. Many Nazarenes had fled from the Holy City. Those who remained met secretly. Saul the Persecutor then sought for other Galileans to bring to judgment. He would go to Damascus, a fresh field for his cruelties. And so he secured from the High Priest of the Temple letters of authority to bring in chains the Galileans to the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem. With a little escort of soldiers he set forth on his journey to Damascus, some one hundred and fifty miles northward, and this occurred in about the seventh year after the crucifixion of Jesus, whom Saul had never met.

And now the journey was nearly over. It was about the hour of high noon, and

the little band was traveling through a valley, lovely with tropical foliage, walnut trees, pomegranates and beautiful palms. In the distance they could see the roofs of Damascus, white and gleaming in the sun as it shone down on what is now one of the oldest cities in the world.

Suddenly it seemed as though they were surrounded by a light of great splendor, brighter than the noonday, and in it came a vision for Saul alone and he was struck to earth. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul did not recognize the speaker for, as we have said, he had never seen him on earth. "Who art thou, Lord?" "I am Jesus of Nazareth whom thou persecutest." And St. Chrysostom tells us to note that the glorified speaker did not say, "I am the Only-Begotten—The One That Sitteth on the Right Hand of God the Father—He Who is Everywhere and Filleth All Things"—but only, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest."

Saul was well aware that the Leader whose followers he had persecuted had come from Nazareth. *This* was the One he had hated and despised,—this was Jesus of Nazareth! And in that single moment of vision, that look, Saul was converted. He *knew*, he, Saul, had seen the risen Lord, glorified. God the Father had revealed His Son unto this man, and on that appearance, that evidence of resurrection and immortality, Saul's faith became anchored, and his entire life transformed.

The voice gently told him to rise and when he stood upon his feet he found that he could not see, his eyes were blinded although they were wide open. "Arise," the voice continued, "and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do." And because he could not see, they led him by the hand into Damascus. And he went into that city not as Saul the Persecutor but as Saul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, himself a prisoner, a prisoner of Jesus of Nazareth.

He was taken to the house of one called Judas, and there he remained for three days, blind and without eating or drinking. And the Lord appeared to one Ananias in Damascus saying, "Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for behold he prayeth and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him that he might receive his sight."

But Ananias was fearful and reluctant saying, "Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name." But the Lord said unto him, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." And Ananias went, and laid his hands on Saul saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." And Saul received sight forthwith and was baptized. (Acts 9.)

And he spent certain days with the disciples at Damascus, receiving information from them. And because he had changed the entire direction and plan of his life, he needed a short period of quietness and meditation and accordingly he went into Arabia for this adjustment, as he tells us in his letters to the Galatians. Later he returned and preached in the synagogues of Damascus for about three years.

The Jews, however, regarded him as a traitor, and would have none of his preaching. "Is not this he that destroyed them that called on this name in Jerusalem and came hither for that same

intent?" And so they entered into a conspiracy to kill him and watched the gates of Damascus day and night lest he escape. But the disciples took him quietly by night and let him down by the wall of the city in a basket. And this humiliating experience was the beginning of a long martyrdom for Saul of Tarsus. With all the persecutions he had inflicted upon the followers of Jesus of Nazareth he himself became sadly familiar. Many times he drank the cup of bitterness, of merciless hatred, down to the dregs. He was scourged, stoned, betrayed, put into prison, chained to a gaoler, condemned to death, shipwrecked, mocked and jeered. Five times did he receive forty stripes save one. (Forty full stripes meant death under the law, and the Jews did not want Saul to die, they wanted him to live and be hunted in fear of his life.)

He did not at once begin his mission to the Gentiles. For, as St. Luke tell us, preaching in Christ's name among all nations was to begin with the Jews themselves. William Lyon Phelps in his little book on the Life of St. Paul explains this by saying that the Gentiles were unfamiliar with doctrine, with preaching and exhortation and, therefore, it was through the Jew that the Gentile was most easily reached, for they were then more or less friendly with each other. Moreover, these were the directions given by Christ Jesus Himself in His charge to His disciples before His ascension.

After preaching in and near-by to Damascus in small villages and towns for some months, Saul decided to return to Jerusalem. It must have cost him a great deal to make this decision.

He had left the Holy City a little over three years before a rigid, fanatical Pharisee, a militant defender of the ancient Law and Traditions, an influential Jew — Saul the Persecutor. He was returning humble, contrite, without pride, and with

"... the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. . . . But when it pleased God . . . to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: . . . but I went into Arabia." (Galatians ch. I.)

sorrow and remorse in his heart. For he came to visit Peter, the Disciple, the leader of the Galilean Church at Jerusalem, whence came his title the "Apostle of the Foundation Stone," and is the basis for the belief and teaching of the Roman Church in Peter as the first Pope. The Church at Jerusalem was founded on the Day of Pentecost; and it was *that* little congregation Saul had so pitilessly slain, scattered, and almost destroyed.

Yet Peter opened his door to him in welcome and hospitality. For Peter well knew what it meant to be contrite and filled with sorrow and remorse. Once he had wept bitterly in the agony of self-reproach in the garden of the High Priest after denying his Lord. But few of the other members of the Church came near the new convert. They regarded him with terror and distrust. Saul mentions it pathetically in his Letter to the Galatians years later: "But other of the disciples I saw none, save James the Lord's brother." And of James, he appears to have seen very little. It was a sorrowful isolation for Saul, who had gone there so eager to make amends, to prove his sincerity in conversion, so willing to abase himself. Peter was staying with John Mark and his mother who was a widow, and there Saul abode too, for fifteen days. Now John Mark was a cousin of Barnabas; and it was Barnabas who came forward and by his friendship and kindness at this moment saved Saul for further work in Jerusalem.

As Joseph the Levite, Barnabas, too, had been a pupil of Gamaliel. He became converted to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and began to preach, the power of his preaching earning for him the name of "Barnabas," meaning, "the son of exhortation." He understood Saul, was familiar with his youth, his background, realized the change which had been made in the young man's life, and sympathized with him. He pleaded Saul's cause, told of his vision, of the fearlessness with which he had preached in Damascus, his evident sincerity, and persuaded the members of the church in

Jerusalem to accept him. And Saul began to preach; and it is to be noted that he preached not to the Jews but to the Greeks, the Hellenists, the Greek Jews in the synagogues where Stephen had taught. Prompted by contrition, no doubt, and wishing to make full amends, feeling it was his duty and special necessity to do this thing. And Saul was no shirker. He did nothing by halves, as we know. But his preaching was again cut short by a conspiracy to murder him and in a trance he saw the same beloved figure and heard the voice: "Make instant haste and depart in speed from Jerusalem for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. Go, for I will send thee afar to the Gentiles." The refusal of the synagogues at his own Jerusalem to believe in his earnest efforts to undo past mischief, their distrust and doubt of him, left a scar on his mind and soul which long years did not eradicate, for some twenty years later he calls attention of the shortness of his stay there as proof that it was not from the Church at Jerusalem he received his commission to preach and not to the apostles at Jerusalem that he owed his allegiance. For he tells us he was "an apostle not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead."

And so he left Jerusalem and went back to his old home in Cilicia, and as an evangel throughout Syria, where he preached for fourteen years and he writes, "they glorified God in me"; adding, with a touch of acerbity, "and I was unknown by face unto the churches of Judea." The church of Jerusalem had hurt Saul very deeply. And in Syria he remained fourteen years, years of successful ministry, of training in apostolic teaching. Thus there were for Saul some seventeen years of preparation, three at Damascus and Arabia, a short time in Jerusalem, and fourteen years in and around Tarsus in Cilicia. They were years of trial and struggle; and of active ministry in which he made many converts. They were years significant in

their testing, their inward development, for thus was Saul made ready to enter upon his high calling, for which the Lord had destined him,—*Paul* the Apostle to the Gentiles; *Paul* the Apostle of the Uncircumcised. For the time had come for those of whom Christ Jesus had spoken, "the other sheep which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

And then it was that once more his friend Barnabas came to him. He sought Saul's help in working with him at Antioch in Syria, and Saul readily consented. Antioch at that time was Queen of the East, flourishing and affluent, and with a population of some 500,000 souls. It was a Greek capital, adorned and enriched by Roman generosity. It lies between the mountains of Lebanon and the Taurus range, on the banks of the Orontes River. At that time it was the residence of the Roman Imperial Legate of Syria. Through the entire length of the city ran a wide street, extending for five miles, adorned with trees, statues, and temples; and half its length was paved with blocks of pure white marble. Roman baths, villas, and theatres gave Antioch a splendor only exceeded by Alexandria, and Rome itself.

It was a very magnificent city to which

Saul eagerly traveled, and in the street called Singon he began to preach. The work grew and prospered and for twelve months Barnabas and Saul worked together. The success of their work for Christ was so great and so far-reaching that it was there at Antioch in Syria that the Galileans were first called "Christians." And Saul's biographers tell us that indicates a decisive epoch in the church, for it meant the emergence of a true and separate faith from the traditions of the Jews, the establishment of the Christian Religion. From that time on, Saul's supremacy as a Christian preacher was acknowledged and never challenged, and the year at Antioch in Syria was one of the happiest in his life.

One can see the Divine plan in the separate establishment of the church as a Christian Religion at Antioch. In the hands of purely Jewish overseers the Gentile mission would not have been successful. A Jewish Christianity could not have developed into a world-wide religion. As it was, the spirituality and intellectual freshness of this little church met with so much encouragement that the center of Christianity was then transferred from Jerusalem to Antioch just as completely as it was later transferred from Antioch to Rome.

(Part Two in May Issue)

Easter Joy

*See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose;
Seeds so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and garlands hail the spring;
Shaughts and woodlands ring with voices
While the wild birds build and sing.*

—Charles Kinglsey in
40,000 Quotations.

Easter on Mt. Ecclesia--1914

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ASTER morning all on Mount Ecclesia made it a point to rise before the Sun. We then all repaired to the Pro-Ecclesia, where we held the usual morning service, the reading appropriate to the occasion, telling again the Bible story of the Resurrection. After the services in the Pro-Ecclesia we repaired to the circle in front of the administration building, where the cross had been planted three years ago before anything else was started on Mount Ecclesia. The cross had been repainted, and was beautiful in its *white garb*. Fresh roses from our abundance were gathered also and made into a wreath which was hung about our emblem, and the five-pointed star in the circle was resplendent with Egyptian daisies, forming the yellow background to make the symbol complete. The rose that had been planted at the same time as the cross was also in bloom, and everything was ready for the occasion, so we proceeded at once to replant the cross, which had been taken out for painting, and when this ceremony had been completed, Mr. Heindel spoke as follows:

"According to an ancient legend Adam took with him three cuttings from the tree of life when he was forced to leave Paradise, and Seth, his son, planted these three cuttings and they grew. One of them was later used to make the staff of Aaron, wherewith he performed miracles before Pharaoh; the other was taken to Solomon's temple, with the intention of making it a pillar, or fitting it in somewhere, but no place whatever could be found for it; it would not fit, so it was used as a bridge across the brook which was outside the temple; the third of the cuttings was used for the cross of Christ, and upon it He suffered for our sakes, and was finally liberated, drawing into the earth and becoming the planetary spirit of our globe, in which He is now groaning and travelling until the day of liberation.

"There is a very great significance in this ancient legend. The first cutting represents the spiritual power wielded by the Divine Hierarchs in the days when mankind was in its infancy, wielded then for our benefit *by others*. The second cutting was to be used in Solomon's temple. No one could appreciate it except the Queen of Sheba, no place could be found for it, for Solomon's temple is the consummation of the arts and crafts, and in a material civilization nothing spiritual is appreciated. The sons of Cain are working out their salvation along material lines, and therefore they have no use for spiritual powers. So '*it was used as a bridge across the brook.*' There are always souls, the real, true *Mystic Masters*, who have been able to make use of that bridge, which leads from the visible to the invisible, who were able to return to the Garden of Eden, to Paradise, across that bridge. It was the third cutting from the tree of life which formed the cross of Christ. By climbing that cross, He gained liberation from this physical existence, and entered into the higher spheres; likewise we also, when we take up our cross and follow him, shall develop our soulpower and enter a larger sphere of usefulness in the invisible world, and may we all strive so that day by day we shall be found kneeling and overcome, clinging to the cross of Christ, so that one day not far distant we shall climb our own cross and from this attain the glorious liberation, the Resurrection of life of which the Christ was and is the first fruits for every believing soul.

"This is the real, the true Easter message, and every one of us should realize that we are Christs in the making, and that when the Christ is really and truly *born within*, that Christ will show us the way to the cross where we may attain and advance from the tree of knowledge which brought death, to the tree of Life in the vital body which brings immortality."

The Significance of the Persecuted

By ENID S. SMITH, PH.D.



FTEN the stone the builders reject becomes the head of the corner. William James of Harvard once said that rather than believing in man's big organizations, big successes, and big results, he believed in the eternal forces which at first seem to work in individuals in an unsuccessful way making them underdogs, until history came along and placed them on top. It is the mystic souls, persecuted as they have always been during their lifetime, that really draw and will continue to draw civilized societies in their wake. They are enshrined in the memory of mankind, and what they have been and done furnishes humanity its guideposts. The price paid by individuals who are a little ahead of their time is always very great, often to the sacrifice of their lives—at least they can count on loss of reputation, on misunderstanding, misinterpretation, and persecution. Yet this way lies all progress, even though man slays his benefactors.

At Newport, Rhode Island, stands a monument to Michele Felice Corne, who first dared to eat a tomato, despite the age-old superstition that tomatos were poisonous. Thus Corne gave to the world one of its most prized vegetables. Similarly, there are many discoveries in the realm of the physical, mental, and spiritual that would be beneficial to mankind, if humanity would cease to dread the unknown, be willing to welcome growth, change, development, and would co-operate with its trail-blazers.

Hostility to truth down through the ages has not limited itself to the spiritual but often to the merely physical. The simple inventions used so widely at the present time brought intense persecution and in certain instances even death to the benefactors of mankind. Scarcely

fifty years ago a Boston paper congratulated the police on apprehending a "criminal" for taking funds from people for a "device he said would convey the human voice over metallic wires." Today, the telephone for which this inventor was persecuted has become almost a necessity of successful living. Likewise was it with the inventors of the telegraph, the trans-Atlantic cable, and the radio—these people were all ridiculed, slandered, and their discoveries considered absurd, ludicrous, preposterous.

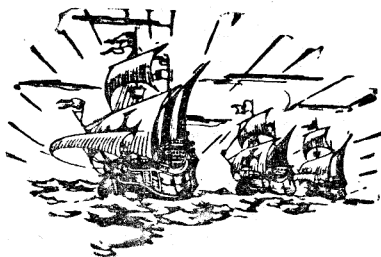
Edison, who gave us the electric light, the phonograph, and some six hundred other inventions, and who, recognizing the spiritual source whence came his ideas, said, "They are waiting over there to give us these things," was persecuted, was financially ruined, was ridiculed and called "that insane fellow who fiddles around with a comical little lighted hair-pin in a bottle." The Wright Brothers with their aeroplane and Simon Lake with his submarine also had their share of ridicule and persecution. One old admiral condemning them in company with others, said, "When God Almighty wants men to fly, He will give them wings; when He wants them to swim, He will give them fins." When Henry Ford, scientist, inventor, religionist gave to the world the new type of engine in the popularly priced automobile he faced the Wall Street financiers with the result that these business magnates said to Ford, "Here's your hat—there's the door: please shut it as you go."

Our trail-blazers of the present are ridiculed, deprived of funds, cast out of positions, prevented from earning a living—some die of disappointment, hardship, starvation; but in Galileo's time they also died for their inventions, be-

ing forced to bow to triumphant stupidity in one form or another. Galileo, inventor of the thermometer and the telescope, among other things of benefit to humanity, had to deny the truths he had discovered to save his life, but as it was he dragged out his last days sightless in a prison cell. Likewise, did other torch-bearers of humanity: Gutenberg, the inventor of printing; Palissy, the founder of paleontology and ceramics; Jenner, the discoverer of vaccine; Harvey, the first to realize the value of experimental physiology—all had their lives poisoned by persecutions, law suits, ridicule, and poverty, because they had discovered new truth.

Still worse was the fate of Michael Servet, who without influence or teaching, understood that the blood flows through the lungs to go from the right valve of the heart to the left—he was burned at the stake. Also for new truth, Savonarola died at the stake, as did the admirable John Huss — both having courage to preach morality and the truth that was given them to a corrupt generation.

Among others who were persecuted even to death was Lavoisier, the sole founder of perhaps two of the most beneficial sciences known to humanity, chemistry and physiology—he was guillotined in the market place of Paris. Denis Papin saw his steamboat torn to pieces. Descartes, who like Socrates, dared to talk of the rights of human reason, had to flee his country and died abroad, while in more recent times William T. Stead of our own generation, a famous newspaper editor and agitator for the outcast, had to spend some time in prison because he dared to publish the truth. Before Stead's time, Spinoza, a great and bold thinker, fell a victim to cruel persecution because of his spiritual and philosophical writings.



The most wonderful of French writers, Victor Hugo, lived twenty years in exile, while the sublime Spanish author, Cervantes, spent half of his life in the galleys and in prison, and Moliere was buried in a pauper's grave. One of the most charming of Latin poets, Ovid, was condemned to a long exile among savages, as was also Euripedes.

Thus does worldly wisdom honor its geniuses and benefactors of humanity.

Andre Chenier perished on the scaffold and Chatterton died of starvation. Voltaire, Pellico and Mickizwicz suffered exile and imprisonment. Seneca was forced to commit suicide, and a drunken soldier killed Archimedes. Demosthenes and Cicero, the greatest orators of the time, were persecuted and assassinated. But still such men as Socrates persisted

in believing that man must know himself and follow no rule of conduct but conscience, the Inner Light. He was condemned to death as was also Aristophanes. Even Christopher Columbus, alone against the world, bore the torch of a great

idea, and equipped with a few wretched boats dared to fare forth into the unknown seas, clinging desperately to his faith and to his great idea. At last he reached land, a New World was won for the Old; but on his return to Europe instead of the honor and gratitude of his fellow men, his sole reward was to be loaded with chains, thrown into prison, and threatened with death. He escaped torture by a miracle, but died in poverty and exile, abused, slandered, and betrayed.

It was and is the same old story. What! arrive East by sailing West? Columbus, you are insane. What! fly in the air? Impossible? You Wright Brothers are crazy, dangerous to be at large and should be incarcerated.

What, William T. Stead, Sir William

Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge, Alfred Russel Wallace, Camille Flammarion, Sir William Barrett, Doctor Richard Hodgson, Professor William James, Doctor James Hyslop, Doctors Alexis Carrel, McDougall and Rhine, with a host of others who have demonstrated the things of the spiritual world and psychic phenomena and paid the price of your lives, your reputation, or time and comfort to push back ignorance a little farther from human horizons — What, prove immortality, communicate with the discarnate, remove the fear of death and bring the love of God to the grief-stricken and despairing—let us take a squint at your eyes, you great ones! You certainly need a long rest under the direction of a nerve specialist or psychiatrist, say your ignorant fellow men, who, knowing nothing of your subject of investigation, are willing to tell you all about it and to condemn you and your new-found truth.

What! sell all you have and trust your Creator and live in a co-operate colony of peace and good will, and bring in the kingdom of heaven on earth as the Master of Masters suggested! Absolutely impossible, you say; you are beside yourself and should be confined in an institution. "A good idea," as Goethe said, "may wait a long time for reception."

It is indeed a foolish person who tries logically to ignore the phenomenal facts of life, simply because he personally cannot learn a theory that explains them. To the same degree one may claim that electricity does not exist because its source and its nature may not be known in the phenomenal world. The frog, likewise, at the bottom of the well thinks there are only four feet of sky, because that is all that he can see.

Such psychologists and investigators as Doctor J. B. Rhine of Duke University, author of the book *New Frontiers of*

the Mind recognizes and has proved that the reports from the five senses of man are not the only ones received by humanity. From all times in history man has received "hunches," premonitions, intuitions, warnings, and various sorts of similar manifestations of the mind's and spirit's power to penetrate beyond the bonds of the mechanical and sensory world. Doctor Rhine who has experimentally proved the truth of clairvoyance and telepathy (extra-sensory perception), in over a million cases, says:

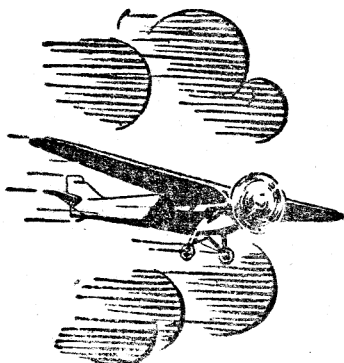
"I am driven to believe that the most urgent problem of our disillusioned and floundering society is to find out more about what we are in order to discover what we can do about the situation in which we exist today. Until we know more about ourselves we must recognize that we are moving forward blindly in a world whose patterns are constantly more complex and hazardous. The beaten paths of the ordinary investigation have not solved our problems—our only alternative is a new approach bordering on the unrecognizable and unusual."

Even so, yet there are psychologists in our colleges and universities who persecute Doctor Rhine, misinterpret, and malign him. It is true, new discoveries do place

their life's work in the dark, and rather than change in the interest of truth, it is easier to condemn. Nevertheless, history is on Doctor Rhine's side and the side of all such investigators, for long unrecognized phenomena, in more than one branch of research, have turned out to be the key of a great discovery.

The stone which a hasty science rejected has become the cornerstone of its later structure. In like manner, Alfred Russel Wallace, the great naturalist, declared:

"The whole history of science shows that whenever the educated and scientific men of any age have denied the facts of other investigators on 'a priori' grounds of absurdity or improbability, the deniers have always been wrong. The story of scientific research is most dolefully bespattered with records of almost fanatical skepticism."



The true scientist is a seeker after truth wherever it may lead him or whatever changes it may necessitate in his ideas. He is one who never says that anything is impossible, because so-called impossibilities are daily occurring. Nevertheless, today there are many narrow-minded scientists who ridicule the whole idea even of alchemy, the changing of base metals into valuable metals; they look upon such men as Hermes Trismegistus, the father of alchemy, Albertus Magnus, Thomas Aquinas, Nicholas Flamel, Von Humboldt, Cagliostro, Thomas Vaughn, and many others as self-deluded fools or unscrupulous impostors. However, the leaders among scientific men today are already acknowledging the possibility of the alchemist's claims, especially since the transmutation of radium into helium by Sir William Ramsay in 1903, also since alchemy has been proved to be true by the discovery of the present-day Japanese who has succeeded in knocking out an electron from mercury and making gold.

Only the brave, the unselfish, the far-sighted can bear the torch of truth. Comfort and security are the graveyards of the soul. Life and progress are struggle, building, suffering—but this way lies immortality and the salvation of the human race. Many of the persecuted trail-blazers have gotten used to the treatment of the world. The psychologist, Doctor Gardner Murphy of Columbia University in an article in the American Magazine in 1936 said that ten years ago he would hesitate to mention anything about thought transference, because "people would either think he had gone crazy or was toying with black magic or witchcraft." He tells us that "everybody has telepathic ability." Those brave souls who have fearlessly sought truth have always been prepared to be ridiculed. Upton Sinclair writing in the Forum in 1937 on the "Mental Underworld" declared that he "is used to being laughed at."

When it comes to matters religious the persecution is in proportion to the significance of the truth and its benefit to hu-

manity. The greater the truth, the greater the persecution. Those who led mankind to take the next great steps in religious living were murdered, crucified, or burned at the stake. Jesus, that tender mystic soul, who talked with the discarnate Moses and Elijah, who was clairvoyant and clairaudient, who spoke to the fig tree, the waves, and the winds and they heard Him; He who lived and taught the way of love as the solution to all earth's problems, was tortured, stoned, and hanged on a tree. Zoroaster, the founder of the great Persian religion, was burned, Osiris was cut to pieces, Orpheus torn in fragments, Pythagoras was assassinated, John the Baptist was beheaded, and untold numbers of martyrs were put to death down through history. Yet the "blood of the martyrs has always been the seed of the church," and after all is said and done it is the mystic who holds the world in his hands, despite all persecution.

There are spiritual forces miraculous in the eyes of their fellows, wielded by men who have put themselves in touch with God and who dare to follow the light of their souls. Consider the enormous influence of such men of absolute integrity as John the Baptist and how he was feared by Herod the Great; again how Ivan the Terrible dreaded the fakir-monk who day by day denounced him in the Red Square of Moscow, how Cromwell was disturbed by the mystic, George Fox, and how the Caliph listened to Saint Francis—such is the significance of the persecuted as he builds the ideas and ideals and truths spiritually given him into the affairs of mankind. He may lose his life, but in the words of the Master Jesus, "He that saves his life shall lose it, but he that loses it shall save it," and with his own life be the means of saving multitudes of others, provided the persecuted one, who needs "to beware when all men speak well of him," can resist the temptation of hiding his light under a bushel for his own safety's sake, can take persecution, and can endure to the end.

The Value of Work

By CAROL CORNISH



WORK is a panacea for most ills of mankind. Work is the endeavor of living. To live we must work. Not for a living, or to earn a living alone, but because to work is good. Endeavor is growth, and we must grow.

No man can work and not receive inspiration. Sometimes it would seem to the individual that his labor is anything but inspiring, that it is mere deadening drudgery, disagreeable and tiresome. When this is true, be assured that it is not the work causing such a result, but the worker.

There is no denying that many workers are laboring at jobs not to their liking, and for which they have no special ability. They are merely earning their daily bread; it is true that earning one's daily bread is the least of the many values contained in work. Yet the earning of daily bread is essential to the well-being, mental and physical, of any man. In spite of this we repeat: *It is the least of the many values contained in work.*

Proper food is purely a physical benefit, without which the body housing the imperishable spirit cannot continue to manifest perfectly. Improper food lends to the body's imperfection, detracts from its healthy functioning, preys upon the mind and generally disturbs the equilibrium of the person. So, we must not underestimate the importance of working to earn sustenance. This point must be clearly understood.

So far as we are able we must in all justice to ourselves maintain, or, in many cases, *attain* a perfect vehicle for the individual spirit which is the true self or ego.

We live in cycles: we respond to our endeavors and grow from out them. As we mature and gain in mental and moral stature, we then proceed to endeavor

differently, and as a result we gradually become almost changed personalities. Then it seems that wise Providence gives us another opportunity to apply the fruits of our growth to an experience or situation similar to what we faced earlier in life and perhaps dealt with less wisely. This small cycle furnishes us with the opportunity to compare and measure our own progress. We need this retrospective comparison that we be able to see how far we have traveled—how much we have grown; thus we take new courage for the ever onward and upward journey.

If you hate your work and go to it reluctantly each day, buoyed only by the thought of the wages or salary you will receive—

If you are critical of your fellow workmen or associates—

If you feel resentment against fate for forcing you into your present situation—

If you have any grudges whatever, any jealousies, envies, or just plain dislikes—

It is these that are holding you back. It is these that are dragging at you like a weight upon your neck in the mire and quicksands of your own making.

These sound like harsh words or like a "sitting-in-judgment." Not so. We know that every thought we think has substance and form; it has vibration that travels on a certain wave-length. Thoughts are things; they have color and power.

Granting this to be true it is then easily understood how and why silent thoughts can and do affect our daily living, our advancement, our prosperity and happiness.

We are oppressed by the weight of our own thoughts, and accompanying attitudes, more than by the exertions of our labors. As we continue our resentments and dissatisfactions, we increase the

height of our own barriers, fill our own way with pitfalls and stumbling-blocks. We lose promotions we felt we were entitled to: accidents happen to us while passing up the fellow next to us; we may even suffer undeserved reprimand while the guilty party goes free. We seethe with the injustice of it all. Yet we ourselves alone, are responsible for all our discomfort.

This being inescapably true, should we go on fighting everything? Or should we only begin a new battle within ourselves?

It is no small job to master one's self, to correct habits of negative thought, to think always up and not down, to think constructively and not destructively.

Analyze for yourselves: Which is best, the employer who comes raving at you for your blunders, or the one who kindly and sympathetically points out a better, easier way to achieve a certain result, with perhaps a hand of encouragement on your shoulder, a smile in his eyes?

The law of "do unto others," or, placing yourself in the other fellow's shoes is a very simple and effective one, and so easy to put into operation.

Just as the foreman working in generous and kindly sympathy with the workmen gets better results than the one who is so conscious of being the foreman, and is, by heck, jolly well going to see that he is recognized as such . . . just so the willing, co-operative workman pleasantly attracts better results *for himself* than the reluctant, resentful, morose, or obstreperous worker.

We never get a job by accident, be it good or bad.

Every position we secure, we arrive at because we have, by our own thought, attitude, and behavior merited exactly what we get.

It matters not what one's education has been, in what line one has been trained; nor does experience, or even references count too heavily in this law of merit.

It is a quality as well as a quantity lying within one's self.

So, if you are badly situated do not

blame the years of the depression, the political set-up, the world wars or the government, your neighbor, your family or your boss. Blame yourself.

Then with opened eyes, a new perspective and a humble willingness, set to work to get the most out of the least of your work. If there is some especially arduous task—one you dislike more than any other—ask yourself—*What can I learn from this? In what manner can I benefit from it?* Then perform the task with zest. If it is possible make a better task of it. To master great things we must first perfectly master small things.

If there is someone working in your group whom you especially dislike, search honestly for his good points, or perhaps better still, be truthful with yourself to learn why you so dislike him. Usually you will find he has injured only your ego, deflated your sense of importance, because you will find you have been thinking only of yourself.

If you are sure this is not the case, then, in all sympathy, consider why he is as he is—what combination of hereditary background, environment and circumstances may have contributed to his present personality and general attitude.

Silently and for your own good sake imagine yourself as a physician who is in sympathy with the ills of the patient. Suppose the case may be a most disagreeable one; the patient may even have needlessly brought upon himself his own ailment, or caused his accident by his own folly. But the physician does not sit in judgment; he only goes to work to repair the damage if he can.

While we do not need to try to make over our fellow associates, we could with profit, seek to understand their "ailments" and the imperfections that irk us, and once understanding these, we may be able to smooth their difficulties, and by so doing smooth our own roughened path.

Suppose some one certain thing is a source of constant irritation to you on your job. Stop and weigh its importance. If you find it really does not

matter except to you personally, then seek to shut it out; refuse to be irritated, and the battle is won.

Our general attitude toward work makes or breaks us. We are happy or we are unhappy, according to our attitude. We progress, or we remain in a rut; we sail along blithely, enjoyably soaring over obstacles, or we plod tiresomely along in the rut, gradually digging ourselves in deeper.

The responsibility is ours; we are free agents, believe it or not.

If our attitude is that our wages are small, therefore we are going to do as little work in exchange for them as we can get by with, we are surely laying the foundation for demotion, or worse still, to be jobless.

If we refuse to help, free gratis, in some worthy need, thinking, *Why should we?—we don't owe THEM anything*, again we are piling up grief for ourselves. Or, if we overcharge for some

job just because the employer is in immediate need and unable to secure another workman, once more we are creating bad karma that eventually we shall be called upon to repay.

Work because it is good to accomplish—not because you get paid for it. Work because any good endeavor increases your own working ability and power and therefore is to your advantage.

Work because you feel the urge to give service where it is merited. Service withheld where the need is great or the cause is good and right is like a jewel cast away, and we have forever lost that particular benefit to the soul.

No job should be too lowly for well doing; no job so great as to tempt us to self-glory, but rather, the greater the job, the more humbly should we approach it. We should work because it is good to work, and our daily prayer should be: "Lord, let our work be good."

An Easter Message

By LILLIAN PARCELL

*O wanderer with weary feet
That journeys on life's road.
Look up! and see the lilies
Arrayed in Easter mode.
For they bring to earth the vision
Of the Man of Galilee
Who rose from out the tomb of death
To immortality.
O wanderer, the Nazarene
Has shown the way to rest
When human hearts shall blend as one
In Love's eternal quest.*

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Will War Crush Christianity?

By ERNEST LLOYD

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THOUGHTFUL men and women who have had actual contact with warfare tell us that along with all the bloodshed and the suffering, along with the clash and struggle of mighty material forces, there are subtle and powerful spiritual conflicts and victories. The soul of man is often strangely purified and regenerated by the terrible trials through which it must pass.

There is the story of a famous surgeon who has found in the war a true religious experience. A lady visited him in his hospital. She expressed her momentary discouragement over the moral problem of human warfare. To her the surgeon replied: "Madam, before this war I was a confirmed questioner and doubter. With all my intellect I searched men's bodies for some proof of the existence of a soul, and found none. I fell back on two codes; that might is right and that the strongest law of the material world is that of self-preservation. . . . But I learned better, for there is another law abroad in the world today that cannot be denied—a law as old as the creation of man. Tell me, madam, why are you here? Why am I here? Why are these wards filled with broken men who do not complain, although they have sacrificed every material thing for an idea? Why are fastidious women scrubbing filthy bodies in hospitals and sending those they love to die, while they and their children endure every hardship? Why has that bulwark of human flesh along the frontiers held at bay year after year forces of superior physical strength? . . . Why does humanity give up wealth with prodigality and personal ambitions sometimes dearer than life itself? Why does this gigantic struggle continue when peace might be had at the price of dishonor?

"Because, madam, there is a force stronger than any law of the material world—the force of the spirit! It controls man today; it controls destiny; it will decide that this sphere is not a mote spinning through space inhabited by a highly developed animal called man, but a theatre of events pertaining to the spirit—a mighty force, sublime, part of God Himself. The first time I saw a battlefield cleaned up under the stars I seemed to see, above the pieces of rent human flesh, radiant angels trying to make me understand that the death of the body was not the significant thing—that it was not *how* a man died, but what he died *for*, that mattered."

Many are wondering as to why God permits this terrible warfare to spread over the earth, and they ask, "Hasn't Christianity broken down?" But our very abhorrence of the things being done today is a proof that Christianity has not failed.

One great good that will emerge from this war will be the stimulus of spiritual ideals. I do not mean merely the sobering effect of this world struggle upon men and women everywhere, which, doubtless, will lead many to become more religious, but something even deeper and more fundamental than all that. The world has suffered for years from an awful spiritual sag. A temporal philosophy had mastered it. Materialism, in a variety of forms, had gripped it.

What the war is doing, and is going to do as it progresses, and as homes are broken up and young lives cut short, is to turn the attention of all toward the future life. Belief in that is going to be their great hope and consolation. The war is setting this world against the perspective of another world. Men and

woman are turning again in these dark hours with hopeful hearts to the Book of Light. In it they find the help their souls crave. In it they discover that God is preparing man here for something better hereafter. As they turn again to the pages of prophecy they see that God's program is unfolding with the great passing events of the times, and that He purposes to

bring Christianity to a glorious triumph. In that day, "toward which the whole creation moves," the light of Christianity will cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea." No; war can never crush Christianity, but, on the contrary, only help to give it a rebirth. May we have eyes that see, hearts that hope, and the will to help achieve for Christ.

Infinitesimal

By EVELYN F. HAMILTON*

THE more we study the infinitesimal in life, the more convinced we become of the Infinite impregnating the whole Universe in all directions. We are accustomed to attribute too much importance to the big things of life, ignoring the seemingly trivial; but a study of the infinitesimal discloses the fact that there is as much of God's wisdom and power in the smaller things of life as in the greater.

A sunbeam may be as fine as a thread; but analyzed by the spectroscope, it spreads out into a multicolored band of light, crossed by hundreds of dark lines, which, to the astronomer, tell much of the life story of the gigantic stars of space.

The snowflake reveals the geometric planning of the Universe; showing that the design of the infinitesimal in creation is the same as that of the gigantic. When photographed, it discloses the fact that it is a hexagonal, complicated design. Within its six-sided, fragile, lacelike frame are numerous intricate patterns of exquisite beauty. Science proves that the fundamental plan of the Universe, in the general placing of the planets and moons, is a geometrical, hexagonal one; and all these distances between planets and moons were measured before the idea of geometrical relationship was discovered on the earth-plane, proving that the

same Master Mind has planned them all.

The atom at present is invisible, its existence being known only by its effects. Singly, it is unimportant; but en masse its effects assume gigantic proportions. With its protons and electrons it is a small but exact model of a solar system of sun and planets. The electrons revolve rapidly around the proton, which is the center or nucleus of the atom, just as the planets go around the sun, verifying the occult maxim: "As above, so below." Scientists heretofore have zealously worked in laboratories with bunsen burners and test tubes, dissecting the molecule. Today their efforts are concentrated on dissecting the structure of the proton.

A worm, wriggling across the sands of earth millions of years ago, left an imperishable record upon the scroll of time. The day it wriggled across the sandy beach the sun was hot, and baked a thin, hard crust on the sand. The next tide brought up mud and poured over that crust gently, without obliterating the worm's trail. Successive deposits of mud accumulated upon this through the ages; were baked and pressed, and so turned to rock, and preserved until our present civilization. Between the particular layers of mud that were so baked by the sun, a weak place in the rock was formed, where it could be easily split. When the rock is so split now, by nature, or in the quarrying, the old worm trail shows up,

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preserved through countless ages for geologists of our present day to discover and marvel at.

Bacteria—microscopic organisms—are the minutest, yet oldest form of life on the earth-plane. They are one of the most powerful factors in causing and curing disease in human, animal, and plant life. Evidences of the bacteria that existed back in the Coal Age are still visible in the coal we mine today. The first microscopic forms of earth-life were small enough to have traveled across space in cosmic dust, from distant worlds to ours.

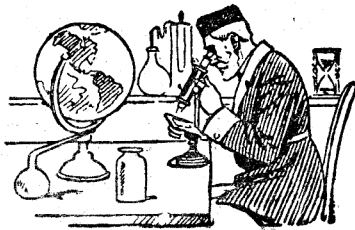
The possibility of the transmission of life-germs from one world to another across the Universe is one of the most fascinating adventures of modern science. Arrhenius, a Swede, put forth this theory about 30 years ago, picturing life germs or bacteria, being “blown” along in space by means of the light from the stars. To illustrate:

A world exploding in space may cast out life-germs as small as a sub-atom; the pressure of light from the sun or a near-by star would drive these sub-atoms or tiny life-germs, away into space. They would then travel on indefinitely (frozen by the cold of space, but not dead) until they contacted some other world on which conditions were ready for life to develop. These life-germs would then float down through the atmosphere of that planet, until they reached its surface, and there germinate, come to life, according to their kind. On the earth-plane, volcanoes, cyclones and tornadoes may blow life-germs high into the air, where they freeze. When they rise to the limit of the earth’s atmosphere, they may be picked up there and pushed along

through the space between the worlds by light pressure, until they fall upon another planet, where they may thaw out and begin to propagate. This is one theory of how life may travel from planet to planet through the Universe, for life is eternal, as God, the-Eternal, is the essence of all life.

The minute termites are among the most destructive forces on the earth-plane, and may be appropriately designated as Nature’s “Fifth Columnists,” because they do their deadly work on the inside. Silently, yet energetically, they burrow away in the dark recesses of the earth, eating away the foundation girders of a wooden structure until it eventually collapses. There are no outer signs of this inner destruction being accomplished until it is completed, and the structure becomes a rotten ruin, crumbling to the dust from whence it arose. Yet out of these old, broken-up forms, emerges the material out of which new forms are built.

To dwellers on the earth, a distant star setting in the dark canopy of night, is an infinitesimal thing; yet in magnitude, immense beyond our human conception. Most stars are suns themselves, often vastly greater in size than our Sun (which is nearly a million miles through), though infinitely far away. But as their far-off light reaches out to us, so our beam of spiritual life may reach the inhabitants of other planets revolving around those distant suns. We may get inspiration from higher worlds, and in turn impart it to other worlds less advanced than ours. The unity in plan and relationship between the infinitely small and the infinitely great proves that permeating all the Universe is the Infinite Intelligence that ensouls it.



A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

The Group Spirit

By EDWARD ADAMS

Q. What are the actions of domesticated animals who sense the Desire World?

A. A horse will shy at the sight of a figure invisible to the driver; a cat will go through the motions of rubbing itself against invisible legs.

Q. What does the cat fail to realize?

A. It does not realize that a ghost does not possess dense legs available for frictional purposes.

Q. What does a dog sense?

A. He senses there is something he does not understand about his dead master, and he howls and slinks into the corner.

Q. What is the position of the group spirit to its charges, the animals?

A. The group spirit controls and directs the animals from the Desire World.

Q. Are these animals of one species separate and distinct from one another?

A. No, for they are all governed by the same intelligence of the group spirit.

Q. If an animal is hurt does it suffer?

A. It does, but not to the degree that the group spirit suffers.

Q. Why is this a fact?

A. Because the animal does not have an individualized consciousness.

Q. Is there such a thing as "blind instinct" in the animal world?

A. No, for the group spirit guides its members with Wisdom.

Q. Can the trained clairvoyant contact these group spirits of animals in the Desire World?

A. He can communicate with them and finds them more intelligent than a large percentage of human beings.

Q. What does the group spirit of the birds compel its charge to do in certain seasons?

A. It compels them to migrate to the

south at just the proper time to escape the winter then directs their return in the spring.

Q. What does the group spirit teach the beaver?

A. It teaches the beaver to build its dam across a stream at exactly the proper angle.

Q. What else does the group spirit do?

A. It considers the rapidity of the flow of the water, and all the circumstances involved.

Q. What skilled technician is the beaver likened to?

A. To an engineer who has been college trained.

Q. What does the group spirit teach the bee?

A. It teaches the bee to build its hexagon cell with such geometrical nicety.

Q. What does it teach the snail?

A. To fashion its house in an accurate, beautiful spiral.

Q. What does it teach the ocean mollusk?

A. The art of decorating its iridescent shell.

Q. Why does not man seem as wise as the group spirit, the evolution of whose animal charges has not been as long as that of man?

A. Because this group spirit is functioning in a higher world than man at present, and is thus in closer touch with cosmic wisdom.

Q. As the Universal Spirit descends into the lower worlds what takes place?

A. The light of wisdom is temporarily more and more dimmed, until in the physical world it is held almost entirely in abeyance.

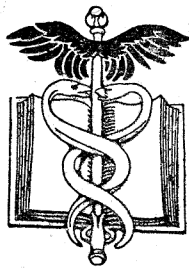
(Reference: *Cosmo*, pages 77-80)

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



The Last Supper and Footwashing

By JANE TEMPLETON



Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand

with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. (Matthew 26: 20-29.)

And supper being ended . . . He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. (John 13: 2, 4, 5.)

The key to the deeper meaning of this step on the Christian Mystic Path may be found by considering the inner significance of the two articles served: *bread* and *wine*.

Bread, a product of the immaculately conceived, earthgrown wheat, is symbolical of the feminine principle in the human being—the negative pole of spirit. Wine, a product of the earthgrown grape, represents the masculine principle—the positive pole of spirit. Both are made

possible by the life radiated through all parts of the earth by the Christ Spirit, the indwelling Planetary Spirit, and do in truth constitute the body and blood of our Savior. No mere idle words were those of Christ Jesus when He said: "Take, eat; this is my body . . . this is my blood of the new testament."

During the ceremony of the Last Supper, Christ Jesus was teaching His disciples the mystery of transmutation as embodied in the grain and grape. Partaking of the bread and wine symbolizes the mastery of the powers of the spirit—the complete transmutation of the lower nature into the transcendent glories of the higher self. In the workshop of his own body the spiritual alchemist evolves the Philosopher's Stone—he *becomes* that luminous, glowing jewel as he purifies and spiritualizes his faculties and bodies by "loving, self-forgetting service" to his fellowmen.

After Christ Jesus had finished with the ceremony of the Last Supper, He performed the mystic rite of the Footwashing. In this act of humble gratitude, He exemplified to His followers the necessity for the golden quality of humility. In spiritual evolution one rises by giving and serving others, and those whom he serves and lifts are actually his stepping-stones to greater heights. They have benefited from his teaching, but at the same time they have provided him with the blessed opportunities for progress through service, and to them he obviously owes a debt of gratitude. Having overcome all hypocrisy and pride, the aspirant has a consciousness so expanded that he naturally expresses the humility symbolized by the Footwashing.

The Astral Ray

Astrology is a phase of Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals, and not to be confused with fortunetelling. The educational value of astrology lies in its capacity to reveal the hidden causes at work in our lives. It counsels the adults in regard to vocation, the parents in the guidance of children, the teachers in management of pupils, the judges in executing sentence, the physicians in diagnosing disease, and in similar manner lends aid to each and all in whatever station or enterprise they may find themselves.

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

Astrological Reactions to Each Other

By E. C. BROOK



UR reactions to each other are ever an absorbing study to all who are interested in humanity, especially to those of us who can follow the pattern of the stars. Not only in the birth chart of each individual is shown the story of the life to come, but the comparison of this birth chart with those of the people intimately connected with this person will reveal many interesting details, assist us all to help each other more, and will straighten out many a puzzle of why two people are drawn together to work out a seemingly unending course of inharmony.

The influence of the Sun is naturally very strong, and if the Sun sheds its light upon another's Midheaven in an exact or very close conjunction, there are good results for both parties. Mutual assistance of this kind is rather hard to describe, but certainly is covered by the description of the Midheaven as being the point of spiritual ingress. One case like this has proved of untold value to a lady whose Sun and Uranus is on another's Capricorn Midheaven, enabling her (with other close conjunctions between them, too) to follow the example of the other person's quietness, faith, and spiritual goodness; enabling her to sort out her ideas and to follow the right thought more easily than she had been able to do prior to meeting this person. The conjunction of this lady's Taurean Jupiter

to this man's Mercury is another most stimulating contact, especially for the friend, as his Mercury is square to Saturn. This delayed-thinking aspect can be lightened by another who has such a contact as this of Jupiter to Mercury.

Uranus, as we know, draws us together in sudden vital contacts and experiences, and Uranus posited between the Venus and Moon of this woman, in her first house and in Sagittarius, partly accounts for an instantaneous friendship which naturally affects her very much, as the first house is that of personality. We are told that Uranus is the higher octave of Venus, and with the Moon also in this contact, there results a friendship and harmony that makes life very pleasing.

Another strong influence from the Sun was once noticed in the progressed Sun of a man, crossing the Ascendant of the above Sagittarian woman, with most beneficial results. Although not permanent, on this earth, for the man passed to higher spheres of activity, this contact left a permanent memory and legacy of the months and years that he endeavored to, and did, assist this woman to overcome the lesser things in herself. Progressed Venus on her Venus also made this contact an easy one, and progressed Mercury closely behind the progressed Sun on her Ascendant, seemed to open the way for many new ideas along mental lines, particularly the study of the occult. It was

through this man, at the time when these progressed planets of his contacted the planets of the woman, that she was introduced to the Fellowship.

Another progressed Sun, in Aquarius, is at present conjuncting the progressed Ascendant of another person, and the future details will be interesting to note. This friendship began some years ago, and natal contacts are Uranus on the lady's Venus—a sudden, vital attraction, which has nevertheless lasted through years and distances separating them. The man has recently returned to his former city and the friendship is renewed, and will probably always be strong, as the man's natal Sun in Leo is on her North Node in Leo and 10th house.

We do not seem to know much about the Nodes, and contacts to the Nodes in our charts are therefore especially interesting to watch. If the North Node is of a Jupiter influence, as Max Heindel says, and represents the best in us, as said by other astrologers, then any planet that contacts one's North Node must surely mean that there is a strong tie from the past, and one that can benefit each, and probably will benefit most the one whose planet conjuncts the other's North Node. This we expect to give a spiritual benefit, a mental uplifting, whereas the South Node is said to benefit us more materially, although causing some unhappiness through such material benefit. The South Node being Saturn in influence, we thus see our lesson is not to look for permanent happiness through material things.

Now that this Leo-Sun man has returned to his former city, and his progressed Sun is conjunct the lady's progressed Ascendant, one wonders just what help they can give each other, or more particularly, what she can do for him, as he is in great trouble. Her Capricorn birth Sun is also very close to his Capricorn Ascendant, and her desire to assist him is natural and strong. Man's extremity is said to be God's opportunity, and maybe this harassed soul will turn to our philosophy in his great need and

find some measure of comfort and security. His progressed Moon has also just passed over the lady's Ascendant, and altogether the contacts between these two charts confirm the extremely strong desire to give help, and also the feeling of strength that this lady has herself felt since he made a call for her sympathy and mental assistance—for only a miracle can affect the position in material senses.

The material is but a reflection, though, and until this man can really understand that the real, the permanent, belongs to a plane higher than the earth, and endeavors to live with his mind fixed firmly on that plane, until then he will never have any peace of mind or happiness on earth. This is partly realized, and a turning point has come in his life.

A natal Sun of a mother on her baby daughter's Ascendant is another interesting contact. This child needs the physical presence of her mother in a way not necessary to her other child. The baby has Capricorn Ascendant, and Saturn can give an uncertain feeling about life, as this planet rules fear. This baby has her Taurean Sun on her mother's Jupiter, so that a double influence of benefit can go forth to this child and the course of her life may show how necessary this will be. This Sun-on-Ascendant contact between mother and child can be the cause of the child's clinging too closely to the mother, and of her becoming too babyish.

Another case of a mother's Sun in Cancer on child's Cancer Ascendant has resulted in this, and there is now some difficulty in the child's freeing himself and standing on his own feet.

The crossing of one man's progressed Sun in Leo over a woman's Midheaven occurred at a time when these two people were drawn together in mutual interest in the occult. However, there were difficulties and they could not follow out any course of study together, as desired. Looking at both charts, one sees a lack of other aspects between them. The conjunction aspect seems to be the one that influences us most in our contacts with

other people; so far we have not found the squares, oppositions, trines, and sextiles to show as many results as the conjunction. No doubt they all have their meanings, especially when two people are very closely linked, as in a family or in marriage.

Two ladies were drawn to each other after meeting at a Fellowship Center and reference to their charts shows the only natal contact as Uranus on Moon. However, at the time of meeting, the progressed Sun of one conjuncted the others' Jupiter, her progressed Venus to Neptune, progressed Mercury to Mercury, and progressed Moon to Saturn-Mars. This resulted in a firm friendship, with great benefit to the possessor of the above natal planets (Jupiter, Neptune, Mercury and Saturn-Mars). This person needed much assistance and received it from her friend, who was the stronger, mentally and emotionally. As these women progressed along the Path, they were separated somewhat to do their respective work in the world., but the same old quietly strong tie remains between them. The progressed Sun of the one who originally received the most help, has now reached the Midheaven and Saturn of her friend, and perhaps the time has come for them to be drawn closer together once more.

Two women who are linked in close friendship share in common a Midheaven of Aquarius 28 degrees on one side, and Saturn-Mars in the same degree, on the other. This friendship is certainly of high quality and mutual benefit. There is admiration on both sides for the other's strength in time of trouble. The one with the natal Saturn-Mars has this square to Jupiter, and the severe lessons learned through this are an example of inspiration to the other, on whose Midheaven rests Saturn-Mars.

Many people are drawn together by the same Ascendant, and one case in mind is strengthened by the degrees being very near, with Mercury also close. All their meetings are spent in hearty dis-

cussions and probings into the meanings of life. At the time of their meeting, the progressed Sun of one person was conjunction to the Venus of the other, and has since moved to the latter's Moon, all Sagittarian. Sagittarius is noted for a thinker and talker, feeling his need to express himself in speech and physical activity as well, and is ardent in the pursuit of new fields of study and experience. If distance does not separate these two, many years of vital contact seem promised by the progressed planets of one, moving at a degree a year, from the other's Ascendant at one degree, right through the sign and passing Mercury, Venus, and Moon.

Another harmonious tie between two women is shown by their Midheaven and Ascendant being very close in degree in Leo, and the owner of the Leo Midheaven has her Mercury and Venus near the other's Moon in fifth house, Sagittarius. This is a case where there is 23 years difference in ages, but infinite harmony in friendship.

A husband and wife appear to be closely linked for some lessons or mutual aid through his Venus on her North Node in Leo, tenth house. Yet these two are inharmonious. Searching the charts we find the squares and oppositions between planets, which must account for the difficulties. However, occult students know that squares and oppositions mean lessons, that is, opportunities. So this wife, with her occult knowledge is endeavoring to do her bit and convert the power in the squares and oppositions to trines and sextiles. Her Venus and Moon are square his Sun and Mercury; her Mercury square his Sun and Mercury; her Saturn opposition his Venus and her Jupiter square his Venus, and her Mars opposition his Venus. Now, as Venus, the planet of the affections, has so much to do with all family life and all friendship, these aspects appear to be heavy ones to work against; but with effort on both sides, perhaps such aspects as her Saturn trine his Sun, her Moon trine his Venus and trines between Mars and Sat-

urn and Mars and her Sun will come to their aid.

All that could be expected from Uranus came to pass between two women, one of whom has a Capricorn Ascendant, with the Sun and Uranus of the other conjunction to it. This friendship did not last long, but at least the owner of the Sun-Uranus aspect does see the mistakes made, and wonders if the other party has ever done so.

A certain child has a Sagittarian Midheaven, and his father's Venus exact conjunction to it. The father's Saturn is also on the child's Ascendant. At present this picture is working out for the three-year-old child very happily, in that the father's great love is giving the child all his own way. But in this process the child is becoming utterly spoiled. The mother has so far not been able to get her husband to agree to less stupid methods on his part; he thinks the mother is hard. But she is wise and firm.

They both believe in "peace at any price" and the father gives way to the child, and the mother so far says little because there must be peace. But this policy of peace at any price is a dangerous one and sooner or later the mother will have to use her strength or both parents will be very sorry later on. The mother has four Cancer planets in the Midheaven and is a woman of character, and definitely not of the self-sacrificing type that the Cancer woman so often is. Although there may be some inharmony between these parents before this question of child-training is settled, the key to an amount of harmony is surely in his Sun on his wife's Ascendant, and his Jupiter on her Midheaven.

Two men, who are attracted, but not harmoniously, to each other, have their respective Sun and Mars close together in Taurus, a fixed sign. Neither would do anything to make a move to a better tie, and it is fortunate that life has not pushed them closer into each other's lives.

Two women who have known each other

all their lives have the same degree of Leo as Midheaven and Ascendant. Although they have little in common, mentally, as the Leo Midheaven lady is an occult student, they have a wealth of memories and other interests (especially children) that keeps them together on many points, with the occult side completely left out.

These examples from experience may interest others to take out their charts and compare them. It seems to be rather an untouched field of study, but a most fascinating one. As so many of us have to adjust ourselves to others in the home and business, this branch of the study can be of the greatest service in unraveling many knots of destiny.

I Walked Beside You

By BETTY WOOLLCOTT SANDALL

*How may we find the secret—whence the
grace*

*Of love like this? Simpler it is to count
The blades that crowd this green and
velvet space,*

*Or like a winged spirit lightly mount
The stars that glow along the Milky Way.
Simpler to search the rainbow's end or
seek*

*The source of time, or trail the fleeting
day*

*Beyond the sunset and the snow-clad
peak.*

*Yet myriad drops that spray these tiny
white*

*Sweet violets, have in some long-ago
Laved scorching sands. Our love is
boundless—night*

*And storm and death cannot despoil
it—Oh,*

*Surely I walked beside you in a distant
land!*

*Through grief and gladness, did you feel
my hand?*

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

THESE PAGES are a free service for readers—whether subscribers or not. Advice is based on the horoscope; therefore please give us the following information: Sex, place of birth; year, day of month, and hour; full name. No readings given except in the Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 TO 55 YEARS OF AGE.—EDITOR.

Lawyer

PAUL M. M.—Born July 12, 1898, 1:45 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. With Sun conjoined Dragon's Tail in Cancer in the 9th house, sextile both Mars and the Moon in Taurus in the 7th house, Venus in Leo near the Midheaven sextile Neptune, Mercury in Leo in the 9th house representing Law, and Uranus in Scorpio in the first house trine the Sun, this man could plead a case in law, and with his elevated Venus in the magnetic sign Leo he would win his case. Hence we advise law as a vocation.

Nurse. Artist

MINNETTE R. M.—Born October 6, 1891, 4:52 P.M. Lat. 44 N. Long. 88 W. With the life ruler Mars in the 6th house in Virgo, the sign of the nurse, Mars conjoined Saturn and Mercury and all three planets in the house representing sickness, we would advise nursing. Second in line, we find Venus in its own sign, Libra, conjunction the Sun indicating artistic ability. But work where she makes use of the hands in massage would be most helpful, for we find both Neptune and Pluto in the sign of the hands, indicating healing through the use of massage.

Writer. Promoter

KATHERINE R. C.—Born November 25, 1899, 1:36 A.M. Lat. 46 N. Long. 88 W. It is generally conceded in Astrology that where we find many planets in one sign that we have a very peculiar and strange personality. These individuals find it difficult to adjust themselves to the general conditions in the world. Ofttimes geniuses in one direction or another. Here we find six planets and Dragon's Head all clustered in the sign Sagittarius in the 3rd house, with

Neptune, Pluto, and the Dragon's Tail opposing them in the sign Gemini in the 9th house. We also find the Moon square Sun and Uranus which are among the planets in Sagittarius. The 3rd house is the house of the writer, also of brothers and sisters. This woman should have done much along these lines, but she has allowed herself to be dominated by those in the home. She should strike out and do something along these lines regardless of surroundings. Other indications are promoter, saleswoman, companion.

Builder

WILBUR A. E. M.—Born October 25, 1902, 1:30 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. With Mars conjoined Ascendant sextile the Sun in the Mars sign, Scorpio, also sextile Neptune in Cancer elevated in the 10th house, and with Mercury conjoined Venus and the Dragon's Head in the Venusian sign Libra and both Venus and Mercury sextile Uranus, this man should be successful in structural engineering, building of homes, and architectural drawing.

Masseur

REUBEN, A. W., Jr.—Born March 30, 1897, 7:10 A.M. Lat. 44 N. Long. 78 W. With the two strange and advanced planets Neptune and Pluto conjunct in Gemini, the sign ruling the hands and arms, sextile Mercury and the Sun both in the 12th house this man could become a good healer where he uses the hands for adjustments or massage. A second choice might be in the field of archeology, the search for rare and buried things.

Healer. Dietician

ELWIN T. E.—Born July 13, 1917, about 6:30 A.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 86 W.

There are five planets in the 12th house (institutions), including Mercury and the Sun in Cancer sextile the Moon in the 10th house. This configuration will bring success in work which is connected with those who are ill. With Saturn conjoined Neptune in Leo, sextile Jupiter in Gemini, the sign which rules the hands, and Venus conjoined the Ascendant in the vital sign Leo, also Mars in Gemini trine Uranus in Aquarius, we would advise this man to take up some branch of the art of healing especially the newer methods which work directly with dietetics or manual therapy.

Radio Announcer. Lecturer

CATHERINE, F.—Born March 28, 1918, about 8:30 A.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 86 W. This woman has a wonderful configuration of planets in the 10th house. Uranus, the planet of altruism and originality, is strongly situated in its own sign Aquarius and near the Midheaven; it is conjoined Venus, and both Venus and Uranus are sextile Mercury in the active and emotional sign Aries. She should by all means be before the public, as radio announcer, hostess in public institutions, lecturer, or entertainer; also as an actress she would attract the public. Jupiter conjoined the Ascendant, sextile Neptune and Saturn (which are in conjunction in Leo) and these two planets trine the Sun in Aries, this woman cannot fail in any work where she entertains the public.

Designer. Bookkeeper

EUGENE V.—Born June 7, 1900, about 3 A.M. Lat. 49 N. Long. 8 E. At the age of 42 this man asks if we could advise a better vocation than he has at present as a weaver. With the Sun, Pluto, Mercury, Neptune and Dragon's Tail all in Gemini, the sign which rules the hands, showing cleverness in this direction, also with the Moon in a Venus sign (Libra), and Mars in the other Venus sign (Taurus), and Venus well placed in Cancer in mutual reception with the Moon we find an artistic nature,

one who could become a designer or pattern maker in a weavers' room. With the aspects in Gemini, the second choice of vocation could be clerical work, book-keeping, etc.

Musical Director

ERIKA R.—Born June 15, 1919, 12:45 P.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. With Mars and the Sun conjunction the Midheaven, the Sun sextile Saturn, and Venus conjoined Neptune in Leo in the 11th house, musical talent is shown and if developed should sometime bring her before the public. Mars and Sun in this position will give publicity. Radio announcer, lecturer, would also bring success.

Salesman. Writer

CLARENCE C.—Born January 30, 1911, 12:30 A.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 88 W. The Moon, Sun, and Venus are all in the sign Aquarius, with the Sun and Moon in conjunction, and Venus sextile Mars and trine Pluto. Aquarians are always good talkers and good mixers, hence they are successful as salesmen. Jupiter rising, sextile Mercury in the 3rd house points to the vocation of author or writer as second choice, which, however, requires more educational preparation. This man is cautioned against extravagance as a hindrance to success.

Floriculture

ESTHER S.—Born March 24, 1893. No hour given. The age of this woman does not make it possible for her to enter into any trade which requires a long time in learning. We would, however, advise floriculture, merchandising of flowers, or seeds, etc. This department advises as to suitable vocations but not regarding changes or moving.

Teacher of Lip-Reading

M. E. MacN.—Born January 28, 1909, 7:35 A.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 77 W. We find in this horoscope a very fine aspect, that of Venus conjunction Uranus in Capricorn in the 12th house (institu-

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Astrological Readings for Subscribers' Children

We delineate each month in this department the horoscope of *ONE* of our subscribers' children, age up to twenty-one years. This includes a general reading and also vocational guidance advice. The names are drawn by lot. Each *FULL* year's subscription, either a new one or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to an *application* for a reading. The application should be made when the subscription is sent in. The applications not drawn by lot lose their opportunity for a reading. *Readings are NOT given with EACH subscription, but only to the ONE CHILD whose name is drawn each month.*

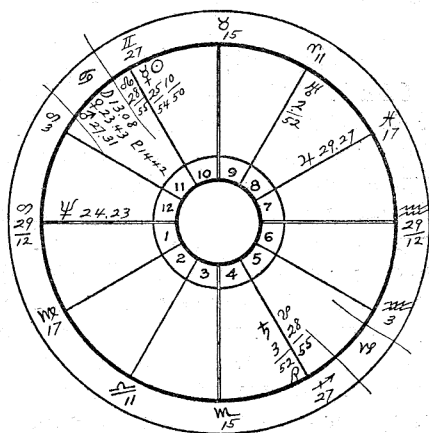
In applying be sure to give name, sex, birthplace; and year, month, and day of birth; also hour and minute of birth as nearly as possible. If the time of birth is *Daylight Saving Time*, be sure to state this, otherwise the delineation will be in error.

We neither set up nor read horoscopes for money, and we give astrological readings only in this magazine.

MONA W.

Born June 2, 1927, 2:00 A.M.

Latitude 57 N. Longitude 18 E.



We have a little esoteric student for our reading this month, a young girl with the fiery, fixed, vital Sun-sign Leo on the Ascendant—Leo with Neptune, the planet of spiritual endeavor, which rules the highest of the ductless glands, the Pineal Gland, conjunct the Ascendant. This position of Neptune indicates a person who will be much misunderstood; these natives will not be among the average children, their tastes will be strange and often their conduct will be misinterpreted.

An elevated Mercury in the 10th house in Gemini, sextile Neptune (Neptune being also semisextile Mars and Venus), will open up the usually silent Neptune and will broaden the views of this girl. Another esoteric indication is shown by Uranus, elevated in the sign Aries, sex-

tile the Sun, conjunction Jupiter, and trine Saturn. These spiritual tendencies should become active at about the age of fourteen when the Sun by progression came to the sextile of Neptune and this year when it crosses over Mercury.

This girl, with Venus and Mars conjunct in Cancer and trine Jupiter, should be very fond of pretty things to wear. She will also appreciate fine furnishings in the home as well as things with which to adorn herself; she will have good taste and an eye for beauty, although things should be highly colored in order to please her eye.


The Moon, Pluto, Venus, and Mars all in Cancer, which indicates the home, she will be attached to her home but restless and wanting to entertain a great deal. She will be a very tidy housekeeper and a good cook, but in this lies a great danger, because people with Mars and Venus in Cancer are inclined to overeat, especially sweets. Give them a large piece of lemon cream pie or of rich layer cake and they will be happy. As cooks they are prone to feed their families rich foods thereby causing much illness; in fact, these people seem to express their love through feeding the stomachs of those whom they love.

Strong artistic tendencies, which should be encouraged, are shown by Venus, Moon, and Mars in Cancer, and Neptune in Leo on the Ascendant. She should study Home Economics in school, especially the domestic arts used for the beautification of the home. Also dress-making, fancy crocheting, and needle-

work will be very pleasing to this girl and she should be given opportunity to learn them. We must not forget to make mention of the Sun and Mercury in Gemini (the hands) which will add to her skill in all domestic arts.

With Neptune sextile Mercury the mind will be very quick and will lean towards the mystical. Especially will her very well placed Jupiter in its own sign Pisces conjunction Uranus and trine Saturn give the mind a decided religious turn, and with very little encouragement she will see its value. It is, however, sometimes necessary that vicissitudes or sorrows come into the lives of certain people before they turn towards religion, for while young they are all too often led towards the pleasures of life.

Regarding the health of this girl, she will be above the average, but the danger for her lies in the sign of the stomach, for with the planetary aspects and positions in the sign Cancer she will through her love for rich foods be apt in later years to suffer from indigestion. "A stitch in time saves nine" might well be preached to this girl.

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

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tions), and both Venus and Uranus are trine Jupiter. This would indicate success in unusual work for this young woman, who is handicapped by deafness in securing the usual line of work. Hence we would advise that she perfect herself in it and take up the vocation of teaching lip-reading in an institution for the deaf. Success in teaching (in general) is also indicated in the horoscope by Mercury near the Ascendant, trine Pluto, which is conjunct the Dragon's Head in the fifth house ruling schools, education, etc.

Lawyer

MISS L. H.—Born August 23, 1895, 2:30 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 80 W. Here the natural 9th-house sign Sagittarius is on the Ascendant with four planets and Dragon's Head in the 9th house (law); the Moon is elevated in the 10th house trine Neptune and Pluto; Mars is conjoined the Dragon's Head and sextile the quick-witted Uranus in the home sign of Mars, Scorpio. We would by all means advise the vocation of Law, she will be very keen and will be able to plead a case in court with great success.

Airplane Hostess

MRS. K. T.—Born February 25, 1910, 3:45 A.M. Lat. 45 N. Long. 93 W. We have here a very versatile horoscope; the planets and Moon's nodes are scattered in ten signs, and the restless, changeable Uranus is in the 1st house. Such a native takes up many things, but rarely becomes very efficient in any, because too prone to change. However, we find two planets in the sign Aquarius, Mercury which is trine Jupiter near the Midheaven and Venus also trine Jupiter, sextile Saturn and semisextile Uranus on the Ascendant. Aquarians are good mixers and very agreeable people hence we would say to work through the Aquarian influence, as saleswoman. Hostess on airplanes would be excellent for Aquarius is an airy sign.

Worth-While News



Do You Sleep Well?

Wouldn't you give much to be able to rise each morning fully rested, refreshed, and eager for the day's activities? This is one of the blessings of life that is, in a measure, a reward for something well done, and like all blessings, it must be earned. The effort, however, pays big dividends, because sleep is one of those things, the lack of which makes everything else in life seem dull, meaningless, and insipid, while a sufficiency of sleep gives courage, hope, and optimism, even when difficulties confront us. Sleep really is as essential to life as food.

First, let us briefly analyze sleep. It is a natural temporary loss of consciousness, but exactly how this is induced, no one really knows. Of course, there are numerous theories on the subject. Some say that it is due to a slowing of the blood circulation to the brain; others try to explain it on the basis of some nerve mechanism, while another theory claims that sleep is brought on by the accumulation of waste products in the blood. However, we do know that the general physiological activities are changed during normal sleep, as evidenced in a slower heart beat, slower respiration, lower body temperature, and a relaxation of the musculature.—*Nature's Path*, February, 1942.

In order to truly understand the phenomenon called sleep one must first know that each individual has four interpenetrated vehicles in which he functions during his waking hours on the physical plane, and he must understand something of the use of each of these vehicles. Their names and functions are as follows: a dense body, which is the visible instrument one uses here in this world, the body we ordinarily think of as the whole man; a vital body, composed of four ethers—chemical, life, light, and reflecting—which permeate his dense body, and specialize the vital energy of the sun; a desire body, through which one's emotions express themselves. This vehicle permeates both the vital and the dense body and extends beyond them about sixteen inches; a mental body

which acts as a mirror, reflecting the outside world and enabling the spirit to transmit its command as thoughts and words, and to compel action.

In the waking state the vital body specializes the colorless solar fluid all about us through the spleen. This fluid flows along the nerves, and when it is sent to the brain centers in particularly large quantities, it moves the muscles to which the nerves lead.

The vital body is built of points which stick out in all directions all through the physical body, and each little point goes through the center of one of the chemical atoms, causing it to vibrate at a higher rate than its natural speed. This vital body interpenetrates the dense body from birth to death under all conditions except when, for instance, the blood circulation stops in a certain part, as when we rest a hand on the edge of a table for some time and it "goes to sleep." Then the etheric hand of the vital body is hanging down below the physical hand like a glove, and the chemical atoms of the hand relapse into their natural slow rate of vibration. When we slap, shake, or rub the hand to cause it to "wake up," the peculiar prickling sensation felt is caused by the points of the vital body re-entering the sleeping dense atoms of the hand and starting up an exhilarated vibration.

The vital body leaves the dense body in a similar manner when a person is dying. Drowning persons who have been resuscitated experience an intense agony caused by the re-entrance of these points, which they feel as a prickling sensation.

During the daytime when the solar fluid is being absorbed by a person in great quantities, these points of the vital body are blown out or distended by the vital fluid; but also during one's waking hours, by their activities, the desire body and the mind are constantly destroying

the physical body. Every thought and movement breaks down tissue. On the other hand, the vital body faithfully endeavors to restore harmony and build up that which the other vehicles are tearing down. It is not able, however, to entirely withstand the powerful onslaughts of their impulses and thoughts; so the vital body gradually loses ground, and at last there comes a time when its points do not get a full supply of the vital fluid; they shrivel up, the body becomes tired and drowsy, and the individual is forced to withdraw taking with him his desire and mental bodies. This withdrawal of the higher vehicles leaves the physical body interpenetrated by the vital body, in the senseless state we call sleep.

The spirit then takes the mental and desire bodies into the higher regions of the heaven world which is an ocean of wisdom and harmony. There the spirit restores the harmony of the mental and desire bodies by steeping them in the elixir of life essence which exists there. When strengthened, they begin work on the vital body which was left with the sleeping dense body. When restored, the vital body begins to specialize the solar energy anew, rebuilding the dense body and then the individual awakens refreshed.

It sometimes happens, however, that a person becomes so absorbed and interested in the affairs of the day that after the collapse of the vital body the desire body does not wholly withdraw from the dense body. Then the connection between the sense centers of the desire body and the sense centers of the physical brain are only partly disconnected and the individual sees sights and scenes of the lower region of the heaven world which, in themselves, are extremely fantastic and illusory, and they are transmitted to the brain centers without being connected by reason. It is this condition that is the cause of all of our foolish, fantastic dreams, and it is also responsible for the physical body not being fully recuperated when the spirit re-enters it at the time of awakening.

Narcotics also force the spirit out of the dense and vital bodies but in an unnatural way; and therefore, the result obtained is never exactly efficacious.

Prayer, First Line of Defense

"Prayer is America's first line of defense," declared Dr. Ernest C. Wilson in his sermon yesterday at Christ Church, Unity.

"The prayer-filled life supports our program of first aid, of civilian defense and of winning a righteous peace," he said. "Let us, then, turn all the force of thought, feeling and work to the fulfillment of our righteous desires. Let us infold in the mantle of divine protection the courageous young men who, on land, on sea and in the air, are striving to bring liberty, justice, righteousness and peace to us and to all the world."

"Prayer might be called spiritual first aid. Through prayer a man finds resources of the spirit that no material aid, helpful though it is on its own plane, can give."

"Man should not try to live by prayer alone, ignoring the responsibilities of the world about him, but neither can he live, fully, by mundane things alone."

"Man is strong only when he is integrated, body, mind, soul and spirit. . . ."

"Prayer is man's access to spiritual resources. . . ."

"Prayer is right thought and noble action. The prayer we act out in daily living is stronger than the prayer we speak in the cloister. . . ."

"A program of prayer as a regular part of our life helps us to meet all emergencies, on whatever plane they appear."—*Los Angeles Times*, January 12, 1942.

There is only one source of power in the universe and in it we really, truly, and literally live and move and have our being; and that power emanates from God. Therefore any prayer which contacts that source is a most efficacious agency in finding favor with God and procuring spiritual enlightenment. However, one should remember that prayer alone will not do this. Unless one's thoughts and acts are righteous and upright, his purposes in alignment with spiritual achievements, his prayers will never penetrate to the Divine Presence and bring down upon him a baptism of this power. It is the prayer of the righteous which availeth much. Work and

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Question Department



Voluntary and Involuntary Sight

Question:

Will you please give me an answer to the following questions? Can an ordinary medium become a voluntary clairvoyant by act of will? Is the voluntary clairvoyant in a future reincarnation apt to lapse into an ordinary medium?

Answer:

Clairvoyance of any kind depends upon the activity of the pituitary body and the pineal gland located in the head. In the far distant past these two glands were connected with the sympathetic nervous system which is not under the direct control of the will. The activity of these glands was then negative, and therefore the clairvoyant sight produced by their action was negative or involuntary. Since that time, however, a connection between these glands and the voluntary spinal-cerebro nervous system has been slowly building and is now all but complete.

To regain contact with the spiritual worlds that which must be done is the re-awakening of the pituitary body and the pineal gland which have been more or less dormant for sometime. When this has been accomplished, man will again possess the faculty of perception in the higher worlds, but on a grander scale than formerly, because it will be in connection with the voluntary nervous system and therefore under the direct control of his will.

In the far past all mankind were involuntary clairvoyants. This sight man gradually lost as he descended deeper and deeper into matter, until all but a few had lost it entirely. Now mankind is beginning to come out of density and as he does this the functions of his pituitary body and pineal gland again become active giving him positive clairvoyant

sight. This process, however, is an individual matter and therefore it will not be acquired by mankind en masse.

Involuntary clairvoyants will have to lose their negative sight, and then develop the positive faculty, before they will become positive clairvoyants; but when once this power has been acquired, it is a development of the spirit which can never be taken from it unless through abuse of the physical body one render his brain unfit to transmit spiritual messages to the objective consciousness.

FUNCTIONING IN THE SOUL BODY

Question:

Will you please give me some information in relation to the Invisible Helpers when out of the physical body? For instance, are they subject to heat and cold, gravitation, time in relation to travel, and the density of objects encountered?

Answer:

In relation to this subject Max Heindel gave out some very interesting information in an article written by him entitled "Are We Growing Wings," and printed by him in an early number of this magazine. All occult students know that man when out of his physical body functions in a much less dense vehicle known as the soul body. Relative to this vehicle Max Heindel states: "This finer body is not subject to gravitation, neither is it sensitive to cold or heat; we shall feel perfectly comfortable whether we elect to fly to the North Pole, or descend into the crater of a volcano, or explore the mysteries of the ocean depths. Then the speed of an airplane will also seem like a snail's pace, for the spirit then moves with the speed of electricity, that is to say, it can circle the globe in a minute or less, nor can it be hurt by collision, for etheric forms pass through

one another readily without losing consciousness or identity. This will probably sound like a fairy tale to the uninformed, but it is an absolute fact, tested and tried by thousands of level headed people every day for many years, and the number is fast increasing so that we may expect any day to see it established as a so-called 'scientific fact' that man can and does fly faster without wings than he does now with the aeroplane."

THE SOURCE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Question:

I believe that most of the orthodox churches teach that there is a real being whom they call the devil, and that evil is instigated and controlled by him and his numerous helpers, his motive being to overthrow God and usurp His power. Thus they maintain that good and evil cannot come from the same source. What is the teaching of the Rosicrucians on this subject?

Answer:

In reply to your question, let us first remember that throughout the entire universe from the Supreme Being to the clod, everything that exists does so as the result of polarity; also that there can be no manifestation without a positive and a negative center of activity, or pole, and that there must be a state of tension or attraction between the two poles in order to make manifestation possible on any plane. For instance: the atoms which compose physical matter each have the positive pole of one atom in contact with or adjacent to the negative pole of the next atom, and this state of polarity is that which maintains the atoms in their relative positions and brings about the manifestation which we designate as matter.

So-called good and evil are really opposite poles of the same eternal principle. In reality there is no evil, for that which we call evil is only a seeming, a temporary aberration which will ultimately serve God's good purpose.

Those concrete examples of so-called evil that we see all about us are only the by-products of evolution of all times and ages. They represent the failures of evolution—those who have not been able to keep up with the general rate of progression. They may have become failures to such an extent that they have started in the opposite direction and begun to reverse the direction of their vibrations, turning them from right to left instead of from left to right.

Each atom in the universe that is co-operating with God's plan is spinning on its axis in a direction from left to right; and when any being ceases to co-operate with the Great Plan and become an outlaw, the atoms of its vehicles start to spin on their axis from right to left.

Whenever a great number of atoms or molecules or larger bodies are all spinning in the same direction, we have that which is known as a vortex. Beings of all grades from the highest to the lowest are merely vortices in cosmic substance; and so long as these vortices continue to spin in a left to right direction, they gather more and more cosmic substance about them and become greater and greater in volume and power. Eventually we speak of such vortices as being great men or gods. Note, however, that when for some reason or other a being ceases to maintain its vortical motion in the proper direction, left to right, then its classification becomes evil instead of good, and the particles which compose it then come into contact with those of surrounding vortices moving in an opposite direction, and thereby friction and disintegration are produced. Thus evil is destructive not only of good, but of other evil forces as well. Great evil vortices may also be designated as demons or devils.

In the light of the foregoing, one can readily see that there is no essential difference between good and evil *except* in their direction of vibration, and therefore the two may originally proceed from the same source, namely, God.

Nutrition and Health

Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a *simple, pure, and harmless life*. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; also that alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality. As CHRISTIANS we believe it to be our duty to avoid sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, also, as far as possible to refrain from using their skins and feathers for clothing. We hold vivisection to be diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of prayer and concentration, but we also believe in the use of material means to supplement the higher forces.

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

Miracles Do Take Place Today

(A True Story)

By DR. D. S. H.

DEAR FRIEND:

So much has been happening to us that I just have not been able to find time to write you before. But now, well, I just must tell you what has happened.

Do you recall how, when you visited us a year or two ago, you always said, "Just turn on the little light in your heart and keep it burning"? Well, both my husband and I have tried always to do that, for our aim has been to serve where we were needed most. For some reason, however, a year ago, all the "lighting and burning" we could do was not enough to keep harmony in our local group; so, hoping that without us, all would go well, we resigned, turning our hopes into another field of service: healing.

I had gone back to teaching school the year before in order that I might take my degree which majored in dietetics, and so had begun thinking of healing services and of a healing center. My health, however, in spite of all the natural *live* foods and concentrated foods I could eat, began steadily failing. Down, down, down I went.

"What do you expect when you don't eat meat?" my friends and the physicians asked me. "I expect health" was my invariable answer; and a blood test

proved to my doctor that my blood was almost perfectly balanced (to his surprise and dismay). On and on, with healing services going farther and farther away, as far as I was concerned, and yet this was a miracle in the making.

Then I went to the physician for another examination: "Blood pressure over 200, cystic kidneys, and a fibroid tumor as well as spastic intestine" was his diagnosis. Well, it certainly was up to me to do something then, for the surgeon said that it was "purely a medical case at present" . . . that Dr. S. could help me if medicine could!

But what do you think? The medical man, knowing my blood to be good, said, "There is nothing to do but for you to go home and go to bed; you know your diet better than I do . . . keep it up."

Going to bed naturally made me weaker. But my blood pressure went down nicely and stayed until an acute attack of bronchitis sent me to the hospital in a hurry. But only four days there and I was permitted entrance into a "Convalescent Home."

Have you ever wondered at the devious paths through which we sometimes wind before we arrive at our destination? Honestly, this one, entered upon through my illness, seems to have no end; for

while there my husband and I suddenly realized that that was what we had been wishing to do: operate not a "Convalescent Home" nor a "Rest Home," but a *Health Home*. (At last, the miracle of understanding.)

With our "Health Home" opened in a lovely old Colonial house, we soon had several elderly patients; but in spite of the "Harmony" prefixed before the name of our Home, no harmony could be made to prevail; nurses seemed to be interested only in physical life and in stirring up patients; and cooks would *not* adhere to diets. But we hung on, patiently awaiting the coming of a dear friend who was also a Student in our classes . . . had been since 1935.

Her coming was indeed a relief to both my husband and me. She inspired the patients and took such good care of them that they speak of her as their "guardian angel." But in spite of all this, and the fact that we now also had found a jewel of a cook whom I immediately named "Petunia," down we both went with the "flu"! What a dietitian I had turned out to be!

This illness, of course, brought in the physician who "doped" me for four days. Up came blood pressure and all other symptoms, so I was in bed again . . . for an indefinite length of time. Naturally I put quite a bit of thought on *why* I was ill, as I really had not broken more than the usual number of natural laws.

One Sunday, as I lay ruminating on these things, someone on the inside of me seemed to say to my consciousness, "You'd better *do* something if you expect ever to get out of this bed." I was shocked. But no sooner said than done: I stuck a foot out from the cover with the idea of seeing whether or not I might possibly place my weight on it only to receive another shock. My foot was entirely enveloped in a hazy, pea-green light with a yellow tint glowing through! Had I planned on seeing colors, I would not have been surprised; but to have them thrust at me was something else

again, so I pulled the covers off up to my knees only to see the same thing. "Well, I guess I better *had* get busy!" I thought to myself as I covered them up. *But what to do?* After hours of thinking, I just did not know. I knew that I could call on the Teacher and that I could ask the Fellowship, but I didn't wish to take one ounce of the precious healing spirit from them when they have so many uses for it, for myself. But I did have my husband carry me out to the car where I half lay while we drove out in the lovely sunshine for a half hour.

The next day at about 11:30 in the morning, our door-bell rang and the maid told me that someone wished to see me. Immediately I had a flash picture of a certain young lady with whom I have talked many times, but who is not a member of our group. Imagine my surprise to see a stranger . . . but she had been sent to me by the young lady whose image flashed into my mind as she entered the house.

To make a long story short, this young lady had been healed of cancer of the bone by a very fine Christian man (whom many might term a Faith Healer) after the greatest physicians in the country had said that she must prepare to die. In attempting to nurse another cancer patient, she realized that she, too, through prayer and laying-on of her hands, could send the healing power streaming anew through formerly poorly circulating channels. She had been the instrument for perfecting cures in breast cancers, tumors, tuberculosis, hemorrhages, and many other troubles, but she could not help when medicines were used, she said, because they did not permit the completion of the flow of the healing power. So she had come to us. (Another miracle.)

Needless to say, we placed her on our staff as a nurse: and, naturally, I was her first patient. I know you want to know the result, so I must hurry on. Yes, within two days I was on my feet without my heart describing circles above my head. The next day she took me out riding. As blood pressure lowered, I felt

more comfortable, and by the time the entire tumor had passed (it just disintegrated and came out in shreds!) I really began to feel like myself again.

But the best part of all to us, is that one of our patients, a lady who has suffered two paralytic strokes and who is unable to use her entire left side, has suddenly begun to have feeling in it and to use it slightly! We are all very happy over this as it means that we shall be instrumental in healing many. This nurse is now studying the Rosicrucian Philosophy in order to understand more fully the laws of life. Her prayers are always answered she says, and she wishes to spend the rest of her life in serving humanity this way . . . through her prayers. As a nurse, of course, she is employed; but for her true service, she charges nothing, never has. She explains the power as coming from her *heart*.

I feel that she came here for the benefit of many people; to heal me as well as many others; to have work for herself and at the same time to be able to live up to her vow; and to be able to work in our classes, as she has already planned to do.

Miracles? The way my husband and I are being led along the Path of Service, now in the direction of a great Healing Center, to us is the greatest of these. Terrible and continued illness has been the miracle which has finally accomplished it; and then comes the miracle of healing, itself, to inspire us all to even greater understanding and service in the Name of our Master. Yes, the world is full of miracles today if we will only look about us with "eyes that see."

Sincerely your friend,

Dianne.

Modern Barbarism

By A STUDENT



WHILE on my way to the depot the car was forced to wait at a street crossing on account of a large auto-truck with a trailer having been stalled there because the driver had attempted to make too short a turn for the length of his car and trailer.

Both of these vehicles were overloaded with tortured hogs which were being hauled to the packing house to be slaughtered so that men might feed their carnal desires. These poor animals were packed so close that some of them were forced to stand on two feet—some with the front parts, and others with the hind parts raised and resting upon the bodies of the animals next them, for there was not room enough in the truck for all to stand on their four feet.

As the car followed along, it could be seen that each time the truck struck a chuck-hole in the much worn asphalt

street or crossed street-car or railroad tracks, these poor animals were thrown against the side of the truck, thereby bruising and cutting the sides of those closest to the rails. A number of them were bleeding from their bruises, covering the side of the truck with their blood.

Oh, when will humanity wake up to its responsibility to this lower life wave? When will it learn its lessons of love and compassion? We hear so much of the New Age. Churches and spiritual organizations are preaching and teaching that humanity has already entered or will soon pass into the Aquarian Age, while some of these same teachers sponsor and uphold the killing of animals for food. Many ladies attend spiritual services bedecked in the skins of their murdered younger brothers, the animals, their hats also decorated with the wings and

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Patients' Letters

California, Dec. 17, 1941.

Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California.

Dear friends and invisible helpers:

I am happy to give this favorable report. My husband is doing nicely. He improved at once. Some might think it was a miracle, but I know we were divinely guided, and my friends (invisible helpers) never fail me. Personally I am always well and I know I will be given strength for the day as long as I have a mission to fulfill. My thoughts are always with the healing temple. I have an *unshakable* faith in God. I do not find words adequate to express my appreciation for the prayers.

I thank you as ever—may God bless you—friends in Christ.

—S.M.C.

Texas, February 2, 1942.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

I want to tell you how very happy I am over the miraculous improvement of my mother. "Miraculous" is the very word my brother used, and he is a doctor and *very* skeptical. He has scoffed at my belief in the Rosicrucian Teachings but is also a very fair-minded person and tonight gave the Rosicrucians credit. . . .

An X-ray taken four weeks ago showed very definitely in the picture that one vertebra was crushed and broken down, a new picture taken this afternoon shows that the vertebra has healed and is as perfect as can be. My brother says it has healed much better and much quicker than a broken back does in a young person, and my mother is seventy-eight. He is amazed.

I am so grateful and so happy . . . that I can have my mother restored to me. It has given me a great spiritual uplift.

Nothing has ever taught me as much about life and people, and been such a comfort as the teachings of Max Heindel.

Thank you all so very much.

Gratefully yours,

—E.R.W.

Tennessee, February 4, 1942.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

It is difficult for me to put into words the gratitude in my heart for the wonderful help I am enjoying through your kindness. I am feeling much better now.

May God bless all you good people and the wonderful work you are doing.

Gratefully,

—H.I.

Healing Dates

March 4—10—17—24—31

April 6—13—21—28

May 4—10—18—25—31

Healing meetings are held at Mt. Ecclesia 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 the Invisible Helpers.

People Who Are Seeking Health

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done largely 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 address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, Calif., U.S.A.

MODERN BARBARISM

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breathts of our little songsters. How can these people be so blind to the true sense of the new age, which they themselves teach is to be the age of love and compassion?—how can they continue to break its laws by fostering cruelty and slaughter?

We want to believe that much of this human cruelty is due to thoughtlessness, but much is also the result of vanity, for women know that fluffy furs and beautiful feathers have a tendency to soften the features and add to their beauty. To sacrifice the lives of sentient creatures for adornment is even a greater crime than if their lives were sacrificed for food. These women consider dreadful even the word 'cannibal' but they do not hesitate to wear—merely for the sake of vanity—the skins of animals who perhaps have been taken from their young. As a result these young animals are also sacrificed to death from starvation.

God forgive them, for they know not what they do!

Children's Department



The Joke the Fairies Played

By PATSEY ELLIS

(Reprinted from the May 1921 issue.)



IT happened just after Easter, when there was a rest among the little people. All the spring-time work was done, and Funny Fingers, the leader of the gnomes, said there ought to be a picnic. It was at this gathering that Tippy Toes thought of the joke, and when he did, he clapped his turned-up toes together and laughed until his sides shook. A mocking bird down at the foot of the canyon caught the lilting laughter and sent it back in merry song and after awhile the passing night wind took it up and blew it in delicious dreams to sleeping children, lying with outstretched arms ready to gather it in.

At last Tippy Toes managed to catch his breath and explain what it was all about. "It will be the greatest joke that ever happened," he said. "This is the way it goes. Today I was flying through a garden down by the seashore. Two little children were planting sweet peas, and as they were in a great hurry, one of them dropped two seeds, which rolled down under a big rosebush. I intended to tell you gnomes about it so that you could go down and plant them tonight. Now, here's the joke: Let's plant them in the canyon."

"Plant sweet peas in a canyon!" cried everyone at once. "You're crazy, Tippy Toes! You're crazy!"

That crafty little fairy balanced himself on his hands and laughed up at his friends. "Why shouldn't we plant garden flowers in a canyon?" he asked. "You think it can't be done because it

never has been before. Of course, I don't believe in following every passing fad and fancy, but I've no patience with you folks who keep on doing the same thing over and over. If the sweet peas don't like it we can take them back next fall, but they'll love it. You just wait and see. I haven't tied their bonnets on them every summer for years and years without finding out what fine little darlings sweet peas are."

Now Tippy Toes usually had his way with his playmates, and in a little while the whole party was winging its way down to the garden by the sea. It took very little time, by the light of the glow-worm lanterns, to find the sleeping sweet peas, and before the robin had begun his morning song, both little seeds were tucked away in the loveliest, warmest corner in the canyon.

And then the little people could hardly wait. "It's all I can do to keep my hands off," laughed one little gnome. "It seems as if I just must give them one wee pat to hurry them up."

"I know," chimed in a blue winged fairy, "I dream about the color we'll give their blossoms some day. It seems to me we ought to paint them brown. People 'most always wear khaki when they camp in the canyon."

But the time of waiting was over at last. One day after a summer shower had sent its message of love and life to all sleeping seeds, the two little sweet peas yawned and awoke. "What a delightful nap!" they said to each other, as they stretched themselves and yawned

and yawned. Their tiny feet shot down into the soil and there were roots. Their little hands groped upward for the light and two wee sprouts began to grow. Then began such a kicking and reaching and squirming as you never heard of before; and in their effort to dig their way up through the ground they uttered their first rapturous cry of life. The first one to hear it was the mocking bird. He shot like an arrow to the highest tree in the canyon and sent his piercing call of joy out into the listening air. Instantly the gnomes and fairies were on the spot, and with gentle hands and encouraging words helped the two little kicking babies to climb above the ground. At last they stood there, so delicately beautiful and graceful that the ones who had played the joke upon them scarce dared to breathe. They watched with bated breath until one little sweet pea broke the magic spell. She gave one glance at the loving faces gazing at her with eager eyes, and then she clapped her tiny hands in glee.

"I like it here," she said. "The air is delicious. I like it better than a garden."

The delighted audience rushed upon her almost smothering her with hugs and kisses.

"Stand back! Stand back!" cried Tippy Toes. But the two little flowers lifted up their faces for more kisses and danced in merriment. "We like it here. We like it here. We like it here," they sang.

"We like you here. We like you here. We like you here," trilled the mocking bird.

"We love you here. We love you here. We love you here," came in chanting chorus from all the gnomes and fairies, as they caught one another's hands and skipped and danced around the little flowers.

It was the happiest day of all that happy year, and the joy that came to the canyon the day the baby sweet peas were born found its response in the hearts of the two children who lived in the seaside garden. They did not guess that their absent flowers sent them greetings. They did not know that their joy was an echo of the fairy laughter.

The Twinkling Stars

By FRANK H. BASCOM

*I lie upon the ground and see
The tiny stars that wink at me.
I often wonder what they are,
Each tiny point, each tiny star?*

*I wink at them, they wink at me.
I wonder if at all, they see
Me lying here upon the ground,
Or know at all, that I'm around.*

*I see the constellations bright;
A little moon, to rule the night;
And Orion, grand as grand can be,
Looks kindly down and winks at me.*

*And off afar; and farther still,
And farther, farther, farther, till
My mind grows dizzy, stars I see,
And every star there, winks at me.*

*And then I hear, there on the sod,
A far-off voice, the voice of God.
"My son, those little stars above,
Are twinkling everlasting love."*

*And now, when lying on the ground,
I know the stars know I'm around.
I wink at them, they wink at me,
And in their wink, God's love I see.*

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia



HAVING accepted the responsibilities of war time in addition to their many other duties, the busy workers at Mt. Ecclesia are employing all their resources and ingenuity to live up to the high code of achievement of the Rosicrucian philosophy.

In conformity with the urgent request for Victory gardens, Headquarters has set all available gardening personnel to the task of cultivating three to four additional acres. Already long rows of vegetables have been planted west of the tennis court, and new ground at the foot of the Temple canyon will be turned as soon as a crew clears away the path leading down the gorge. Much of the gardening will be done by volunteer workers, who will take advantage of the extra hour of daylight of War Time to raise vegetables. While much attention is being thus diverted from the flower gardens, everything possible will be done to maintain the beauty of the grounds, that residents and visitors may continue to find calm and inspiration in Mt. Ecclesia's serene beauty.

First Aid ranks high in the curriculum for civilian defense. Because of its humanitarian aspect, it is a subject dear to the workers' hearts. In large numbers they enrolled for the two standard courses conducted simultaneously—one in the Dining Hall and one in the Sanitarium. Besides faithfully attending the two long classes held each week, they spent much time in studying the theory and mastering the practical work of the course. Final examinations have now been taken, and many are preparing for advanced work under the direction of Mr. Daniel C. Boone, local instructor for the Red Cross. This class will be held once a week, on Monday evening from seven to nine o'clock, and it is expected a number from the city of Oceanside will attend.

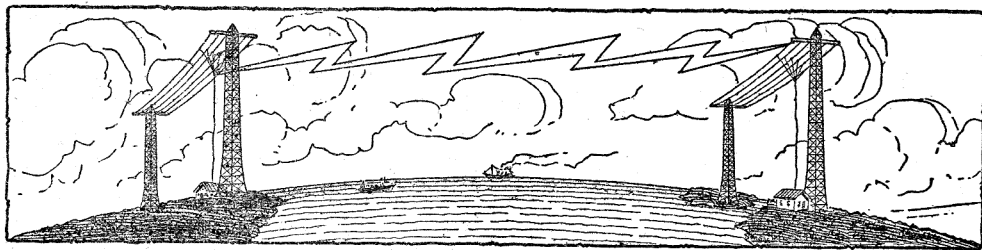
The committee in charge of the Sunday

evening lectures in the Chapel is to be commended on the merit of the talks given. Recently, however, perhaps in answer to a lively need, several notable lectures have been delivered.

On Washington's Birthday, which fell on Sunday, Mr. Herbert Hood, in his lecture, "Gratitude," pointed out the heartfelt recognition we owe to the Founder of our country for the blessing of liberty which largely through his wisdom and forethought the American Government typifies to the world. Drawing a parallel, he spoke of the gratitude we should feel toward Max Heindel, the Founder of the Rosicrucian philosophy, who has made available to us the benefits of religion which satisfies mind and heart. Mrs. Irène Murray, of Long Beach, taking as her subject "Let This Mind Be in You," and Mrs. Max Heindel, speaking on "If Ye Had Faith," both brought before their audiences the great worth of the cardinal virtues of tolerance and faith in the crises of today. Mrs. Daisy Lamberti, of San Diego, formerly of New York, in her talk, "The New Commandment," gave the implacable vengeance of the Punic Wars recorded in history as the basis of the deep-seated hatred existing in the present war, pleading that love, the new commandment, be called into play to put an end to the rancor which is swaying the human race.

Remembering the earnestness with which visiting members sought the reassuring peace of Christmas at Headquarters, forward-looking plans for Easter are even now in progress, that a great ray of spiritual light may be drawn down from the realm of the Heavenly Father to fill the need of His struggling children. The greater the number who participate at Headquarters, the stronger and warmer the glow that will come in response to heartfelt prayer. Friends who plan on staying over night are asked to let us know as early as possible.

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"Faith opens and expands our mental capacity as sunlight unfolds the beautiful flower."—Max Heindel.

The vital nature of faith in making the most of one's life is expressively indicated in the above words by Max Heindel. A constantly expanding mental capacity, a mentality made buoyant and fruitful by the power of *Faith*, is essential for the expressing power of life which turns the wheels of evolution.

The occult student possesses an understanding of the why and wherefore of life which satisfies his inquiring mind and provides a substantial basis for his faith in the wisdom and justice of God, the Creator of all. This type of faith enables the thinking person to accept whatever comes, philosophically, knowing that there is a reason for every effect, and that ultimately order comes out of chaos. He has assurance and poise, an inner calm which nothing can shake, as he continues his efforts to live the life. His is the consciousness from which the latent attributes of Spirit can unfold to fullness.

He who has a knowledge and understanding of the mystery of life has the basis for faith in himself—as a spark of God; for faith in his fellow men, for they, too, are one with him in the great body of God. He has faith in the ultimate outcome of whatever conditions exist, for he knows that God is at the helm of the Ship of Being and in spite of unwise actions by man, His wisdom will prevail. He has faith in the life

after death, knowing that so-called death is but a passing on into a higher realm, a steppingstone into another room of God's great mansion, the universe.

This is the type of faith which enables us to say, individually and collectively, when a turning point comes, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA.

Recent reports from this Center bring encouraging news of progress. The secretary writes that, "On the whole we feel that we have done well during the past period. Classes are attentive and fairly well attended. We are acquiring another and more modern stereopticon, and it is to the use of slides to illustrate points in the Philosophy Classes that we attribute much of the progress this term. It is especially true of astrology classes. We had slides made of the pages concerned and find that it helps considerably to accustom students to the use of the ephemeris, tables of houses, etc. Students are usually reluctant to equip themselves properly to study astrology, and since few do any home work, progress in this subject is often unsatisfactory. We changed our methods this term and results are much better. The practice now is to distribute to each member of the class a "Horoscope Data Sheet" and from the very beginning work with it. The first class lecture is on the importance of the time of birth, and place. Next, we teach latitude and longitude, filling in as we go. By this means the

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class is familiar with the *form* and the *procedure*, and the pace with which the subject can be discussed is much faster."

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Alertness for opportunities to spread the Teachings, along with unflagging zeal in taking advantage of those opportunities, enables the friends of this city to reach seekers after truth continually. Our correspondent writes:

"Our few students are very interested, though very busy with other things, too. All are going ahead as fast as they can in their studies while performing the necessary material tasks. Our Group library is an immense help. A new student has all of the Fellowship's books at his disposal, and he chooses them as they appeal to him, sometimes reading all of them. Often, too, there is an interested person at home who reads them. One of the students sent two of the books to friends at Toledo and other places to be read by interested friends, as we gave him that opportunity, and they were greatly appreciated and well cared for. We hope more will be attracted to our Group. We keep putting out a leaflet here, a booklet there, where they will fit. Today we sent a little write-up on religion to the column: "The People's Forum," in our daily paper. We do that occasionally, Christmas being the last one before this. Yes, they publish them."

DENVER, COLORADO.

In addition to the weekly Philosophy Class, the New and Full Moon Meetings are now being held by the Probationers of this Group in the home of one of the members, we are pleased to be informed.

We look forward to hearing that the diligent efforts of the friends in this city to keep spreading the Teachings have been rewarded by an increasing number of students as the year of 1942 passes. However, as spiritual aspirants, we should not feel discouraged if progress in numbers is not as rapid as we would like during the present time, for we are

in the crux of the transition from the old into the new order of things. Ere long the uprooting of the retarding, undesirable phases of human existence will be completed, and then we will be privileged to enjoy the inspiring conditions resulting from a joyful association of "brothers in Christ."

A Personal Experience

By W. S. Hook

I have, for sometime, been an earnest student of occult matters, though never having attained to conscious clairvoyance. However, I have had several interesting experiences, one of the most notable of which occurred this past Spring; in fact, it was during my sleep, after retiring on Good Friday evening.

The experience was unfolded to me as in a dream. I appeared to come quite unexpectedly upon a host of people, all gathered together in a wooded area, such as a forest.

The trees were in foliage and there were many people gathered about, unoccupied with any particular activity, as though waiting for someone.

I had the feeling of skirting the outside of this throng, in an interested but aloof mein, although their attitude was friendly, rather than hostile.

I was suddenly startled, and quite a little amazed to see seated in the comfortable fork of a tree, in the approximate center of the gathering, a being in human form, hatless and smiling. Unlike all the others he was of a very deep bronze hue and seemed to radiate a very intense golden aura for some distance about himself.

I circled about several times, but the luminosity of this person was so brilliant that I could comfortably approach him only within a certain rather considerable distance, much as a moth might approach a light, and shortly my experience ended.

On awakening, I knew I had made an excursion into the realm of the super-

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natural, but was completely at a loss for days for an explanation of my "dream."

When the next issue of The Rosicrucian Magazine arrived I was pleasantly gratified to read an article in which it discussed the phase of Easter where hosts are awaiting Christ on His annual release from the cramping confines of the Earth, to accompany Him on His heavenward journey. I was to learn further that the Golden Wedding Garment represents the aura of highly evolved beings, such as an Initiate, and is aptly named in relation to its true color; also that all who are living lives of unselfishness and service have started weaving this Golden Wedding Garment.

Meditation on Change

By E. C.

Change is the one "constant." The only permanence in life is continual change. All changes are for the better, but there is also a "best." This best change is always a deliberate choice—never chance or mere pressure of circumstances. The changes caused by evolution are common to the race and are for the better; but those brought about by individual or group forethought and initiative are for the best.

The most important change in life (after birth) is paradoxically called "death," and instead of being regarded as a process of life is considered the end, the complete loss of life. Death now comes as the result of pressure of circumstances because men have not yet learned the rudimentary process of living, have not yet mastered a correct method of making the lesser changes. Therefore the supreme change from the physical to a different plane of action and consciousness is met with a sense of defeat, of loss—mitigated in no sense by either experience or science. At this point religions justify themselves by their steadfast teaching from time immemorial that the life and consciousness of the individual continue; that death is not cessation but—change.

PRAYER, FRIST LINE OF DEFENSE*(Continued from page 177)*

pray is an injunction which all aspirants must follow if they wish for real success along their various lines of endeavor.

Every prayer, spoken or unspoken, every song of praise, and every reading of parts of the scriptures which teach or exhort, if done by a sincere person who loves and lives what he reads or speaks, brings down upon himself, the faithful ones who unite with him in spirit, and the place where he stands, an outpouring of spiritual power so great that it can scarcely be comprehended. So powerful is prayer, when rightly used, that it may become a veritable mantle of divine protection and strength; and therefore it not only becomes a "line of defense," but it is able to bring about complete victory for those who use it for a righteous cause.

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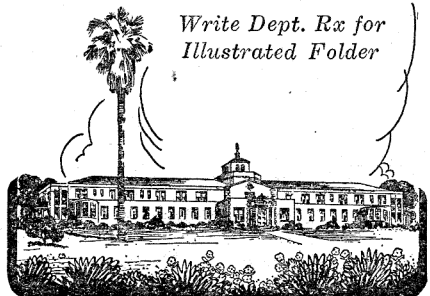
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