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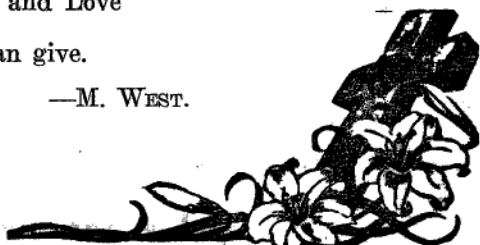
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Rejoice! For He is freed  
 From the confines of this sphere—  
 Rising into Heavenly glory,  
 For yet another year:  
 From thence He shall return again  
 To fecundate this globe,  
 Making His yearly sacrifice  
 For Mankind's earth abode.  
 Rejoice! For He has shown the way  
     for us  
 To follow, day by day;  
 By walking on the Pathway straight,  
 We come at once to Heaven's gate.  
 Rejoice! For He has given  
 His life that we may live  
 In faith, and hope and Love  
 Such as only He can give.

—M. WEST.







## SPIRITUAL SOUND BARRIERS

DR. LAJUNE FOSTER

**A**LL of the elements of Nature follow a pattern. The Earth is composed of mountains, valleys, plateaus, ravines, hills and plains. Water flows into oceans and lakes, rivers and pools. Fire can create a volcano in the earth or run over the earth and destroy all vegetation. It can cause water to boil into erupting geysers, or it can produce steam enough to operate tremendous factories. All these elements represent latent and variously distributed sources of power. Air, the lightest of the four elements can produce still greater miracles. It can start as murmuring zephyrs or as a breeze waving the trees gently on a mountain top and end in a cyclone of fury. Combined with cold and water air can produce a blizzard. These four basic elements represent various combinations and aspects of nature blended in different manners.

Man has all these qualities latent within himself also the phenomena noted in nature varies little from the devastation man beholds in his own nature when he indulges in a state of fury, that for the moment, almost obliterates his finer instincts.

A woman may engulf herself in a deluge of tears of self-pity for her status as a mother of many children and her consequential worries and problems resulting from the situation she finds herself in. But, being a mother and knowing her responsibilities, she bravely carries her load. She knows that these young souls entrusted to her care are her contribution to life and her life will go on in them.

So also does the impatient father who is saddled with responsibilities of caring for a large family, learn that all his burdens grow lighter as time unfolds his own character and increases his capacity to carry his load. Finally his reward and his wife's reward comes in viewing the finished products that they helped to create and train. They have given something back to life. Their's was not an empty existence. They have not only given something to the great stream of life; but had grown themselves in the process. They have had to battle, not only to survive and to keep their families from physical need; but to try in spite of all well meant outside interference, to raise their children so as to overcome and perfect all defects of character possible. Thus they have gradually improved their own characters as well.

Nature has very wonderful ways of helping human beings to grow and develop. In the varied experiences of life, humanity is gradually remolded, defects and weaknesses are slowly eradicated. This occurs on all planes of consciousness and to all vehicles of expression. Our physical bodies improve as we learn how to live properly. Our minds develop as we are obliged to use them in our many contacts and personal relationships with others. Finally after much experience our souls gain in stature. This latter growth is not so easy, for man learns even in this phase of existence that spiritual development is made largely by a system of trial and error. "Experience is, as always, our Greatest Teacher." What we learn in this fashion becomes more truly a part of us. We can forget what we read in a book. It is equally easy to forget the "good advice" of our well meaning friends; but one thing we rarely forget is our own actual experience in living.

The spirit takes note and stores much away in our subconscious mind and many lifetimes are often required to bring them back to our conscious mind again. This then is where mere knowledge gradually becomes wisdom. It often takes some terrifically shocking experience to awaken a buried thought that is undeveloped to a point where it can actually be incorporated as a Soul quality. The Spiritual Sound Barriers represent just this.

In this present Atomic, Electronic and Supersonic Age man's vehicles gradually take on a modern trend also. Man no longer slumbers peacefully for eons of time in a happy dream-life state; but rather he is actually catapulted into each successive step in his evolution. Speed, hurry and confusion in our rapidly increasing tempo of living makes man's present an actual nightmare of existence unless he finds a way to cope with it all. Today everything happens so suddenly. No one is prepared for our accelerated manner of living. And yet we should be; for thousands, yes, perhaps millions of years have already gone into humanity's preparation for all we find so disconcerting today.

Spiritual Sound Barriers are actually being "broken" so rapidly that man steps into each new horizon as if it were a bottomless pit and not a glorious gateway to a shining pathway of transcendent Light. What is it that blinds man's spiritual vision and dulls his inner sight? What is it that throws panic and worry into man's mind? Is it fear of the unknown? Perhaps, yet man has always had his fears. There has been fear of hunger, poverty, disease, etc. Fear is a form of insecurity and its allied emotions are legion. Though we regard fear as a destructive emotion it has actually been instrumental in causing man to progress. This is done in many ways. Through fear of poverty man develops ambition to provide for his family's security. Through fear of disease with its consequential suffering he learns to observe the laws of nature.

Fear seems to be an activating medium. In the human body it is largely generated by the two small ductless glands that rest, like cocked hats, above the kidneys, known as the adrenals. These glands have, as a part of their function, the stimulation of the brain in emergencies. They are spoken of as the emergency brain and in this role prevent many disasters from happening to man in situations where his conscious mind may not have had time to organize his thinking processes. This automatic action causes the secretions of the adrenals to stimulate the heart and

blood circulation to greater action, to increase the activity of the lungs in breathing and thus bring more oxygen into the body, to burn out poisons that will also be generated by the emergency itself. Of course the brain is the first of all to receive its increased activation; but most of the action of the body under stress and strain is actually automatic in the beginning. The muscles of the body are also galvanized into action.

It was in the early days of primitive man that these organs particularly were of value because man had not learned a great deal about the involved processes of thinking. His fears then were largely centered around his need for safety which drove him into the caves for shelter. Then the fear of hunger drove him from the cave to provide for himself and family. Even the third primitive fear, that of disease started way back in this early day, because man was a creature who could not stand the night time and darkness only, but craved and needed the light; he did know that he felt better when enjoying some of its healing rays. Through this last need, which even then was partly spiritual, though he was not aware of this, and the stimulus of the adrenals, man gradually replaced the element of fear with the attributes of bravery and courage and ventured forth into the great unknown. He was no longer a hunter being hunted; but he gradually became a tiller of the soil, a shepherd herding the sheep. He did not fight the animals as he had once done, for even they made way and left his world in greater peace.

Then began the long journey upward in which man learned that warring with his neighbor was not only unprofitable and destructive but actually a great handicap to any advancement he wished to make, unfortunately all races and groups of people have not learned this at one time, so man is still learning part of his lesson.

So life in its evolutionary pattern goes on. Man learns all the aspects of fear and other emotions that stimulate him in his path of progress. When the most simple or even complex fears are analyzed and finally put to rest, he finds that he still suffers from a great unrest; for he still has not found his inner answer. His spirit is still not satisfied. So until some terrifically devastating experience breaks through his consciousness and he sees, even if only momentarily an illuminating beam of light. Even if it does not long remain with him, he knows that it at least can be. He has for a moment been a part of the great glowing, all encompassing Cosmos, and he has finally touched for a moment the very brink of infinity.

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### CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,  
 And one clear call for me!  
 And may there no moaning of the bar,  
 When I put out to sea,  
 But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
 Too full for sound and foam,  
 When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
 Turns again home.

—Alfred Tennyson.

# THE *Mystic* ... LIGHT



## As a Man Thinketh in His Heart

J. EARL SCHRACK

**G**REAT renewing spiritual forces are now active around our earth preparing us for a joyous Easter celebration. The time is also fitting for us to look deeply into the basic principles of our New Age Rosicrucian Teachings. Our goal is to let the liberating Christ Spirit work in our hearts and minds in unity with our higher selves and together with others around us.

Briefly stated, just what is the meaning of the Christ Spirit being born within? Primarily, each individual must find that realization in his own particular way, deep within himself. The result will be that this selfsame spirit will reveal in our lives those virtues and acts as recorded in the life of Christ.

By the reading of the four Gospels, and by our meditation upon their events, we bring our mind into the area of the heart's feeling and adoration of Christ's life. We remember that Jesus was the purest of men, the son and grandson of passion purified, spirit-dedicated parents. We remember that the Christ Spirit descended into the vehicles of Jesus in the sacrament of baptism.

Again and again we contemplate the recorded traditions of His life, but the actual being of the Christ Spirit can only be sensed in the high levels of our adoration of His life in the peace

and quiet of our hours of study and meditation.

The ancient wisdom teachings as given in the Cosmo-Conception leads man's mechanistic and separative mind into the knowledge and importance of cultivating the feeling of a loving heart. By memorizing and transferring a Bible passage or the Rosicrucian Temple and the Healing service, from the customary brain-mind reception, directly into the heart's higher spiritual archetypal understanding, we form a direct contact with the Higher Self. This unity with the Higher Self is best formed during the precious early morning hours of meditation. Here the pathway of Light and Love is opened, leading our awareness into the interplanetary Life Spirit and the Christ consciousness.

As stated in the Cosmo-Conception, the quality of adoration in meditation brings the highest degree of unfoldment which, to be fully effective, may be guided by the aid of the Teacher. This is demonstrated by the aspirant's faithfully following the progressively designed evening and morning exercises.

Most significant are the explanations of the Brothers of the Rose Cross dealing with our earth's time-space dimensions. The studies in the Cosmo-Conception, describing the work of the Crea-



tive Hierarchies in guiding the Virgin Spirit through the involutory-evolutionary periods, enables the reader's fact-searching mind to grasp the mysteries of the Spirit's manifestation in matter. For this service, given by the Elder Brothers, we owe eternal appreciation. By the use of our intellectualized concepts we see how the universal spirit finds focus in our vehicles to establish finally our sonship with the Christ in the Father's kingdom.

By this pathway, we are empowered to create freely in the arts and sciences in our chosen form of craftsmanship and practice the devotions of our spirit-filled heart.

Thus we see that the primary work of the Brothers, by means of head-heart unity, is to bring the candidate for the initiatory path, into unity with his Higher Self and Virgin Spirit association. It is through these mediums that the "still small voice" of the Planetary Christ Spirit speaks the soundless words for essential at-one-ment with the in-born Christ.

The wise of many ages have introduced a verity of symbols, traditions, and allegories in the never-ending effort to build the bridge of awareness, directing the thinking-rationalizing mind into the feeling, loving heart, and thence into the realms of the Higher Self's universal spirit.

In this identical field of research, in the analytical and experimental psychology, phases of modern science have at long last discovered and proved that in especially monitored groups, worked with and tested over periods of time, that prayer and a spiritualizing influence as a corrective therapy is definitely superior to the usual psychotherapeutic results. This achievement is indeed a mighty step forward in adjusting man's many human maladies.

Fulfilling their humanitarian mission, the Brothers of the Rose Cross, during the past near half a century, have planted the first seeds of their public

contact in the form of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. This movement is destined to flower into New Age developments which, being implemented in the widely reaching fields of science, art and religion, will eventually fill the entire earth with its message and its healing ministrations. These teachings are designed to bring to the student's unified mind and heart, a grasp of the creative mysteries of man's incarnating spirit in its various forms of subsequent development from its earliest origins on, until the consummation of Our Day of Manifestation. The now retiring Creative Hierarchies, who have been in charge of our evolution, are now placing the responsibility of the guiding of our life wave into the hands of the Rosicrucian Order and its initiatory school along with other like extensively operating movements in various parts of the world, which, in their entirety, comprise the vanguard of our human race, the Great White Brotherhood.

Max Heindel's book, "Freemasonry and Catholicism," acquaints the student with some of the symbolic legends dealing with the origin and maturing of man's primary urges. The two most important life streams given there that are undergoing development are characterized as the water and fire spirits. The devotees of the water spirits are said to worship in a high form of devotional faith without employment of fully used, fiery creative independence and are guided by the priestly groups of the church. They are designated as the "Sons of Seth."

Very different in nature are those who are symbolized as the Sons of Cain who are motivated by the adventuresome fiery creative spirits of independent craftsmanship. They are said to have been sired by Samael, ambassador from Mars. As such, they must seek their own path of evolution until finally absorbed into the body of Christ. But when emerging through the Christ into preparation for the one universal path-

way, both of these separative water and fire spirits must absorb each other's virtues, enter into, and find their eventual unity. The symbol of this unity is consummated by the two final leaders as the reincarnated King Solomon in Jesus, representing the water spirits, and as Lazarus representing the reincarnated Hiram Abiff of the fire spirits.

The resurrected Lazarus now becomes the Christ-risen New-Age man and discovers in his new and greater status the symbols of the passion-free rose and the hammer-cross of sacrificial liberation. As a result, the water and fire spirits find unity in the spiritual body of the Christ; a promise of unity, peace, and immortality for all humanity.

This timeless human drama symbolizes man's new step of achievement, typified in the broad recognition that consummated man becomes both king and priest within himself "after the order of Melchizedek"—the balanced man of inner peace. Man's wisdom born of experience and sacrifice makes possible the harmonizing of the water and fire spirits within himself, united in the forces of church and state and developed in equality and harmony of the male-female principle in the transmuted lower passions, all of which becomes the prototype of the Grand Man of the Universe.

As for the New Age man, he now is illuminated in head and heart unity. His creative independence is of the transfigured fiery motives of Cain. He is as well the partaker of the purely devotional form of worship which received its intuitions through the reasoning mind as well as through the devotional heart of Seth. Unified in the Christed man of the New Age, the product of study, knowledge, and selfless service, he is inspired by a transcending love. All separative life streams now find perfect at-one-ment. The man of this vanguard has learned the ancient alchemy of building the diamond soul, the philosopher's stone. The story of the earthly life of Christ Jesus was the way-showing

toward the new body of Christ which was later exemplified in His disciples and the Early Christian Church.

It is we, the people of the New Age dawning, who now are able to pass on beyond our beginnings as either the sons of Seth or the sons of Cain and work united in Christ's vineyard in His body which is the church. Please consult Col. 1, verses 18 and 24, respectively: "And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church." And . . . "afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church." In this connection we are not to associate the use of the word "church" of Early Christian church usage with the limited or creed-ridden present-day churches. Rather, "Christ's body, the church," was then the symbolic name for the body of Christ's followers, a spiritual church body, but none the less, in its truest significance, a church. Max Heinzel suggests in various references in his book, "Letters to Students, the value of church affiliation, membership, and church aid, stating that many have been greatly edified thereby.

In the expanded enlightenment of the New Age of Galilee, the more or less limited institutions of the modern church and school will of necessity become fused into one united mind-and-heart-inspired institution such as is characterized by the institution of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. This overall unity is essential to the individual's unfoldment, attuned to the expanding needs of man's four-fold vehicles, reaching from the lowest on, into the higher rungs of evolutionary development.

In the New Age of enlightened unfoldment, churches can be thought of as schools, and schools, as churches. These names are man invented and cannot really be separated in a true continuous progressive education of the total man. Broadly speaking, the division of the Sons of Seth and Cain become swallowed up once and for all time, when the unifying Love and Light of the

Christ become the life's transmuting principle.

Christ's body, the early church, was also a school of learning. The apostle Paul in offering council to the youthful Timothy preparing for his ministry, advised, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And "... that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Said the apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Was it on instructions from the



Elder Brothers by the wisdom of divine inspiration that the Rosicrucian Fellowship Mount Ecclesia was so named? The Oxford dictionary defines an ecclesia as a church, a word carried over from the Greek. So we do actually become the body of the Christ in our Mt. Ecclesia, also in our pro Ecclesia, and indeed in our beautiful healing Temple; the word temple also defined as a synonym for a church, that crowns Mt. Ecclesia.

The importance of the position of the

Rosicrucian Fellowship in giving the aspirant to the higher life, a fitting and working ideal for an enlightened humanity, will be realized in the following quotations from the book, "Freemasonry and Catholicism:"

(Page 94.) This change may have been accomplished through a life of simple helpfulness and prayer as practiced by devoted Christians, no matter with what church they are affiliated if they follow the path of the Sons of Seth. Others have attained by following the specific exercises given by the Rosicrucians. And thus the process of the unification of the two streams (of fire and water) is already under way."

(Page 88.) In the past, humanity has been claiming universal brotherhood as a great ideal, but we must come closer than that to being in full accord with the Christ. He said to His disciples 'Ye are my friends.' Among brothers and sisters, hate and enmity may exist, but friendship is the expression of love and cannot exist apart from that. Universal Friendship is therefore the magic word which will eventually level all distinctions, bring peace upon earth and good will among men. This is the great Ideal proclaimed by the Rosicrucian Fellowship, an Ideal which points the shortest way to the New Heaven and the New Earth, where the sons of Cain (of fire) and the sons of Seth (as water) will eventually be united."

(Page 52.) "It was this characteristic of unselfishness developed in former lives that fitted the spirit of Solomon which inhabited the body of Jesus for the high mission it was destined to fulfill; to serve as a vehicle for the unifying unselfish Christ Spirit, for the purpose of bringing to an end the division between the Sons of Seth and the Sons of Cain and uniting them in the Brotherhood forming the kingdom of heaven."

The Elder Brothers and Mr. Heindel of themselves could build the Rosicrucian Fellowship only as an exoteric institution. The consummative skill with

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which this operative instrument, the teaching of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, is fashioned, gives it something of the nature of a well formed seed, awaiting planting in the proper soil, or its subsequent esoteric development.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship finds its true mission as a unified school-church. Did not the Christ say to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth." And again, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." In like manner there can be no man-conceived limitation placed on the comprehensive, creative work of the New Age-designed Rosicrucian Fellowship. Christ said, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." It is the creative development of ourselves, as examples of the Rosicrucian Fellowship teachings, that transform its esoteric seed form into the life-giving esoteric areas of the eternally evolving spirit of man, into an organization-less association of Christian Mystics of consecrated members, fulfilling for each ego its own proper place in our age-long destiny.

Christ's parable of "the lilies" shows his lack of concern over "toiling and spinning" which might be interpreted as an act of craftsmanship, identified with the Sons of Cain. Also Christ pointed out the limitations of the wisdom of even so great a savant as king Solomon, identified with the Sons of Seth. We must then concede that the beautiful arrayment of the lilies, when applied to man, comes as a result of life's intimate relationship with Christ and His Father in Heaven. In this parable, Christ reminds His disciples to, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin; And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matt. 6:28-29.)

## WHAT CHRIST SAID

I said, "Let me walk in the field;"  
He said, "Nay, walk in the town."  
I said, "There are no flowers there."  
He said, "No flowers but a crown."  
I said, "But the sky is black,  
There is nothing but noise and din."  
But He wept as He sent me back—  
"There is more," He said "There is Sin."

I said, "But the air is thick and fogs  
are veiling the Sun."

He answered, "Yes, hearts are sick and  
souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light  
And friends shall miss me, they say."

He answered me, "Choose tonight  
If I am to miss you or they."

I pleaded for time to be given;  
He said, "Is it so hard to decide?"

It will not seem hard in heaven  
To have followed the steps of your  
guide."

I cast one look at the field  
Then set my face to the town.

He said, "My child do you yield?  
Will you leave the flowers for the  
crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,  
And into my heart came He  
And I walk in light divine,  
The path I had feared to see.

—GEO. McDONALD.

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Today, tomorrow, every day, to thousands the end of the world is close at hand. And why should we fear it? We walk here, as it were, in the crypts of life; at times, from the great cathedral above us, we can hear the organ and the chanting choir; we see the light stream through the open door, when some friend goes up before us; and shall we fear to mount the narrow staircase of the grave that leads us out of this uncertain twilight into life eternal?  
—Longfellow.

# HOPE

LOUIS HLAVACEK, M.D.

**W**E hope, as Longfellow so aptly expressed, "That each tomorrow finds us farther than today." Among other things, we hope for greater understanding of life, for more skilfulness in solving problems, and making living delightfully productive and satisfying. Yes, by all means, we should hope for these and for very much more. However, merely to hope for various improvements in our ability to live better is not enough. To expect the creative power back of nature to bring, in proper time our hopes to functional realization, or to accept, in literal sense, John Burrough's view, namely, "Serene I fold my hands and wait . . . For lo! my own shall come to me," is a forlorn hope. Tersely, today, it is entirely up to us, individually to improve our own nature and the conditions under which we live, by improving everything we can about us.

To be sure of progressive improvements which advance our lives we must plan them. We must do as architects and engineers do in construction. They do not merely hope for parts to fit . . . they plan and predetermine every part in advance, so that each fits; then they carry the plans, in exact details, to functional conclusion. If we are to realize our hopes we must similarly plan and predetermine the outcome and then direct our efforts until they are completed. However, to improve our ability to live better daily we must at least complete a part of our plans each day. That is, every day we should accomplish something which fits in and completes our hopes.

The resources for attaining a better life are already waiting—we need but to put them to work. The question we should ask ourselves is: "Are we prepared to take full and creative advan-

tage of all the resources we have accumulated. Are we able to recognize, utilize and creatively incorporate the good of all the many technical, scientific and natural resources into our makeup?" Briefly these are the conditions for making our hopes come true.

Yet, with purposeful application of our efforts toward attaining our hopes and making the most of our priceless life-time on earth, let us remember that the world and its life was not evolved in a day; that we cannot become creatively skilled by means of some magic formula over night. We can obtain this supreme treasure only by adding, day by day, more of new and better varieties of creative skills to our stock. While justly rejoicing with each addition, let us measure our progress not so much by the quantity but by the quality of our improvements.

When estimating our progress we should also remember that we are hindered by wrong habits we have accumulated. Even the efforts in correcting them are opportunities for expanding our creativeness, it is the persistent practice of correcting, adjusting and refining upon every aspect of our nature that develops our creative ability.

To keep these worthy aims always in our consciousness let us improve upon our customary greetings and salutations. These are only suggestions: "Let it be a better morning," or "let us make this a better day." Instead of telling others, "Take it easy," encourage them by saying, "add a creative deed to your credit," or "do not miss an opportunity to improve the day and life." Perhaps you can suggest still better ones.

"Tomorrow I will live," the fool dost say, Today itself's too late . . . the wise lived and improved life yesterday."



# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

## The Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures

### The Mystery of Golgotha and the Cleansing Blood



**A**LL through the past two thousand years in which we have had the Christian religion among us, and since the doctrine of the vicarious atonement and the cleansing blood has come into our Western World, there has been a contention among many people, in the later centuries especially, about whether there is really any efficacy in that cleansing blood, or whether it is only a foolish story. We shall hope tonight to show that there is something vastly grander than ever anyone has imagined, when we come to turn the light of occultism and reason upon this doctrine. Afterwards we may let our hearts have full sway in belief of this grand and glorious idea of the cleansing blood and of the atonement that was effected two millenniums ago at the Place of the Skull, which is called Golgotha in the Hebrew.

When we read our Christian creed, we find the sentence, "Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God," and it is assumed by most people that the sentence refers to a single individual called Jesus Christ, who was the only begotten son of God. However, we shall very quickly see that that is not so—that there are three great and glorious individualities concerned in the sentence. They are all worthy of our very greatest veneration, but differ vastly in glory, and have a very, very different career back of them.

When we examine Jesus in the light

of the occult records, in the light of that which we have seen in the previous lectures is called "the memory of nature," then we find that "that spirit which was in Jesus" from the time of birth, is an Ego which belongs to our human race, and which has incarnated again and again. We can find him under different names and varying circumstances, just as you and I have been and are going to be. So we find that at the time that is stated in our records, at about the beginning of our era, there was born in Palestine a child, and that child was Jesus.

His mother was of an exceedingly pure type—a most beautiful character—and his father was an initiate of high degree, one who, for that one time in his life, forsook the path of celibacy. He had in previous incarnations gone past the time when he should be a householder. In this life he had devoted himself wholly to the occult path; and when the time came that a great teacher was to incarnate among us, he was selected to give the fertilizing seed for that teacher's body. In that way, there was provided such a wonderful body as has never been before nor since. It was of the purest and most passionless type, and the Ego Jesus who came into it, came into it as a great spirit, knowing that it was his mission in that life to bring up a body in as pure as possible a manner, because it was not to be his for longer than the term of thirty

years. At that time he was to give it up to another, much higher than he.

Concerning the early days of Jesus, it might be well to say that he was born there in Palestine; that he went through his early boyhood days in full knowledge of that mission which was his. He was put into the schools of the Essenes, on the shores of the Dead Sea. The Essenes were a community there, who were of the most devout character. They were as opposite as possible to the materialistic Sadducees, and far, far beyond the cynical Pharisees. They were not people who went about in the synagogues and prided themselves on their learning, piety, etc., but were people who stayed in their own community and lived the holy life as they saw it. Among them the growing Jesus found his early training, and he was so marvelously adapted to the life that was led there that in a very short time he distanced them all. Then, at a later period, he went to Persia. This school of the Essenes where he was, was a great center of learning. It had a great library, and he absorbed an immense amount of occult knowledge, regaining what he had learned in previous lives.

At the end of thirty years he had cleansed and purified his body so far that it could be taken by the Great Being whom we call the Christ. We shall next see who that Great Being is.

We said of Jesus that he could be traced back in the memory of nature from incarnation to incarnation under different names, and in different environments. But of Christ we find only one incarnation, and that is when he incarnated in the body of Jesus, at the end of the thirty years. To trace him, let us briefly recapitulate some earlier statements.

We went through the Saturn Period, the Sun Period, and the Moon Period, and we finally came here. We saw also, in previous lectures, that the humanity of the Saturn Period were the Lords of Mind; the humanity of the Sun Period

were the Archangels; the humanity of the Moon Period were the Angels. Those were the ordinary humanity of these different periods, beings who are working with us invisibly, working upon our vital bodies and desire bodies and minds, helping us to evolve. When we see that there are initiates in this period, that someone like Jesus can progress far ahead of ordinary humanity, we may understand that the same can have been done in previous periods also, and it is these who have gone beyond ordinary evolution that we speak of today as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God, as God, is not the creator of our Universe. In the highest World of this Cosmic Plane which we inhabit, He is found as *God*, but below that He is not God. He expresses himself in the different Worlds as various kingdoms of man, Angels, Archangels, etc., and therefore we do not see Him in humanity until we get to that great World, the world we call in occultism the World of God. In that World of God, the Triune God is. The highest initiate of the Saturn Period has attained to that point where He has become one with the highest aspect of the Triune God, and so He is called *the Father*—the Father of all those who evolved in our evolution.

The one who came next to him in glory, the highest initiate of the Sun Period, evolved up to the point where he became united with the second aspect of the Triune God, and therefore, he is the Son. That is the Cosmic Christ, and a Ray from Him entered Jesus' body.

The third Great Being, the Only Begotten, mentioned in that sentence from the Christian Creed, is still greater than Jesus and Christ, but we have not so much to do with that Being at this present time. It may be well to know, however, that the Holy Spirit, the Power of God working with all the nations, is Jehovah, the highest initiate of the Moon Period.

By looking at Diagram 14 we shall see that this tallies with what we have learned in previous lectures. Each Being has seven vehicles, and the lowest of Jehovah's vehicles comes down to the Region of Abstract Thought, where we have our Ego. There we are below the line that divides spirit from matter, there is *differentiation*. We have seen in Lecture No. 3 that every planet in our system has its three separate worlds, the Physical World, the Desire World, and the World of Thought—that is, *separate* vehicles for each planet—but the *unifying principle* in our solar system is the Life Spirit, and therefore the Son, who is to be the unifying principle in the World, or in the planet, *must* have that life spirit evolved. Christ, the highest initiate of the Sun Period, at the present time, ordinarily uses as his lowest vehicle the life spirit.

In the Sun Period, the lowest of the Globes was in the Desire World, and therefore the Archangels have the desire body as their lowest vehicles yet; but Christ has gone beyond, he has raised himself higher, and so he has the life spirit as his lowest vehicle today, and ordinarily uses no denser vehicle. Only by the power of the life spirit can the national tendency be overcome and a universal brotherhood of man become a fact. The vehicles pertaining to the World of Thought, the Ego, and the mind, make for separateness. They have that for their characteristic. But the life spirit is the unifying principle in the universe, and therefore Christ is the only one fitted to bring about brotherhood.

There is the reason why Christ *had* to come to help us. And now about Christ-Jesus. It is a law in the universe that no being, however great, can ever build a vehicle and function in a world that is higher or lower than the world that he has learned to function in. So that when it became necessary to work here in our Physical World, it was an absolute impossibility for any being except

our humanity to work here. They alone have been able to build dense human vehicles. They have been helped by others, but *they* have done the work, and therefore it was necessary that one of them, in order to obtain this help from Christ for the race, must give up his body, so that the higher being could enter it, and then help humanity.

We know that at death, or at any time when we have to leave this Physical World, we give up our dense body and our vital body, because they belong to the Physical World. And so Jesus, when he had come to the age of thirty, when he had made his instrument fit for the use of the Great Being, gladly, willingly gave it away. He left it at the baptism as he would have stepped out at death, that the Christ might step in, and that was seen to descend upon him as a dove.

Christ as an Archangel, had learned to build down to the desire body, but the vital body and the dense body he had never learned to build. The Archangels had worked on humanity *from without* before, as group-spirits do; but that was not enough. The help had to come *from within*. That was made possible by the combination of Christ and Jesus, and therefore, it is true, in the very highest sense, in the most literal sense, when Paul says:

"There is but one mediator between God and man—Christ Jesus, the righteous." No other entity in our system possesses the whole chain of twelve vehicles that stretches from the dense body, and right up through all the Seven Worlds, to the second aspect of the Triune God, the Son. Therefore, he can come to the very throne of the Father; therefore he can go to the highest possible pitch, and can take the sorrows and sufferings of humanity there, and can cleanse us in a way no other can, and help as no other can.

Now then, we have seen who Jesus is, who Christ is, and who the composite personality is that we speak of as Christ-

Jesus. The Only Begotten is yet a much higher being. We hear people speak of the Absolute, and they think of the Absolute then as God, perhaps! Their ideas are very, very hazy. They could not be otherwise, of course. There has been no definite teaching upon this subject. But God, the Grand Architect of our Universe, as called by the Masons, is described as the Creator of our solar system, and has nothing to do with anything outside our solar system. Beyond the seven worlds where our solar system and all other solar systems are located there are still six other great Cosmic Planes of life and being, and in them there are higher hierarchies of different grades and glories beyond that Great Being we speak of as God. Highest among them, there is what we may call the Supreme Being, the one who includes all the solar systems and all the hierarchies in the whole Universe; and the Word that came out from that great Being—the first Sound or Creative Fiat—the first manifestation from the Supreme Being—that is the *Alone Begotten*. Other Beings have been “Alone Begotten” in a similar way, but not in the same way that first Sound was. There was nothing but the Supreme Being before that started, and we can speak of nothing beyond that One except the Absolute.

Although this may mean nothing to us at the present time, it is well to know that here is a distinction, so that our ideas are clear at least, as to who God is, who the Son is, and who is the Holy Spirit; also in regard to Christ-Jesus.

The Father is the highest initiate of the Saturn Period.

The Son is the highest initiate of the Sun Period, having reached by initiation the second aspect of God.

Jehovah, the Holy Spirit, is the highest initiate of the Moon Period. And the ordinary humanity of the different periods are, respectively, the Angels, the Archangels, and the Lords of Mind. Many of these great hierarchies there

are, many that are beyond the evolution of man, and below the evolution of man, but there is none, *none*, “there is none other name given among men” whereby men must be saved, than the name of Christ-Jesus.

Now we have at last come to an understanding of our factors, the factors that go to make this great sacrifice on Golgotha—we know who is who. These lectures are at first analytical in the highest degree, but when we combine their results, and consider the sacrifice in their light, then we shall see something great, something spiritual in it. It is necessary to be analytical for the sake of those who have been put off in the churches. They have questioned, “What good in the world can it do me to believe?” They are seeking for an answer to that question raised in their minds, “What is the efficacy of the blood?” and therefore it is necessary to be analytical before we come to the spiritual teaching. We have one more factor we must analyze, and that is the Blood.

You have heard me say a number of times that the blood is the particular vehicle of the Ego in the physical world. We find in the Bible that that was well known among those who wrote Leviticus. They said, the life is in the blood. We see blood as a number of little microscopic globules or discs, but blood is not of that nature as seen by the trained clairvoyant in the living human body. Blood is a gas, then, a hot spiritual essence. The heat is caused by the Ego that is within that blood. If the skin is punctured, and the blood exuded, it coagulates, as steam, which is an invisible hot gas, condenses as soon as it comes out into the atmosphere. The blood in our veins is the vehicle through which, by means of the sympathetic nervous system, the subconscious mind carries on all the activities of the body that we are not aware of in the conscious mind. Blood is a most peculiar essence, as shown in the myth of Faust, where he is signing a compact with the Evil

One. He is going to sign it in ink. But Mephistopheles says, "Sign it in blood." Faust questions, "Why?" Is that more efficacious?" "Yes," says Mephistopheles, "blood is a most peculiar essence"—for he knows that the blood contains the Ego, therefore he wants the blood of the man he is trying to get in his power.

The human Ego is more powerful than the group-spirit of the animal, as we see when we apply the test of science, known as hæmolysis. Strange blood of a higher animal will kill if inoculated into a lower species. If we take human blood and inoculate it into a lower animal, the animal cannot stand the high vibration that is in the blood of the human being; it dies. On the other hand, inoculate the human being with the blood of the animal and he will not suffer. We may go as far down in the scale of being as the anthropoids. They can stand inoculations of human blood; all other animals die.

In the days previous to Christ, we remember from Parsifal that there was no initiation for "whosoever will." It was said as a prophecy, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," but that was only as a prophecy. After Christ came, we have "whosoever will." Before that time initiation was reserved for certain castes. They alone could be initiate, or priests. To show that that was abrogated, the body of Jesus was taken—not one from a Levite. It came from the strongest mixture in the Jewish nation, the Galileans. In earlier times no one might marry except in his own tribe. We read that Adam and Methuselah lived so and so many years. At that time it was the practice to marry in the family, to marry as closely in the family as possible; then the blood that coursed through the veins of the people in that family contained the pictures of all that had happened to the different ancestors stored in the mind which is now subconscious. Then it was consciously and constantly before the

inner vision of man, and each family was united by the common blood wherein their ancestors lived. The sons saw the life of their fathers. Thus Adam and the other patriarchs lived on for centuries.

In those olden times no one would go outside the family to marry, any more than we would go inside the family. It was a horror to marry into a strange family. Even in the Norse mythology, we learn how those who wanted to become part of a family would be obliged to mix blood. It had to be first seen whether that blood would mix or not, so we see hæmolysis was known then in some of its phases at least. If the blood did not mix it would bring about "confusion of caste" as the Hindu says. A strict line must be kept, for otherwise those pictures of the inner vision would not be the same, they would become confused.

When Christ came he abrogated that practice when he said, "Before Abraham was, *I am*." I do not care for Abraham, but I glory in the *I am*, the Ego that was long before he was. And he said, "Who does not leave father and mother, cannot follow me." As long as you are keeping up the family, the nation, the tribe, you are siding with the old blood, the old ways, and you cannot amalgamate into a universal brotherhood. That can only come when you marry internationally. Because when you have so many nations, it is like so many houses of brick. As long as you have those houses standing about you, you cannot make one grand building, but when you break them up, you can mold them into one grand structure. Marriage in the family must be done away with; let Abraham die that the "*I am*" may live; perish Paternalism, Individualism to the fore.

What effect has that change had? The mixture of blood always kills something. If it does not kill the animal, it kills something else. If we mate a horse and a donkey, we have as the outcome a



*hybrid*, the mule. Is that mule the same as each of those who begot it? Is there not something killed? Yes. The *faculty of propagation is killed*, and so it is in all other hybrids. They cannot propagate their species. In the same way, when we marry internationally, something else is killed. And that is—the pictures in the inner vision. The different families clash, and so the clairvoyance, the touch with the spiritual world, with the memory of nature, has waned since that time. The Highland Scots who married in the clan, and the gypsies alone retain this second sight in a measure.

If someone had stood for thousands of years upon a distant planet and looked clairvoyantly at our little Earth, he would have seen a gradual change from bad to worse in its Desire World and World of Thought. It was getting more and more filled up with murky and bad vibrations, because man, in the days of his earliest childhood, was not able to control his impulses. He was controlled mostly by the mind and the desire body, and therefore after death he had to stay in Purgatory almost all of the time between incarnations; there was almost no progress. The second heaven life, where he learns to do creative work, was almost barren.

The Desire World of the Earth must be cleansed to give man a new start. That was Christ's mission.

As to the reason for the violent death, we have already heard that when a person is taken violently out of his instrument there is something that clings to it, and that something is the impurities of the lower nature. We have the arterial blood, and the venous blood, and in that venous blood are the impurities that belong to the lower nature; but in the arterial blood we have the purity. The venous blood clings closely to the flesh, and therefore at the time that any person is killed, if the blood flows, there is a distinct cleansing. Whenever the spirit is taken out of the body by accident, and the blood flows, man is

cleaner, he is better as a spirit.

The body of Jesus was to be killed, and blood was to flow, in order that by that violent death, the last impurity that might be still clinging to the flesh should be left to decay; that the Christ spirit pure and untainted, with none of the impurities of the body it had used, might be diffused over the world.

When that Great Being flowed out through the wounds of Jesus' body, that luminous Sun Spirit diffused itself all over the earth. And that is why we hear of that great darkness, because that spiritual light was what men perceived as darkness. But gradually it was absorbed into the Earth, and took its place permitting everything within its influence to return to its normal condition, so far as man could see; but the vibrations that had been set up there cleansed, purified, and set in rhythmic order the vibrations in the higher world, and gave a spiritual impulse that could not otherwise have been given, and *that was the way that it cleansed*, and "took away the sin of the world" by destroying the rhythmic vibrations in a measure and thus enabling man to progress. That influence is still working and cleansing the world; it is the source of altruism and benevolence which are gradually taking the place of patriotism and selfishness, bringing Universal Brotherhood and Fellowship to the World.



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# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

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## Miscellaneous Interpretations

(Continued)

### PART III

REFERENCES: Luke 23:29-43; Matthew 27:38; John 10:1-18; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17.

**"T**oday thou shalt be with me in Paradise."—The New Testament was written in Greek, a language in which no punctuation marks are used. The punctuation marks in our Bible have been inserted by our later Bible translators, and punctuation often very radically changes the meaning of a sentence, as the following story will illustrate:

In a prayer meeting someone handed in a request which the pastor read thus: "A sailor going to sea his mother-in-law desires the prayers of the congregation for his safe return to wife and child." The request was not punctuated at all, but would imply that the young man's mother-in-law was very solicitous to have him return safely to his wife and child and therefore desired the prayers of the congregation. Had the pastor read it without the comma, it would have implied that the sailor, going to see his mother-in-law desired the prayers of the congregation for his safe return to wife and child, and one would naturally think that the lady in question must be a Tartar when it was necessary for the young man to ask the prayers of the congregation before facing her.

In this case, if the words of the Christ

are read thus: "Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise," they would imply that the thief would be with Christ at some future time not defined. But where the comma is placed before the word *today*, as in the Bible, it gives the idea ordinarily held by people.

That this idea is absolutely wrong can be seen by the remark of the Christ just after His resurrection, when He said to the woman: "Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father." If He promised the thief that he should be with Him in Paradise on the day of the crucifixion and three days later declared that He had not yet been there, the Christ would have been guilty of contradiction, which is, of course, an impossibility. Placing of the comma as suggested fully reconciles the meaning of the two passages; and besides, tells us that in the interval He worked with the spirits in Purgatory. I Peter 3:18-20.

*The Two Crucified Thieves.*—Contrary to the ordinarily accepted opinion, the four Gospels are not merely the biography of Jesus, the Christ. They are formulae of initiation of four different Mystery Schools, and in order to veil their esoteric meaning, the life and ministry of the Christ is also intermingled. That could be done easily as all initiates, being cosmic characters, have sim-

ilar experiences. It is truly said that unto the multitude the Christ spoke in parables, but the hidden meaning was given to His disciples in private. Paul also gave the milk to the weak and the meat to the strong ones. It was never intended at any time to give the hidden symbols to ordinary people, or to make the Bible "an open book of God," as people nowadays believe.

When reading in the memory of nature, we find that at the time of the crucifixion, there were not only two, but a number, who were crucified. The people at that time meted out capital punishment for the slightest offenses and there were always plenty to suffer those barbarous deaths. Thus, those who wanted to veil the hidden meaning of the Gospels were at no loss to find something wherewith to fill out the tale and obscure the points which are really vital in the crucifixion. The part of the story relating to the thieves, is, therefore, a true incident, without having anything to do with the esoteric meaning at all.

"All who came before me were thieves and robbers.—When man first came upon this earth the dense body was built in the *Polarian Epoch*, and was vitalized by the interpenetration of a vital body in the *Hyperborean Epoch*. At that time man was like the Angels, male-female, a complete creative unit, able to create from himself by projecting his whole creative force—which is love.

Later it became necessary for man to evolve a brain, and in order to accomplish that object one-half of his creative force was turned inward in order to build the necessary organs. From that time on, man must seek the cooperation of someone having the other half of the sex force available for propagation. Now he loves selfishly to obtain the cooperation of another in propagation; the other half of the creative force wherewith he built his brain and larynx he also uses selfishly to think because he desires to obtain knowledge.

Previously man had projected his whole creative force without reserve, unselfishly. Since the division of the sex force man has eventually become selfish and therefore by attraction a prey to others of like nature.

The Angels were the humanity of the Moon Period and have since attained to their present high development, but as in every great company there are stragglers, so also in the case of the Angels there were some who did not attain—a class of beings which were behind the Angels but above humanity. They were in a sad state, for they could not follow the present development of the Angels and neither could they sink as low into matter as man. They could not, as the Angels, dispense with a brain, yet they were incapable of building one for themselves, so when humanity evolved the brain and spinal cord they saw an opportunity in woman, who expresses the negative pole of the creative force, *imagination*, the faculty which enables her to build a body in the womb. In order to gain access to her consciousness this intelligence took advantage of a perplexity then disturbing the woman on account of her exercise of the imaginative faculty.

At that time the eyes of humanity had not been opened; they were spiritual beings, not quite conscious of the possession of a physical body. The woman was the first to observe dimly that she and others possessed such an instrument, and that she had observed that at certain times some of her friends whom she had previously perceived as having this physical appendage had lost it, so she was troubled. From the Angels she could obtain no information, but this intelligence which appeared within herself in the serpentine spinal cord, enlightened her, and "the serpent said unto the woman, 'Hath God said, ye shall not eat of every Tree in the Garden?'" to which she answered that they had been forbidden "to eat of the Tree of Knowledge" under penalty of

death. But the serpent said: "Ye shall not surely die, for God knows that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The woman secured the cooperation of the man according to the instructions of *Lucifer, the light giver*, and since then their eyes have been opened, they have known good and evil. But prior to that time man had been unconscious of the possession of his body; it had fallen away from him at times, as the leaf falls from the tree, without inconveniencing him or disturbing him, for his consciousness had been focused in the Spiritual World at all times. But the Lucifer Spirits desired a power over him, a foothold in his brain and spinal cord. They incited him to break away from the yoke of the Angels and take the creative function into his own hands. By the oft repeated and ignorant abuse of that faculty the consciousness of man was withdrawn from the Spiritual Worlds and focused in the Physical World. Then came death in all its present terrible aspects, for man now regards this earth as the only real life. When that ends, he enters an existence of which he knows nothing and which he consequently fears.

Thus, on account of listening to *Lucifer, the false light giver*, man has become subject to sorrow, pain, and death. He has been robbed of his innocence and peace. The Christ came into the world to save humanity from sin, sorrow, and death. Therefore He called Himself the *true light*, and the others, who came before, He characterized as thieves and robbers, for they had robbed man of the spiritual sight though they had enlightened him in the physical sense.

"Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter therein."—In the world around us we see the kingdom of men, where everyone is endeavoring to maintain his own position and depends upon his own

ideas and his own self-assertion to hold that position against all comers. When anything new is presented to him, his mental attitude is usually tinged with skepticism. He fears to be deceived.

The attitude of a little child with regard to what it sees or hears is exactly the reverse of the position of its elders. The little child has no overwhelming sense of its own superior knowledge, but is frankly ignorant and therefore eminently teachable, and it was to this trait that the Saviour referred in the passage quoted.

When we enter the higher life, we must first forget everything that we knew in the world. We must commence to look at things in an entirely different way, and *when a new teaching is brought before us we must endeavor to receive it regardless of other facts previously observed*. This is in order that we may be perfectly unbiased. Of course, we are not supposed to believe offhand that "black is white," but if someone seriously asserts that an object which we have hitherto regarded as black is really white, our mind should be sufficiently open to prevent us from passing judgment at once and saying, "Why, I know that that object is black." We should be willing to re-examine the object to see if there may not be a point of view whence that thing which we have thought black appears to be white. Only when we have made thorough examination and have found that the thing is really black from whatever point of view may we return to our previous opinion.

There is nothing so remarkable about a child as the flexible attitude of its mind which renders it so teachable, and the pupil who endeavors to live the higher life should always aim to keep his mind in that fluidic state, for as soon as our ideas have become *set* and incapable of being changed, our progress ceases. That was the great truth which the Christ was endeavoring to present to His hearers when He made the remark mentioned.



## Daily Thought and Guide

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

### SUNDAY — March 1

At this time of the year we are in the sign Pisces, the sign of the fishes. As they live in deep water, this is a period of deep concentration and emotional outbursts. Think of Jesus, as he calms the fears of the disciples when he said "Peace be still," reminding us of the help we receive when we say to our emotions "Peace, be still."

### MONDAY — March 2

Thinking of emotions; worry is our greatest enemy. Let us practice optimism and trust and believe that this is true: "All things work together for good to them that love God."

### TUESDAY — March 3

Yesterday we practised optimism, today we are called on to see if we really could do it under Saturn and Mercury vibrations. "Is it true we can do it?" Yes, because our Heavenly Father is standing by, telling us to say all day: "The Lord is my keeper, I will not fear."

### WEDNESDAY — March 4

Today the planets turned their good sides to us, proving that God in His mercy never lets us suffer if we really try to obey his plans for us. After all, "we are monarchs of all we survey."

### THURSDAY — March 5

Every sign of the Zodiac teaches us certain characteristics of our own natures which we must develop while under their instruction. One being control of the appetite and to learn to know good from evil and to be able to choose the good.

### FRIDAY — March 6

When we look at the aspects of so many planets today, most of them harmonious, it makes us feel very humble as we realize that God is truly good to us. Most of our troubles are trivial when we face the enormity of all God has done for us, let us prove it to ourselves and then never doubt.

### SATURDAY — March 7

We speak of the Aquarian Age as being away in the future. Not so, Uranus visits us with his electric vibrations to raise our consciousness to meet the higher Beings of the New Age. And not only our minds must respond but our physical bodies too, so let us take good care of these vehicles.

### SUNDAY — March 8

Do we ever think of what Jesus went through during the days before Good Friday? Can we imagine that we could go through such suffering? When we



realize that He went through it for our sake should make us more humble and loving; we should make every effort to be worthy by being more like Him in all we do.

#### MONDAY — March 9

As we view the heavens we are reminded of Cicero when he said: "The eyes being in the highest part, have the office of sentinels." So let us stand and gaze at these our moving guardians and make our inward pictures beautiful as we carry their image on to eternity.

#### TUESDAY — March 10

The aspects of Moon and Jupiter today make us think of possessions and of money also, this reminds us of the beautiful thought Rutledge gave us: "By doing good with his money, a man as it were stamps the image of God upon it and makes it pass current for the merchandise of Heaven." "Lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven."

#### WEDNESDAY — March 11

We feel the vibrations of Mars strongly as he is near to our earth, but do not let us take the first space ship; make haste slowly and we will accomplish more. As John Wesley said: "Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry."

#### THURSDAY — March 12

Speaking of necessities, Colton says: "We are ruined, not by what we really want, but by what we think we do, therefore, never go abroad in search of your wants, if they be real wants they will come in search of you. For he that buys what he does not want, will soon want what he cannot buy."

#### FRIDAY — March 13

When trouble comes our way, we feel that Saturn is standing by, he gives us calm and hinders us from making mistakes which we might make under the vibrations of the Mars influence, which rams up into things.

#### SATURDAY — March 14

When the Sun and the Moon are in rapport with each other, all our natures are in harmony. What is more delightful than to live in harmony with those around us and be at peace with the world?

#### SUNDAY — March 15

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." Thus said the boy Jesus in the temple and on this Sabbath it is a poignant question we should ask ourselves. This is our work in this world and our preparation for the next.

#### MONDAY — March 16

Uranus and Mercury are in perfect harmony today. Our intuitive faculties are in tune and what wonderful thoughts would come our way if we were still and listened to the inner voice. Let us all join together and listen because it is knowledge we desire and the future we hope for.

#### TUESDAY — March 17

Add Love to yesterday's vibrations and the things we worry about in this world will seem unimportant when greater vistas are opened to us. Visions and sights such as Emerson expresses: "When a man speaks the truth in the spirit of truth, his eyes are as clear as the heavens."

#### WEDNESDAY — March 18

Thinking of planets and their daily visits would be so interesting if we could accept what the Gods have in store for us. We are children in the school of life, though the lessons are hard to understand sometimes, yet the day will come when we can say: "I am glad for that experience, though hard at the time yet how good."

#### THURSDAY — March 19

There are always many things to do that seemingly must be done, but when we try to do them we cannot accomplish

it. Why! Father Saturn is watching us and letting us know to make haste slowly, perhaps the work is not to be done. Let us reorganize our thinking and right principle will fall into its right place.

#### FRIDAY — March 20

The planet Neptune is not in our Solar System yet has its influence upon us in a spiritual manner of development. The following verse seems to say truly:

“There is a spirit above, and a spirit below,

A spirit of joy and a spirit of woe.

The spirit above is the spirit divine

The spirit below is the spirit of wine.”

—Written about 1825.

#### SATURDAY — March 21

When a planet is not in harmony with another, it is well for us to see where we have failed in life. The planets, in moving around in the solar system are teaching us. Study ourselves and we study the stars. We have nine teachers, each with a mission, to make us nearer to the image of God.

#### SUNDAY — March 22

We have Mercury and Uranus in complete harmony, therefore our minds and thoughts are altruistic, planning for the welfare of others and for the future welfare of the nation. Such thoughts keep us alert for the good and we remember with Carlyle “Thoughts will not work except in silence.”

#### MONDAY — March 23

Jupiter hands out happiness and prosperity and we realize that we are a composite picture of the planets and the Zodiac. We accept the good therefore we must accept the so-called bad also as being just as necessary to our development.

#### TUESDAY — March 24

Today we have a lesson in that the Moon is in opposition to the Sun. Let us see what the great Emerson says

about it: “The effects of opposition are wonderful. There are men who rise refreshed on hearing of a threat, men to whom a crisis which intimidates and paralyzes the majority, comes graceful and beloved as a bride.”

#### WEDNESDAY — March 25

For the next few days let us think on what happened before the resurrection of Jesus Christ. “God expects from men something more at such times and that it were much to be wished for the credit of their conscience that their Easter devotions would in some measure come up to their Easter clothes.” —South.

#### THURSDAY — March 26

Day before Good Friday: Let us purify our bodies by pure living and pure thinking. Let us remember that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The world that we all live in—the flowers and fruits we enjoy because He went to the cross and suffered and came back into the earth to rejuvenate us and it. Our faith in God asks of Him a Risen Redeemer, and this faith is answered by a Saviour risen from the dead.

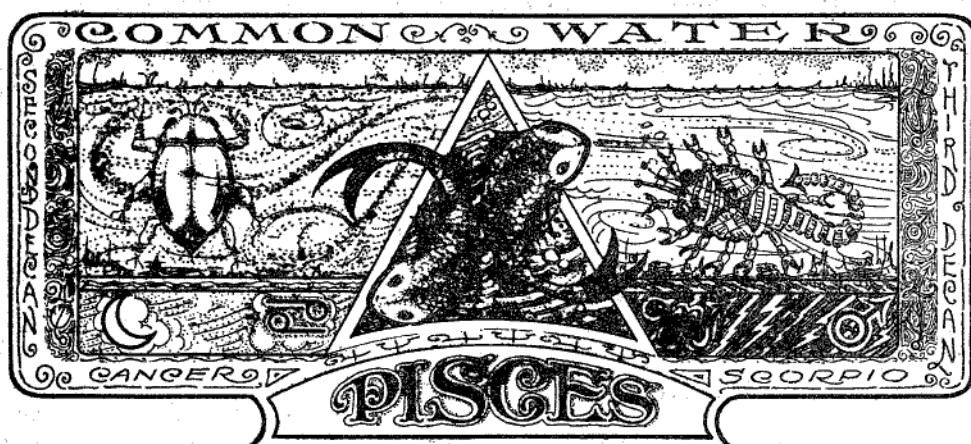
#### FRIDAY — March 27

Today, Good Friday, let us take note of two important lessons to be learned from the trial of Jesus by Pilate: Jesus answered nothing. A lesson in silence, Mark 15:3, 4. And Luke 23-33: Calvary, there they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right hand and one on the left. Then said Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

#### SATURDAY — March 28

Could we learn to forgive those who never could cause us the suffering Jesus had, and yet we must. We must rededicate our lives and know that the earth is consecrated too and thank God for His Goodness and glory in the Risen Christ.

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## The Children of Pisces, 1959

FRANC HAMMER BAIRD

*Birthdays: February 19 to March 20.*

**A**T 9:38 A.M., February 19th, 1959, the Sun enters Pisces where it remains until 8:55 A.M. March 21, Greenwich Mean Time.

Pisces children are "Water Babies." Pisces is a water sign, the 3rd of the Water triplicity, the 12th and last of the Zodiac. It is a mutable or changeable sign, and said to be the sign of secret sorrow and self-undoing. Pisces children are born laden with heavy loads of Karma, accumulated and carried over from previous incarnations. Having now reached the end of a cycle, these debts of destiny must be liquidated before the Ego can begin the next Zodiacal cycle.

Pisces rules the mists and vapors which hover over the earth, between the spiritual and material regions; it is ruled by the benevolent Jupiter and the mystical planet Neptune. Pisces is a mystical sign; its children are mystics, psychic, dreamy, visionary, emotional and super sensitive. They live in a world of make believe which makes it difficult

for them to cope with the world and practical problems.

Pisces is symbolized as two fish bound together but swimming in opposite directions. One of these fish strives to swim upstream and represents the spiritual nature, the other fish represents the lower nature and follows the tide downstream. This symbolism is typical of the dual nature of the Piscean native and the continual struggle for supremacy between the higher and the lower self.

Pisceans absorb both good and evil influences with equal facility. They are kind, cordial and sympathetic. They often appear lazy, luxury loving, self-indulgent and fond of food and good things to eat and drink. They are liable to fall victims to drugs or alcohol and should avoid all use of these stimulants for they are likely to prove dangerous to a Piscean.

These children absorb knowledge very readily without much study. They are good mimics and dancers, due to their extremely emotional nature and their ability to "make believe"; many of them become outstanding actors and actresses.

In the physical body of man Pisces rules the feet. All Pisceans must develop understanding for others and learn to stand firmly on their own feet. Piscean children are temperamental and often hard to understand.

Pisces is the sign of the Christian religion. Its natives are inclined to be religious and compassionate. Their key-note is *Love* and they strive for Unity which is their watchword. Venus, the planet of love, beauty, and harmony is exalted when in Pisces.

Although Pisces, on the whole, is considered more negative than positive, when the Sun is in Pisces well aspected, it activates positive qualities and makes the native benevolent, hospitable, unselfish and devoted, compassionate, modest, forgiving, humorous, and artistic. An afflicted Sun in Pisces is more likely to prove sentimental, dreamy, critical, impractical, mediumistic, and shiftless.

A Piscean native may completely dedicate himself to a life of selfless service or he may drift through life and become a derelict or a public charge. Pisces rules alms houses, hospitals, prisons and all other large institutions. All kinds of secret affairs and secret societies come under the rule of Pisces.

Purple, mauve, and blue are colors allotted to Pisces and its metal is tin. The moonstone or Chrysolite is a Piscean gem. Its flower is the violet.

This year during the solar month of Pisces the following aspects will be made and cast their influences over the lives of those children born during this period:

Aspects between major planets which move slowly, remain in effect over a longer period of time than those formed by the faster moving or minor planets. Aspects which endure throughout a solar month create an underlying pattern for the horoscopes of all children born during this month. However, these children will not all manifest such influences. Only those who are more highly evolved, or those who are born on the days when the faster planets (Sun, Moon, Venus,

Mercury, Mars, or the Asc.) are found in aspect with the former, will be likely to express these powerful influences.

During this entire month, Saturn is sextile Neptune. This brings out saturnine virtues and bestows forethought, self-reliance, determination and ability to delve deeply into occult subjects. It indicates the esteem and confidence of others. Pluto makes three major aspects, sextile Neptune, square Jupiter, and trine Saturn. This gives a natural inclination for research into the mysteries of life and death, and is the mark of an eternal seeker. Some of these children will be marked by Destiny to fulfill a definite mission in life. It makes good disciplinarians but may bring about trouble in litigation. Others born under these influences may be inclined to make deals which never materialize for they are talkers rather than doers.

February 19 to 21, Mercury opposes Pluto and squares Mars; this is unfavorable for memory. It gives a bad temper and a naive quality to the mind, a quick wit, and a sharp tongue. These natives may be egotistical and inclined to bully others, qualities, which overcome, will make them socially unpopular. These children need discipline.

February 19 to 23, Mercury is sextile Saturn which stabilizes the mind and acts as a break upon flighty impulses. It helps to counteract the previous afflictions to Mercury. It provides serious depth to the mind and power of concentration. It also gives profound reasoning ability and helps to make the native cautious and diplomatic. This aspect favors connections with the government, church, or politics. These children will be honest and fair minded. Until February 24 Mercury is trine to Neptune which lends a spiritual quality to the mind, indicates occult knowledge and magnetic healing power, and gives some ability to develop clairvoyance. These children should be educated to hold positions in the higher offices of the business world.

February 19 to March 2, Sun is square

Jupiter, opposite Pluto until March 4, and sextile Saturn until March 6. These children may be opinionated, self indulgent, and fond of "good things." They must learn to govern their appetites, else in later life they will suffer ailments resulting from an overloaded bloodstream.

These children may become victims of false pride or express egotistical qualities. There is a tendency to be indolent and to enter into "get rich schemes." They must be trained to earn the things they desire. Unreliable speculations are likely to bring about material losses in order that the consciousness may be turned toward spiritual values.

The Sun's sextile to Saturn has a powerful and substantial influence making the native strong and reliable in character, for it brings out the best qualities of both planets. It strengthens the constitution and indicates a long life span. It gives the native moral stamina and foresight, diplomatic and organizing ability. These children will be ambitious and highly respected, making very few enemies.

February 20 to March 2. Venus trine Jupiter is one of the best signs of general good fortune and success in life. It gives social prestige, wealth, and the enjoyment of luxuries. It gives some musical talent, makes the disposition jovial, optimistic, and generous. It is favorable for travel and legal matters. This good fortune is somewhat modified between February 23 and March 5, as during that period Venus is square to Saturn and brings out some of the negative qualities of Venus, making the native somewhat jealous-hearted and selfish. There may be trouble with the opposite sex or financial affairs.

March 1 to 13 Venus is sextile Mars and trine Uranus. Children born during this period will have quick intuitive perception, a taste for the arts, and altruistic motives. They will be affectionate and extremely magnetic, attracting hosts of friends. They will have some ingenious money-making ideas.

March 3 to 17, Mercury is square to Saturn. These children will be subject to troubles and delays; sometimes the disposition is stubborn, bitter, or sarcastic with a tendency to be moody and melancholy, becoming a recluse in later life. These children should have especially good care of the ears as sometimes deafness results from Mercury square to Saturn. March 8, 9, 10 Mercury parallel the Sun increases mentality and gives good memory.

From February 28 to March 20, Mars is sextile Uranus and many of these children will be stamped with the mark of genius. Some may become inventors for they are energetic, ambitious, and original. They are able to cope with great difficulties under trying circumstances for they have wide vision and noble motives. They are talented in science and should be trained to fill prominent places in the field of electronics or aviation.

March 2 to 10, Mercury trine Jupiter has a fine influence on the mind. It increases intelligence and broadens the mind. The native is optimistic and philosophical, reliable, sincere, using good judgment in his decisions. This is a favorable influence for travel and these children should be educated for a career in law or literature.

March 9 to 16, Mercury is trine Uranus which gives expression to the Mars-Uranus aspect for it has a powerful influence upon the mentality, giving original, independent, and sometimes eccentric ideas. These children will be impulsive and will chafe at the fetters of tradition and convention; they command complete liberty. This combination of Mercury, Mars and Uranus is the hallmark of a pioneer in thought and invention. The ideals are high, the ideas lofty, and the natives are progressive.

March 12 to 21, the Sun is trine Jupiter which is considered the most fortunate of all planetary aspects for it promises health, wealth, and happiness. It gives abundant vitality and recu-



perative power, and indicates a jovial benevolent disposition and executive ability. This aspect produces successful lawyers, judges, and clergymen who are considered to be the pillars of society.

Thus, this Solar month of Pisces closes on most harmonious vibrations and good fortune for most of the children born this month.

### JIMMIE, THE CHIPMUNK

Jimmie's busy all day long,  
Thrifty as can be,  
Building himself a cozy house  
Near the cherry tree.  
Beneath the ground, his little home  
How deep, I do not know,  
But snug and warm I'm sure 'twill be,  
When winter winds shall blow.  
Dry leaves he gathers busily,  
To make a soft, warm bed;  
I give him corn for his storage bin,  
So through the winter he'll be well fed.  
Such a happy little fellow,  
Friendly, cheerful as can be;  
I look forward every morning  
To his greeting chirp to me.



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## Reading for a Subscriber's Child

OFFUTT, MARY

Born February 29, 1952, 1:36 P.M.  
Latitude 39 N., Longitude 77 W.

Cusps of houses: 10th, Aries 1; 11th, Taurus 7; 12th, Gemini 15; Ascendant, Cancer 18:37; 2nd, Leo 8; 3rd, Virgo 1.

Positions of planets: Jupiter, Aries 16:04; Moon, Taurus 7:29; Uranus Cancer 10:02; retrograde; Pluto, Leo 19:48 retrograde; Dragon's Tail, Virgo 0:18; Part of Fortune, Virgo 15:59; Saturn, Libra 13:53 retrograde; Neptune, Libra 21:21 retrograde; Mars, Scorpio 15:09; Venus, Aquarius 10:33; Dragon's Head, Pisces 0:18; Sun, Pisces 10:07; Mercury, Pisces 16:53.

In this horoscope the majority of the planets, including the three benefics, Jupiter, Sun and Venus, are above the horizon so that their benefic rays pour down upon this child without interference. It is very favorable to have the planets above the horizon and indicates an objective life for Mary, with sufficient ambition and drive to fulfill it. However, cooperation is essential, for her Destiny lies somewhat in the hands of others, as the majority of her planets, including the Sun and Mars, ruler of the M.C., are found in its Western hemisphere.

The Sun is always the focal point in every horoscope and must be given primary consideration, for all life comes from the Sun and its position in the Zodiac indicates the general character of the incarnating Ego. Mary has the Sun and Mercury highly elevated in the 9th house, of the higher mind, and in the watery, emotional, and mutable sign Pisces.

The Sun conjunct Mercury in Pisces is sextile an exalted Moon (ruler of the Asc.) in Taurus, trine the Asc., Uranus and Mars (ruler of the M.C.) in Scorpio. This makes Mary extremely emotional, tender and peace loving. She will have the ability to control her emotional nature and express her feelings constructively. Life will offer her many opportunities accompanied with good fortune and invisible help (luck).

Mary has a fertile imagination and inner harmony. She is mystical and psychic at times; she is inclined to be dreamy and temperamental so that it is not always easy to understand her. She is deeply idealistic and impressionable, sympathetic and charitable. She is extremely sensitive to the suffering of others, practical and altruistic in her efforts to relieve pain and sorrow.

Mars in its own sign Scorpio, the Moon and Saturn both in their exaltation signs, the majority of the planets placed in the last half of their signs and many aspects between them, indicates an experienced Ego who has generated considerable power, which she will now use constructively.

Mary is strong minded and strong willed. She has an excellent analytical mind. She is original, ingenious and magnetic, interested in occult subjects. She has a great deal of intuitive knowledge and she absorbs universal knowledge more than acquiring it from books. She feels more than she reasons. She has the courage of her convictions and will not be easily swayed from her purpose. She has strength of character and stability of purpose. Mary has made great progress in self mastery and will learn the lessons of this life before she departs from it.

Her Karma lies in partnership, public relations, and in home conditions. Saturn conjuncts Neptune in the 4th house square Uranus in the 12th may be a skeleton in the family closet which causes Mary great distress at some time in her life but with Mars trine Uranus, Asc., Sun, Mercury she has the power and the courage to face life's problems successfully.

The elevated position of Jupiter in the 10th house in Aries sextile Venus and trine to Pluto in Leo in the second house, with first degree Aries on the M.C. shows Mary will be a successful pioneer in some field of endeavor. She is a true pioneer, interested in progressive methods. She is independent, high spirited, energetic and ambitious. She is also practical, thoughtful, sincere, honest and trustworthy. The strong 9th house influence activates the higher mind, gives her high ideals, a generous benevolent disposition and makes her optimistic, philosophical, religious and law abiding. The position and aspects of Jupiter are the best possible for general success, in legal matters, social prestige and popularity.

Jupiter trine Pluto in Leo and the second house produces a reformer of true merit and intent. It gives Mary professional ability to recognize and develop talent and money-making power. Mary could be successful as a talent scout or theatrical agent.

The Sun sextile an exalted Moon (ruler of Asc.) and both favored by Uranus in the Asc. gives inner harmony, prestige, social popularity and success with the public. It denotes executive ability and material prosperity, but no horoscope is free from all afflictions and challenge, nor is Mary's.

The distribution of planets throughout the signs and the houses indicate a scattering of forces, for best results Mary must choose some field of action and concentrate her energies in that direction. Cardinal signs on the angles and planets arranged in T cross formation from Cardinal signs indicate im-

pulsive action and make decisions more difficult, while Mars square Pluto is likely to force destiny to a premature climax.

Saturn strong by sign and angular with Neptune square Uranus, brings out the negative qualities of these planets, giving an eccentric quirk to the nature and an inclination to be unconventional in behavior. This can bring forth angry outbursts at times or even cause accidents but it is most likely to affect the health causing chronic digestive and kidney disorders.

The sign Cancer rising on the Asc. gives Mary a great love for family, home and mother, but it also gives love for food and a tendency to over-indulge the appetite. This must be curbed early in life in order to avoid overloading the blood stream and accumulating wastes in the kidneys causing liver and gall bladder trouble later on in life.

The afflictions to the Moon (ruler of the Asc.) opposite Mars and both square Venus have a very detrimental effect upon the general health of a female. This disturbs female and digestive functions and produces painful physical suffering. The favorable aspects to both Sun and Moon from Jupiter and Uranus favor health and offset the negative influences. These aspects lend a charming, magnetic quality to this girl's personality and attract many friends to her.

Mary should use much discretion in selecting friends and controlling her love affairs as Mars, the planet of desire and sexual attraction, is ruler of and in her 5th house of love affairs. Mars square to Venus makes Mary very attractive to the opposite sex but is likely to attract the wrong type which will cause her trouble especially with her female friends. (Moon opposite in 11th house, Venus ruler of the 11th house.)

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And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.—Bible.



## Liquid Sunshine

A. J. HAWORTH, D.C.

**A**T the winter solstice we think about that which the birth of Christ brought for our eternal glory and good. Our spiritual welfare receives a new impetus for the coming year. Then as the Sun moving northward enters the sign Capricorn we think about resolutions for the coming year which are designed to benefit our spiritual advancement. The sun in a cardinal sign gives added strength to our conscious effort, just as the moon does in a cardinal sign give more life to the efforts put forth on weekly healing dates.

Then at the spring equinox our minds are turned to the great sacrifice as depicted in the Easter ceremonies, when the Christ Spirit purged the desire world at this propitious time. Thus the time is ripe for purging the dense body of accumulated wastes, just as the Christ purged the "sins of the world" or the waste matter of bygone ages when man's gross appetites were in the ascendancy.

Though much progress has since been made in reducing the lust and cravings in the lower nature of man, he still has a long way to go ere the sensual part of the desire body is under control. So following the planetary urge, mankind has more or less considered spring as a time for house-cleaning, taking spring tonics,

molasses and sulphur, etc., for body cleansing.

At the beginning of the new year astrologically, the Sun in Aries with Mars ruling, is when the Planetary Spirit of Mars makes a special effort to help the human race by burning out old poisons with the help of the Sun in the fiery Aries. "Many people get "spring fever" and feel so depleted during this period they may think some very real affliction has come to them, instead of the blessing.

Medical astrology is that special use of the divine science which, while very profound, is of inestimable use in healing the sick. One who is truly dedicated to going forward with the second, commandment of the Master, will surely want to get at least a working knowledge, for their own good at first possibly and to prove its verity before giving help to others. Max Heindel tells us that if he had to choose between medical astrology and clairvoyance he would take the astrology. The reason being that one would not only see the basic cause of disease, the strength or weakness of ductless glands as well as other organs or part of the anatomy; one may give a good prognosis, knowing when the good auspicious or adverse aspects arrive. It is also a quick and easy method once the fundamentals are known.

Aries rules the head, cerebral hemispheres, the various head organs and eyes, but Scorpio has dominion over the nose. Thus we may see that pathology in this area will produce symptoms such as headaches, migraine-intra-cranial inflammation of brain tissue, neuralgia, trance and coma, brain hemorrhages, etc.

People who have Saturn in Aries may expect congested conditions due to the planets blocking influence, the Sun's influence is hot and dry, Mars will inflame, Uranus gives neoplastic growth, when afflicted here. Moon will tend to watery conditions like edemas, etc. Jupiter tends to swelling, Venus to cooling influences, Mercury to sensory nerve conditions and Neptune to tissue shrinkage. Here we see the key how to get a line on the *kind* of influence the Planetary Spirit produces and this applies regardless of the sign in which the planet appears in the chart. Although the sign itself will bear a certain static relation according to its nature which key is seen in the element, as well as its quality, cardinal fixed or common.

Now that we have given special attention to Aries and some basic rules for detecting the nature of afflictions, let us get on to the more general matter of the spring purging, which will do great benefit to all regardless of how his natal horoscope is fraught with health problems.

It is advisable to use fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible, preferably those organically grown, that is where no chemical fertilizers or sprays have been used. Off season items shipped green from all parts of the United States and the world are very expensive, but more important, they lack the vital and mineral development to give full benefit.

During this purging we give just the general approach and each one as he becomes more familiar with his body needs will adjust accordingly. One good rule to remember is that the live foods give spiritual as well as physical energy, *i.e.*, the ethers of the plant's vital body,

when introduced into the human vital body, generate force in this body which is correlated to the earth's vital body, and the Christ Ray in the World of Life Spirit, but of course the energizing of the vital body will not produce spiritual advancement, no more than if one eats pages out of the prayer book.

But he must recognize that if his spiritual faculties as well as the physical cells are enlivened he must use this along spiritual lines of action to a great extent or the force is apt to put so much pressure on his nervous system as to do his body harm and make him uncomfortable; we may compare it to what happens when an electrical fuse is blown out. A normal amount of meditation and concentration as given in the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception, service to his neighbors, moderate physical work or exercise and cultivation of proper attitudes, is quite adequate and all that is necessary for true development; beware of extremes in anything, remembering Paul's admonition to moderation. During this cleansing process it is better to use the juices of fresh fruits and vegetables—not the canned variety, as they may have been changed in some chemical way. The machine which reduces the whole item to a thick juice is good to use as one does not lose minerals from the skin. Lacking such a machine we can, of course, squeeze by hand.

Grape juice, any variety, is probably the leader of the cleansers, but naturally no one juice contains all the factors the body needs for good sustenance while the purging is in process; one need not stop eating or working, in fact one will become more and more energetic as the process goes on. Some cottage cheese and buttermilk should be used and doctors have found that two or three tablespoons of honey per day not only give carbohydrates, but especially feed and nourish the beneficial bacteria in the digestive tract which have been placed there by the buttermilk, sour cream, cottage cheese, etc.

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## Patience a Healing Agent

**W**HO has not experienced that lowering, sinking, diminishing sensation known as discouragement? That dejection and abasement of self which seems to cut off from our lives all that we hold dear and desirable. So many resolute and progressive souls are hindered and plagued by this feeling of inadequacy, or uselessness, that blessed indeed is the one who does not have to so endure. But, for those of us who do so suffer, there is, at least, one bright spot on the horizon—we are driven on to greater effort through our misery and are saved from the pitfall of premature inner contentment, and self-satisfaction, inducing us to stop striving and rest on our “laurels” before the task before us is finished. Instead, properly armed with faith and purpose, knowing that tests are not misfortunes but part of the training and developing process needful to convert men into the stuff of which gods are made, we welcome each rebuff as a purging and toughening treatment readying us for greater attainment.

But, some may say, “It is not easy to be patient and faithful when suffering from discouragement.” Of course, it is not. It is not easy to exert one’s will under such adverse conditions, but it is worth it, for faith in the Law enables us to rise above such painful experiences and we are then in a position to aspire, and work, toward condi-

tions more nearly to our liking. Moreover, faith based upon the immutable Law of God grows to be knowledge, and knowledge opens wide the shutters of our minds and sets us free of old uncomfortable conditions we have outgrown.

Now, let us see further why we should always struggle to raise ourselves literally “by our bootstraps” out of a morass of discouragement, or depression, into which we may have carelessly slipped. When examined, we find that discouragement is but a step above pessimism, which is a negative approach to life and an uncomfortable traveling companion. When one yields to, and remains in, a discouraged condition of mind over seeming failures, one has temporarily, at least, entered the destructive mental current with the pessimist. Discouragement repels good things and, like pessimism, attracts the undesirable. It is born of *impatience*. We must learn, and accept, the fact that all good things must be merited and earned. When we wish to achieve greater works, we must first clear the avenue, through which the increase is to come to us, of the rubbish we ourselves have placed there. Thus working, with faith in the outcome, we are protected from the ravisher discouragement.

We are told of another way in which a tendency to discouragement, or depression, may be overcome. We must

set up an opposing current of vibration. If one feels miserable and wretched, one should search for the cause of the trouble. If it is found to stem from a wrong diet, change it. Become active physically. Get out into the sunshine. Let us take a walk, or visit someone who is fun-loving and good tempered. If the pessimistic condition is found to be caused by mental depression alone, then we must refuse to accept it and force our minds, through will power, to dwell on pleasant things. Count our blessings (we all have them) and remember happy and peaceful intervals in our lives.

Determine to set the stage of your own moods, serene in the knowledge that every ego is just where it belongs at this moment, and that every ego will eventually become what it really desires to be. Be sure that if it desires to grow and progress, the opportunities will be given it as fast as it can make use of them. Refuse to be impatient, with its resultant discouragement, and learn to wait with patience—as God waits for the development of man.

### HEALING DATES

Visible Helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held every evening in the Healing Temple at 6:30, and in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:45 P.M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

February . . . . .	4—11—18—25
March . . . . .	3—10—17—24—30
April . . . . .	6—14—21—27

Relax, close your eyes, and make a mental picture of the white rose in the center of the Rosicrucian Emblem on the west wall of our Pro-Ecclesia, and concentrate on *Divine Love and Healing*.

### DAILY THOUGHT AND GUIDE (Continued from page 33)

#### SUNDAY — March 29

The lesson of Easter on Easter Sunday: "For if thou be dead with Him, thou shalt also live with Him, and if thou be a partaker of His suffering, thou shalt be also of His glory."—Thomas à Kempis.

And again: "Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do."—John 13:36.

#### MONDAY — March 30

All Christian worship is a witness of the Resurrection of Him who liveth for ever and ever. Because He lives, faith, hope and love abideth but the greatest of these is love.

#### TUESDAY — March 31

The last day of March ends in a note of rejoicing. Five planets are in a chorus of spiritual harmony with Venus and Neptune in duet and Uranus, Saturn and Sun bringing their own vibrations, symphony of their own spheres. Let us listen in and join them!

### NUTRITION AND HEALTH (Continued from page 31)

Back to our sign of the month, Aries, wherein the Sun is exalted. This sign indicates foods dominated by the sun, such as the yellow types, carrots, oranges, peppers (a Mars food), all heavy in phosphorous, for this mineral is the key for this sign. It is the medium through which the ego contacts the personality in the bloodstream; this is discussed fully in the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.

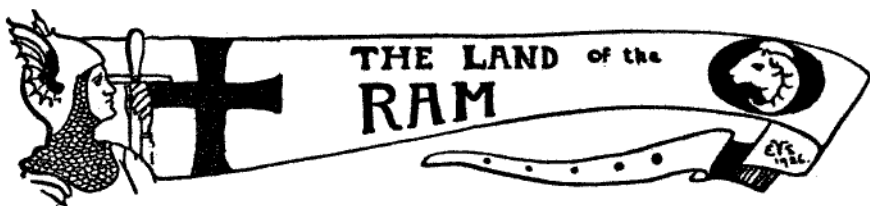
When the general health of the body is improved, specific ailments lose power, for the body is an intelligent unit and strives for body unity and harmony.



# Children's Department

## The Adventures of Rex and Zendah in the Zodiac

ESME SWAINSON



(Continued)

**R**EX and Zendah were soon aware that they were near the last gate, that of the Ram, for it began to get so hot that they quickly turned to look.

It was the first time during their adventures that they were really startled, and even a little afraid, just for a moment. Where one would expect to find a gate, there was a wall of leaping flames, dashing with a roar higher and higher above their heads until they seemed to touch the sky. They stood and watched and as they did so, they began to see all the wood-fire colors of green and blue, lilac and red, where at first, they had seen only yellow. Each color seemed to be singing a note of music, so it was fascinating to watch and pleasant to listen to.

"The last gate!" said Rex after a few minutes, "and it seems to be the most difficult to pass. See! among the flames there hangs a horn; but how ever can we manage to get it so as to sound the alarm?" "Well," replied Zendah, "courage is the password of this land so we had better see if we can get nearer it."

Hand in hand, step by step, they crept nearer and nearer. Strangely enough it did not get hotter the nearer they came to the gate, and at last they stood quite close to the flames. Rex, greatly daring, put up his hand and found he could take the horn without getting burned. He sounded the horn, which was answered by another on the other side of the gate. The flames divided themselves into two pillars curved and twisted at the top like horns. A chain of scarlet fire joined them together, from which hung a curtain of rose colored flames. The pillars were of a golden color and very brilliant. Again the inner horn sounded and then came the challenge, "Who dares to come to this gate?" The children replied as instructed by the scroll: "Rex and Zendah through Courage dare to enter the Land of the Ram."

"Enter the fire," commanded the voice. This instruction did seem difficult and they stood and looked at each other for a minute or two, but neither of them said anything in case the other was afraid. They came closer to the

gate and found the curtain of flames divided in the center, which allowed them to enter without harm, although the flames seemed to be roaring at each hand as they passed. They arrived suddenly at the other side and found themselves in a land of brilliant sunshine. The air was so sparkling that they wanted to jump and sing with excitement.

No one was there to meet them, as at some of the other gates, and wild country lay ahead—rough stones and forest lands, uncultivated but beautiful, and with no roads. At their feet they found two hatchets, which evidently they were expected to take, for they had labels, on which were carved the words, "Use me, I help to smooth rough places."

"There does not seem to be any path," said Rex, picking up one of the hatchets and giving the other to Zendah, "I wonder which way we had better try to go?" "Let us follow the Sun," she replied, "That will surely lead us somewhere." Off they went, over the rough land, clambering amid rocky slopes, through woods, where they had to cut a path in the thickets with their axes. It was all great fun though rather rough traveling. At last, after some little time, they came to pleasant fields and signs of habitation, and were met at the edge of the wild woods by a big white ram. Bells hung from the ram's gilded horns. Flocks of sheep filled the fields but the ram, somehow, made Rex and Zendah understand that they were to follow him—he was certainly a very wise one!

On they went, tramping after the ram. The sun was very hot, and the breeze strong, but it made them feel vigorous and able to walk without becoming tired. At last they came to a road and houses, and from the largest of these sounded forth the noise of machinery and much hammering. They stopped to look, for all the doors and windows of the building from which came the hammering, were wide open. Inside many men were

working with tools, machinery and furnaces, handling in some cases red hot iron. "What are they making?" they ventured to ask of a man who was coming out of a building. "Everything you can imagine that is made of iron," he replied. "All the tools that are used on the land for plowing and reaping, and at present I am sorry to say swords and guns, and all things that men need when they go to war, and these we shall have to make until men stop fighting. Then the energy of the ram will be used for only really useful tools."

For a few minutes they watched the busy hive of men, and the sparks that flew up every now and then. At last turning away they again followed the ram. Up the road came dashing a group of horsemen who glittered in the sun as they approached. When they drew their panting horses to a halt, Rex and Zendah saw they were knights in real armor. The leader saluted them with his sword. "The King desires your presence at once," he said, "and has sent us to fetch you. Mount quickly and ride with us."

A horse was brought for each of the children, and they were delighted to find that they were the same horses they had ridden in the Land of the Archer. The leading knight, too, they had met before in the Land of the Lion, so they felt quite at home.

Rex was invited to ride at the head of the troop of knights, because he was the special visitor. This being his own land. Very fast they rode, the wind rushing through their hair with the speed at which they travelled, on and on, past clearings in the forest where rough huts were springing up, past towns that seemed only just built; until at last they arrived at the City of Mars.

Situated on a hill was the palace, built entirely of red polished marble, looking very splendid and shining like fire in the rays of the sun. They did not stop for a moment, but swiftly as-

cended the steps until they drew up at the palace porch, where more knights met them. These knights wore over their armour white tunics, embroidered in red and gold with the emblem of the cross and the lamb. Some of them, but not many had red tunics, and white crosses. Each knight was attended by a small boy, with red hair, who walked in front carrying the knight's sword and helmet, which was always splendid, and made of worked steel.

Rex and Zendah were escorted along passages and up a long flight of dark green, bloodstone steps, until at the top they were met by an old man in a monk's robe. "You have something very important to do," he said. "In this, your last visit, we have been given orders to make you Knights of the Sun, if you will take the pledges. The fire you passed through at the gate was the first test. Will you, Rex and Zendah, promise to speak the truth, be fearless, fight for the weak, and be loyal to our King?" Each replied: "I will."

He then placed on their shoulders a long white cloak with a red cross on the back and requested them to follow him into the hall and not speak until he bade them. It was a very lofty hall, so high that one could not see the ceiling. The walls were pale rose color, and the pillars were magnificent scarlet, like a poppy. Knights in their shining armour stood at attention along the wall, and banners of all countries and lands hung everywhere, some new and some worn and tattered. The throne was not in the usual place, but in the center of the hall, and facing it at the far end stood an altar. The window in the wall behind this was curiously shaped like a sword, stretching from floor to roof. The cross handle of the sword formed the diameter of a narrow circular window, with twelve small divisions, each of a different colored glass.

Slowly they followed the old man to the throne, where they found King Mars dressed in wonderful red and gold robes

and wearing a crown of polished steel. He bowed to them and said, "I am commissioned by our Lord the Sun, to make you his knights; it is a great honor. You have promised to obey the knights' law, and so when the right moment arrives you will follow me to the cushions in front of the altar. You notice the fire is not lighted; once every year the Sun relights the Sacred Fire to show that the earth awakens to its year of work with his help. It is at this time that we admit anyone who is qualified to become a Knight of the Sun."

In front of the altar on the right hand, stood a herald with a trumpet. On each side were seated six drummers. The drummers rolled out a tattoo, and as



they did so Mars left his throne and walked up and took his place in front of the altar. Rex and Zendah followed and knelt down on the cushions placed for them. The trumpeter sounded one clear note, and at this moment a great beam of sunlight flashed through the sword-shaped window, striking across the altar on its way and shining on Mars and on the children who knelt at his feet.

The scented wood caught fire and clouds of smoke rose into the air. In the clouds they saw the face of the Sun Lord smiling at them, and then

it vanished. While the sunbeam still shone upon them Mars drew his sword, and striking each child lightly on the shoulder, cried: "Rise, true Knights of the Sun, take each the Sword of Light, like that which was bestowed upon King Arthur, and, with courage and cheerfulness, fight the Dragon of Selfishness in the world, never despairing, however difficult the task."

The children rose to their feet, and the attendant pages girded them with scarlet belts, and gave them shining swords whose handles had their names set in brilliant diamonds. Every knight in the hall drew his sword and saluted them. It was a wonderful sight to see them all flashing in the air. Then they took their places as knights by the side of Mars, and watched men and women come to beg him to sign their papers, that they might, during the coming year, go forth into strange lands and explore or fight for the oppressed.

To each he said as he fixed his red seal to the paper: "Go forth, brother, with courage and overcome all difficulties." The beam of sunlight gradually faded away and Mars turned to the children and told them it was time for them to go. Saluting with their new swords, they turned and went out of the palace, back to their horses which were waiting for them at the entrance. The knights rode with them to this entrance, and after saluting their brother knights with their swords, the children soon found themselves outside the gates. "Our adventures are over, Zendah," sighed Rex, "now we have to go home."

"And you would not find that so easy without me," cried a voice, and turning around they saw Hermes. "Now we must go quickly. When we get home I shall help you to remember all you have seen and heard. You are wondering how to use your talismans? Well, as each month comes, think of your password and you will find that you will be able to use your talisman all that month. How much use you can

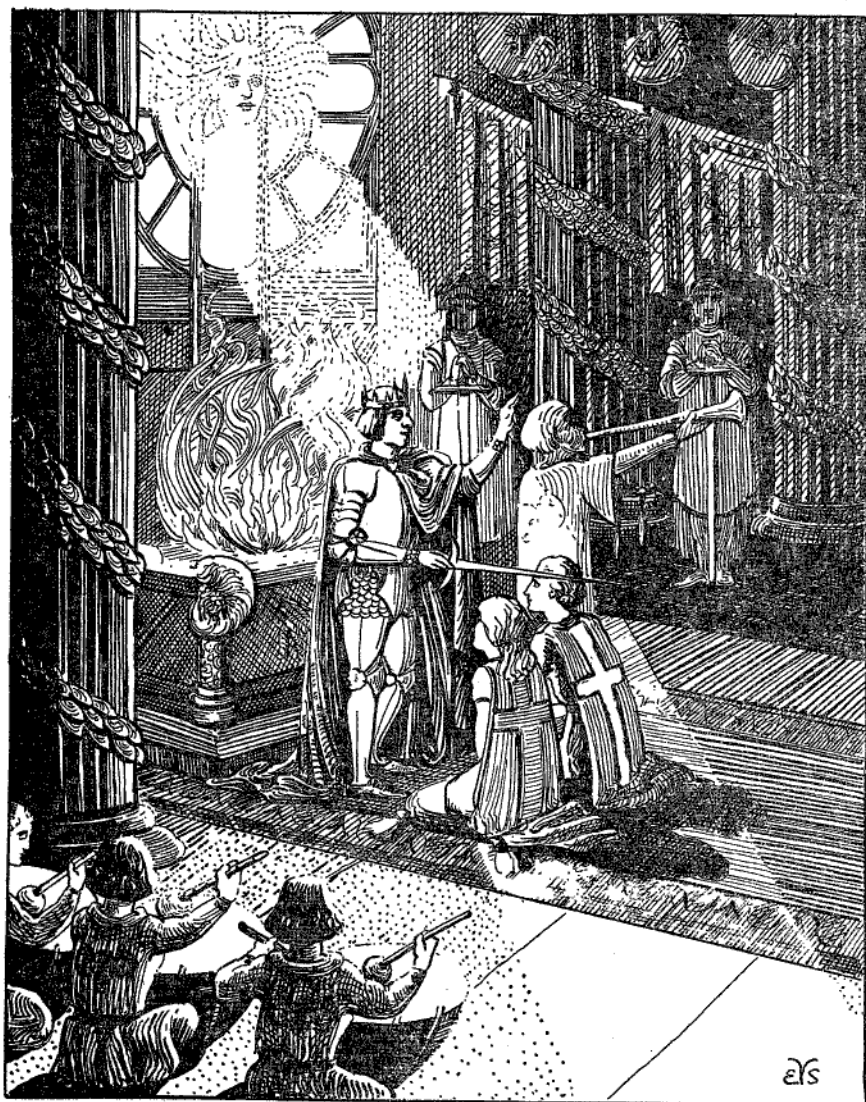
make of it depends on practice. See, too, here are the rest of the keys to open the Book of Wisdom; these you will be able to use also as you grow older." He took hold of their hands and back they flew to earth, so swiftly that before they could count two, they were standing in their own room.

"Now," said Hermes, "you must get out of your star bodies very slowly and then you will remember when you wake up in the morning." He touched them with his wand, and—the next thing they remembered they were sitting up in bed with the sun shining in at the window and mother saying: "Well, you are a long time waking up this morning."

They jumped up at once. "Oh, mother, we have had such a lovely time, we have been to the star lands with Hermes. And oh—do you remember seeing us in the Land of the Crab?" Mother smiled, "So you do remember too. I hope you always will, for not all children are taken by Hermes to the lands of the Zodiac."

## EPILOGUE

The Adventures are ended. But you can all find the entrance gates to the lands of the Zodiac if you search for them. However, you will find some of these lands much easier to visit than others. Of course this does not depend upon which fairy smiled into your cradle when you were born and gave you for your very own the talisman and password of your sign. If King Neptune smiled upon you, or the Lady Moon, you will have adventures to tell even more exciting than those of Rex and Zendah when you awaken in the morning. And then you must write your adventures for other children to read. Best of all, if you can persuade Hermes, the messenger of the Gods, to touch you with his magic wand and give you his shoes of swiftness, they will be your passport to all the Lands of the Stars.



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