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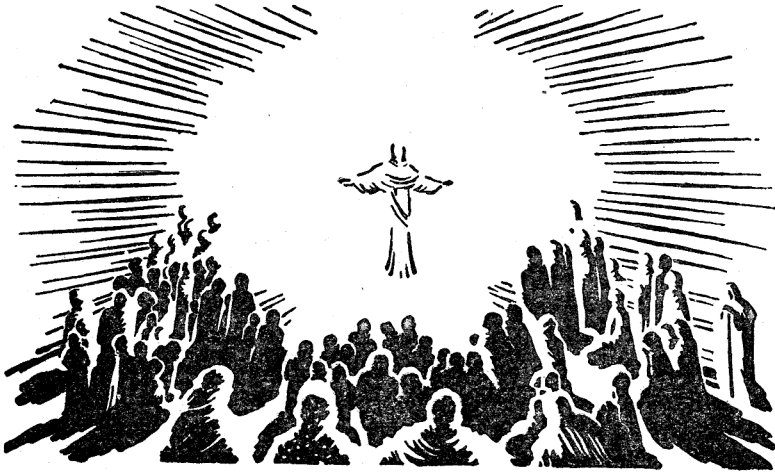
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## “His Joyful Ascent”



N the Easter Sun which at the vernal equinox commences to soar into the northern heavens after having laid down its life for the earth, we have the cosmic symbol of the verity of resurrection.

When taken as a cosmic fact in connection with the law of analogy that connects the macrocosm with the microcosm, it is an earnest that some day we shall all attain cosmic consciousness and know by our own experience that there is no death, but that what seems so is only a transition into a finer sphere.

It is an annual symbol to strengthen our souls in the work of well-doing that we may grow the golden wedding garment required to make us sons of God in the highest and holiest sense.

For those who have chosen to work knowingly and intelligently with Cosmic Law, Easter means the annual liberation of the Christ Spirit from the cramping confines of the earth and His joyful ascent into His true home world, there to remain for a season resting in the bosom of the Father.

And if their eyes are truly open they behold angelic hosts waiting, ready to accompany Him on His heavenward journey; if their ears are attuned to heavenly sounds they hear celestial choirs chanting His praise in glad hosannas to the risen Lord.

To the illumined ones Easter symbolizes the dawning of a glad day when all mankind as well as the Christ will be permanently freed from the cramping confines of materiality, and will ascend to heavenly realms to become pillars of strength in the Father's house, from which they shall no more go out.

—Max Heindel.

# The Current Outlook

FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT

## Let There Be Light

By KITTIE S. COWEN



HE masses of the people born into the world live indiscriminate lives for a longer or shorter period of time, then leave this mundane sphere practically no better and no worse, having accepted conditions as they found them and making no effort to instigate improved changes or to advocate progressed ideas. Such people not only evolve very slowly, but they more often than not become a real hindrance to progress, for they usually refuse to accept as possible or valuable anything that is new or out of the ordinary and almost invariably are very ready to persecute those who possess vision or ability to forge ahead scientifically, morally, or spiritually.

Who has not heard of the skepticism and ridicule which met Fulton's steamboat invention, the opposition encountered by the inventor of the telephone, and the open derision inflicted on Edison during the first years of his labor to invent some means whereby electricity could be harnessed and made to throw light on a darkened world? "Addled," declared his teacher because he did not fit into her own conventional pattern—this same Edison who as a result of his mother's wise tutelage rose above all obstacles placed in his way and finally, literally forced the masses to recognize his extraordinary genius.

Galileo, the great astronomer, was persecuted and threatened with death if he did not denounce his belief in the now generally accepted Copernican Theory that the earth revolving on its axis travels around the sun. Then there was the world renowned reformer, Martin Luther, who was condemned by the masses as a heretic and violent attacks were made on his life. Joan of Arc, the celebrated visionist, was also condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake. The disciples of Christ were all persecuted, and eleven of them met with a violent death; and even the grand and glorious Christ Himself who came to save the world in which we live from utter destruction—because He dared to place the idea of love thy neighbor as thyself, above the accepted law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—was persecuted, reviled, tortured, blasphemed, scandalized, and finally condemned to an ignominious death upon the cross. And why? All because He, too, dared to proclaim before the world the advent of a *new* dispensation which would surely supersede the old one—a dispensation which would require humanity to discipline itself, to practice chastity, kindness, justice, generosity, self-sacrifice, and that all-embracing love

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which unites every created thing in one enduring bond of intimate relationship. The Christ was the greatest of all revolutionists. Fearlessly He proclaimed the doctrine of the passing out of the old order and the ushering in of the *new*; and spoke of a *new* commandment: the doctrine of love, as a panacea for all human woes; and furthermore, He dared to live the precepts which He so fearlessly enunciated.

For several centuries past the Christian people in the world have celebrated Easter in commemoration of this same Christ, who was condemned and crucified, and who on the third day arose from the dead and ascended into the heaven world there to remain throughout eternity. However, about the beginning of the twentieth century more light on this far-reaching event was given out and the *annual* return of this great Being to the physical world was made known to mankind, and the

cosmic reason for His return which is as follows:

Our earth is God's great training school in which He is developing the potential powers of each Spirit into dynamic energy, thereby raising its status from clod to Godhood, like unto Himself.



Had mankind learned its lessons as given life after life there would have been no necessity for the archangel Christ, who is the embodiment of love, to come to the earth as a Teacher in the first place. But the masses, ever slow to accept *new* ideas carrying accelerated vibrations, have from the very beginning been slow to accept anything which deviates, be it ever so slightly, from the well-known beaten path. And so, through inertia, selfishness, disobedience to laws, and evil practices the majority of the people were fast crystallizing not only their own bodies but also the earth on which they lived to such a degree that not only were their own vehicles, but those of the earth, fast becoming too crystallized to be longer used.

When nothing else could be done to save mankind from the impending crisis resulting from its own wrong-doing, the mighty, compassionate archangel Christ offered Himself and His great love power to break up the crystallized conditions; and it was then that He came from the heaven world to this earth and for three years lived among men and taught them by word, precept, and example, and then, still not understanding, and unwilling to learn, those in authority abetted by the majority of the people condemned and crucified Him, preferring in His stead Barabbas, who was a thief and a murderer.

When the crucifixion on Golgotha was over the great sacrifice of the Christ for humanity had just begun; for each year since then that mighty Spirit, clothed in His finer vehicles of light, has returned to earth in the early fall, penetrated it to its very center, and at Christmas time released from Himself His own tremendous high vibration of



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love, permeating the whole earth and all of its humanity as well, with His own unifying life force thereby rejuvenating not only the earth but the life of all kingdoms evolving in and upon it. And, be it remembered, that without this yearly infusion of divine life and energy, all living things on earth would soon perish and all orderly progress would be frustrated so far as our present process of development is concerned, for it is this life force fully released by the Christ at Easter time together with the more nearly vertical rays of the sun that cause the seeds in the ground to sprout, the trees to burst into bloom, the animals to mate, and all nature to bring forth its appointed kind. Furthermore, it is this released Christ force which strengthens mankind and imbues him with the necessary energy and courage to meet, profit, and grow by encounters with the varied, perplexing, and enigmatical problems so continually met during each earth life.

Max Heindel, messenger of a great Order closely connected with the Essenes, states: "To the enlightened ones Easter brings a keen realization of the fact that all humanity are pilgrims on the earth, that the real home of the Spirit is in the heaven realm, and that to reach that realm all should endeavor to learn the lessons in life's school as quickly as possible so that they may be able to look for the dawn of a day that will permanently release them from the bondage of earth.



To the illumined ones Easter symbolizes the dawning of a glad day when all mankind as well as the Christ will be permanently freed from the cramping confines of materiality, and will ascend to the heavenly realms to become pillars of strength in the Father's house, from which they shall no more go out."

The Bible tells us parabolically that to the weak the Christ gave milk, or an exoteric teaching, which they were able to comprehend; but to the strong He made known the esoteric truths hitherto withheld; and a portion of these esoteric truths were related to the true status of Himself and His mission on earth. These truths are now being made known to the masses through various esoteric schools and as usual, only the pioneers are ready to receive these *new* truths, principally because the minds of the masses are much disturbed by the effort to grasp hitherto unknown facts; and so they struggle along until the truth is forced upon them through hard, personal experience.

However, a *new* sense is slowly developing in each individual which will sooner or later open up to all the marvelous records kept in the Memory of Nature; and then despite their desire to cling to the old, a *new* and glorious conception of the truth will dawn upon them and they will gladly become co-workers with the Christ in furthering the evolution of all created things belonging to the kingdom of God.

# THE MYSTIC LIGHT

## A Message at Easter

By ARLINE D. CRAMER

A happy and glorious Easter will this one be to all of us who get a new vision of the risen Christ. . . . Then shall we set our hearts, lifted into a new atmosphere, on things above, and reach an actual higher life. We shall know more of what it is to live by Christ, in Christ, for Christ, and with Christ, till we reach the marvelous light around the throne in glory.—*Cuyler.*

**F**EW people in the world today realize that only about two thousand years ago the human life wave evolving on this planet, some billion individual Spirits, had through licentiousness, hate, malice, greed, crime, and materialism so crystallized our Earth that it was about to become unfit for habitation. When a planet cools and crystallizes beyond a certain point it is unable longer to furnish the means necessary to produce food, shelter, clothing, et cetera, for the evolving life on it. It is then thrown out into interstellar space and gradually disintegrates.

When such a catastrophe occurs the evolving life waves belonging to the planet are in a very serious condition. Those who are in the vanguard of that particular evolutionary scheme are taken to other planets where their development may continue. But those responsible for the debacle are sent to the planet Saturn, where they are stripped of their vehicles, meaning the dense, vital, and desire bodies, and their seed atoms, also the link of mind. From that planet they are sent back into Chaos to begin all over again when a life wave starts that is suitable for their evolution. This is the most serious calamity that can possibly happen to any

individual or class of individuals, and can be brought about only as a result of willful evil deeds and practices.

Since the time when our life wave was launched on its evolutionary journey it has been carefully guided and directed by great spiritual Beings who have given us the lessons necessary to develop our potential powers into dynamic forces. Until we were given the germ of mind the most of us got along fairly well; but with this acquisition came a realization of our separateness and the ability to make our own decisions. Then it was that we lost sight of our spiritual Teachers and began to center our consciousness on the Earth and the pleasures to be obtained through the gratification of the desires, chief among which was sex indulgence.

When we were no longer able to receive instruction directly from these great Beings, owing to the loss of spiritual sight brought about by centering our consciousness on the physical plane, lessons were given to us in a concrete form embodied in the Ten Commandments. These lessons were given by Jehovah God, who was our Race Spirit and who at that time had direct supervision over our evolutionary development.

Let us make a brief review of these

great lessons given to us by Jehovah God, and then examine ourselves to see whether we have learned them, remembering that when once they are learned they become a part of ourselves and each day thereafter we live them in our daily lives.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

Having examined these great cosmic laws and made proper self-analysis, what is the verdict?

Let us make no excuses for ourselves nor try to side-step the issue. Either we have learned these lessons or we have not—lessons that were given to us four thousand years ago. If we have learned them, if we have the Law within, engraved on our hearts, and if we direct our daily lives by the Golden Rule, doing unto others as we would be done by, then we may be very sure that we do not belong to the class which has crystallized this Earth on which we live. If, on the contrary, we are still lying, stealing, and breaking many if not all of the laws of the decalogue, then we are straggling along somewhere in the rear of the vanguard; and the fact that we can look backward and see others still farther behind need not lull us into any degree of false security—either we are in the front ranks or else we are behind.

What is right and what is wrong?

some individual may ask. Turn to the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount for the answer, and when you have found them study their contents diligently. There is nothing hard to understand about them, nothing mysterious, nothing incomprehensible. The Ten Commandments give us both a moral and spiritual code, and the Sermon on the Mount, the sublime utterance of an Archangel, contains within it the divine constitution for the righteous government of the world.

There are many people in the world today who are inclined to look upon the Ten Commandments as a code of laws applying to an ancient people and in no way affecting the present generation. Let us not be deceived. Those laws belong to evolution and are as permanent and ever present as are the laws of gravita-



tion, expansion, contraction, or any of the other immutable laws of physics.

We who have so long neglected to read the words of the CHRIST recorded in the unsurpassable Sermon on the Mount—have we in our daily intercourse with our fellow men forgotten the spiritual law revealed there: “with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again”? And remember that the law holds with reference to the good as well as the evil. Perfect justice everywhere, as we shall see when we fit ourselves to understand.

It is also in that Sermon that we find the most sublime, most comprehensive, of all exhortations: the Lord’s Prayer. How many of us have tried out that supplication in the time of sorrow, distress, and desolation? There are those who have tried it, and they know that

it is a magic formula that works. This miraculous prayer given to us by the Archangel Christ, contains within it a supplication for every need of the Spirit from the necessities of the physical body to those of the divine spark, the Ego, born of the God of our Universe.

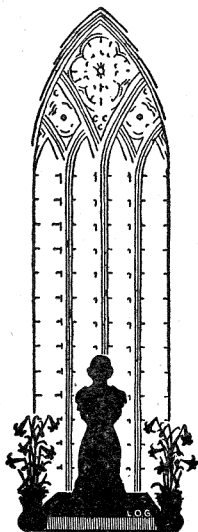
Many an individual lives a life of riotous pleasure, even shame, and when suddenly overcome by his sins or the loss of those who contributed to his pleasure, selfish and unrepentant, turns to God and asks for help. Let us not be deceived, the Father knoweth what things we have need of, even before we ask Him, and if we come to Him in the right attitude of mind and heart He will provide for our needs, regardless of our past record. Genuine repentance, reform, and restitution clean up the records of our past lives, and give us a chance to begin all over again. This was made possible by the intervention of that same Christ Spirit who this Easter day has just completed another of His annual sacrifices for us; this same compassionate One who even as He hung upon the Cross, lifted up His eyes to heaven and pleaded, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

This Earth of ours will not be destroyed until it has fulfilled its destiny. Such a possibility was made impossible when the great Archangel Christ left His heavenly home and came to Earth to save us from our self-engendered destruction. At the time of the Crucifixion He entered into the Earth, and by the power of His own mighty vibration broke up its crystallization and fitted it again for future productive usefulness. Every year since that far-off time He has come to us at Christmas and repeated the same process; but

did He for a single year forget to come, our Earth and all therein and on it would surely perish.

Since the time that the last Christmas bells rang forth in joyful proclamation, He has been with us faithfully performing His work of loving service. On this gladsome Easter morning after having given of Himself to the uttermost He is again emerging from the Earth in a blaze of spiritual glory; and even as we watch the heavens flame into celestial banners of rose and gold. A host of Archangelic Beings chanting celestial melodies are receiving Him in their outstretched arms and bearing Him away to the throne of the Father, who is waiting to receive His beloved Son.

Although the Earth will not be destroyed, the time is rapidly approaching when those who have straggled so far behind that they have become a hindrance to the rest of humanity will have to be held out of incarnation for a time, which will certainly be a real calamity to them. Those who are going forward in their evolution will need new lessons, the nature of which will be far beyond the comprehension



of the straggler. A knowledge of Rebirth and the Law of Consequence is spreading everywhere, and those in the vanguard of evolution are rapidly becoming so sensitized that the time is not far distant when clairvoyance, clairaudience, and clairsentience will be so prevalent that those not in possession of them will be somewhat in the same position as are the physically blind today.

The important thing for us to do at the present time is to take stock of our abilities and attainments—get as nearly as possible a correct perspective on ourselves, noting carefully our shortcomings

ings and our assets, and then begin diligently really to develop our spiritual potentialities.

One might say that the first step on the path of spiritual development is the ability to judge oneself correctly. Thomas a Kempis has well said: "We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults."

"We will have others severely corrected, and will not be corrected ourselves.

"The large liberty of others displeaseth us; and yet we will not have our desires denied us.

"We will have others kept under strict laws; but in no sort will ourselves be restrained. And thus it appeareth how seldom we weigh our neighbours in the same balance with ourselves."

The second step is self-control. The lack of self-control is the mark of the young soul. People who think they are "so temperamental" are really in the same class with small children who think it is a mark of precocity to show off before company. The well poised man or woman has no time for indulgence in temperamental displays.

The third step is the recognition of the fact that only that which develops

the powers of the Spirit is of any enduring value.

The fourth step is to learn what the powers of the Spirit are. Primarily they are Will, Wisdom, or Love, and Creative Activity.

Will embraces positive energy, the Father principle, the intellect, the guiding directing principle, with all of their variations.

Wisdom-love is the receptive, nurturing principle, negative energy, intuition, imagination, the Mother principle, and all that these powers embrace.

Creative Energy is the power to reproduce, fecundation, doing something, germination, fertility, growth, expansion, with their many methods of expression.

The fifth step is to begin work; direct this work intelligently, and temper ALL ACTIVITY with LOVE.

Understanding self, having attained some degree of self-control, realizing the purposes of life, knowing the potential powers of the Spirit, and having a disposition to put this knowledge into action will not fail to bring the desired results; always remembering that it is the little things encountered in our daily lives wherein we meet our tests, and passing them prepares us for greater things.

## "Starry Lilies Bloom"

*Ring, joyous bells of Easter,  
Death hath not conquered Life;  
Victorious is our risen Lord,  
And finished all His strife;  
From Calvary's mount of darkness,  
Lo! starry lilies bloom;  
For by the cross we conquer  
And fearless face the tomb.*

—M.E. Sangster.



# In Remembrance

EASTER—1947

*I do not lightly put aside, dear Lord,  
The agony You suffered on the Tree—  
Your side slashed open by a Roman sword,  
Your manhood ravaged by indignity.  
One with Elohim, Thou, the pristine Word  
Whose echoes built the mighty universe,  
By whose great love the first amoeba stirred,  
—You hang there while the people jeer and curse.*

*With this remembrance heavy on my mind  
I watch a miracle take place at Spring:  
The Cross is jonquils bending in the wind,  
The Nails have turned to violets blossoming.  
Thus crucifixion I am yielded to,  
So I be resurrected, Lord, with You.*

—Muriel Thurston

## Letters to My Missing Son

By GRACE WILLEY WAKEMAN

(First Installment)

5:45 P.M., October 16, 1942

Darling Bill:

When Dad came home half an hour ago, I got such a fright. He was the color of ashes. I thought he had been in an accident.

"What happened?" I asked, dreading to hear that he had been injured.

He kissed me gently, saying, "Bill is missing!"

Then he broke down. We clung to each other. I started to cry, too, but something in my heart kept telling me that you were safe.

So I said, "Bill is all right. I know he is."

Dad decided to phone your Aunt

Beth, but I insisted upon doing it because I wanted to ask her to keep praying for you.

I said, "Beth, Bill is missing," bluntly, like that.

She answered brightly, "Don't worry, Grace. Bill is all right. I wonder how you can get parcels to him?"

Dad is ready for dinner now, so I must serve it. However, I doubt if we can eat. Love,

Mother.

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9:05 P.M. The Same Day

Dear Bill:

Dad and I have just come back from the post office. We were hoping there would be a letter from you. There was none. We feel that one of your long,

interesting letters would help us just now.

"We won't have the pleasure of many more of these walks to the office looking for a letter from Bill," Dad remarked.

I didn't reply, but I thought that maybe your letters would start arriving again sooner than he expected. I have that hope.

Dad is taking the news about you very hard, so I tried to say just the right thing to make him feel better. I weighed my words carefully.

"I have prayed for Bill so much, that I know that whatever has happened to him was God's will for him. And God's will is always best. We mustn't be thinking about ourselves. We must think of what is best for Bill."

"I am so glad you look at it that way," he replied. "I was frightened to tell you. I got the telegram at ten in the morning. If you had been at home, I should have come home at once, but I couldn't see any wisdom in calling you out of school."

It is just as well he didn't. I had a perfectly happy day today, no premonition of bad news. However, during the night of the thirteenth, the night the cable states that your bomber failed to return, I was suddenly wakened by hearing your voice calling me. "Oh, Mother, pray for us. We're in trouble!" you cried. It was your voice without a shadow of doubt.

I prayed and prayed in a welter of anxiety. I tried to gain more peace of mind in my praying, but it seemed impossible at first. Finally, I realized that it was nearly morning and knowing that I had to teach the next day, I felt I had to get some sleep. At the same time, I remembered having said many times that I wasn't worrying about you, because I was trusting in God to take care of you and that if I worried I wasn't trusting. With that a feeling of peace flooded over me and I was able to pray without stress. "Dear God," I recall

my exact words, "I now place Bill, and each and every member of his crew, in Thy loving care. Be it unto them according to Thy will." I felt I could do no more. I fell asleep immediately, so great was my faith in God.

The next morning when I awakened, my Spirit was at peace. I felt that you were safe. But while listening to the eight o'clock news broadcast which stated that nine bombers were missing from last night's raids and that two of them were Canadian, an inner voice spoke to me saying, "One of those missing bombers is your son, Bill's." I denied it at once and affirmed that you were safe. But the inner voice spoke the truth.

Mother.

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8:00 P.M., October 17, 1942

Dearest Bill:

It seemed so hard this morning to keep on doing the petty household jobs, when I didn't know where you were or if you'd be getting any breakfast. I went down to the kitchen feeling empty and blank. The radio was on with some cowboy crooner singing, "How can we live without you—we've built our lives about you." Dad had his head in his arms on the table, his body shaking with hard, dry sobs. I felt as if my heart would split wide open.

Then I realized how true it was. We had built our lives about you children. Now I know that it is not right for us to put our children before God. We shouldn't build our lives about our children. It prevents us from carrying out our own life's work to fulfilment and so often hampers their progress and interferes with their life's work.

I didn't sleep last night. I didn't cry. I just lay there, feeling numb in mind and body, but my heart kept calling to you all night long, saying over and over, "Where are you tonight, darling?" Then, as the gray dawn began to steal into my room, my Spirit

lifted a little and I became conscious of a comforting idea knocking at the door of my mind. Suddenly, I realized that no matter where you were you could never get away from God's Love. You might be lost to us, but you could never be lost to God. Presently, I realized that my thoughts were beginning to sing themselves into my consciousness in verse form, so, as was my wont, I applied myself to proper arrangement of the ideas that came to me. I couldn't get a pencil and paper without wakening your Dad, so I did the best I could with it and memorized it. I am not at all satisfied with it as poetry, but the idea it expresses may help others in like circumstances.

#### TO MY MISSING SON

They tell me you are missing, dear.  
I know that is not true,  
For though, we see not where you are,  
God never loses you.

"Failed to return," they say of you,  
From your zooming flight above.  
We miss you, but we're glad to know  
You're always in God's Love.

You are always in God's Love, son,  
Which is greater than my own.  
"Living, we go on a journey;  
Dying, we go back home."

Dad did not go to work today. We walked over to visit Beth and John. They are a great comfort to us. I asked Beth why she answered the way she did when I phoned her. She hadn't the faintest idea. She said she had just said the first thing that came into her head. It gave me a great uplift to hear her say that. Spiritual forces must be trying to tell us that you are safe somewhere, dear. We laughed a little over the fact that she immediately began planning how to get parcels to you. It was so absurd. Beth and I are praying continually for you and your crew members. God bless you all. Good-night, my dear. Now, I shall go to your picture and, looking into the smiling eyes of your photograph, as I have done ever since you enlisted, say my

special prayer for you. When I have said it for you, I repeat it for your crew. It makes me feel very close to you, because I know that there is no separation in Spirit.

"Love that keeps you all the day  
Cares for you tonight;  
Love that drives all fear away,  
Gives you peace and light.

"When the darkness seems to hide  
And the shadows fall,  
You fear not, for you abide  
Where His love is all."

Mother.

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8 A.M., October 18, 1942

Darling Bill:

I am so happy today! My heart is singing! I had the most marvelous dream last night. In my dream I found myself on a wild, hilly, rugged coast. I walked along a beach of very fine, cream-colored sand. It was cloudy, but there was a hint of moonlight touching the dancing waves of what appeared to be a large ocean bay. The waves rippled and lapped along the shore. I seemed to be very happy and although, I was not conscious of where I was going, my inner self evidently knew, for when I came to the mouth of a cave, I walked into it without the slightest hesitation. The cave was very large at its mouth but became smaller and more winding the farther I went. There was nothing in the cave but sand. I walked and walked into this winding tunnel for what seemed to me to be a mile or more. Then, suddenly, I came upon four Canadian airmen lying face down in the sand. I knew instinctively that the one who had crawled farthest in, was you, Bill. I can recollect having seen four of you only, but as I stood there, I had the satisfied feeling that the whole of your aircrew was safe. I just stood there for quite some time, my mother's heart happy and contented with your nearness.



Presently, a little, hunchbacked man entered the cave. He was wearing a large, dark cloak or cape. As soon as I saw him, I knew I had seen him before and I knew also that I had been expecting him. He came up and walked by me without seeming to see me. He threw back his wide cape and revealed a tray of steaming hot food in his arms. There was a large jug of hot beverage, too. He dished the food out into individual portions and carried one to you. He placed it on the sand near and tried to rouse you. He lifted your head and shoulders, shook and slapped you, but to no avail. You appeared limp and lifeless. But I seemed to know that you were just completely exhausted, so I took a hand in the matter. He left you and tried to get some response from the others, with exactly the same results. I went to you first. I clasped my hand firmly about the upper part of your right arm and shook you vigorously. Your clothes were soaking wet and cold. I knew then that you had been in the sea.

"Look here!" I spoke to you in the determined tone I always used when I had wanted you to do something that you did not wish to do when you were a youngster. "Look here, Bill!" I repeated, "This man has gone to a lot of trouble to get this food for you. *Now—you—eat—it!*"

You stirred, raised your head and shoulders and resting your weight upon your elbows, looked straight up into my face, exactly as if you recognized my voice and expected to see me. A dazed expression came into your face. Then, you noticed the food and began to eat.

As soon as I was satisfied with your response, I turned my attention to the other boys and very soon I had them all eating. I stood watching you for some time, it seemed, my heart filled with joy.

I can still feel the thrill of rapture I experienced when I grasped your arm

and felt the nearness of you, darling. It is just as if you were in the next room now. I firmly believe that God allowed my Spirit to go to you, while my body slept, and minister unto you.

There is something else, too. I recall now a dream that I had the night before we received the wire that you were missing. I was, it seemed, standing on a barren hilltop. The wind was terrific, whipping my clothes about me and blowing stray whiffs of black hair in my face. This is rather hard to explain, for although I was my inner self, my body was very unlike my own. I mean the body I seemed to be using at the time was not my own, but was that of a brunette, rather large boned and painfully thin. I wore a dark dress and a huge dark cape. I think my head was bare. The chill wind from the ocean seemed to blow right through my thin body. However, I wasn't thinking of my bodily discomfort. My whole mind was taken up with getting a message over to the same little hunchbacked man that took the food to you. I remember that I awakened as I was talking to him, and I knew then that I was speaking Norwegian, although I do not know a word of that language in my waking hours. I knew, also, what I was saying, but as I regained full consciousness, the meaning of my words had faded from my memory. I am wondering now, if I were not telling the little old man about you boys and just where to find you. God probably allowed my Spirit to use a Norwegian woman's body to take the message, so that you would be found by the underground and taken care of.

I pray every night that God may use my Spirit and allow me to be an Invisible Helper, according to His will. How wonderful and how natural, for Him to let me go to your assistance! I thank Him now for the joy and hope these dreams have given me. Love,

Mother.

(To be continued)

# At One With Creation

By GLADYS RIVINGTON

*"God of the sun with its infinite splendor—  
Shine in my soul with a warmth that will last.  
Let me ascend to the high place of vision,  
Released of the bondage to things of the past."*

—Eugenia T. Finn.



N Easter morning thousands of people in scores of communities throughout the United States will go to the hilltops at sunrise, there to praise and bless God. The steady increase of this hilltop, sunrise worship is a significant and hopeful development of our times. It seems that man is bursting out of the shell that has encased him, and the temples made with hands are becoming too narrow and confining. The multitudes cannot be satisfied with the dry chaff of dogma and complicated creeds, but only with the living bread of the simple spiritual truths of life and being. In the great temple of the outdoors, under the common roof of the sky, sectarianism can be forgotten. Christian, non-Christian, mystic, occultist, and even those who profess no particular faith, each interpreting the meaning of the season in his own way, can join in a common rejoicing at the renewed tide of life that surges with the returning warmth of the sun in spring. The vernal equinox is observed by people of all religions, and in all countries, and has been through the ages. The Christian festival has grown out of and been superimposed upon the foundation of the equinoctial observance of these older religions and times. The joy of Easter is universal.

As men draw closer together in a common bond of worship under the sky, they also come into more intimate communion with the forces of life working in and through nature, from which

modern man had felt himself apart to a great degree. The tendency has been to regard the beauty of unfolding leaves and the magic music of the birds as a lovely pageant in which man plays the part of onlooker only; or sometimes to wonder why he cannot manifest renewed joy and life as spontaneously as does nature. People are old, sick, and tired in the spring as they are at other seasons, and the most that man (perhaps the more appropriate word here is "woman") seems able to manage is new clothes for Easter. Yet the same life works through all, and man does have his cycle of growth, rest, and renewal even as the plant kingdom, though his is a longer rhythm.

*"God of the stars that are held in  
rhythm—*

*Lift up mine eyes from the dust of  
of the days.*

*Show me that I am part of creation,  
In spirit at one with its intricate  
ways."*

—Finn.

Let us take a little time to study the deciduous trees, as we admire their new growth and beauty at this time of the year. In the springtime the buds swell and unfold the new little leaves, which re-clothe the naked branches of the tree with a glorious canopy of green. These leaves are not merely ornamental, but through the long summer days, by means of their ability to utilize energy from the sun, they take the water and other elements absorbed through the

roots, and manufacture them into food for the whole tree. So the tree grows and produces fruit. In the autumn the leaves gradually fade and fall away, until the tree is left bare and with no outward manifestation of life through the winter months, until it again stirs with the warmer days, to pass once more through the familiar cycle.

Man, too, has his seasons. Infancy and childhood are his spring; when his physical vehicles are growing and expanding to maturity, his time of summer; autumn comes in the later years, when he gradually relinquishes his hold on the physical vehicle, or body, until it falls away in what we call death. Then comes winter, when he shows no physical activity, and the time when we say "he is dead." But is he? Or will he awake to physical life again, with another springtime of rebirth, even as the tree? Why should a tree re-awake and grow from season to season, and man be limited to one cycle? What kind of a tree should we have if it were limited to the growth it could make in one year? Just a yearling that would probably bear no fruit, ever. It takes years to bring a tree to full stature, and it takes many a cycle of physical expression to bring man to the limit of his growth upon the earth.

Many people shrink from the idea of rebirth in the physical world as something harsh and forbidding, but often this is because the emphasis has been wrong. The association has been with compulsion, with being "bound to the wheel of birth and death," as though life after life man was forced to go through a treadmill existence, or, as a galley slave chained to the oars, compelled by the power of the lash to row in some direction not of his own choosing, to the limit of his endurance. This is a false conception. Let us go back to the tree, to find a happier picture of the truth of rebirth.

When a tree unfolds its leaf buds in spring, it is carrying on where it left

off the previous autumn. Julia Ellen Rogers in her book *Trees Worth Knowing*, puts it this way: "The swift unfolding of leaves in spring is always a miracle. . . . How can this miracle take place? It could never happen except for the store of concentrated food that the sap dissolves in spring and carries to the buds. . . . What is a bud? It is a shoot in miniature—its leaves or flowers, or both, formed with wondrous completeness in the previous summer. About its base are crowded leaves so hardened and overlapping as to cover and protect the tender shoot. All the tree can ever express of beauty or of energy comes out of these precious little "growing points" wrapped up all winter, but impatient, as spring approaches, to accept the invitation of the south wind and sun."

Note the above word "impatient." There is the secret of life and growth, for man as for the tree. The flame of life *wants* to express. In the springtime of rebirth man carries on from where he left off in the autumn of old age and physical death. The buds for his new vehicles of manifestation were formed during the past life, and carried over and preserved during the period of rest and assimilation in the heaven worlds. By their very nature they must unfold upon the earth, but the only compulsion exercised is that of the qualities inherent in the Spirit, which with joy expresses activity and new growth.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." (Matt. 13:33.) Spirit is a leaven, hidden within the three-fold body, which forms the personality. All must be leavened and brought under control of Spirit. These outer vehicles make a living for the whole man, as the leaves make a living for the whole tree. The leaves are not the tree, but a glorious manifestation of the central life of the tree. So the outer person-

ality is not the "self," but an expression of the abounding life of the Spirit, which is the true man. By means of the experience gained in physical existence through these vehicles, the Spirit grows in power and in control of material conditions. It takes the experience gained and weaves it into a glorious permanent mantle, the soul; also, from life to life, it gradually refines and spiritualizes the outer garments, until the Spirit is all in all, and there is no more need for physical growth. This is a glorious work, and its essence is joy. For its consummation, the Spirit must come to rebirth, which is just as much a natural phenomenon as the return of life and growth to the plant kingdom year after year. Joy and life abundant are the keynotes of Easter and spring. Joy in activity brings the Spirit of man back into the material world.

"God of the winds that are vibrant  
and cleansing—

Men have made creeds that are no  
part of Thee.

Strengthen my mind, sweep it clear  
of tradition,

And give me the courage to dare to  
be free."

—Finn.

Let us cherish this Easter joy, for it is very precious. The Spirit of man has not yet gained mastery over earthly conditions, and blinded by matter he suffers and loses his way. Being a creature with free will, he learns through action. When he violates Cosmic Law the ensuing sorrow teaches him to avoid those mistakes in the future. Earth has been called the sorrowful star, and yet—"The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7) when the foundations of the earth were laid. What has become of the joy with which it was started upon its day of manifestation? Are the songs of the bird all that is left to us as an echo of the far-off shouts of the sons of God, and the singing of

the stars? No, the joy is still here in our midst, but we need to attune our ears to it. It is the very heart of life, and occasionally bursts through, as when the angel's song was heard at the birth of Jesus. Artists, poets, and especially musicians often bring it to us.

Donald Culross Peattie writes this of Mozart: "Mozart had troubles enough to have set any other musician to writing dirges. But into his music he never brought the sorrow, grime, and humiliations of his life. The worse things got, the more he poured his courage into his art. And it is never grim courage, but blithe as bird song. . . . Mozart triumphed over injustice, sickness, debt, and death itself. To all that was ignoble he returned an answer that tingles still with the rapture of living."

This is what we may gain from our Easter festival—to enter into the joy of life, which underlies our existence, and is not dependent upon outward circumstances. As free Spirits we walk the earth, not as slaves. In coming into this physical existence we accept the laws and the conditions, knowing what they are in advance of our coming. Before each earth life the Spirit knows in outline the problems it will be called upon to meet, even though this knowledge fades in the stress of earthly activity. For gladness in the opportunity for spiritual growth, we are here. Life may be hard, but it can be lived with dignity and serenity in the recognition of that which is to be gained by mastering sorrow and turning it into joy and expanded powers of Spirit.

On the occasion of the first public performance of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah," when the great finale, the Hallelujah Chorus, was reached, the opening strains of that soaring anthem brought the entire audience spontaneously to its feet. The listeners were literally lifted up as the instruments and voices poured out the notes of heavenly joy and praise which the composer

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# Feed My Sheep

By SOPHIA B. MCINTYRE

(CONCLUSION)



MISS MARTY had been in Mrs. Taylor's house but a few minutes the following afternoon, when the soft creak of the rear door caused her to hasten to meet Edy.

The girl shrank back as the sound of a chair rocking on a bare floor reached her ear.

Miss Marty clutched her arm tightly. "Nothing harmful," she whispered. Then aloud, "I think we'd better begin at the top, Edy. What do you think?"

"That's the way Mom always did in our house back in the dust bowl," replied Edy as she walked calmly beside Miss Marty into the dining room. "What lovely furniture!" she exclaimed. "Mrs. Taylor must have been a good housekeeper. The house is not really dirty—just dusty!"

The rocker was silent.

"I noticed that, too, Edy," replied Miss Marty as they passed on into a hall. "Mrs. Taylor was a time saver, too. In a closet off the back porch there's everything one could wish to clean with."

They mounted stairs to an upper floor, and admired bedrooms that opened off a hall there.

"I believe those long-handled brushes in that closet down stairs would do better work on these walls than dust rags. I'll get them," said Miss Marty.

"Let me! Save you steps!" called Edy as she fled down the stairs. Soon she returned with several brushes, a broom, and a dustpan. After raising windows and opening slats in shutters, they went to work in a pink and white room at the end of the hall.

"Miss Marty, how do you think a girl with a lovely room like this could

be hateful to one who provided it for her?" asked Edy.

"That girl, eldest of the family, had built up a vicious, cruel, jealous disposition through many former lives. She was insanely jealous of Mrs. Taylor, enjoyed torturing her stepmother, and influenced the younger children to follow her example. In future lives she will be tortured as a result, and her suffering will be intense."

Mrs. Taylor's voice from the doorway interrupted. "Are you sure of that? How do you know?"

"Oh, hello Mrs. Taylor," said Miss Marty for Edy's enlightenment. "Well, you see by study and much hard work, I have become what in occult circles is called an invisible helper, and can leave my body while it sleeps. Last night I visited your stepdaughter, and learned from the appearance of her desire body that my words of her are true. God has told us, 'Ye shall reap what ye sow!' That is a fixed law—unescapable! Your stepdaughter cannot escape reaping every pang that she had caused you. Perhaps not in this life, but in some future life here. She has sown, she shall surely reap! You should pity instead of hating her to your own injury. She has a hard row ahead."

Mrs. Taylor sank onto a chair. Miss Marty hoped it was not the brighter light of day that made her gray shell appear less dark than it had the evening before, and turning to Edy, said, "How much brighter the paper on these walls looks after our brushes have been over it!"

"Doesn't it! Mom had paper something like this put in my room back home. I loved it!" Edy sighed. "I used to miss my room so! But we've all been healthy in the tents, and I've

learned to like them, too. Then you've been so kind and helpful to us. I *do* wish Mom could know about this! It would make her *so* happy!"

Miss Marty was facing the doorway, and at this moment was not surprised to see standing there a woman encased in the steel blue shell built by fear and worry. Evidently she had come in search of her daughter.

"Your mother knows and is grateful, but she's not happy, Edy," said Miss Marty.

Edy turned from her work, and stared at her visible companion. "Oh, Miss Marty! Mom's not earthbound, too, like Mrs. Taylor, is she?"

Miss Marty sighed deeply. "Yes, Edy. Worry keeps one earthbound just as much as hatred does. Such a pity, too, when the work of those really good women is so much needed on the higher planes at this time. Your mother is so terribly worried over the possibility of you children having no roof over you when the rains come that she is really frantic. If she'd only recall the truths she studied, know that only good can come to you children, leave you to God whose love never faileth, and go on to her work on the higher planes, she could be so happy!"

Another long-drawn sigh left Miss Marty's breast, as she paused and then continued. "From books I saw down stairs I judge that at one time Mrs. Taylor must have studied along the same line of thought that your mother did. But it's much easier to brood over our sufferings, and to hate those who have caused them than it is to be thankful to those who have forced us to pay karmic debts when due, be glad those debts are paid and behind us, then go on to the heaven world we have prepared for ourselves and take up our work there. Your mother while here this time lived a life of great service to others. Mrs. Taylor in spite of her persecution by her stepchildren did her full duty by them while they were in

her care. She also protected their father from knowledge of his children's evil deeds toward her, which would have caused him added suffering during his long illness before he passed away. So there must be a grand heaven world awaiting each of those women."

The pink and white room had been thoroughly dusted, the windows closed, and they had passed on to another room while Miss Marty had talked. Now Edy tearfully exclaimed, "But, Miss Marty, what can I do to help Mom?"

"Talk to her after you are in bed nights just as if you knew she was near you," answered the older woman. "Comfort her, tell her if she'll only pray you know that everything will be all right, and she'll have no cause for worry. Then ask God to remove from her mind all doubts and fears, so that she may give unto Him perfect service in any work He has for her to do. Drop to sleep feeling sure that your prayer will be answered, and it *will be!* Now it's time for you to get your father's dinner, Edy. Are you tired?"

"Not a bit!" declared Edy.

They paused in doorways as they passed to admire results of their labor.

"Look nice, don't they?" remarked Miss Marty. "I hope Mrs. Taylor will be pleased!"

Miss Marty heard a softer tone than formerly in Mrs. Taylor's voice as she spoke while passing down the stairs before them. "I am pleased—in more ways than one!"

Delighted, Miss Marty turned to the girl. "Mrs. Taylor says she *is* pleased, Edy. I think we've done a good day's work. Can you come again tomorrow?"

"Yes, indeed. I love this house, Miss Marty. I can hardly wait to see how it looks when we get it all clean. I think I should carry all those scatter rugs to the back porch now, then carry them to that woodshed after dark when no one will see me, and give them a good shaking. What do you think?"

"Good idea! I'll help!" The rugs

were brought to the porch, the door locked, and Miss Marty stooped to kiss the girl before she said, "You must run, dearie, or you'll be late. I'm surely glad I had you for my helper this day."

Miss Marty watched a steel blue figure move swiftly beside Edy across the field to the tents, listened a moment, heard no sound of the rocker within the house, then with a pleased expression turned her steps toward home.

For a week the housecleaning and the talks continued. Then one night, Miss Marty felt a plan she had in mind could amicably be discussed with Mrs. Taylor, and that it would likely meet with that lady's approval and cooperation.

A thrill of joy swept through Miss Marty as she entered the clean, tidy living room, saw Mrs. Taylor in her favorite chair, which was not now rocking, and noted the changes that had taken place in the woman herself. The lines of hate had almost faded from her now smooth, white face. Her eyes no longer glared, but were a softened lovely blue. Her lips had lost their tight, grim appearance—were sad instead. The gray of the shell about her had faded perceptibly, and was entirely broken in spots. Her hands were clasped as if in prayer. Before the windows could be opened and the shutters arranged so that light from across the fields could illumine the room, she began to talk.

"Miss Marty, I have taken to heart every word that you have spoken to Edy while cleaning this house. Though much of it was intended for Mrs. Brooks, all of it fitted me, too, and I sincerely thank you with all my heart. You have diverted my mind from the hatred that had been eating my heart out for years, and turned my thoughts to the teachings that I had ignored through those years. I have retrospected my whole past life, prayed for forgiveness, and feel that I shall soon be going on. Mrs. Brooks has visited with me often. She, too, is resigned to leaving her children in God's care, and we'll soon go on to-

gether. But this property—"

"Yes, Mrs. Taylor. What about the property?" asked Miss Marty as she sank into a chair. Pixey rubbed against Mrs. Taylor's gown, purred softly, then sprang into his mistress' lap.

It was late when, with the cat clasped tightly to her joyous heart, Miss Marty finally went home.

Two evenings later she was sitting with Pixey beside her on the bench in Mrs. Taylor's rear garden waiting for Edy, when she saw a car drive up in front of the tents. A man left the car and held a long conversation with Mr. Brooks, who was resting on a bench before the kitchen entrance.

Shortly after the man entered his car and drove off, Edy came flying across the field and threw herself at Miss Marty's feet.

"Oh, Miss Marty! Just as you told me! Leave problems to God, and he always solves them in the very best way! The lawyer who has charge of this property just came to ask Dad if he'd be willing to take care of this place. Dad can have the rent free and use of the land if he'll do the repairing, and the lawyer will furnish materials. He'll pay the taxes, too. I have to dash! We're moving over tomorrow."

Twilight was deepening to darkness, when Miss Marty, too happy for words, saw two white figures coming toward her from the house.

"Thanks to you, Miss Marty," one of them said, "we are at last free, and are leaving for the higher worlds. May God's greatest blessings rest upon you always."

They smiled at her, raised their hands as if in benediction, and Miss Marty watched till they had risen beyond reach of her vision.

"Dear Father," she murmured, "I thank you for letting me feed your sheep." Then as sounds of activity came across the field from the tents, she added, "And provide shelter for the poor little lambs, too."

# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

*Taken from His Writings*

## The Web of Destiny



(EIGHTH INSTALLMENT)

*"The Sin Body—Possession by Self-made Demons"*

**B**UT unfortunately the evil is not confined to these so-called lower or backward races. Right here in what we call civilized countries, in northern Europe, and in North and South America, we find that demoniac possession is far from infrequent, although, of course, its form is not so abject as in the first mentioned places where it is often accompanied by the most filthy and abominable practices.

The writer was at one time quite apprehensive of the effect which war might have in respect to locking the desire and vital bodies together and bringing to birth legions of monsters to afflict future generations. But it is with great thankfulness that he records his convictions that we need have no fear on that score. Only when people are premeditatively malicious and vindictive, and persistently harbor a desire and a purpose to get even with some one, only when such feelings are hugged, nursed, and entertained do they harden the vital body and cause the interlocking grip of these vehicles. We know from the records of the great war that the rank and file have no such sentiments against one another, but that enemies meet as

friends whenever chance brings them into such relationship that they may converse one with another. So, though war is responsible for the awful mortality now and will cause deplorable infant mortality in a future age, it will be blameless with regard to the dreadful diseases engendered by obsession and the crimes suggested by these demoniacal sin bodies.

The discarded sin bodies mentioned in the preceding pages inhabit normally and by preference the lowest regions of the ether and condense themselves to the very line of sight. Sometimes they even make use of some of the constituents of the air and seem usually to be perfectly visible to those whom they harass, although their victims are usually very careful not to allow anyone to suspect that they have such a demon about them, that is, at least in the western world. There seems to be no such delicacy in the southern part of Europe.

Following the above investigations, the writer attempted a number of experiments with Spirits who were in the higher realms of the ether, having just passed out, and with people who had been in the Desire World for a longer or shorter time, some of them being almost ready for the First Heaven. A number of Spirits who had departed this life kindly cooperated as subjects. The aim of the experiments was to deter-



mine how far it would be possible for them to clothe themselves in the material of the lower etheric and even the gaseous regions. It was noticed that those who had just passed out could quite readily endure the lower ether vibrations, although being of good character they were not well satisfied to remain there longer than necessary, for they were uncomfortable.

However, as we tried people from successively higher regions of the Desire World up to the First Heaven, it became more and more difficult to wrap themselves in ether or descend into it. The consensus of opinion was that it was like going down into a deep well, there to smother. It was also found that it was absolutely impossible for anyone in the physical to see them. We tried by every method of suggestion to arouse the people in rooms which we visited, to a sense of our presence, but we found no response, though in a number of cases the forms which we condensed were so opaque that it seemed to the writer as if they were nearly as dark as those physical people whom we desired to attract. We placed our experimental subjects between the physical people and the light; nevertheless we had no success in any case, either with those who were from the higher realms or with those who had passed out recently and were able to stay in the given position and density for a considerable time.

In addition to the entities already mentioned who dwell in a sin body made by themselves, and who thus suffer entirely from their own deeds in the period of expiation, two classes were found which were similar in certain respects although entirely different in others. In addition to the divine Hierarchies and the four life waves of Spirits now evolving in the physical world through the mineral, plant, animal, and human kingdoms, there are also other life waves which express themselves in the

various invisible worlds. Among them are certain classes of sub-human Spirits which are called elementals. It sometimes happens that one of these elementals takes possession of the sin body of some one of a savage tribe, and thus adds extra intelligence to that being. At the rebirth of the Spirit that generated this sin body, the usual attraction brings them together, but on account of the elemental ensouling the sin body, the Spirit becomes different from the other members of the tribe, and we find them then acting as medicine men or in a similar capacity.

These elemental Spirits ensouling the sin bodies of Indians also act upon mediums as spirit controls, and having obtained power over the medium during life, when he dies, these elemental spirit controls oust him from the vehicles which contain his life experience, and thus the medium may be retarded in evolution for ages, for there is no power that can compel these Spirits to let go, once they have gained control of such a body. Therefore, though mediumship may produce no seeming evil effect in a lifetime, there is a very, very grave danger after death to the person who allows his body to be taken possession of. Spiritualism has done a necessary work in the world. It was probably the chief means of checking the absolute materialism of science, and it has brought solace to thousands of sufferings souls who grieved for the loss of departed ones. It has turned unbelievers to believe in a higher existence. We have no desire whatever to speak in a derogatory manner of its workers, but we cannot refrain from voicing a warning, as we feel it a duty to point out the enormous danger to those who allow themselves to be habitually controlled by Spirits whom they cannot see, and about whom they cannot possibly know anything.

*(To be continued)*

# Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

*This department is devoted to a study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy by the Socratic Method, the material being taken from The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.*

## Pioneers and Stragglers

Q. What is the danger when evolving Life clings to old forms?

A. Just as the builder of houses would lag commercially if he did not constantly improve his methods to meet the exigencies of his business, so those who persistently adhere to the old forms fail to rise above the species and are left behind, as stragglers.

Q. Where do we find such stragglers?

A. These stragglers take the forms outgrown by the pioneers and they compose the lower Races and species of any kingdom in which they are evolving.

Q. What did these use for bodies?

A. They took the discarded Forms of the Pioneers and used them as stepping-stones, by means of which they tried to overtake the others, but the advanced Forms did not stand still.

Q. Why is this so?

A. Because, in the progress of Evolution there is no halting place. In evolving Life, as in commerce, there is no such thing as *merely* "holding your own." Progression or Retrogression is the Law. The Form that is not capable of further improvement must degenerate.

Q. Is this process constantly going on?

A. There is always one line of *improving* forms ensouled by the pioneers of the evolving Life, and another line of *degenerating* forms, outgrown by the pioneers, but ensouled by the stragglers, as long as there are stragglers of that particular life wave to which these forms originally belonged.

Q. When do these forms disappear?

A. When there are no more strag-

glers the species gradually dies out. The forms have been crystallized beyond the possibility of being improved by tenants of increasing inability.

Q. What becomes of these Forms?

A. They return to the mineral kingdom, fossilize, and are added to the different strata of the Earth's crust.

Q. Did man ever inhabit forms identical with those of our present-day animals or anthropoid species?

A. No, but he has inhabited forms which were similar to but *higher* than those of the present anthropoids.

Q. Where is the "missing link" sought by science?

A. From the point where the pioneers of our life wave (The Aryan Races) occupied ape-like forms, they have *progressed* to their present stage of development, while the Forms (which were the "missing link") have *degenerated* and are now ensouled by the last stragglers of the Saturn Period.

Q. Then the monkeys are not the progenitors of higher species?

A. The monkeys, instead of being the progenitors of the higher species, are stragglers occupying the most degenerated specimens of what was once the human form. Instead of man having ascended from the anthropoids, the reverse is true—the anthropoids have degenerated from man.

Q. Can these stragglers ever reenter the human kingdom?

A. The anthropoids may overtake us and become human beings, but no other animals will reach our particular point of development. They will reach a similar stage, but under different conditions, in the next World Period.

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Paul's Mission to the Gentiles



And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

—The Acts 13:44-52.

The power of Paul's "silver tongue," magnified by a heart flaming with the zeal of his cause, brought numerous converts in the city of Antioch. His previous years of study and training with some of the best Jewish teachers of the time, along with a burning conviction of the truth and need for his message, made it possible for him to awaken a response in a multitude of listeners. Among these were many of his Jewish brothers and sisters, but there were also many of his fellow Jews who, enslaved by their Race Spirit, remained unmoved by his words. "They were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by

Paul."

However, opposition never discouraged the dauntless Paul! On the contrary, it usually seemed but to whet his determination to make known his message to all. More than once he boldly told his Jewish listeners of their error in having refused to accept the Messiah, and how he had consequently been sent particularly to the gentiles. His experience on the road to Damascus had convinced Paul that the Messiah had come, had been crucified and resurrected, and that he, Paul, had been divinely appointed to preach the gospel to the gentiles of all the world. Henceforth, he was "a man with a mission," and he lived continually in that consciousness until his martyrdom.

The way of the pioneer is never easy, and who among mankind is a better example of this than the indomitable Paul? Handicapped to some extent by an unprepossessing physical appearance, and beset on all sides by ignorance, superstition, intolerance, and bigotry, his was anything but an easy path. Paul's very nature undoubtedly made his way doubly difficult, for he was not by nature gentle and patient. The fire of accomplishment burned brightly within him, and he was often impatient with the blindness and stupidity (to him) of his listeners and co-workers. His outspoken manner often incurred the hatred and opposition of the very ones he wished to convert to his cause, and brought dissension and strife into his own groups. However, when persecution waxed too strong, he and his companions "shook off the dust of their feet" and sought another place where they continued to publish "the word of God." High moments of reward came in which they "were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."



# Astrology Department

## Astro-Dynamics

By ELMAN BACHER

Strong is the soul, and wise and beautiful;  
The seeds of godlike power are in us still;  
Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will!  
—Emerson.



THE term *astro-dynamics* is used to indicate the study of a horoscope from the standpoint of the planetary influences being diminished or intensified by the native's reactions to his experiences during a given incarnation. The cyclic functions of life forces create a periodic emphasis on each planetary influence and aspect and to the degree that each emphasis is utilized constructively is the alchemical transmutation made. To the degree that the negatives are expressed will the positives be depleted and made less effectual for growth. This is easily understood when we consider that no human being is ever "cut off" from any part of his horoscope. There is no such thing as a "stoppage" of planetary influence. Even the inhibitive and restrictive ray of a heavily afflicted Saturn is still "expressing" in the consciousness of the person who is expiating such a form of karma.

A practical application of astro-dynamics may be stated thus: any person who consults an astro-psychologist does so because he is "in trouble." He is in trouble because he has been "living with his negatives." Without a dynamic approach to interpretation, the reader can easily fall into confusion if

he interprets the trines and sextiles of his client's chart as "statically good" only if it is put into concrete expression as a counteractive to that which is destructive or retrogressive in the person's nature. Poverty, sickness, unfulfilled or distorted love-impulses, fears, and the like are evidences that the client has not *applied* the urge to fulfill the promises of his sextiles or the benefits of his trines, but has expressed his energies in terms of his squares and oppositions, thus depleting his possibilities for good as life goes on. A continual expression of negatives will result in depletion of the regenerative urges and a tighter bondage to the Wheel of Life is created.

In musical parlance, the term "modulation" is used to indicate a chord or passage which serves as a bridge from one section to another in a different key or tonality. This term may also be used, in the astro-dynamic terminology, to describe the purposes of the sextile and opposition aspects. These aspects, in a given chart, may be considered the "points of transmutation" when the two planets of an opposition receive the trine and sextile from a third planet, and when one planet of a sextile is squared by a third planet. In either of

these cases, the planet making the good aspect to the affliction represents the agency by which the person finds his "redemption from evil." Thus, through the "exercise" of that planetary energy transmutation is made and the power of the square and opposition to express discord is diminished and neutralized.

The aspects described above represent the "easiest" form of alchemy. However, others must be considered. In all probability, the transmutation of an unrelieved square is more difficult than any other experience in life. This term indicates two planets in square aspect to each other with no trines or sextiles to other planets. Superficially it represents an aspect of "heavy karma," indicative of a serious problem through which the native must learn a much needed spiritual lesson. Since each of the two planets concerned will be activated from time to time by favorable aspects of lunations and progressed Moon, etc., there is a certain amount of "assistance" assured. But, because such an aspect indicates the possibility of great sorrow or difficulty, the native must be instructed as to the basic, positive qualities of both planets. When the aspect is activated recognizably, the native must do his utmost to express, to some degree at least, the positive expression of the two planets, or at least the one that is most directly being expressed. Since the two planets of the square are continually "hand-in-hand" they are constantly affecting each other—the negatives of one intensify the negatives of the other, and the resultant evil breeds more evil in the future. However, if, by spiritual discipline and/or corrective psychology the native allows only a constructive vibration of each planet

to be expressed, then the good of each stimulates the other, transmutation is made and, in time, destiny is transcended.

Much the same approach can be made to the unrelieved opposition, with the exception that the function of fusing the two at once would apply more practically and more possibly than in the case of the square. There is such an element of "seesaw" about the opposition aspect that if one planet is emphasized at the expense of the other, a condition of "lop-sidedness" could result—hardly a manifestation of harmony or balance! In other words, the alchemical transmutation demanded by this

type of aspect is "expressing the affairs of each in terms of the other" or "in cooperation with the other."

The most important thing for the astro-psychologist to bear in mind with reference to adult clients is that, in most cases, negative aspects have been expressed and experienced for many years of life, and that many people are not really aware of the best good that they

#### WORKING TOOLS OF THE SPIRIT

The planets of the natal horoscope, characterized by their respective signs, houses, and aspects, give a concrete picture of the working tools of the Spirit. They indicate the traits of character, both positive and negative, which the individual has ready for use in this life, and show where the areas of energy exist within the nature. Thus may astrology be used as a guide to the greatest accomplishment and progress.

are capable of expressing and realizing. Humanity becomes so accustomed to its troubles, fears, bad habits, frustrations, and sordidness that the majority become reconciled to the attitude, "That's the way I am and I can't do anything about it." All of which is very foolish and wrong. There is a solution to be found for every human problem, in so far as a "problem" is only the result of some form of misdirected energy. But, with the horoscope as the way-shower, the agencies of solution can be found in all of the benefic aspects of the chart.

The dynamic approach to astrological interpretation finds its master-work as a guide for children. The newly in-

carnated Ego, boy or girl, comes to parents who have undertaken the sacred responsibility of guidance. They may have preconceived ideas of what they would like their child to be, but if they wish to be *real* parents, they will guide that child along the lines that are best for him. Such guidance includes much more than vocational guidance, important as that is. It means that they themselves must act as neutralizing agencies for the negatives indicated in the child's chart. No woman whose child has Mars afflicting Moon should allow herself to indulge in "temper" in the child's presence. Why? Because every time she does, she emphasizes that discordant vibration in the child's subconscious, his instinctive irritability becomes intensified, and a "picture of cruelty" is etched more deeply into the child's vibration-pattern. However, because a little child *reacts* to everything that goes on around it, every manifestation of calmness, poise, kindness, and consideration neutralizes, to a small degree, the harsh impulse of Mars square Moon and makes it possible for the child to deal with those impulses much more easily as he grows up. In other words, the mother, in right conduct, emphasizes something that is harmonious and constructive in the child. She then represents something that is good, not evil, in its chart—and in its life.

## PART II

### *Astro-Dynamics and Progressions*

This material is presented for the consideration of advanced students and astrological practitioners. It correlates the dynamic factors of alchemical transmutation with the mathematical calculation and tabulation of progressed aspects.

The title derives from the approach that at no time does a horoscope "stop functioning." Nature, they tell us, abhors a vacuum; there is no such thing as "nothing" in manifestation. Corre-

spondingly, there is no such thing as "nothing," "emptiness" or "cessation of activity" in a horoscope. There are, to be sure, periods of apparent quiescence, routine activity, and a general smoothness or monotony of function. These, however, in their own good time, build to peaks of climax, intense experience, drastic change fulfillments, and/or seeming descents.

It is the purpose of the astro-dynamic approach to study the progressed aspects, or cycles, from the standpoint of their representing a stimulation of not just one planet at a time, but of an entire "area" of the horoscope.

The nature of planetary vibration allows a "field of extension" which we call the "orb." This extension of either side of a planet's exact position allows it to "reach out and take hands" with the other planets that it aspects. Thus, the "life" of the horoscope is activated.

Ordinarily, in the preparation of an astro-analysis, we list the progressed aspects in order for the current year or two for the purpose of determining the principal sources of experience in the person's life at the present time. In astro-dynamics we do the same, except that we list the progressed aspects by "groups" or "areas." It is this approach which most clearly indicates the possibilities for alchemical processes. We contrast the positives and the negatives that are being stimulated simultaneously or in sequence and thereby determine which factors are available for regeneration of emotion and redirection of reactions.

Whatever extra mathematical calculations may be involved for this kind of "horoscopical treatment" is more than compensated for in the vivid and vitalized presentation of the progressed aspects concerned. The whole horoscope takes on added "dimension"—from a picture on a flat piece of paper it becomes a galvanic representation of a living thing. Attention!

A man requests your assistance concerning a marital problem. You calculate both his and his wife's charts, tabulate the aspects pertaining to each and pay particular attention to the mutual conjunctions. These mutual conjunctions (ref: *Planets Are People*, February Rosicrucian Magazine) form the basis for your problem-analysis.

In his chart you find Pisces on the Ascendant; Mercury, ruler of the seventh, is in nine of Aquarius, in the eleventh house. Mars is in twelve of Scorpio, eighth house, square Mercury. Venus is in fourteen of Aries, second house, sextile Mercury. You find one mutual conjunction uniting the two charts. Her Mars is in ten of Aquarius—conjunct his Mercury—square Moon in Taurus, which is opposition his Mars in Scorpio. The conjunction of her Mars to his seventh house ruler is the key to a difficult marital situation, characterized by the vibration of unregenerate Mars. His alchemical agency is his unafflicted Venus sextile to Mercury. (Get the picture by putting these positions on a blank chart.)

In tabulating his current progressions, you find that from the previous Adjusted Calculation Date to the next Adjusted Calculation Date the Moon travels thirteen degrees and thirty-eight minutes. By division of twelve the monthly travel of the progressed Moon is shown to be one degree and eight minutes. The ACD is the fifteenth of the month. There are thirty-four minutes of Moon-travel each half month.

Tabulating the monthly positions of the progressed Moon for this year-period—from the fifteenth of each month—reveals that during the last two weeks of March, 1947, the progressed Moon makes the exact conjunction of his Mercury. In early June it makes the exact square of his Mars. In early August it makes the exact sextile of his Venus. (On the outside of your practice chart indicate these Moon posi-

tions. Tabulate these aspects and dates, in order, at the bottom of the page. Bracket them so as to impress your mind with the fact that you are dealing with a "field of stimulation.")

The Mercury-Mars square shows that from late March to early June the marital problem is going to be stimulated in a very decided way. (Since you are, in this hypothetical case, dealing only with the man, it is not particularly necessary to concentrate further on the wife's chart. It is *his* reactions that you are concerned with. Whatever the wife may do during those months will tie in with his aspect.) However, with the conjunction to Mercury, the sextile to Venus begins to vibrate simultaneously with the square to Mars, because Venus is in orb of sextile in the natal chart. Therefore, Venus is the alchemical agency for this man to use during this period of a little over four months. He must counteract the Mars vibration (which in Scorpio is

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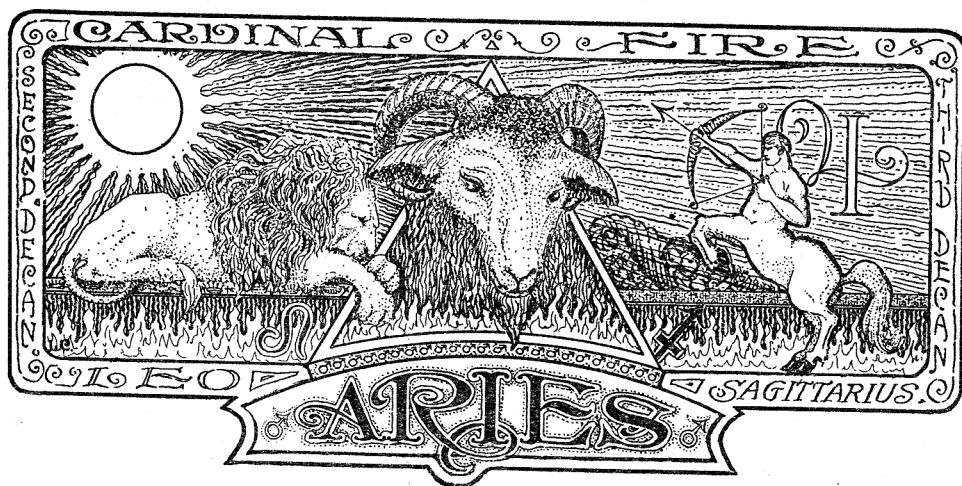
## Your Child's Horoscope

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
A READING

Each full year's subscription to this magazine, either new or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to a chance for a reading of a child's horoscope in this department. Character and vocational delineations are made for applicants of any age up to 14. The names are drawn by lot each month, but unless there is an unusually large number of applications you may have more than one opportunity for a drawing. Application for reading should be sent in when the subscription is made or renewed.

Data required are name, sex, birth-place, and year, month and date of birth, also hour and minute as nearly as possible. *If Daylight Saving Time was in effect this should be stated.*

We do not read horoscopes for money and we give astrological readings only in this magazine. We teach, however, the reading of horoscopes in our Correspondence Courses, notice of which appears elsewhere in this issue.



## The Children of Aries, 1947

Birthdays: March 21 to April 20



HE child of Aries is always ushered into being under the power of the Vernal Equinox, the 21st of March. The Sun, the symbol of the will, is exalted in Aries, consequently this is its most powerful position. The Sun in Aries not only gives will power but it radiates a vital force of great strength. The Aries native has a wonderful source of energy which will withstand serious illnesses, and the recuperative powers are extraordinary.

These children love action and are impatient at the least restraint which may hold up their procedure, even though oftentimes more could be accomplished by waiting. This quality is already present in childhood and even the desire for leadership is in evidence at an early age.

The Arian is always enthusiastic and not easily discouraged. He is at his best when at the head of things. He is filled with new ideas and ambition, and because of this is usually the pioneer, the leader in new enterprises. The Aries native rarely shrinks from anything. He acts quickly and per-

forms his task, but if delayed too long, expects someone else to finish it.

Originality, self-reliance, and a certain optimistic outlook always makes the Arians hopeful. This gives them the push and the desire to go ahead whether they have the ability or not. They dislike being "bossed," for they have an extreme love of freedom and are quick to resent abuse or imposition. However, they do not hold a grudge.

The shortcomings of the Aries person are irritability, restlessness, wilfulness, and a tendency to go to extremes through indignation, hasty speech, or a lack of proper discretion. He is fond of argument and is quick tempered. The tendency to overwork without sufficient rest, is apt to result in a physical breakdown. Rudeness and impatience must be conquered and kindness and consideration cultivated. Adherence to a more stable temperament is needed as a protection to the health.

The New Moon immediately follows the equinox which marks the entrance of the Sun into Aries. At the same time it makes the trine to Saturn until March 30th. This is most fortunate for it brings out the best qualities of the



planets. It gives foresight and stability, organizing and diplomatic ability, sincerity and a sense of justice. This configuration is most important at this time for the influence is greatly needed to help minimize the erratic, impulsive, and high-tempered forces given out by the square of Mars to Uranus (March 21st to April 5th). This aspect makes one hard and cold; headstrong, and determined to go ahead in his own way, even to his own detriment.

From March 23rd to April 4th Venus squares Jupiter, giving a tendency to extravagance, a desire for the luxuries of life, but without the ability to obtain them because of a lack of business acumen. This aspect gives a tendency to overdo in the gratification of desires for pleasure and amusement, but is modified by the Sun trine Saturn aspect.

The Sun opposes Neptune March 22nd to April 8th. This gives a liability to negative influences, as well as the possibility of being a victim to fraud and scandal whether deserved or not. Mercury square Uranus (March 30th to April 12th) gives a very quick temper, impulsiveness, irregularity in habits, extreme ideas, and a desire for constant changes and new fields of action without any forethought as to the ultimate outcome.

From April 1st to 14th Mars trines Jupiter, which helps the child born during this period considerably. Jupiter is conservative if not afflicted, and the trine helps to stabilize the Mars enthusiasm as well as helps to convert the fiery temper into constructive action. This configuration gives enthusiasm and generosity, but not in overabundance. It gives one ingenuity and assists greatly in business as well as in a social way.

The sextile of the Sun to Uranus, March 31st to April 18th, gives strong intuitive faculties. Very often there is inventive ability. It indicates an interest in the occult, astrology, and all sub-

jects pertaining to the secrets of nature. There is ability to interpret this knowledge and put it into useful application. The person is an idealist possessing originality. There is still a high strung temperament, but he is able to keep himself under control.

Beginning April 8th Mercury trines Jupiter, which is one of the finest assets in life. This aspect lasts until the 13th. About the 12th Mercury leaves the square of Uranus, thus giving the Mercury-Jupiter influence full power. First of all, it gives a very happy, optimistic outlook on life. It gives good judgment, and because of this general success in life is assured. The mind is versatile and creative, and is very often expressed in the literary field.

From April 7th to 21st Mars trines Saturn. This is a thoroughly stabilizing influence, giving complete and thorough control over the energies expended, with determination and courage to accomplish that which others cannot achieve.

Venus in Pisces squares Uranus from April 10th to the 21st, which may bring trouble through the opposite sex. Usually hasty ill-considered marriages are the result, for the emotional nature is strong and its actions apt to be erratic.

However, Mercury trines Saturn from April 13th to the 21st, which equals the still existing aspect of Mercury trine Jupiter in giving forethought. This will give the children born at this time an opportunity to decide whether the emotions shall rule or the mind shall guide their actions. It gives profound reasoning, with perseverance and caution. There is thorough reliability in business decisions.

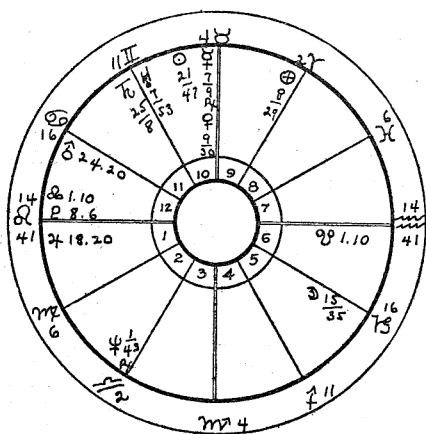
All through this period, from April 11th to 21st, Mercury conjuncts Mars, giving exceptional mental energy and dexterity. The children born at this time will have splendid talents, genius, courage, and the pioneer spirit necessary to accomplish a great deal in this life time.

## Reading for a Subscriber's Child

SUZANNE L. O.

Born May 12, 1944, 11:01 A.M.

Latitude 42 N. Longitude 79 W.



This chart represents a determined and set individual. There are fixed signs on the angles and five planets in fixed signs, including the Sun, which represents the Ego. Leo on the Ascendant indicates a proud, independent personality, with a desire to be the leader, and this manifests early in life. It denotes a straightforward cheerful disposition, generous and always ready to dramatize the environment. Leo, being a fire sign ruled by the Sun, also gives an abundance of vitality.

The Sun is placed in Taurus in the 10th house sextile to Mars, which gives still more vitality and energy with a desire for action. Four planets in the 10th house should give strong ambitions and opportunities to fulfill these ambitions.

The Moon, another channel through which the personality expresses, is placed in the ambitious sign Capricorn and trines the Sun. This supports the practical Taurian nature and gives stubborn persistence to carry out any plans which may be outlined. It also indicates general success in life because of the person's innate ability and ingenuity to carve her own way, as well

as an attunement, or perfect harmony between the Ego, or individuality, and the personality. Added to this evidence, the Part of Fortune is in the sign Aries, which gives a desire to express initiative unhampered by others, with a feeling of frustration if her way is blocked.

Mercury and Venus are in Taurus in the 10th house trine to the Moon. This gives a fondness for possessions and social activities, and strong interests and ability in art and music. The latter may be expressed in singing also, or the drama, since Leo rules the theater.

There are two outstanding points shown in this chart to which the parents give especial attention all through Suzanne's youth, beginning proper training early. The planets in Taurus, which rules the taste, give a strong desire for food. The more tasty and sweet it is the better it will suit her. Jupiter in Leo on the Ascendant and square to the Sun accentuates the tendency toward self-indulgence, and may result in overweight or liver trouble unless the child is taught self-restraint.

The second point is to teach her cooperation. Mars opposes the Moon from Cancer, and this opposition is built up through manifesting a lack of cooperation. This aspect adds to the already independent nature and shows resentment for any rules or regulations which will tend to curb the desires or the gratification of her appetite. Her cooperation may be gained, however, only through kindness and love. Force will but antagonize. Later Suzanne may learn through experience that her success in life will depend upon a spirit of cooperation.

Another precaution which should be taken in behalf of Suzanne's health is the practice of deep breathing, for her chart shows a tendency toward shallow breathing, which prevents proper oxygenation of the blood.

# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

*This page is a free service for readers. Since advice is based on the horoscope, we can give a reading ONLY if supplied with the following information: full name, sex,*

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

## Technician. Chemist

**O.K.**—Born September 8, 1925, 8:00 A.M. Lat. 46 N. Long. 94 W. The sign Cancer is on the Midheaven in this chart and the Moon, its ruler, is in Taurus, favoring occupations connected with the earth and its products, as well as buildings. The Sun and Mars in Virgo indicate this work would be carried out along scientific lines, such as chemical research in connection with the soil, or as an architect or draftsman. The two planets in Virgo sextile Saturn in Scorpio bring success in mining and agriculture. They also point toward a strong interest in hygiene or the science of sanitation, as well as in naturopathy and dietetics. Venus in Libra on the Ascendant, sextile Neptune in Leo gives appreciation of music, and the Moon in Taurus indicates outstanding ability in this field. This talent might well be carried out in a scientific way for healing purposes.

## Commercial Artist. Surveyor

**Y.K.**—Born July 21, 1931, 6:00 A.M. Lat. 47 N. Long. 101 W. Venus rules Taurus, the sign on the Midheaven, indicating a profession connected with music or the fine arts. Talent for commercial art is strongly favored. Mercury in Leo sextile the Moon in Libra gives further interest in the fine arts, with considerable skill and ingenuity along these lines. Mercury trine Uranus shows expression along original lines, with a desire to hew one's own path rather than to follow a pattern which others have made. This aspect is the hallmark of the pioneer, the sign of genius. The Sun, Venus, and Jupiter are in the 12th house, giving an interest in the mysterious side of nature, as well as in occult investigation.

## Organist. Librarian

**MARIAN E.L.**—Born July 6, 1932, 1:40 P.M. Lat. 45 N. Long. 93 W. Three planets, the Moon, Jupiter, and Mercury, placed in Leo near the Midheaven in this chart, point toward a musical or dramatic career. Uranus trines Jupiter and the Moon, bringing out the expression of the intuitive and original faculties. Libra on the Ascendant, with Venus sextile Neptune, strengthens these qualities. Venus and the Sun in Cancer in the 9th house direct this interest and ability into the philanthropic field of endeavor. Perhaps Marian may begin her activities as a church organist. Other channels could well be in work where music is used for healing purposes. The strong Leo influence gives dramatic ability. Other successful vocations indicated are librarian and receptionist.

## Teacher. Real Estate Dealer

**DOROTHY C.**—Born July 18, 1907, Midnight. Lat. 54 N. Long. 2 W. Capricorn rules the Midheaven, with Saturn its ruler, in the 12th house, indicating work behind the scenes. Capricorn rules the real estate business, and the Sun, Jupiter, and the Dragon's Head all in Cancer in the 4th house, which rules lands, houses, etc., indicates success in this field. Taurus ruling the Ascendant and Venus in Cancer accentuate the affinity for real estate. Teaching, especially in domestic science, is also favored. Mercury, which rules the 2nd house, is placed in Leo. The Part of Fortune is in the 5th house in Virgo, giving the scientific angle to educational matters. There is also some evidence of success in an official capacity in public institutions. This might well be in a home for children.

# Monthly News Interpreted

## Growing Liquor Consumption

CHICAGO, Jan. 27. (U.P.)—The nation is consuming a steadily increasing amount of alcoholic liquors, with Californians imbibing the most, Illinois liquor control authorities said today.

The entire nation drank 190,000,000 gallons of liquor in 1945, Charles J. Fleck, chairman of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, said in a statement based on U.S. Treasury Department figures.

California led that year with a consumption of 21,953,000 gallons. New York was second, with 21,906,000; Illinois third with 13,300,000, and Pennsylvania fourth with 11,313,000 gallons.

Fleck said that the 17 so-called "monopoly States"—in which the States sell packaged liquor in State stores and agencies such as Michigan and Pennsylvania—have consistently shown since repeal a lower per capita rate than the license States. About one-third of the nation's population lives in monopoly States.

Fleck said the average per capita consumption in all wet States with the exception of three States in which sale of beer only is legal was:

.46 of a gallon in 1934; 1.44 in 1942; 1.26 in 1944 and 1.44 in 1945.

For the same years, the average in the license States was .78; 1.60; 1.47, and 1.68; and for the monopoly States, .40; 1.34; 1.19 and 1.15.

The District of Columbia led among the licensed areas in 1945, with per capita consumption of 4.42 gallons; Delaware second with 2.20; New York third with 1.74; Illinois fourth with 1.73 and Wisconsin fifth with 1.51.—*Los Angeles Times*.

If something effective is not done to curb the liquor traffic one begins to wonder just what is going to happen to the people of the United States. In many of our newspapers, our magazines, our radio programs, and in our moving pictures the consumption of liquor is constantly being pushed to the fore. It is a well-known fact that alcohol has a great affinity for the structure of the brain, and it is bad enough to witness the result of drunk driving alone, but that is only just a small part of the injuries that are being perpetrated upon

the present generation. Statistics prove that from thirty to forty per cent of the drivers involved in accidents have been drinking, states the Anti-Saloon League of America.

It is startling to note the increase in mental cases since the use of alcohol became so prevalent. Fifty years ago there were only fifty mental cases for every 100,000 people in the United States according to Dr. Clarence E. Nelson. Now there are 600 per 100,000 or twelve times as many, and there are more than 50,000 new patients entering asylums each year, and statistics show that alcohol is the root cause of sixty per cent of this insanity. Another physician, Dr. Robert V. Seliger writes: "In my waiting room every afternoon there is a group of tragic women. They range in age from eighteen to seventy. . . . Most of them you might meet anywhere in America—housewives, mothers, and professional women; teachers, nurses, and business girls. But each has the same tragedy—all are ill and their illness has the symptom—alcoholism." This, the Doctor states, "reveals a frightening picture of what is taking place 'behind the scenes' throughout the country."

Then there is the problem of drinking and divorce. Says Judge Chester H. Christensen, "Drinking in taverns is a factor in over ninety per cent of our divorce cases, and the increase in number of divorces is at such an alarming rate that the public must view it and treat it for what it is."

In commenting on these facts one cannot neglect the subject of the drunk driver. The Anti-Saloon League of America reports that from thirty to forty per cent of drivers involved in accidents have been drinking. Dr. Francis G. Benedict, director of the Nutrition Laboratory of the Carnegie

Institution at Washington, states that after even moderate doses of alcohol, practically all individuals are affected with general depression of nerves and muscles, lessened sharpness of vision, and lessened eye-hand motor coordination. And yet in the face of this and and much more evidence, more and more whisky is being manufactured every year. The more whisky manufactured the more drunk drivers will develop, for whisky is made to drink. The more drunk drivers the more accidents—quite a vicious circle, which is protected by law as far as the manufacturer is concerned.

Will education solve the problem? In reply to this question Dr. George Cutten, former president of Colgate University, has this to say: "Everything I am trying to build up as an educationist, alcohol drinking tends to tear down. I try to develop young men mentally. Alcohol destroys mentality, at first temporarily, and by continued and increased doses this deterioration becomes permanent. I try to build up young men morally. Alcohol is a potent cause of crime and immorality. I try to establish young men's emotions. Alcohol unbalances the judgment and disorganizes the emotions."

Not only is alcohol a great menace to mankind on the physical plane, but its influence passes over to the Desire World where there is no physical stomach to generate the fumes so much enjoyed by the desire body which persists after death. Hence the drunkard lives a life of intense suffering in purgatory until finally through lack of gratification, he wears out the desire which so long held his will a slave to the indulgence of the desire body.

### Fossil Ape Jaw

LONDON, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—The most nearly perfect fossil jaw of an anthropoid ape ever found has revealed a link in the chain of human evolution millions of years older than any other yet identified, famed

Anthropologist Dr. L. S. B. Leakey has decided.

The discovery, made in Kenya colony, British East Africa, in 1942, has been minutely studied and Leakey summarized the results at a London press conference.

The "proconsul" jaw was found imbedded in the side of a cliff. It came from Lower Miocene deposits. It was one of the three types identified from those rocks and "was much less like a chimpanzee than has been suggested," Dr. Leakey said.

#### *Closer to Men*

He said the jaw was more vertical and without some of the characteristics which mark jaws of living apes. Dr. Leakey declared that "in a number of characters the new jaw exhibits features not found in great apes of today and which are much more like those to be seen in the human jaw."

"This could mean several things," he said. "It could mean that in proconsul we have a near approach to a form of ape-like creature from which the human stem eventually was evolved.

#### *Retention Possibility*

"It could also mean that its peculiar bone structure was the common form in the Lower Miocene period and that in the course of evolution the human jaw retained those characteristics and the apes developed the specialized jaws they have today.

"A third possibility is that proconsul was a member of the family which for some reason has discarded ape-like characteristics, but which then branched off onto a line which subsequently became extinct.

"I personally favor the first explanation."—*San Diego Tribune-Sun*.

Man is not and never has been an anthropoid, although there was a time in the far-off past when he did occupy a form far less developed and much less efficient than his present dense body. That was during the early part of the Atlantean Epoch, Age of Mammals, Tertiary Era, Miocene Period.

The anthropoids, instead of being the progenitors of the higher species, are in reality, stragglers occupying the most degenerate specimens of what was once the human form. Therefore, instead of man having ascended from the anthropoids, the reverse is true—the anthropoids have degenerated from man.

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## READERS' QUESTIONS

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### Christianity vs. Other Religions

#### Question:

What is the essential difference between the Christian religion and the other religions of the past and present?

#### Answer:

Briefly, we may say that the Christian religion is based upon a unifying principle, leading to Universal Brotherhood, while the other religions, such as Buddhism, Mohammedanism, etc., are race religions and are therefore essentially separative in nature.

The race religions are all based upon law, which was and is necessary for individuals in a certain stage of evolution. Jehovah has control of the races and their religions, and He appointed for each race an Archangel to be its race spirit or ruler. "These race spirits work with man, punishing him by means of other people, and giving him rewards or punishments for his good or bad deeds. The fear of God and the desire for material reward is pitted against the desires of the flesh and therefore these race religions under Jehovah are such as to build up the national spirit. They subjected, or rather they neglected, the individual for the sake of the nation. The interests of the individual are always made subservient to the interests of the nation."

However, the key to evolution is "upward, onward, forever." Man must progress. He must rise out of the separative influence of the race and become capable of being a brother to all other men. The Ego must be exalted over the nation. Paternalism must give

way to individualism, so that Universal Brotherhood can become a fact. To bring this about the Christ came.

"As long as the race spirit works with us under the law, we are only overcoming the influence of the desire body. Therefore Paul says well that the law was until Christ—not until Christ came 2,000 years ago, but '*until Christ be formed in you.*' When we release ourselves from the toils of the desire body and live up to the vibrations of the vital body, we become imbued by the Christ Spirit."

The Christ, as indwelling planetary Spirit of the earth, gives us the urge to rise above the law by being obedient to the law. The Christ (within) urges us to self-mastery, which alone will enable us to rise above the law and become a law unto ourselves.

"By and by, man will rise above the need of all law. Then and only then can he be a law unto himself. In the Christ regime, man will be impelled and guided by love, and 'perfect love casteth out fear.' The race religions compel man to do right by means of *fear*, but the Christ religion will impel man through *love*."

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### SIN AFTER DEATH

#### Question:

Is it possible for one to sin after death?

#### Answer:

Yes, it certainly is, but as a rule it is only those who have been wicked and degenerate enough to harden their vital body that continue their evil practices after death.

In cases where the animal nature of a person has been predominant, with

no soul expression during the life, the usual division of the two higher ethers of the vital body from the two lower ethers cannot take place at death, and the vital and desire bodies become interlocked. The desire body has a residual life and consciousness which continues after the departure of the Spirit, and when this is interlocked with a hardened vital body there results a vehicle which enables the evil person to vampirize those still living, as well as influence those of a similar bent to commit crimes. This vehicle is called the *sin body*.

Beings of this type are extremely dangerous to society, and have sent countless victims to prison, as well as caused much unhappiness in other ways. They may stay in this earthbound condition for fifty or seventy-five years, or even longer. Max Heindel states that so far as he was able to discover, "there seems to be no limit to what they may do or how soon they will let go. All the while they are piling up for themselves an awful load of sin, nor can they escape suffering therefor, for the vital body reflects and etches deeply into the desire body a record of their misdeeds. When at last they do let go and enter the purgatorial existence, they meet the retribution which they well deserve. This suffering is naturally lengthy in proportion to the time they have continued their nefarious practices after the death of the dense body."

#### THE CONDITION OF ANIMALS AFTER DEATH

##### Question:

A little dog of mine was killed by an auto some months ago. Was that an accident, or was it the way she was supposed to go? Do animals live on the astral plane after death, perhaps in their earthly home, as discarnate human Spirits do? Is it possible that my little pet is with my dear father, who passed

on a short time ago? And do you think she might be reborn soon and come to me again as a pet?

##### Answer:

When man domesticates animals he takes over to some extent the influence of the group spirits, and the animals become able to express a higher intelligence because of their association with human beings. Thus the animals may have their evolutionary progress considerably accelerated, and of course man profits from the service he has thus rendered.

However, unfortunately for the animals in many cases, man has free will and may determine the manner of death for his younger brothers with little regard for their suffering. The majority of people do not yet realize that "there is only one Life in the Universe, which is God's life. . . . All that lives is thus a manifestation of God. We are in time to become creators, as He is a Creator, but so long as we brutally destroy the forms of other beings we are hindering ourselves"—as well as those whose forms we destroy.

Yes, animals live in the Desire World after death until they are reabsorbed by the group spirit, their length of stay there depending upon their stage in evolution. They are very apt to remain in their former surroundings as long as they can, and may associate with former friends who have passed into the Desire World.

It is possible that your little dog may be reborn in your life time and come to you again as a pet. The law of association would doubtless work in such a case, to the extent that the animal has evolved under your care. However, we do not think it wise to allow ourselves to become too attached to any one pet. It is our duty to cultivate the universal attitude, and the care and attention we give to one or more animals will affect all of that species for good during the reabsorption period.

# NUTRITION AND HEALTH

**ROSICRUCIAN IDEALS**—The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a simple, harmless, and pure life. We believe that a vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; that meat of all kinds, as well as alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants, is injurious to health and spirituality.

As Christians we believe it is our duty to refrain from sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, and so far as possible to refrain from use of their skins and feathers for wearing apparel. We consider vivisection diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer, but we sometimes advise the use of material means to accelerate recovery and to clear the channel for the inflow of higher forces. Our motto is: *A sane mind, a soft heart, a sound body.*

## The Majesty of the Lungs

By LILLIAN R. CARQUE, Sc.D.



NATURE'S ingenious economy of space makes it possible for an immense aerating surface to be enclosed in a small compass. The membrane of lung tissue is so thin that air cells approximate the impressively astonishing figure of a few hundred millions, according to many authorities. Indeed the convolutions of the lungs are so marvelous that if their sensitive, delicate and moist breathing surface were spread out flat, the area would cover 2,000 square feet. The internal surface presented by the combined air cells and air tubes is probably more than ten times the external surface of the body. The average man has about one square yard of skin surface as compared with about ninety square yards of lung surface. One yearly performs at least 7,000,000 acts of breathing, inhaling 100,000 cubic feet of air and purifying over 3,500 tons of blood.

The respiratory apparatus of man may be likened to an inverted well-branched tree, with its roots at the base of the tongue and the hollow trunk extending down to its first forking where it branches out into two main limbs. These limbs become branches that end in leaves. The trachea or windpipe is the trunk, the two large bronchi or tubes, one entering to the right side and the other to the left side of their respective lungs, are the main branches;

and the bronchioles and their subdivisions are the small branches or twigs that finally terminate into microscopic air cells which are the leaves and which constitute in their totality the lungs proper. The air cells, in their ramifications, ultimately become so infinitesimal as to be invisible to the naked eye.

The function of the air cells is to allow the bluish, venous, or refuse-laden blood to discharge its cargo of carbon dioxide and to receive a fresh supply of oxygen from the inspired air. This exchange takes place through a very thin layer of mucous membrane, the air being on one side and the blood capillaries on the other side. It resembles the finest gauze membrane, the delicate complex interlacings of which are so fine that the oxygen and electricity of the air, but not the air itself, can pass through it into the lungs. The carbonic acid gas can pass out of it, but not the blood; nor can the two commingle. It presents to the view a strainer so fine as to keep the air in its air cells and yet allow the gases, oxygen, and carbonic acid to pass in and out on inspirations and expirations.

The lungs are therefore organs designed to take in and to excrete the gaseous constituents of the blood. It is this exchange that thins the blood by relieving it of its gaseous impurities. Inspired with life and action, the



freshly oxygenated, electrified red blood corpuscles of boatlike contour, prancing with vitality, rush away from the air cells of the lungs and speedily transport life-giving oxygen, electricity, and nutrition by means of the arterial (red blood) system to every extremity of the organism.

Very few people breathe in such a manner as to distribute the air equally throughout the lungs, with all the muscles of respiration participating in the act, the abdominal muscles as well as those of the chest. Many are prone to employ thoracic or chest breathing to the neglect or exclusion of the abdominal or diaphragmatic element of natural respiration.

The diaphragm is a large, flat muscle, resembling the shape of an inverted saucer, which forms the division between the chest cavity and the abdominal cavity. It is this diaphragmatic region, lying between the lower part of the sternum (breastbone) and navel that is the most vital spot in the breathing mechanism and enjoys the widest range of action. In normal breathing there must be diaphragmatic expansion and contraction; in other words, the diaphragm swells out upon taking air into the lungs and deflates on exhalations, when it relaxes and returns to its original size and position. The ribs, except the lower ones, have very little activity as compared with the diaphragm.

Abdominal or diaphragmatic breathing is most helpful if a strong effort is made during exhalation to empty the lungs. The diaphragm should be forced up into the chest cavity as far as possible to expel all the impure air energetically. When this is accomplished and the diaphragm is allowed to relax, a vacuum is created and the air begins to rush in. Thus the act of exhalation creates a vacuum inside the lungs, producing a suction of extra venous blood into the lungs. Hence by the simple function of energetic exhalations, an

extra supply of poisonous carbonic acid gases (carbon dioxide) of the venous system is propelled into the lungs for elimination. Many authorities do not consider the process of inhaling of as great moment as that of vigorous exhalations, for plenty of fresh air naturally rushes into every vacuum.

*Lungs: Co-Workers in Digestion:* We must get into the habit of thinking of the lungs as part and parcel of the nutritive system. Nutrition generally is more normal when the respiratory centers are re-educated to a more correct function. A man with small lungs is thin and weak because he can assimilate only a small quantity of food. Even after food is properly digested and completely assimilated, it is absolutely useless to the body unless it is impregnated with oxygen. The cells are actually called upon to burn up the digested food substances brought to them in the blood; this represents the last step in the process of digestion. Hence sufficient oxygen is equally as essential for normal nutrition as is the actual food we eat.

The mental attitude of faith and courage increases the depth of breathing and thereby favors an abundant supply of oxygen. Faith also encourages the erect and physiological posture, which is indispensable to natural and normal breathing. Deep spiritual thinking, too, is conducive to deep breathing, when it is accompanied by a dominant mind and will, conscious of physical necessity. The individual who does not worry breathes regularly and very deeply in strong rhythm, and hence more air or Breath of Life enters the lungs. Sociability and association with others tend towards great oxygen consumption. The love nature and its activity in the brain cells call for oxygen in abundance.

Did it ever occur to you that it is possible to take too much oxygen? An abundance of oxygen generates superabundant vitality—a living, walking

dynamo, with plenty of rich red (oxygenated or arterial) blood. The more expansive the thorax in relation to the stature, the larger the lungs; and the larger the lungs, the larger and more vigorous the heart, with its accompanying well-developed arterial tree, enjoying ramifications throughout the body of an inconceivably fine network of long capillary blood vessels. Yet, incredible as it may seem, those individuals so well fortified with big lungs and heart, active circulation, ideal functional processes, as well as splendid digestive powers, have case histories indicative of no better life span than those with less inherent endowments.

Excessive thoracic capacity is often associated with an unrestrained desire towards a heedless expenditure of this priceless heritage, even to the danger point. Extremely vigorous heart activity, a dominant arterial circulation, and robustness of body often accompanied by overdevelopment of the nervous system invariably engender abuse of function. The boundless energy, innate strength, enthusiasm, zeal, impulsiveness, self-confidence, and animation of this type, combined with his active vitality, superb nutrition, and rapid recuperation after great exertion lead him to believe that nothing is too much for him.

Danger lurks in the too positive masculine type, who is impatient and quick tempered, daring, domineering, combative, and aggressive, often expressing animal and cruel tendencies, always attempting to accomplish more than is reasonably possible, often to the point of injury to health. Every effort should be exerted by this latter type to establish a balance within the organism by the development of those pacific, warm, tender, forgiving, or more feminine magnetic and non-resistant qualities of consciousness.

Because those with overactive thoracic capacity are generally lively, amiable, good-natured, and frank, always fond

of good living, they are more apt than others to fall into excesses of eating and drinking, and especially to become addicted to the intemperate use of stimulants. They are impatient of restraint and their strong social affections and fondness for good living are liable, unless restrained, to lead them into courses of frivolity and dissipation. With high moral principles to elevate them above such dangers, they generally lead happy and useful, sometimes noteworthy, lives. While a steady adherence to a regular course of muscular exercise will accomplish wonders in working off their constantly accumulating stock of vitality, violent and vigorously excessive athletic activity should be avoided.

When disposed to abuse his great heritage of health, this type may suffer plethora (abnormal fullness or superabundance of blood in the whole system, or in any one organ or part), heart disease, high blood pressure, gout, inflammatory rheumatism, intensive fevers, pneumonia, kidney and urinary diseases, hardening of the arteries, and apoplexy. An overburdened heart ultimately degenerates and prematurely gives way.

While oxygen inhalations are in excess as compared with other functional activity, such as poor intestinal digestion and inadequate colonic elimination, this gives rise to a definite predisposition to active arterial congestions and violent inflammations. Hence wisdom dictates that moderation reign or acute disease may attack and produce a danger far greater than that in the individual who is less well endowed.

*In conclusion:* The inbreathings and outbreathings of the lungs are analogous to the Great Fiery Breath of Universal Spirit, which forever goes forth and returns. When it outfluxes, all manifestations of worlds, men, and the kingdoms below man, appear. At the end of the grand cycle involving aeons

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## "Newness of Life"



**N** entirely new set of surroundings—new people, new scenes, new activities, and consequent new thought processes—often brings about a remarkable improvement in one's health. This has been demonstrated many times, and nowadays physicians may prescribe a trip as a remedy for an illness which has stubbornly refused to yield to other curatives. Many people, however, are unable to leave their homes, and consequently may join those fortunate ones who learn to transcend the power of outer stimuli by effecting a change *within themselves*.

This method is the superior, not only because it obtains permanent results, but because it also brings soul growth. In view of its results, the effort of will required to give up old, set ways of feeling and thinking which have brought about the crystallizations manifesting as disease, is indeed well spent. Anyone, if he *will*, may change his consciousness simply by establishing different reactions to the same people and surroundings—reactions clothed in the golden aura of Christlike love and desire to serve.

The Love-Wisdom Aspect of Divinity is inherent in every human being, and may be unfolded in all its glorious beauty by daily efforts to love and serve others. Through it we may accomplish a physical, mental, and spiritual change

in a seemingly miraculous manner, for its presence dispels crystallization and restores the normal rhythm and harmony to the bodies.

By visualizing the Christ Light about ourselves and others, by emulating His wondrous love and compassion, by cultivating a firm faith in His gracious mercy, thus permeating our consciousness with His vibrations, we may walk in that "newness of life" which St. Paul mentions in the 6th Chapter of Romans, and "we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

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Thank you so much, dear Friends, for your prayers, for the helpful letter I received at the time of the accident, and for the constant help of the Invisible Ones. I have tried very earnestly to look upon this accident as an opportunity to learn some needed lesson.

Faithfully yours,

—I.L.L.

California, Feb. 3, 1947

Dear Fellowship:

I have made such wonderful gains since I first wrote you. Otherwise I could not have stayed within this body. Now it seems I am rather at a standstill, but I am trying to be more patient and prayerful. I give grateful thanks to the Giver of all good for the many blessings I have received.

—S.D.

New Jersey, February 6, 1947

Dear Friends:

I wish to let you know that I'm still feeling fine and gaining weight steadily. Even under upset conditions I feel calm, and it is grand not to have that jumpy feeling any longer.

Life with its disappointments gets one down at times, but I've made up my mind to use these disappointments as your work teaches—for experience and steppingstones to success.

Your healing has been a wonderful help and relief for me and words cannot fully express the thankfulness I feel.

Faithfully yours,

—B. F.

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# Children's Department



## Easter in the Garden

By PATSEY ELLIS

“OH, everything is so beautiful at Easter!” said Timmy the snail to himself, as he peered out from the top of a mushroom by the stepping-stones near the young pepper tree.

“Why, thank you, Timmy,” said a little marigold, smiling happily at him. “We’re glad you think the flowers are beautiful.”

“Oh, you flowers *are* beautiful,” replied Timmy. “You are as beautiful as—as Easter,” he finished breathlessly, quite unable to say all he felt.

All the marigolds laughed and their petals glowed with joy. Extra attention seemed to have been given by the fairies to this charming spot, for it had an especially bright loveliness.

Just then there was a soft, soft whirr in the pepper tree, and the fernlike fronds hanging over the walk swayed back and forth as in a joyous dance. From among the lacy branches suddenly appeared the lovely Azure Wings, a sylph-maid well-known and loved by all the little people of the Garden. Her filmy garments flowing back of her reflected all the rosy tints of the early morning sun.

“Did I do that all right?” she asked, looking right at Timmy and the marigolds. “That’s a southern breeze, I brought. They’ve been napping all winter, you know.”

“It was just delicious,” cried several marigolds together, nodding gleefully.

The little sylph-maid danced along the stepping stones, stopping now and then to kiss a flower petal and smooth the grass with tender little hands. Finally she alighted by the mushroom and looked right at Timmy.

“What are you going to do at Easter, Timmy?” she inquired.

The little snail was fairly quivering with happiness as he replied, “Oh, we have a wonderful time at Easter. At Christmas everyone is so kind, and at Easter everybody is so happy, and things are bright and new.”

Other little Garden people now began to appear from among the shrubs that bordered the canyon below the walk of stepping stones. Somehow they all seemed to know when to come to this, their meeting place, for some particular purpose.

“What do you do at Easter, Miss Azure Wings?” asked Scuffy, the cottontail rabbit, hopping from under the lantanas and wiggling his ears and nose delicately as he sat down near the trunk of the tree.

“Oh, we have joyous times in the sky at Easter,” replied the beautiful sylph. “We have a procession and ride the clouds with the angels while we sing songs of rejoicing and praise.”

"We have a procession at Easter, too," piped up the cheerful voice of Skirrley, the frisky gray squirrel, from where he sat beside his little new wife, Chatter.

"Yes, but first the humans talk and sing and make music at the Cross in front of the Library Building, and we Garden people watch from behind the hedge," interrupted Mosy, the dignified turtle, who had been elected to lead the procession this year.

"We can't understand all they say, but we enjoy their music," added a meadow lark in his flutelike voice.

"And after the humans go away we march down into the canyon and have



a feast," broke in Mr. O. Possum, his beady eyes shining with eagerness.

"Right under the oak tree where my wife and I have our nest," put in a mocking bird, giving a little trill as he hopped down from the tree to the walk.

"My, that sounds delightful," exclaimed Azure Wings. "I think I'd like to spend Easter with you this year. May I come and bring my sweet spring breezes?"

"Why, yes, we shall be happy to have you," replied Lightfoot, Scuffy's grandfather, who had charge of the Easter festivities for the little Garden people this year. "I'll arrange for your place at the head of the procession."

"Then we'll make it the nicest Easter ever," cried the sylph-maid delightedly, picking up Timmy and dancing about on the stepping-stones until the little

snail was quite breathless. "Now I must go to other parts of the Garden," she said, as she placed Timmy back on the mushroom. "I'll see you all early next Sunday morning at the Cross." She floated gracefully away, leaving a gentle breeze to caress the faces of the little animals and flowers.

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Easter morning came at last. The first drowsy cheeping of the birds announced the half-light before the dawn, as one little songster after another began to awaken to the remembrance that it was Easter morning. Soon there was a general happy twittering and from all over the Garden came the cheerful getting up sounds of the little people.

Then the rising bell rang and some of the humans began to move the piano out on the library porch, place the chairs in front of the Cross, and make other necessary arrangements. Had they not been so busy they might have noticed Skirrley and Chatter, or Scuffy, or even Grubby, the gopher, scurrying along, for the little animals were all making their way toward the hedge.

Soon the bell rang for the Sunrise Service and from near and far came the humans to worship the Risen Christ. A reverent hush settled over the crowd as the first strains of music from the orchestra began to rise and fall upon the sweet morning air. The birds in the nearby trees took up the chorus and trilled their own joyous melody. The little animals peered eagerly through the bushes and watched breathlessly.

Just as the first flush of the rising Sun began to appear above the distant mountains facing the audience, the bugler played his "Salute to the Rising Sun," and there was a silent pouring forth of praise and worship by the people as they watched the light growing brighter and brighter. As the last notes of the bugle faded away the first rays of the morning Sun burst upward in majestic splendor, and the people arose and began singing "Jesus Christ Is

Risen Today." The hearts of the little animals under the hedge almost burst with joy.

When the song was ended one of the humans went to the platform inside the circle about the Cross and prayed aloud, the people joining in with silent praise and gratitude for the wonderful blessings and joys brought to them each year by the Christ. The atmosphere seemed filled with the presence of angels and other holy Beings.

As the humans seated themselves after the prayer was over, and one of them began to speak from the platform, the little animals felt free to move about. Mrs. Scuffy reached over to straighten the bonnet of one of her little girl bunnies, breathing a sigh of relief that her children had behaved so well.

"I'm glad I bought you this pink bonnet, dear," she whispered. "The color is so becoming to you."

"Wasn't it all just wonderful, Mother?" said the little bunny. "I'm so glad we came!"

Everything was awake now in the Garden, and the little people began to prepare for their procession into the canyon. Lightfoot became very busy going about and arranging for each one to march in his proper place.

"Would you like to fly along at the head of the procession, Miss Azure Wings?" he asked.

"Why, yes, I'd love to," answered the sylph graciously.

Timmy sat quietly, wondering how he could ever keep up with the frisky little squirrels and the flying Azure Wings. His airy friend looked at him and laughed softly. Then she picked him up in a quick gesture and put him down on the back of Mosy, the turtle. Mosy chuckled and craned his neck as he looked around at the surprised little snail. Everybody laughed, but Timmy was very happy.

"The nicest things happen to me," he murmured.

Lightfoot looked on approvingly.

"Now, Mosy, you and Timmy will take the lead and the rest will follow—slowly, of course," said the grandfather rabbit. "Skirrley, you and Chatter will come next."

Mr. O. Possum sat solemnly by until Lightfoot gave him a gentle push and told him to take his place behind Skirrley and Chatter. Grubby was put in next, and Mr. and Mrs. Scuffy, with all their little bunnies, followed him. Mrs. Plumy, the white stripe down her back gleaming from her glossy fur, took her place, and King, the snake, glided in at the end.

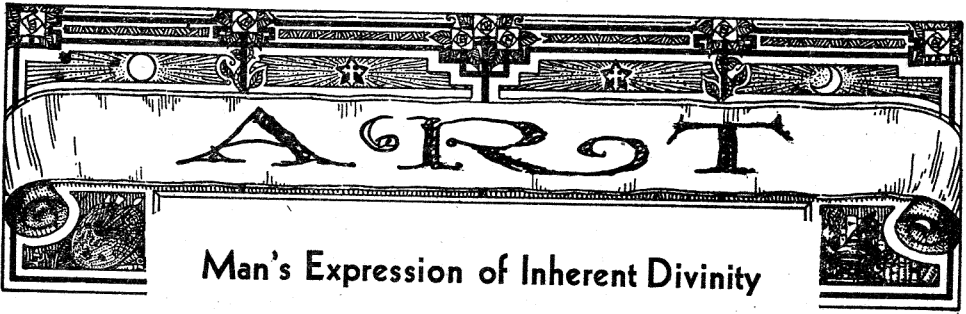
Finally, after the humans had sung their last song and marched to the Chapel, the little animals began to move



slowly on their journey into the canyon, the lovely Azure Wings flying gracefully along above Mosy and Timmy. Several golden butterflies, some mocking birds, and a lark soared about behind the sylph.

Everything went very well, and Lightfoot felt much pleased. Mosy made a dignified leader, the little squirrels kept their places, Mrs. Scuffy kept the bunnies all in order, and even Grubby, the gopher, marched along as if he were enjoying himself. Mr. O. Possum actually forgot to be solemn, and by the time they reached the big oak tree in the canyon he was grinning broadly.

The feast in the canyon was all the little people had hoped for. Afterward they sang and played and rejoiced in the safety and loveliness of their canyon home, but at last it was evening and Azure Wings had to be flying to her home in the sky. As she waved goodbye, she said to them, "I'm going to tell the angels how I enjoyed Easter in your Garden."



# ART

## Man's Expression of Inherent Divinity

*The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection—Michael Angelo.*

**B**ECAUSE the Spirit is progressive, as Emerson has pointed out in his inimitable *Essay on Art*, "it never quite repeats itself, but in every act attempts the production of a new and fairer whole. This appears in works both of the useful and the fine arts, if we employ the popular distinction of works according to their aim either at use or beauty." In other words, man's works of art indicate his stage of evolution, or his state of consciousness, for they manifest the extent to which he has evolved and can express in concrete form his inherent spiritual powers.

Simultaneously with being a barometer of man's position on the spiral path of evolution, art serves the significant purpose of educating the masses to "perception of beauty," which is an attribute of God. Goethe voiced this idea when he said, "Beauty is at once the ultimate principle and the highest aim of art." Milton put it, "Beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament."

Thus the advanced Egos who are able to express a high degree of Divinity in some phase of art speak in a universal tongue to inspire and encourage others to accomplish the ideals which exist as mileposts on man's journey "from clod to God." Emerson said, "Art should exhilarate, and throw down the walls of circumstance on every side, awakening in the beholder the same sense of uni-

versal relation and power which the work evinced in the artist, and its highest effect is to make new artists," and he recognized the artist as an instrument used by those Higher Ones guiding humanity when he added, "Now that which is inevitable in the work has a higher charm than individual talent can ever give, inasmuch as the artist's pen or chisel seems to have been held and guided by a gigantic hand to inscribe a line in the history of the human race."

Occult philosophy reveals that the threefold soul, the pabulum or food of the Spirit, is evolved through the activities of the dense, vital, and desire bodies, and these activities are given a powerful stimulus by a study of the arts. The conscious soul is generated by observation and right action in relation to external impacts; the intellectual soul by discrimination and memory; and the emotional soul by devotion to high ideals. All works of art, embodying the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, have a definite effect on the bodies of man, for what more than the study of or the execution of a work of art can demand the exercise of observation, discrimination, concentration, and devotion? To these we may also add the faculty of epigenesis, for man possesses the power to *create* as well as to *imitate*.

Even if not consciously studied, art in the surroundings affects one through



the subconscious mind (formed by our inbreathing) and consequently may be a constantly refining influence. To quote Emerson again: "The refining influence is the study of art, which is the science of beauty. . . . The study of art is of high value to the growth of the intellect." Thus we see how vitally important it is that art be given a prominent position in the educational curriculums. Schiller expressed his appreciation of the high purpose of art by saying, "Art is the right hand of nature. The latter has only given us being, the former has made us men."

Emerson further pointed out that "the artist must employ the symbols in use in his day and nation to convey his enlarged sense to his fellow men. Thus the new in art is always formed out of the old," indicating that the spiral of man's evolution is reflected in the spiral progress of art. Highly evolved Egos may be born again and again at succeeding periods to give through some form of art the particular impetus needed at a certain time.

Until recently (from the evolutionary viewpoint) man has been occupied with becoming enmeshed in matter and beginning to extricate himself from it, and as a result he has been concerned in his works of art chiefly with the mysteries of form. The nadir of materiality was reached a few millions of years ago, and at that time man began to evolve *out of matter*. However, his progress has been slow, and we find that the earlier fine arts: drawing, painting, sculpture, and architecture, from the cave drawings of 25,000 B.C. to the high degree of perfection attained by the Greeks in sculpture and architecture, dealt largely with form. The Egyptian faces of 2,000 B.C. portrayed no emotion, though they graphically represented the truths of contour.

The coming of the Christ as indwelling planetary Spirit of the earth greatly accelerated the unfoldment of man's

spiritual potentialities, and we find this increase of consciousness reflected in the arts. The stirrings of the creative power of the Spirit within, began to show forth, although even as late as the early Christian Era we see the narrowness of orthodoxy echoed in the fixed, solemn faces, the stiff postures, etc., of the saints, the Virgin Mother, and the infant Jesus.

In the 13th century the gentle St. Francis of Assisi came and brought a much needed emphasis upon love—love for all men, animals, trees, plants, and flowers. Thenceforth "Madonnas become more human in expression, and saints lose their severity and take on a mild and benevolent aspect." Gradually nature in all her beauty came to be used as a background for figures, and even as the subject for masterpieces of art, even in literature. All the principles of art: design, perspective, proportion, color harmony, synthesization, etc., were brought into play to depict the emotions and feelings of human beings, as well as their form. Artists began to put into effect Goethe's idea, "In art, to express the infinite one should suggest infinitely more than is expressed."

The trend of evolution is toward unity and brotherhood, and to those who have eyes to see this trend is becoming more and more obvious in the arts. New vibratory patterns are being formed as Spirit emerges from matter and glimpses the inspiring beauties of future realities, and these will become embodied in the arts increasingly as time passes. During the present transition period there are to-be-expected distortions of the arts, such as cubism, futurism, surrealism, literary vagaries, etc., but as the influence of the race spirits wanes and the power of the Christ Love becomes more active in the hearts of men, the higher principles of life and art will become dominant and portray Spirit triumphant.

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## ASTRO-DYNAMICS

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very strong) with the principle of the Venus vibration. It is his panacea at this time. Using it persistently during this troublesome time will result in great soul growth and as his marital experience progresses he will be much better able to direct his part constructively.

A short elaboration on the above: Suppose that both the man and his wife consult you jointly. Each is eager to learn more clearly how to harmonize their marriage experience. You then combine the factors of both charts and find that she has Saturn unafflicted in Gemini, trine to her Aquarius Mars and sextile to his unafflicted Venus. In this case, tabulate her progressed aspects—by "area" for the same months. Each person provides a negative stimulation of Mars for the other. But each one has an alchemical agency to work with. In mutual understanding that each must use a certain constructive vibration to neutralize and harmonize discord they can then face the coming period with greater assurance of mutual help and consequently greater marital happiness. She must counteract a violent disposition (Mars square Moon) with the patience and poise of Saturn in Gemini. He must transmute the tendency to mental discord through ever deepening affection and outpouring of love. Each has his own pattern to deal with, but, since they are, together, a partnership, mutuality of growth and alchemy can be achieved.

The above is a very simple, direct illustration of this approach. However, the procedure is the same for any complexity of progressed aspects. The principles of alchemy and transmutation demand that we look for the solution of the problem, but if we consider each progressed aspect as "a thing in itself" the solutions may not be so evident. Tie up the areas in your tabulations and causes. Effects and solutions will be so much more "livingly" manifested.

## AT ONE WITH CREATION

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had managed to capture and embody in his music. Praise and adoration of the Source of our being is an uplifting force. It takes the fuss and fret out of life, and replaces it with a deep contentment that no outward circumstance can destroy. The warmth of the joy vibration helps the Spirit unfold its innate powers into divinity.

For many millions today conditions are almost unbearably hard, and to them in particular is this message important. Just as the winter gives way at last to spring, so the times of suffering will end in joy and life more abundant. The heart of the universe has not changed, it is gladness. The present task is to find courage and sustenance in that great Heart, which is always warm and kind and works ceaselessly to transform earth's sorrows into spiritual power and joy. So, at last, "The earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea."

## THE MAJESTY OF THE LUNGS

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of time, the Great Fiery Breath of Universal Spirit withdraws the differentiated into itself and everything recedes and disappears into its Eternal and Primal Source, there to remain until the dawning of the next Cosmic Day.

That is why Divinity, Spirit of God, or whatever we choose to call the Great Cosmic Breath of Life, enters man through the nostrils and lungs. We can open our faculties to receive the Living God Within, in proportion to the degree that we make the physical agencies of the nostrils and lungs fitting and receptive unpolluted instruments for the inbreathings of Universal Breath, and to the extent that our everexpanding consciousness can permit the inflow of the inspirations and aspirations of Divinity. The stupendous drama of the Spirit is its inevitable pilgrimage Godward.

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