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THE AQUARIAN AGE AND THE NEW COVENANT

According to Luke's Gospel (22nd chapter), the Christ sent Peter and John with instructions to look for a man bearing a pitcher of water and to enter into the house where he went, for there the passover was to be held. Later at that place He gave the apostles the bread and water which constituted the New Covenant, declaring that He would no more drink the fruit of the vine.

This is entirely misunderstood. To the great majority the man with the pitcher of water has no meaning, neither the fact that the passover was to be held at his house and not at some other place. Also, people believe that Christ gave His Disciples wine to drink, whereas the Bible says the opposite. There is a great significance in this story when we examine it in the light of the esoteric teaching.

First, let us remember how the leaders of humanity have given each new race a certain appropriate food (as elucidated in the *Cosmo-Conception*). Briefly, grain was given to Cain, the Second Race man, who was plant-like and had a vital body. To Abel, the Third Race man, who had a desire body, milk was supplied. To Nimrod, the Fourth Race man, who had a mind, meat was given. Wine was supplied by Noah to the Fifth Race man. It made him a godless egotist, but it also helped him to reach the nadir of his material evolution. Now, however, the spiritual evolution is about to begin, and altruistic ideas must be fostered, or at least started to germinating, so that they may be expressed by the Sixth Race. This again requires a change in diet.

While these steps in evolution have taken place, the Sun by precession has circled the zodiac many times. But each step was inaugurated under a specific sign, and each was preceded and succeeded by minor cycles which were replicas of the great ages and evolutionary epochs. Thus the last six or seven thousand years while the Sun went through Taurus, the sign of the Bull, Aries, the sign of the Ram, and Pisces, the watery, fluidic sign, have been ages of material development, fostered by meat and wine. Even Christ at the beginning of His ministry turned water to wine, ratifying its continued use during the Piscean Age. But at the end of His earthly career He sent His disciples to prepare the passover in the house of the Water-bearer, and there abolished meat and wine by giving the bread and the water cup as the New Covenant for the Kingdom of God, where He is to reign as the Prince of Peace.

Thus we are told: Christ is the Sun Spirit, and when the Sun passes over the equator at the vernal equinox in the sign of the Water-bearer, the Aquarian Age will be ushered in, in which the fleshless, non-alcoholic diet of the New Covenant will be in vogue and an era of altruism will dawn. We are beginning to feel this beneficent influence now, though it is still centuries away, and we are here to help prepare for that time. Therefore it behooves us to cleanse ourselves physically, morally, mentally, and spiritually that we may be shining examples to others and thereby lead them to the great Light which we have been fortunate enough to see.—*Max Heindel*.



Revising the Christian Bible

THE revising of our Christian Bible, particularly the New Testament, has been going on practically ever since the first translation into English from the Greek by William Tyndale in 1525. This translation is said to have been the basis for subsequent versions, such as that of Coverdale in 1535, the Great Bible in 1539, the Geneva Bible in 1560, and the Bishop's Bible in 1568. The King James Version appeared in 1611.

Discovery of New Testament manuscripts older than those previously used by translators, along with an increasing interest in Bible study, resulted in a revision of the King James Version in the middle of the nineteenth century. In 1881-85 the English Revised Version was published, and in 1901 the American Standard Version appeared. The latter was revised by two committees, one for the Old Testament and one for the New, and the publication of this Revised Standard Version of the Bible was authorized in 1951 by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

There have of course been many other translations of the Bible since the year 1611, and during the past half century they have increased, as the spirit of investigation and research in all matters pertaining to human life, with stress on science and religion, has gained momentum. The skeptical eye of the material scientist has been scrutinizing the contents of the Bible from the time materialism began to dominate the human mind, and it is therefore not surprising to the occultist to see that in our present scientific age, concerned so much with ways to use atomic power and travel to outer space, this scrutiny has become more intensified and widespread. The questioning mind more and more insistently demands that religious beliefs satisfy the reason and logic of the intellect as well as the faith of the heart.

Among the more recent revisions of the Bible may be cited that of the Scofield Reference Edition, "a formidable if not determinative force in fundamentalism for more than fifty years." An article in the April 14, 1967, issue of *Christianity Today* by Harold Lindsell may be considered a fair indication of the kind of changes being made in biblical texts by leaders in the orthodox Christian world today, as they endeavor to answer the criticisms and objections being voiced more and more loudly by the logical, reasoning mind. These come from both the younger and the older thinkers. Mr. Lindsell states:

"On the credit side much can be said for Scofield II. Although tied to archaic King James language, the revisers have made the best of this bad bargain by replacing antiquated words with up-to-date ones. This involves hundreds of words, and all such changes are marked by vertical lines. For example 'Replenish the earth' (Gen. 1:28) has become 'fill the earth,' which is decidedly better; 'let it forth' (Luke 20:9) has become 'leased it' and 'householders' has become 'tenants'; 'publican' (Luke 8:11) has become 'tax collector'. Approximately six hundred changes in names have been made (mostly spelling) and these have been indexed. Usher's chronology has been abandoned; no dates are supplied for events prior to 2,000 B.C., and those between 2,000 and 1,000 B.C. are approximate!

"Some of the Scofieldians who have objected ardently to newer translations for omitting words, phrases, and verses that never should have been in the King James Version in the first place will be amazed to discover that Scofield II has often done the same thing. The closing part of the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:13) is a case in point; the footnote mentions the absence of manuscript evidence for its inclusion. Unfortunately, Scofield II does not do enough of this. For example, there is no adequate manuscript evidence for 'I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last' in Revelation 1:11, but the reader cannot learn this from Scofield I or II."

Mr. Lindsell continues: "The heart of the Scofield Reference Bible is its dispensational system of interpretation. (A system based on the divine ordering of creation.) Basically this system remains unchanged in Scofield II. The revision committee was charged to maintain the system and did so with remarkable fidelity. (The framework of the "system" is ever limiting.—*Ed.*) There are still seven dispensations, although the name of the sixth has been changed from *Grace to Church*. The definition of dispensation has been refined. The distinction between Israel and the Church continues . . ."

"Scofield II clarifies one pivotal point at which the earlier version was roundly criticized: the charge that in some dispensations men were saved by works. This arose from notes such as the one for John 1:17: 'The point of testing is no longer legal obedience as the condition of salvation, but acceptance or rejection of Christ, with good works as a fruit of salvation.' Scofield II eliminates this and says: 'Prior to the cross man's salvation was through faith, being grounded on Christ's atoning sacrifice, viewed anticipatively by God.' In the introduction to the 1967 edition, the revision editors carefully state that salvation in every dispensation is 'by grace through faith.' Moreover, the revision acknowledges that dispensations cannot be strictly limited as to time and that they overlap."

On our desk is a volume which contains four versions of the New Testament, in parallel texts: the King James Version, the Revised Standard Version, the Phillips Modern English Version, and the New English Bible. It makes an interesting study to compare certain passages, particularly those having a definite bearing upon our conception of the nature of God, or some other vital point.

One of the important points is that part of the Lord's Prayer which states (in the King James Version): "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." In the Revised Standard Version

it is exactly the same. In the Phillips Modern English Version it is stated: "Keep us clear of temptation, and save us from evil." In the New English Bible it is: "And do not bring us to the test, But save us from the evil one."

The occultist (and no doubt many church people with analytical minds) wonders if it ever occurred to the translators to question the justice and wisdom and love of a God who would deliberately lead His children into temptation! At any rate the Phillips Modern Version beseeches God to "keep us clear of temptation," which seems better than suggesting that God deliberately leads us into temptation, but which even so might not be the wisest request to make, since we have to be tried and tempted to reveal our strength. Dr. George Lamsa, the eminent scholar who translates directly from the Aramaic, puts it in his *The Modern New Testament*: "And do not let us enter into temptation, but deliver us from error." Perhaps this is getting closer to what the occultist might wholly agree with: "Help us in times of temptation to assert the God within and overcome the lower propensities which are our temptors."

But there are other and more basic points which need attention in future revisions of the Bible. In connection with these we need to consider the Apocrypha, those books which many scholars claim have as much right to be included in the Bible as the Books that are in it. Among them are the Epistle of Barnabas, Esdras, Maccabees, Tobit, Baruch, Judith, and Enoch.

Dr. Charles F. Potter, author of that stimulating little volume, *The Lost Years of Jesus Revealed*, devotes a chapter to the *Importance of Enoch and other Pseudigraphs*. In it he points out that these books were omitted from the accepted Bible because of the information they contained which would not fit in with what those who were arranging the Bible thought was "right" and "proper." He says:

"It is extremely embarrassing (to orthodox theologians) to read the best part of the Sermon on the Mount, for instance, in the Enoch and other similar Essene writings, such as Jubilees, the Psalms of Solomon, and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, when we have found actual pre-Christian manuscripts of them in Cave 4, right in the backyard of the Essene Qumran house!"

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940's has of course caused the greatest upset in the thinking of Christendom that has occurred since its beginning. To quote further from Dr. Potter:

"Here are these 'rejected' books, written B.C., yet containing many sayings and teachings hitherto thought by most Christians to be original in Christianity's New Testament, and to have been first spoken by Jesus the Christ as a direct new revelation, a hitherto-unrevealed message from God the Father."

Dr. Potter goes on to say that: "The so-called 'War of the Scrolls' . . . has barely begun . . . When the too-careful preachers get around to revealing to the public, in English, what has already been circulated in French about the contents of the other caves, the second battle of 'The War of the Scrolls' will begin to crackle in the columns of newspapers and magazines — and in Sunday School adult Bible classes!"

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THE *Mystic* ... LIGHT



Ancient Lemuria

E. B.

THE name *Lemuria* has fascinated occultly minded historians for ages past, and will no doubt continue to do so increasingly as man perseveres in probing with new instruments and added insight into the past as well as into the future.

Many startling statements have been made about this "lost" continent, among them being that in the land of Lemuria man made his first appearance on Earth. Another is that the Garden of Eden was on a now-sunken continent in the Pacific Ocean. Still another is that the people of Lemuria possessed strange and wonderful powers.

Such statements as these must be investigated, examined, and verified by research in the Memory of Nature before they can be accepted without reservation. Max Heindel, an Initiate of the Rosicrucian Order, and therefore a positively developed clairvoyant with the ability to read in the Memory of Nature, has left us some most enlightening information concerning ancient Lemuria and its people.

He tells us that the Lemurian Epoch was the third of the seven great stages or epochs of time in our present Earth Period, and existed millions and millions of years ago. The atmosphere of the latter part of Lemuria was somewhat like a dense fire-fog. The crust of the Earth was then just beginning to be-

come quite hard and solid in some places; in others it was still fiery, and between islands of crust was a sea of boiling, seething water. Volcanic outbursts marked this time when the lower fires fought hard against the formation of the encircling wall which was to imprison them.

Upon the harder and comparatively cool spots man lived surrounded by giant fern-forests and animals of enormous size. The forms of both man, and animal were yet quite plastic. The skeleton had formed, but man himself had great power in molding the flesh of his own body and that of the animals about him. His body was ape-like, a short trunk with enormous arms and limbs, the heels projecting backward, and almost no head — at least the upper part of the head was nearly entirely wanting. Living in the atmosphere of steam which occultists call fire-fog, man had no lungs (such as the organs we now have), but breathed by means of tube-like lungs. (These changed to gill-clefts in Atlantis.) He had a bladder-like organ inside, which he inflated with heated air to help him leap enormous chasms when volcanic eruptions destroyed the land upon which he was living. From the back of his head there projected an organ which has now been drawn into the head and is called by anatomists the pineal gland, or third

eye, although it was never an eye, but a localized organ of feeling. The body was then devoid of feeling, but when man came too close to a volcanic crater, the heat was registered by this organ to warn him away before his body was destroyed.

When the Lemurian was born he could hear and feel, but he had no eyes — only sensitive spots which were affected by the light of the Sun. He could not see his body or anything else, but he did *perceive* fellow beings, by means of an inner perception, very much like our dream perception, except that this dream-perception was clear and rational. When, in the course of long ages, his body dropped away, he entered another, quite unconscious of the change. The Spirit was outside the body it had to guide, but all man's bodies (dense, vital, and desire) had been impregnated with the germ of separate personality, so they were not so easily guided as the animal of today. Desire was rampant and needed a strong curb.

The language of the Lemurian consisted of sounds like those of Nature. The sighing of the wind in the immense forests which grew in great luxuriance in that super-tropical climate, the rippling of the brook, the howling of the tempest — for Lemuria was storm-swept — the thunder of the waterfall, the roar of the volcano — all these were to him voices of the God from whom he knew himself to have descended. Their language was to the Lemurians something holy. Each sound uttered by them had power over their fellow-beings, over the animals, and even over nature around him. Therefore, under the guidance of the Lords of Venus, the power of speech was used with great reverence, as something most holy.

In the middle of the Lemurian Epoch the separation of the sexes occurred, and the Ego began to work slightly upon the dense body, building organs within. Man was not at that time the wide-awake conscious being he is at present, but by means of half the sex-

force he was building a brain for the expression of thought.

In the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch there was a small group of nascent humanity who were sufficiently advanced so that a germinal mind could be given them and the Spirit could commence slowly to draw into its vehicles. On that account these people were different from all the rest of the to-be-humans of that time; they were the first *race*, a chosen people, selected from the rest on account of special fitness to receive in germ the mind which was to be evolved during the coming Atlantean Epoch. The greater part of the Lemurians were animal-like and the forms inhabited by them have degenerated into the savages and anthropoids of the present day.

The subject of education during Lemurian times is one which deserves special attention. Their methods seem shocking to our more refined sensibilities. Strenuous in the extreme as they may seem, it should be remembered that the Lemurian body was not nearly so highstrung as are the human bodies of the present day, being more tendon-like in nature; also that it was only by the very harshest measures that the exceedingly dim consciousness could be touched at all. As time went on and the consciousness became more and more awakened, such extreme measures as those used then became unnecessary, but at that time they were indispensable to arouse the slumbering forces of the Spirit to a consciousness of the outside world.

The education of the boys was designed especially to develop the quality of Will. They were made to fight one another, and these fights were extremely brutal. They learned to make their muscles tense, and to carry immense burdens by the exercise of the Will.

The education of the girls was intended to promote the development of the imaginative faculty. They were put out in the great forests, to let the sound of the wind in the tree tops speak to

them and to listen to the furious outbursts of flood and tempest. They thus learned to have no fear of those paroxysms of nature and to perceive only the grandeur of the warring elements. The frequent volcanic outbursts were greatly valued as a means of education, being particularly conducive to the awakening of the faculty of memory.

Since Max Heindel points out that it was at the end of the Hyperborean Epoch (which immediately preceded the Lemurian Epoch) that what is now the Earth was thrown off from the Sun, we may say that he agrees with the idea that it was "in the land of Lemuria that man made his first appearance on Earth." This was the Garden of Eden, the etheric region, in which man's consciousness was then focused. From this "Garden of Eden" he was expelled because he began to use the sacred creative force for sense gratification. In other words, his consciousness became focused increasingly in the material world, and he lost his consciousness of the spiritual worlds and beings.

Having reviewed the basic information given by Max Heindel in the Western Wisdom Teachings concerning Lemuria and its people, we may ask: Are there other reputable occultists who confirm the existence of this now-vanished continent? Yes, Madame Blavatsky tells us in the *Secret Doctrine* that:

"It must be noted that the Lemuria, which served as the cradle of the Third Root-Race, not only embraced a vast area in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, but extended in the shape of a horse-shoe past Madagascar, round 'South Africa' (then a mere fragment in process of formation), through the Atlantic up to Norway . . .

"The *Atlantic portion of Lemuria* was the geological basis of what is generally known as Atlantis. The latter, indeed, must be regarded rather as a development of the Atlantic prolongation of Lemuria, than as an entirely new mass of land upheaval to meet the special requirements of the Fourth Root-

Race. Just as in the case of Race-evolution, so in that of the shifting and re-shifting of continental masses, no hard and fast line can be drawn where a new order ends and another begins. Continuity in natural processes is never broken. Thus the Fourth Root Race Atlanteans were developed from a nucleus of Northern Lemurian Third Race men, centered, roughly speaking, toward a point of land in what is now the mid-Atlantic Ocean."

Again, one may ask: Is there now material evidence of the existence of Lemuria and its people? We quote again from the *Secret Doctrine*:

"The immense continent, which had once reigned supreme over the Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans, now consisted of huge islands which were gradually disappearing one after the other, until the final convulsion engulfed the last remains of it. Easter Isle, for instance, belongs to the earliest civilization of the Third Race. Submerged with the rest, a volcanic and sudden uplifting of the ocean floor raised the small relic of the archaic ages untouched, with its volcano and statues, during the Champlain epoch of northern polar submersion, as a standing witness to the existence of Lemuria."

There have been and are living today many people who believe that certain records, statues, drawings, tablets, etc., now in existence are indisputable evidence of the reality of the fabled continent. Among these records are the Troana Manuscripts, now in the British Museum in London, which were discovered and unearthed in all parts of the world when Britain founded her commonwealth of nations. Then there is the Codex Cortesianus, which consists of ancient Mayan books and Temple records, now in the National Museum of Madrid, Spain, as well as the Naacal Records: books, symbols, and legends found in Burma, China, and Tibet. Other seeming corroborations are to be found in the writings of Egyptian priests and Greek philosophers, in addi-

tion to the innumerable inscriptions on stone tablets in Mexico. Fantastic discoveries have been made by such eminent archeologists as Winckelmann, Schlie-mann, Max Muller, Dr. William Niven, and Dr. and Mrs. LePlongeon, some of which they think point toward the existence of Lemuria.

However, the most outstanding champion of the "Lemurian Cause" is Colonel James Churchward, archeologist, scholar, and author of two books: *The Lost Continent of Mu*, and *The Children of Mu*. Mu is his name for Lemuria.

In Chapter I of the former of these books, Colonel Churchward has the following to say:

"The Garden of Eden was not in Asia but on a now sunken continent in the Pacific Ocean. The biblical story of creation . . . came first not from the peoples of the Nile or of the Euphrates Valley but from this now submerged continent, Mu—the Motherland of Man.

"These assertions can be proved by the complex records I discovered upon long-forgotten sacred tablets in India, together with records from other countries . . .

"By comparing this writing with records of other ancient civilizations, as revealed in written documents, prehistoric ruins and geological phenomena, I found that all these centers of civilization had drawn their culture from a common source — Mu.

"We may, therefore, be sure that the biblical story of the creation as we know it today evolved from the impressive account gathered from those ancient tablets which relate to the history of Mu.

"The manner in which this original story of the creation came to light forms a tale that takes us back more than fifty thousand years!"

Then Colonel Churchward goes on to tell how, as a relief work assistant to a college temple high priest, who was interested in archeology and ancient records, he was first taught how to read ancient inscriptions in the temple. Then he "studied diligently a dead language

which my priestly friend believed to be the original tongue of mankind" — a language "understood by only two other high priests in India." Still later came the opportunity to read "secret writings" which "were believed by many to have been written by the Naacals, either in Burma or in the vanished motherland itself." The Naacals were a "priestly brotherhood sent from the motherland to the colonies to teach the sacred writings, religion, and sciences."

"Months of intense concentration in translating the tablets followed, but the reward justified the effort. The writings described in detail the creation of the earth and of man, and the place where he first appeared — Mu."

Colonel Churchward then studied the writings of the old civilizations and compared them with the legends of Mu. He "found that the civilizations of the early Greeks, the Chaldeans, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Egyptians, and the Hindus had been definitely preceded by the civilization of Mu."

Continuing his researches, he found "that this lost continent had extended from somewhere north of Hawaii to the south as far as the Fijis and Easter Island, and was undoubtedly the original habitat of man. I learned that in this beautiful country there had lived a people that colonized the earth, and that the land had been obliterated by terrific earthquakes and submersion 12,000 years ago, and had vanished in a vortex of fire and water."

The two volumes by Colonel Churchward are filled with most interesting details concerning the continent of Mu and its peoples, including their religious beliefs and practices. This last provides much that is of particular interest to the occult student, whether he agrees or not with all of Colonel Churchward's "findings." It may be that some of his conclusion actually refer to Atlantis rather than to Lemuria, but no doubt future research and occult understanding by archeologists will bring more light to bear on this subject.

Lessons

JEAN CARTER

"COULD we have luncheon together today?" Ella's voice held a plea. "Outside, I mean." No company cafeteria where we might be joined by progressive luncheon-hoppers — fun but disruptive to conversational depths.

"Sure. Fine." I gave the proper answers.

"I'd like . . . a lesson. That talk we had about your dreams has been nagging me." Ella apparently sensed my inner wonderment about her rather unusual request for lunch together, our friendship having been more or less relegated to commuting times and occasional inter-divisional needs.

Completing arrangements of time and place, we disconnected. In my office I stared briefly at the blank green wall, marveling about God and His infinite wonders. And who am I to say by what path someone should come more fully to Him!

Believing that in the past I had thrust esoteric Christianity at Ella too ardently, I let her open the subject at lunch. As the waitress left with our orders, Ella began.

"Not long ago you said something like 'I've never had an unanswered prayer' and another time you said 'I think God likes us to use Him, use Him in the sense of working with His laws'.

"I don't come from a religious family, you know, so these ideas are revolutionary to me. Sometimes I feel that life and its required choices are too much. I don't know how to decide. Or when I have made the decision, I keep wondering if I've selected properly . . . You always have an air of peace and harmony about you, yet I know you have far more responsibilities than I, both physical and financial. I can't help wondering how come . . . Would you mind sharing the 'how come'?"

"Nothing I'd like better, Ella." I smiled but paused momentarily, wondering where to begin. I suppose it's the novelist in me always wants to teach by stories and seeks deeper meanings in legends, believing both ways italicize an abstract truth. "If I use some personal experiences, please — it isn't to convince you of my holiness. Rather, through the episodes I have personal convincing proof of my studies . . . Like a student of physics who performs an experiment to prove the laws of physics, the validity of his studies."

Ella nodded.

"For example, you have quoted my comment that we can pray about anything and receive guidance. That God loves us to use Him, for this brings Him — invites Him — into the constancy of our lives. For centuries people believed it enough to go to church on Sunday and perform daily duties, eliminate joy, and achieve dedication. The new teaching is that Jesus epitomized joy and harmony as well as love and power. The new teaching is that going to church is a supplement, that we worship Him best in our daily lives, establishing constant awareness of the Presence Itself . . .

"You know the Christmas story — the Christ child born in the stable among the animals." I paused a moment as the waitress set our orders before us, and left. "That story may be merely legend. Or it may be actual fact." Ella looked startled. "My point is that there is great symbolism in the story — the Christ Child born in each of us, among our individual 'animals' of selfishness. The individual Christ Babe needs care and nourishment — daily. We care for it, encourage its growth by our very desire to *be more*, through turning Godward in prayer and thought, beholding the good about us."

I'd gone too fast, and Ella's eyes held misgivings and questions. She was mentally applying the label of fanatic to me.

"Did you know that the founder of every great religion was 'immaculately' conceived? Was also born divinely? What I am saying is that when we determine to try to live up to our highest understanding throughout each day — really try, you know — miracles occur. Perhaps 'miracles' is too strong a word, but surely there are events beyond coincidence."

I had her "with me" again. She apparently didn't want symbolism or deep studies, just the practical aspects of religion. I determined to slant it that way.

"I've had a couple of instant prayer answers that might interest you." I smiled at her, for the experiences still delight me. I'd finished my fruit salad and cottage cheese and leaned back comfortably as she continued to eat and listen.

"I held a part-time secretarial position with Judge Hudson in Flemington about a week and a half, had been divinely ushered to that job a la a prophetic dream the morning before the interview. I liked the Judge very much as a person, appreciated my hours of 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. as they dovetailed with commuting and my children's needs. I could leave home after the school bus had the children and return before the school bus brought them home. Also — he had a bookcase of volumes on comparative religion! During the interview he wavelingly extended permission to read 'or whatever' when the work was caught up.

"Going out to lunch my second Tuesday, I noticed the State Employment Office on Main Street, felt a magnetic pull to it. I talked myself out of that in a hurry! I'd just got the job, for goodness sake! On Wednesday, the same inner performance. But that time I knew it was my inner Self, not Jean's personal self.

"Obediently I went in, filled out an application. While awaiting the inter-

view the whole office force except the manager left for lunch. The telephone rang. I was irked; I didn't have that much lunch time! But as I waited for the interview I overheard 'Yes, Judge Hudson . . . No, Judge Hudson . . . Yes, Judge . . .'

"Mentally I commented, 'Well! Lord!' I wondered, too, for I knew I was quite satisfactory. Judge Hudson had been commendatory, and I experienced that inner glow of confidence despite the fact that this was my initial return to the business world after my babies."

Ella continued her luncheon, looking at me most of the time, at her plate only to fork a mouthful.

"The telephone call completed, the manager approached me, looked at my application, never batted an eyelash about the coincidence of my presence during the telephone call from my current employer. He urged me to apply at the local hospital, but I wanted to work in industry. He assured me industry would not tolerate my odd working hours. Obviously he won. If I refused to apply at the hospital, he could withhold all referrals.

"He set up the appointment at the hospital business office, and I crammed in the time for an interview. I was hired on the spot, and I promised to let them know by noon the following day when I could begin . . . I slept little that night. I experienced what the psychologists call ambivalence. I formulated resignation speeches to the Judge most of the night. They sounded so stuffy. I didn't want to leave. But there was his telephone call to the agency! I didn't want to work in a hospital, not even in the business office.

"The next morning while doing the Judge's bookkeeping I continued formulating speeches. I like sincerity. Perhaps it is my spiritual sin, for I like people to perceive my sincerity. Therefore, I couldn't make a speech . . . Almost eleven o'clock, almost my deadline on the promise to the hospital people.

In desperation because I was still at sea I said within my heart, 'Okay, Lord. I'll do whatever You want: Work here — or work in the hospital. Only tell me so clearly that I can't flub.'"

My voice laughed in and around the words now. "Ella, I didn't even get an amen tacked on that thought before the Judge buzzed twice, his code for 'come with your shorthand pad.' I entered his office and sat across from him for dictation. His dictation now was different — odd. He had extended ghosting privileges before, given me small letters with the suggestion I say this or that, but this was more incoherent. Furthermore, he shouted an almost inconsequential letter, changing 'a' to 'the' and other silly changes. His voice was so loud that I kept moving back in my chair to get away from the volume.

"Rattling along, he arrived at 'very truly yours. Mrs. Carter, I hate to have to tell you this, but I'm going to have to let you go. I just need someone full time so that I can do some research work . . . !'"

Ella smiled slightly, a touch of wonderment in her eyes.

"I laughed so hard, for I was thinking 'Well, God, You surely told me so that I can't flub.' As I laughed I caught the Judge's expression. He feared I was hysterical. Between laughter I explained, 'I've been trying to resign all morning.' It was his turn to be surprised.

"When I quieted we talked. He didn't ask where, and I didn't offer. When did I want to go? I said it was up to him, whenever he could replace me. We agreed on the customary two weeks.

"Back at my desk I talked with the Lord, 'Well, God, it's up to You. Take care of his needs too, please.'

"At noon I gave the hospital my cheerful word, was introduced to the personnel and the billing machine that filled the side of a wall — big, black, and formidable. I'd seen it, too, in my vision in the night, the prophetic dream I mentioned in which I was first ushered

into the Judge's office and then to this other office. My Invisible Friend said to me while 'we' were at the hospital office, 'You are to bring harmony here.' . . . I won't go into my mental reaction to that aspect of the dream," I explained to Ella. I mentioned it only because she had formerly seemed interested in this branch of ESP. I waited a moment and then continued.

"It began to rain, and about two o'clock that same day a little lame girl came for the secretarial interview. 'Thank You, God' I thought privately, and I heard their voices rise and fall. She left about 2:45 and Judge Hudson came to my desk, told me all was well, that he had the replacement. 'Why don't you have her start Monday?' Generously he countered, 'But what about you? I know you need work.' 'Oh, that's all right. The sooner you have someone full-time the better for you'."

"He reflected an instant. 'Call up your place, see if they will take you sooner.' I tried to dissuade him from that gesture but he would hear of nothing else. As he hurried to delay the young lady's departure I called the hospital. They were delighted to have me sooner. The Judge was delighted to have a full-time secretary immediately. The secretary to have a job sooner. Everyone was blessed."

Ella sat in wonderment, nibbling slowly, thoughtfully.

"*Anything* we ask in His name is always a blessing to everyone. God never shortchanges one to give more to another," I volunteered.

Silence fell between us for a bit. As Ella concentrated on her lunch I wondered if I had given her more than just a story. Recalling her interest in the phenomenal, I decided to share more.

"Ever hear the phrase 'akashic records'?"

"No."

"It's an Oriental term," I explained. "Our Bible uses the phrase 'the book of God's remembrance' or 'Recording Angel'. I think that's how the idea of

an angel sitting up in the sky with a black and a red pen got started." Her eyes encouraged me to continue.

"Recall when I was out on a surgery leave a couple of years ago?" I knew she did, for she had been most attentive with flowers and cards. "Typically I was apprehensive. Not that I would die. Concerned that I might seem a sissy, I guess. Perhaps that seems foolish to you, but I have always admired strength and self-control and fortitude. I want to be that way. The surgery didn't bother me; the anesthetic takes care of the conscious part of us, you know. But the night before the sutures were to be removed I was frightened." I looked out the window, part of me reluctant to reveal so much of my inner self. But Ella's mind seemed to want depths and heights, not mere platitudes or abstracts. And if He could use me and my experiences to capture her, fine!

"I had a semi-private room, two other patients with me. Naturally I wouldn't pray aloud with an audience . . . My prayer that night was, 'Dear Father, help me tomorrow when they remove the sutures. Help me be a cooperative patient, and not a sissy.' Possibly remembering the experience in Judge Hudson's office several years earlier I tacked on, 'And let me know You are helping me. Amen.' You see, I was fearful the mortal me, little me, would forget He abides in us."

I looked down at my clean plate, humble in the face of revealing my childish fear. Ella made no comment, no sound. She was not eating. I looked directly at her and said very distinctly, "The next morning the team arrived. Rapidly. The nurse to the left of the bed, the surgeon to the right. Zip went the sheet and the cold steel of the scissors was on my tummy. I was as rigid as the metal bed." I let that be absorbed.

"Ever hear your voice on a dictaphone or tape recorder?" She nodded. "Because of the placement of our ears, we sound different to ourselves than to others." Very explicitly but softly I

continued, "Ella, I heard my own voice — as I sound to myself — my precise words in my inner ear, repeating the whole prayer. Verbatim. *They* didn't hear it. *I* heard it.

"I relaxed instantly, closed my eyes to thank Him — most humble, most awed . . .

"The team finished. Doc patted my hand as he commented to the nurse, 'Most cooperative patient we've ever had, isn't she?'

"I even got the precise feedback — 'cooperative patient'!"

Ella made no comment for a long time, thoughtfully sipped her coffee and looked beyond my shoulder. At length she inquired, "How do you account for it all?"

"I believe I heard the playback from the master phonographic plate — which is what akaskic records are. Some call it akashic records; some use the term 'Memory of Nature'. The teaching is that every thought, emotion, and act is recorded accurately. This is the means by which the invisible laws of God work, why they are so unfailingly accurate. Many people do not perceive these laws because often there is a time lag between cause and effect — or perhaps we do not accept His teaching 'as ye sow so shall ye reap'. But even as man's law states, 'ignorance of the law is no excuse' so is this truth alive in the spiritual realm which underlies the material world."

"I never heard of spiritual laws — which is what you are saying."

I smiled a bit. "Sure you did." She began to shake her head. "You call it gravity. I call it the law of love-wisdom."

Her eyes indicated she did not see the parallel.

"Without gravity — or the law of love-wisdom, we would be at the mercy of winds or weightless. We would not have free will or individuality. That which I call God is so wonderful. He wants us to become stalwart and noble through free will, not as robots.

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Questions and Answers on the Ethers

A PROBATIONER

Part III

The Hunting of the Quark Continues

Quarks and the Theory of Magnetic Poles of Atoms

Physicists have long suspected that the so-called "elementary" particles of the atom are built of still more elementary subparticles which they have called quarks—but try as they might, they haven't been able to find a quark.

One of them suggested an explanation today.

The elusive quark may be "hiding behind" another unusual type of particle — which also has never been seen, said Dr. L.I. Schiff.

He admitted that such a belief is like inventing a ghost to explain another ghost. But if he is right, the quark-hunting fraternity of physics might as well give up, he suggested. If quarks do exist, they are irrevocably invisible.

Schiff, a Stanford University physicist, spoke at a session of the American Physical Society in the New York Hilton Hotel.

Quarks were invented by theoretical physicists to explain some peculiar behavior of more conventional nuclear particles, such as protons, neutrons and their relatives.

According to the theory, a quark must have only a fraction — probably a third or two-thirds—of the electrical charge of a proton. The proton charge representing a measured amount of charge — all known particles have either that charge or a multiple of it.

The quark theory touched off a search for particles with less-than-unit charges, in earth materials, in cosmic rays and in atom smashers. None has been found.

According to Schiff, the invisibility of quarks rests on the same principle that is regarded as explaining the "unit" charge.

THE BEST EXPLANATION IS THAT NUCLEAR PARTICLES MUST HAVE UNIT CHARGES, OR MULTIPLES OF UNIT CHARGES, TO COEXIST WITH ANOTHER TYPE OF PARTICLE CALLED A "MAGNETIC POLE".

The "magnetic pole" theory dates back more than 30 years, and physicists have looked for these particles just as avidly and unsuccessfully as they have looked for quarks.

By slightly modifying the theory of magnetic poles, Schiff said, it is possible to explain how quarks could exist within other, conventional nuclear particles, but not independently.

In effect, the magnetic pole particles screen the quarks from view, or at least forbid their being seen.

What Schiff did not explain is what keeps the magnetic poles from being seen.

Physicists find that they can explain many of the properties of nuclear particles by assuming that these are made up of even more elementary particles called quarks. The ultra-basic particles would be unique in having electric charges smaller than the unit charge on an electron or proton.

One problem with quark theory is that no quark has yet been detected. It has been assumed that quarks are so massive it would take extremely high energy, such as that available in proposed 200 and 300 Bev accelerators, to overcome the force which holds them together.

A theoretical explanation of quark that gets around the non-detection problem has been developed by Dr. Leonard I. Schiff of Stanford University and reported in the Aug. 25, *Physical Review*.

WORKING FROM THE IDEA THAT THE CHARGE ON A PARTICLE COMES FROM A MAGNETIC POLE THAT EXTENDS THROUGH THAT PARTICLE, DR. SCHIFF DEVELOPED A THEORY OF QUARKS THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO MOVE WITHIN THE PARTICLE BUT NEVER PERMIT THEM TO APPEAR AS INDIVIDUALS.

DR. SCHIFF'S MODEL PUTS NO REQUIREMENTS ON THE MASS OF QUARKS OR THE FORCES HOLDING THEM TOGETHER. SO IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THEY ARE ABOUT A THIRD THE MASS OF A PROTON, SINCE A PROTON CONTAINS THREE QUARKS, HE SAYS. — *Science News*, October, 1967.

We have in several earlier articles commented on the theory of the unit magnetic pole as mentioned in the above news items. The theory has not received widespread acceptance, but has always held the attention of physicists. Reading these newest items one is strongly reminded of the occultists who have written on atomic research. Annie Besant was a brilliant scientist, but was refused a degree in an era when women were not welcomed in the universities and in the professions. Nevertheless she had had excellent professional training in the sciences of chemistry and physics, and as a result of her occult studies she turned her quest to the nature of the atoms. Dr. Babbitt had already done pioneer work in this line after developing clairvoyance, and the Theosophical

work followed along the same lines.

We have said many times that today there is no dividing line between the academic and the "occult" sciences. All science is now "occult" science, more so than ever before.

Mme. Blavatsky spoke of "bubbles in space," and most occultists have seen these "bubbles" in one aspect or another.

Evidence accumulates which suggests that there really was once a race which had a science higher than our own on earth; whether that race was from, or in, Atlantis, or from another planet remains to be proved, although all ancient peoples have sung and written of "gods" who came down from the skies and turned brutish men into civilized human beings. We can no longer look upon these ancient accounts as mere fables. We have of course given our own terminology to ancient times, and the names handed down by ancient writers were their own names, such as Lemuria and Atlantis — which come through the Greeks and Romans; the real names by which ancient men knew themselves are largely unknown to us, existing only in fragments. Yet somewhere in the ancient times there was at least a core of eminent scientists, who had knowledge higher than we have realized. Today our own science has reached up to theirs, recognizes it, and begins to overpass it. Hence we stand in a critical period, having to work out these new-old problems for ourselves and for the future. Science stands on the threshold of a world of miracles.

Can you review for me the history of the correlation of the particles and forces with the four ethers of occult science?

It is easy to suppose, when the interchangeability of force and matter are understood to a degree, that all of these things relate solely to the Chemical Ether, while the Life, Light, and Reflecting Ethers exist on a level as yet unexplored by the physicist. This, we

believe, is an erroneous point of view. The four ethers interact, both as substance and force, with physical matter.

Occultists were in fact following the ancient classical division of matter into four elements, specifically called Earth, Water, Air, and Fire (the ancient Greek scientists at Alexandria abandoned this theory in its literal sense by the second century A.D.). The fifth classical element was the AEther, which was also fire of a special sort. Sometimes the fourth and fifth elements are taken together as one element, and sometimes the first and second.

These classical elements are *not* the same as heat, light, electricity, and magnetism; or light, electricity, magnetism, and gravitation, in another arrangement. Yet at the same time it is quite true that nineteenth century physicists did describe, or shall we say *postulate*, the ether as carrier for first light, then electricity and magnetism, and finally gravitation. The wave theory was first adopted for light, then for the others, as we have shown previously.

Max Heindel divided the etheric region of the physical world into four parts: the Chemical Ether (Earth); the Life Ether (Water); the Light Ether (Air); and the Reflecting Ether (the fiery AEther). These interpenetrate, but they do also extend out beyond each other in space; the Earth globe having a thicker interpenetrating envelope of Chemical Ether near its surface than Life Ether; while the Light and Reflecting Ethers, though extending farther into interplanetary space, are also included in Earth's envelope. Of course all of the ethers are present everywhere in the universe, but each planet has its own specialized series of etheric envelopes, which are also fields of force-substance.

The Reflecting AEther — called the "highest" of the four ethers — is at the same time the basic substance, or "root" of manifestation. The other ethers, and physical matter, develop within this highest ether. Of course the

terms "up" and "down" are usually used ambiguously, since direction is an earth-based convention.

Some philosophers name only three elements; Water and Earth were taken as one, Earth being a kind of solidified Water. This left the Air and Fiery Aether — the basic substance of space being the Reflecting Ether, as the repository of all matter and all forces, for space is *not* an *etheric* vacuum. Yet it must be understood that the Reflecting Ether has no correspondence with present-day physics, but remains to the future, perhaps as a corollary of some mathematical understanding of time and space.

The ancients did not define a law of wave motions in matter, but they did understand certain basic laws of rhythm and vibration, deduced from the study of numbers and music. Pythagoras stood supreme in this field, and his work is still worthy of respect.

Many occultists in the nineteenth century fell into the trap of equating their classical elements with the electromagnetic spectrum *alone*.

Occult students have tried to correlate all four ethers with the light, heat, magnetism, and electricity of the electromagnetic spectrum, with gravitational forces being placed at the bottom of the column but this is only partially successful.

On this plan, the longest low waves of the electromagnetic spectrum (gravitational waves aside) relate to the Chemical Ether; radio waves to Life Ether; light waves to Light Ether; and the waves above that, to and beyond gamma ray and electron-wave, to the Reflecting Ether, "where thought makes its impress on the brain" — evidently referring to the "brain waves" of modern medical discovery. Other students see in the photon the unit of the Reflecting Ether, though it would seem more logical that the photon would pertain to the Light Ether. The photon is, in physics, the unit of the *entire* electromagnetic spectrum, from bottom to top;

with every wave in the spectrum of energy having a particle-aspect, just as every particle of matter has a wave-aspect.

The correlation of the four ethers with the electromagnetic spectrum fails to take into consideration the other three kinds of force named in science—Gravitational, Strong Force of the atom nucleus, and Force of Weak Interactions—, concentrating entirely on the one field of electromagnetic forces.

There is, in occult science, a basic Macrocosmic Energy and a basic Macrocosmic Root Substance; sages of the orient call them respectively *Universal Prana* and *Universal Akasa*. But *Life* in its high spiritual essence is the power which *uses both*. We cannot really have matter without energy, nor energy without matter. The Life which is Spirit inheres in every smallest particle of matter, and every least unit or quantum of energy.

We agree with the occultists of the nineteenth century who correlated the Life Ether with electromagnetism — at the organic level, however; while "mineral" electromagnetism may apply more to the Chemical Ether. Electromagnetism also includes the solar spectrum. This is the range of the Light Ether of nineteenth century occultism. Physical science has reduced these fields to one, with light understood as an electromagnetic phenomenon; and just as it has been said that "Electricity is Life," so also it is said that "Light is the basis of life." Light is truly part of the mystery of life.

Even the molecules in living tissue are held together by electromagnetic bonds, says the biophysicist today. Molecules are made up of atoms, held together by "electron pairs" — while the atom itself is held together as a whole by electric charges. Electrons in the red blood corpuscles are responsible for the fixing of the iron in the hemoglobin, but iron is not found in the chlorophyll of plants.

Since the molecular bond is especially

significant in the formation of the very large and complex molecules which life needs for its workings in matter, it is understandable that "magnetism" and "electricity" have always been associated with the Life Ether by occultists, this bond being electromagnetic.

The fact that chemical changes and the Chemical Ether are included in this basic physical pattern of the atom is demonstrated in the following, as written by one of our college students: "To the physical scientist, chemical reactions involve only the orbital electrons and not the nucleus. When I say they do not involve the nucleus I mean that the number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus remain the same. Of course, the physical scientist says nothing about the spirit which may to some extent be acting through the nucleus or other parts of the atom. So when we are talking in the terms of the physical scientist, we must recognize that these are left out. To the physical scientist, then, examples of food by the digestive juices, the structural change in the retina of the eye in response to stimulation by light, the formation of chlorophyll in the green leaves of plants, etc. Similarly, to the physical scientist a nuclear reaction involves a change in the physical structure of the nucleus. If the nucleus is surrounded by electrons, these may also rearrange themselves — but these are only side effects. Examples of physical nuclear reactions are the transmutation of elements in particle accelerators and in nuclear reactors."

Now let us review the picture presented to us by modern physics. We have shown that the sub-atomic particles consist of nucleons (proton and neutron) and mesons, and perhaps quarks; electrons, neutrinos, and photons. Hyperons are mentioned which are bigger and heavier than the great nucleons themselves, and which break down into nucleons and other particles. These sub-atomic particles may be electrically positive, negative, or neutral. The photon

is designated neutral (it is the unit or carrier of the positive and negative electromagnetic forces); there are neutral mesons, the neutrino is of course neutral, and so is the neutron in the nucleus. There are other neutral particles also.

The term meson or mesotron was given to nuclear particles heavier than the electron but lighter than the nucleons — chiefly muons and pions. Their mass is given in terms of the electron, which is called 1. So when we read of a hyperon whose number is more than 2000, this means that it is more than two thousand times heavier than an electron. The nucleons are given as 1836 and 1839. The others vary from around 200 to almost 1000. With the discovery of many new nuclear particles, these are now being arranged in families of unitary symmetry. Several classes of particles are named, to give a more detailed picture. These are the heavy particles called baryons; the "mesons", intermediate; the light particles are leptons — to word *lepton* comes from the Greek word often translated as a "mite." There was a coin called a "lepton," the "widow's mite" of the New Testament story. These "mites" are the electrons, muons, and neutrinos.

All changes known to us humans in our world of matter do depend on the changes rung by the "orbiting" electrons around the atomic nucleus; and this is of course the key to the miracles of modern chemistry, based on the table of elements, which now can be transformed into one another in the way that medieval alchemists dreamed of doing — and, some say, succeeded.

We have said that it is the force of electricity (positive and negative charges) that hold the atom together as a whole, despite a trace of the "weak force" which is also present in the nucleus. The processes of radioactive decay attest to the presence of the weak force in chemical reactions, and it is here that the "law of parity" breaks down — some physicists say, once in about ten thousand times. But the law

of parity does hold true for the nucleus of the atom, with its "strong force."

Of the "ghost particle," the neutrino, it is said that it pours through the stars as readily as sunbeams pour through glass. It was suggested that the particle W was the unit or photon for the weak force, but CERN of Switzerland reports that they have not been able to corroborate this. The neutral pion is the particle-carrier for the strong force that binds the nucleus of the atom.

The carrier or quantum for the force of gravity has not been found, but a physicist has suggested that the neutron, vibrating many billions of times per second, throws off particles which constitute this "graviton." This also has not been verified.

The photon, as we know, is the unit for the electromagnetic spectrum from the high energy gamma ray photons (above X-rays) on down to the longest radio waves and even geomagnetic waves. (Geomagnetism is not the same thing as gravitation.)

Broadly speaking, all chemical reactions as known to our earth history must necessarily take place in the Chemical Ether. The characteristic "blueness" of this ether as described by occultists has numerous correlations in modern physics and chemistry, from the electronic blue flash to the molecular level; the "corona chemistry," for instance, describes a blue plasma. Even blueness in the air and in haze of distance, or in the blue haze over evergreen forests, is ascribed in some fashion to this Chemical Ether, although obviously other "colors" also are found here.

The Life Ether is characterized by a "rosy" color, reminiscent of the electrified plasmas found in some physical experiments. The Life Ether is associated with all electrobiological processes in living creatures. It is not concerned in the inorganic chemistry and the "mineral" magnetism so-called, which belongs more to the field of the Chemical Ether, or, we might say, are at least associated with it. The precise termi-

nology remains to be determined, but we may safely say that Macrocosmic Life Energies work through the living electromagnetism of organic matter.

Occultists have commented that the yellow beam of sunlight is sensed as more "electrical" than the other beams above and below it. Why this should be we do not know, but mention it for further consideration. Perhaps our students may think of a reason. We know that our Sun is, as Mesmer rightly declared, a great magnet, and sends out streams of charged particles to the earth. And we know that our Sun is a "yellow" or "yellow-orange" star, so that its light is really not "white" light at all. Moonlight is whiter light than sunlight is, but there is less of it. Students also say



that the "ether" is filled with a kind of "gold dust."

Yellow is the key color of the Light Ether of the occultist; its presence in the mental aura denotes intellectuality; and in the emotional sphere, it denotes the golden sunshine of happiness and optimism. Its impact upon the etheric sense of touch is that of electrical sparkles as noted above.

The Reflecting Ether is termed "blue," but it is really almost colorless; more like water than anything else. This is the basic ether, if we begin counting from the "top" down, and it is a reflecting medium, both for the outer and the inner planes of nature. It correlates with the Time-Space continuum of physical science in so far as it reflects or reacts with the physical world.

The Reflecting Ether is a vacuous (seemingly) ocean of light, the astral light of a hyperspace in which the true supersensory perception begins to oper-

ate. The three lower ethers are really, as someone has said, "extensions of the biological man." However, all four of the ethers do relate to physical science, not excluding this Reflecting Ether or Astral Light. Physically it relates to the "Time and Space" theories. The "Time Reversal Invariance" theory is now at the point of abandonment by modern physics; although one never knows what changes even the next few days may bring! This theory never was acceptable to the occultist, for it seemed to contradict everything he observed and understood as regards the "Astral Light." According to this theory, it could (theoretically) make no difference to natural law whether one went forward or backward in time. A force that worked a certain way going forward in time (the way familiar to us) would be able to act also in reverse, going backward in time. No one suggested that this really happened; but only that theoretically it *could* happen.

When certain experiments depending on the time invariance rule went awry, the physicists were reluctant to abandon their Time Reversal Invariance theory and therefore began to search for a new "Fifth Force in Nature," to account for the discrepancy. After some time they announced that no such force had been found, and that it seemed likely that their beloved theory of Time Reversal Invariance was the culprit and would have to go. This is where the case stands at the moment. That is, they concede that it seems that it does make a difference to the action of natural forces whether they are going forward or backward in time.

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REVISING THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE

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Then Dr. Potter puts his finger on the real core or crux of "the whole dis-

pute", the old question: was Jesus God or man?

Here is a point that needs attention for future revisions of the Bible, even though it has been considered settled long ago by orthodox Christian leaders. Let us now compare the orthodox teachings on this subject with those given in the Western Wisdom Teachings of the Rosicrucians.

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LESSONS

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"You as a mother tried to guide your sons so that they would become men of integrity and independence. Sometimes you had to let them go into an experience they so wanted and couldn't live without . . . Each youngster sometimes clamors. Perhaps the experience didn't turn out as they thought. Knowing you, I am sure you didn't remind them it was as you tried to warn. You compassionately let them digest it all and grow through it." She was smiling, remembering some episodes through the years of raising two fine young men.

"You released them through the law of growth, for evolution is a spiritual-mental-physical thing. We can't learn only through theory; we have to apply, and this means living, and living is action."

Our lunch hour was gone, and we walked together toward the office.

"Could we get together again?"

"Love to. I'd love to tell you my version of the prodigal son. I think it has many applications for today."

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Taken from His Writings

THE VITAL BODY

TWENTY-FIFTH INSTALLMENT

Man's Vital Body in Present Aryan Epoch

Of Children

A CHILD'S vital body at birth is unorganized. Up until about the age of seven, when the individual vital body is born, it draws from the macrocosmic vital body.

In the period immediately following birth the different vehicles interpenetrate one another, as, in our previous illustration, the sand penetrates the sponge, and the water both sand and sponge. But, though they are all present, as in adult life, they are merely present. None of their positive faculties are active. The vital body cannot use the forces which operate along the positive pole of the ethers. Assimilation, which works along the positive pole of the chemical ether, is very dainty during childhood and what there is of it is due to the macrocosmic vital body, the ethers of which act as a womb for the child's vital body until the seventh year, gradually ripening it during that period. The propagative faculty, which works along the positive pole of the life ether, is also latent.

The heating of the body — which is carried on along the positive pole of the light ether — and the circulation of the blood are due to the macrocosmic vital body, the ethers acting on the child and slowly developing it to the point where it can control these functions itself. The forces working along the negative pole of the ethers are so much the more active. The excretion of solids, carried on along the negative pole of the chemical



ether (corresponding to the solid subdivision of the Chemical Region), is too unrestrained, as is also the excretion of fluid, which is carried on along the negative pole of the life ether (corresponding to the second or fluid subdivision of the Chemical Region). The passive sense perception, which is due to the negative forces of the light ether is also exceedingly prominent. The child is very impressionable and it is "all eyes and ears."

Although the vital body of an infant is still comparatively unorganized at the time of birth, the ether which is to be used for its completion is within the aura, ready to be assimilated, and if anyone in its surroundings happens to be weak and anemic, an unconscious vampire, he or she draws from the unassimilated store of ether of the infant much more easily than from that of an adult whose vital body is fully organized. Naturally the weak person draws more easily ether that is negatively polarized, as in the body of a boy baby, than the positive ether of the girl baby . . . Massage of the spleen and stimulation of the splanchnic nerves, *carefully and conservatively practiced* will aid the etheric counterpart of that organ in its activity of specializing the solar energy upon which the vital processes are as dependent as the lungs are on air.

We usually think that when a child is born, it is born and that is the end of it; but during the period of gestation the dense body is shielded from the impact

of the outside world by being placed within the protecting womb of the mother until it has arrived at sufficient maturity to meet the outside conditions, so are also the vital body, desire body, and mind in a state of gestation and are born at later periods because they have not had as long an evolution behind them as the dense body and, therefore, it takes a longer time for them to arrive at a sufficient state of maturity to become individualized. The vital body is born at the seventh year, when the period of excessive growth marks its advent.

Only a small portion of the ether appropriated by a certain Ego is thus used, and the remainder of the child's vital body, or rather the material from which that vehicle will eventually be made, is thus outside the dense body. For that reason the vital body of a child protrudes much farther beyond the periphery of the dense body than does that of the adult. During the period of growth this store of ether atoms is drawn upon to vitalize the accretions within the body until, at the time when the adult age is reached, the vital body protrudes only from one to one and a half inches beyond the periphery of the dense body.

From the first to the seventh year the vital body grows and slowly matures within the womb of the macrocosmic vital body and, because of the greater wisdom of this vehicle of the macrocosm, the child's body is more rounded and well-built than in later life.

While the macrocosmic vital body guides the growth of the child's body it is guarded from the dangers which later threaten it when the unwise individual vital body takes unchecked charge. This happens in the seventh year, when the period of excessive, dangerous growth begins, and continues through the next seven years. During this time the macrocosmic desire body performs the function of a womb for the individual desire body.

Were the vital body to have continual

and unrestrained sway in the human kingdom, as it has in the plant, man would grow to an enormous size. There was a time in the far distant past when man was constituted like a plant, having only a dense body and a vital body. The traditions of mythology and folk lore all over the world concerning giants in olden times are absolutely true, because then men grew as tall as trees, and for the same reason.

The vital body of the plant builds leaf after leaf, carrying the stem higher and higher. Were it not for the macrocosmic desire body it would keep on in that way indefinitely, but the macrocosmic desire body steps in at a certain point and checks further growth. The force that is not needed for further growth is then available for other purposes and is used to build the flower and the seed. In like manner the human vital body, when the dense body comes under its sway, after the seventh year, makes the latter grow very rapidly, but about the fourteenth year the individual desire body is born from the womb of the macrocosmic desire body and is then free to work on its dense body. The excessive growth is then checked and the force heretofore used for that purpose becomes available for propagation, that the human plant may flower and bring forth.

It will be remembered that assimilation and growth depend upon the forces working along the positive pole of the vital body's chemical ether. This is set free at the seventh year, together with the balance of the vital body. Only the chemical ether is fully ripe at that time; the other parts need more ripening. At the fourteenth year the life ether of the vital body, which has to do with propagation, is fully ripe. In the period from seven to fourteen years of age the excessive assimilation has stored up an amount of force which goes to the sex organs and is ready at the time the desire body is set free.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

Concentration

(Conclusion)

Q. What subject is best for concentration?

A. Any subject may be selected, according to the temperament and mental persuasion of the aspirant, so long as it is pure and mentally uplifting in its tendency. Christ will do for some; others who love flowers particularly, are most easily helped by taking one as the subject of concentration.

Q. What is important regarding the subject?

A. The subject matters little, but whatever it is we must imagine it true to life in all details. If it is Christ we must imagine a real Christ, with mobile features, life in His eyes, and an expression that is not stony and dead. We must build a living ideal, not a statue.

Q. How would this apply to a flower?

A. If we choose a flower, we must, in imagination, take the seed, and having buried it in the ground, fix our mind upon it steadily. Presently we shall see it burst, shooting forth its roots, which penetrate the Earth in a spiral manner. From the main branches of the roots we watch the myriads of minute rootlets as they branch out and ramify in all directions. Then the stem begins to shoot upward, bursting through the surface of the earth and coming forth as a tiny green stalk.

Q. Does this stage complete the concentration?

A. No, you then watch it grow; presently there is an offset, a tiny twig shoots out from the main stem. It grows; another off-set and a branch appears;

from the branches little stalks with buds at the end shoot out; presently there are a number of leaves. Then comes a bud at the top; it grows larger until it begins to burst and the red leaves of the rose show beneath the green. It unfolds in the air, emitting an exquisite perfume which we sense perfectly as it is wafted to us on the balmy summer breeze which gently sways the beautiful creation before the mind's eye.

Q. Is such concentration a gradual process?

A. Yes. At first the pictures which the aspirant builds will be but shadowy and poor likenesses, but in the end he can, by concentration, conjure up an image more real and alive than things in the Physical World.

Q. What is the next step?

A. When the aspirant has become able to form such pictures and has succeeded in holding his mind upon the pictures thus created, he may try to drop the picture suddenly and, holding his mind steady without any thought, wait to see what comes into the vacuum.

Q. If he succeeds, what occurs?

A. For a long time nothing may appear and the aspirant must carefully guard against making visions for himself, but if he keeps on faithfully and patiently every morning, there will come a time when, the moment he has let the imaged picture drop, in a flash the surounding Desire World will open up to his inner eye. At first it may be but a mere glimpse, but it is an earnest of what will later come at will.

—Reference:

Cosmo-Conception, pp. 487-489.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

CORINNE HELINE

The Healing of Peter's Wife's Mother

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose and ministered unto them.—*Matthew 8:14-15.*

After the healing of the demoniac in the synagogue in Capernaum on the Sabbath Day, Christ Jesus returned home with Peter and Andrew, and they were accompanied by James and John. The house was in gala attire and the seven-branched candlestick was burning for the holy meal, the noon breakfast. This weekly festival was to be especially elaborate in honor of the presence of the beloved Master. However, when they arrived at the house, as Luke writes in his gospel, "Simon's wife's mother was holden with a great fever." He came and stood over her and rebuked the fever, and then took her by the hand and raised her up; and the fever left her, "and immediately she rose up and ministered to them."

In every instance of healing the great Physician used the Word of Power, and sometimes augmented this with the touch of His hand. The hands are messengers of healing and service. When the heart center is awakened, the hands become powerful channels for the inner healing forces.

Tears, colds, and similar physical conditions belong to the water element and may be traced to the lack of control in the emotional nature. Fevers relate to the fiery element and originate in a lack of control in the passional nature. Destructive or negative thinking, even insanity, pertains to the air element, and represents a failure to master the mental (especially the imaginative) processes which are closely linked with the

creative energy. The physical body is but the sounding board of the inner vehicles which register faithfully both their discordant and their harmonious notes.

Every infirmity is connected with one of the four elements. No fiery disease can exist in the water force, nor can any weakness connected with water exist in the fire element. All poisons are of fiery origin and have their center in the desire body, wherefore the spirit of poison can have no power when the lower desires have been transmuted. To such as the Disciples of the Christ who had accomplished the transmutation, the Master could say, "Thou shalt drink any deadly thing and it shall not harm thee."

Fever is a means of fire purification, a process of cleansing the carnal desire nature. The experience of Peter's wife's mother was a dedicatory one for this woman who immediately arose and began to serve.

Love, service, and sacrifice form the threefold path that leads to the spiritually creative work of true discipleship.

Healing the Syrophenician's Daughter

And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.

For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

And she answered and said unto him, Yes Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.—*Mark 7:24-30.*

Christ Jesus had gone into retirement for a time and desired that no one should know where he had gone. Mark writes that although Christ Jesus had thus sought seclusion, having "entered into a house, and would have no man know it," yet, "*He could not be hid.*" The compassion of His great heart always encompassed all sorrow and suffering so that He could not remain away when His succor was so much needed. Nor is He ever hidden from those who earnestly seek Him, nor heedless of any sincere call for help on any plane. "Lo, I am with you always," is His promise.

A Phoenician woman, whose name was Justa according to the Chementine writings, had journeyed one hundred and fifty miles or more in quest of His aid for her child. She was a follower of the cult of Astarte, the Moon goddess, but the fame of the Divine Healer had reached her in her far-off home, and when she had come to the place where the Disciples were she besought them to intercede with the Master for her.

At last she was brought into His presence. In response to her pleas, He said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs," and in these words we may perceive the spiritual status of the woman. She did not belong to the inner circle of students, therefore she was not ready to receive the bread (deeper teaching) of the children (inner group). That she had, however, made the complete surrender of her personal life and was determined to walk in the Way leading to the inner circle is evidenced by her reply, "Yes, Lord, for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their Master's table."

Her dedication was accepted, and her daughter was instantly healed as the Master declared, "Oh, woman, great is thy faith, be it done unto thee even as thou wilt." These words hold high promise of the attainment that was later to be hers.

In this healing Christ Jesus demonstrated to His Disciples the truth that spirit is all powerful and that it transcends the barriers of time and space. The girl was healed at His word, though miles stretched between her and the Christ, and He had had no previous contact with her.

Faith, humility, and devotion without reservation will always open the door for every aspiring neophyte: "Great is thy faith, be it done unto thee as thou wilt."

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The Solar Cycle

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THE SOLAR MONTH OF CAPRICORN

AS CANCER is the great Mother Sign of the zodiac, so its opposite, Capricorn, may be considered the great Father Sign. Its natural position is on the upper limb of the Cross (the tenth house sign), projecting into the physical realm.

The ruler of Capricorn is Saturn, the planet whose qualities are too little understood and appreciated, but whose demand: "Thou shalt conform (or fulfill)," has gained it the reputation of the "heavy hand of destiny," or the "stern recorder," or likewise, the "whiplash of necessity."

The transiting Saturn gets around the zodiac in approximately twenty-nine years, spending about two and one-half years in each sign. Because the transit of Saturn is so slow, it acts almost like a progression when it passes over a planet with aspects. It is checking up, so to speak, on how we have used that "tone" or "tones" in our archetypes.

There are actually no ills to this planet's transit. Those who have studied astrology appreciate the fact that his influence is simply concentrative on what we have done with those tones or planets he happens to be aspecting in transit. "Its position in the horoscope shows where the expression of spirit is most heavily condensed, the point of

greatest responsibility, the area of unfulfillment in the past."

It is human nature to point with pride to our accomplishments of self, but it is always Saturn's positive qualities which have made this possible. Likewise in Saturn's transit which touches positively aspected planets (those we have used constructively), he strengthens these in our archetypes, reinforcing the positive side of the personality.

In considering the obstructive, concentrative power of Saturn, as ruler of the earthy sign Capricorn, we think of its important relation to that power of the Spirit: thought.

Thought is the hidden seed from which all action and all manifestation spring. This is the first great truth we meet as we enter upon our study of the Solar Cycle — a truth so familiar to those who study the laws of life that many may pass over it lightly as something to be taken for granted. But we need to hold it close and ponder it often, for it is the key truth upon which all other angles of truth depend; and the more deeply its import sinks into our consciousness, the more effectively shall we be able to bring our forces into alignment with the divine purpose of evolution.

A thought picture in the mind of an architect is the seed from which the stately building springs. In the same manner, a thought picture in the mind

of God is the seed from which this whole vast universe has sprung. And just as the work of many minds of varying degrees of intelligence and of many hands of varying degrees of efficiency is needed to bring the architect's picture into concrete form, so the work of many orders of Beings of varying degrees of power and development is needed to bring God's Plan to its fulfillment.

Our life wave has as definite a part to play in the Plan as the Hierarchies who have gone before us in the endless procession of evolving life, which stretches in unbroken sequence "from clod to God." But we cannot play a part with any intelligence or efficiency until we have learned who and what we are — and can answer with some degree of certainty those age-old questions: Whence have we come? Why are we here? Whither are we going?

In Capricorn is shadowed forth the entire outline of the Plan, for the "ruler" or messenger of Capricorn in our solar system, the great planet, Saturn, and the force now administered by it, has to do with both the beginning and the end of manifestation. It was the active agent in setting the boundaries of the universe, and in crystallizing God's thought into form in the substance of all planes, thus marking the descent of spirit into matter. It was also involved in the awakening of the human Ego to consciousness on the physical plane; and it is through the use of this same force that the conquest of spirit over matter and the ultimate sublimation of matter into spirit is to be accomplished by us on the return journey to God.

Thus our entire evolutionary career is pictured here: its dim beginnings in that first of the seven Days of Creation (the Saturn Period); our long, slow involvement (as unconscious sparks of the Divine Flame) into forms of increasing density and complexity during the two succeeding Cosmic Days (the Sun and Moon Periods); our awakening to a consciousness of our own existence in the

far distant past of this, the Earth Period (or fourth day); and the unfoldment of that consciousness in ever-greater power during the three and one-half Cosmic Days that lie ahead of us.

The study of Capricorn presents this opportunity for a general survey of the Plan, and the Winter Solstice, or entrance of the Sun into Capricorn, is the starting point of our study cycle. Powerful help awaits our efforts at self-discovery and self-discipline at this season of the year, for it is at the Winter Solstice that the Christ completes the cyclic concentration of His forces at the center of the Earth, of which He is Lord and Master. He is the highest Initiate of His life wave, the Archangels, who constitute the Hierarchy of Capricorn; and His is the task of setting our feet upon that straight and narrow path which leads directly to our distant goal.

For three months following the Winter Solstice, He works within the Earth, sustaining and renewing the life-principle in all evolving forms upon the planet. His love radiations with their leavening power, penetrate every atom of our poor, fear-ridden globe and call to every human being to open wide the door of his heart to this cleansing and vitalizing stream of Eternal Life. With His teachings as our guide and His benediction upon us, we take up (or renew) our efforts to attune our lives to the rhythms of the Cosmos, which are the very heartbeats of God.

If we meditate upon the outline of the Plan, as revealed by the work of the Saturn force in Nature, it becomes apparent that although eons of time have been spent in the perfecting of living forms, the form itself is important only as a means to an end. That end is the unfoldment of the consciousness and power of the individual life spark which animates the form.

So, if our lives are to be modeled upon the Cosmic Pattern, we must identify ourselves, not with the threefold outer self, the personality, but with that Presence within, the Eternal Self, who is

Life, Consciousness, and Power. This transfer of allegiance from the form to the Life that ensouls it is the supreme ideal set before us by the Christ and the Great Ones of the archangelic life wave, who work with Him through the Ray of Capricorn.

To place the will and the needs of the Higher Self above the whims and desires of the lower self is but to exchange a lesser and temporary good for a greater and everlasting good. It is a sacrifice only from the standpoint of the personality, and then only in the first stages of self-discipline. When the beautiful results begin to flow in, it ceases to be a sacrifice and becomes a joyous, loving consecration.

As we gradually come to recognize the Life, Consciousness, and Power within us as being our very Self, we become increasingly aware of the silent, mighty power of the Spirit working throughout all Nature, building unceasingly along the lines of a definite design — Life pouring itself into the living molds made by the thought of God.

The growing awareness of creative thought as Cause, and of the entire visible world as a panorama of effects, will lead us to the needed realization that, as infant gods we, too, are making thought molds, which the divinity within us is bringing into manifestation in the circumstances and conditions of our outer lives.

During the solar month of Capricorn let us try to discover what use we, individually, are making of this creative power of thought in our daily lives. Are we building strong and beautiful life patterns, under the guidance of the inner Voice, or merely fashioning molds of habit designed by the personality for its own short-sighted aims and satisfactions?

When a form crystallizes to the point of inflexibility, whether it be a thought form or a physical form, that form ceases to be responsive to the needs of the evolving Spirit which called it forth, and becomes an obstacle to progress, a

problem which must be dealt with and solved. It requires, therefore, a vigorous and continuous effort of will on our part to break the outworn or harmful molds of thought which are impeding our growth, and to build new ones that are more in harmony with the purposes for which we were created.

As the material universe, with its infinite complexity, is the form through which our triune God is evolving, so the physical body of man, with its corresponding complexity, is the form through which his threefold individualized Spirit is evolving. It is a specialized force which works along a given line in the great universe, or body of Man. This work can be traced in its entirety only by a spiritually illumined One, but its outlines can be recognized — unmistakably recognized — by any earnest student who cares to make the effort. As the force represented by Saturn was the active agent used in setting the boundaries of the solar universe, and in crystallizing God's thought into form on the physical plane, so does it rule

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the boundaries of the human form, the skin, as well as the limiting membrane of each vital organ. It is to this force also that we owe the skeleton which, like the hidden framework of God's thought, supports the whole structure.

The specific reflection of Capricorn in the body is the knees, whose function is accommodation to movement, a function which is as important on the mental plane as on the physical. Need for ability to adjust to changes in the physical path implies a like need for ability to make mental adjustments to changing circumstances.

Our chief concern with the physical body, during the solar month of Capricorn, is to strive for a true realization of its immense importance as the instrument through which our Eternal Self contacts the physical world, and at the same time to endeavor to put it in



its proper place as the servant of that Eternal Self.

The effort to hold continuously the consciousness of this relationship calls for sustained concentration, which is the outstanding mental attainment to be sought under the Capricorn Ray. But behind all our striving must be the heart quality of consecration as the motive for our work, consecration to our highest conception of Truth.

As this conception expands, it will lead us inevitably to the realization that we, together with all self-conscious beings, are called upon to work with the Plan, that our highest good and our greatest joy are bound up in the Plan, and can be attained only when we have learned to conform our lives to its divine purpose.

Keywords for Capricorn:

SUPPORT	SELF-SACRIFICE
CONSECRATION	THOUGHT
CONCENTRATION	FORM

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 21)

By the seventh year the vital body of the child has reached a perfection sufficient to allow it to receive impacts from the outside world. It sheds its protective covering of ether, and commences its free life. And now the time begins in which the educator may work on the vital body and help it in the formation of memory, conscience, good habits, and a harmonious temperament. *Authority* and *Discipleship* are the watchwords of this epoch, when the child is to learn the meaning of things. In the first epoch it learns that things are, but must not be bothered about their meaning, except what it picks up of its own accord. In the second epoch, from seven to fourteen years, it is essential that the child should learn the meaning of them, but should learn to take things on the authority of parents and teachers, memorizing their explanations, rather than reasoning for itself; reason belongs to a later development, and though he may do so of his own accord, with profit, it is harmful at this period to force him to think.

Children who die before the seventh year have been born only so far as the dense and vital bodies are concerned and are not responsible to the Law of Consequence. Even up to twelve or fourteen years the desire body is in process of gestation, as will be more fully explained in the next lecture, and as that which has not been quickened cannot die, the dense and vital bodies alone go to decay when a child dies. It retains its desire body and mind to the next birth. Therefore it does not go around the whole path which the Ego usually traverses in a life cycle, but only ascends to the First Heaven to learn needed lessons, and after a wait of from one to twenty years it is reborn, often in the same family as a younger child.

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The Children of Capricorn, 1967-68

Birthdays: December 23 to January 21

CAPRICORN'S children, ruled by the planet Saturn, demonstrate, on the positive side, such characteristics as discretion, practicality, and perseverance. They aim to bring their ideals into actual application.

These people are seldom superficial, being usually earnest and cautious. They may be considered by some to be inhibited, for they rarely express themselves freely, nor do they seem to enjoy life to any great extent. They never act on impulse but are of a quiet, thoughtful, and serious nature — sometimes too serious. However, this does not interfere with their ambition, nor prevent them from fulfilling that ambition, for this sign produces many prominent people, especially in politics and government.

Capricorn, the 10th house sign, governs the social standing, profession, etc., and thoroughly expresses the persistence of the goat making the steady climb to the top, when others, even of the fixed signs, would finally abandon the struggle. This inborn inclination makes them reach for a high position, and by their perseverance, tact, and diplomatic talent, they usually reach their goal. Al-

though they may often be disappointed, they are never entirely discouraged, and usually make the most of every opportunity. By means of their concentrated effort they plow their way through and triumph over adverse circumstances.

The Sun rising in this sign brings out the justice, purity, and honor of the sign and makes for captains of industry, such as are found in great social and business enterprises of the world. These attributes of Capricorn prove the statement, "There is no failure except in ceasing to try."

The negative side of the Capricorn nature is expressed as melancholia and suspicion, but there is power to fight off this gloomy outlook.

This entire solar month is influenced by the conjunction of Uranus and Pluto in Virgo, sextile Neptune in Scorpio, so that children born during this time will be inclined toward the scientific as well as occult side of life. The mind tends to be keen, original, and intuitive, and there are apt to be dreams and visions of a prophetic nature, as well as considerable inspirational perception.

As the solar month opens, and lasting until January 10, the Sun conjuncts Mercury, which favors the memory and

mentality on the days when the orb of aspect is three degrees or more.

The Sun squares Saturn from December 23 to January 5, tending to lower the resistance and bring experiences designed to teach the native unselfishness, optimism, and patience.

From December 23 to January 4, the Sun trines Jupiter, pointing toward health, wealth, and happiness. The nature is friendly, generous, and trustworthy. There is good judgment and executive ability along with a penchant for government work.

The Sun squares Uranus from December 23 to 29, warning parents of children born during this time to stress poise and self-control in training them from their earliest years.

From December 23 to January 1 Venus and Mars are in square aspect, further warning to parents to train their children in control of the desire nature, along with high moral standards. A tendency toward extravagance should also be curbed.

Venus conjuncts Neptune from December 23 to January 2, pointing toward musical ability and a fertile imagination — if there are positive aspects from other planets. Otherwise there will be lessons in upright dealing with partners to learn.

From December 23 to 28, Mercury squares Uranus, a strong warning of the need to cultivate poise, deliberate thought and action, and the use of logic.

Mercury also squares Saturn from December 23 to January 1, again emphasizing the need for cultivating unselfishness, optimism, and truthfulness.

A better influence during this same period is the trine between Mercury and Jupiter, giving the very qualities needed to handle the square to Saturn: cheerfulness, generosity, and friendliness. The mentality is broad, versatile, and able to reason correctly.

A final aspect between December 23 and January 1 is the opposition of Saturn to Uranus, calling for the cultivation of honesty, self-control, diligence,

and sincerity for its transmutation.

Venus sextiles Uranus from December 27 to January 6, indicating mental alertness, quick intuitive perception, and personal magnetism. There is also a love for art, music, and poetry.

From December 27 to January 10, Mars squares Neptune, pointing toward the need to train these children in refinement, self-control, and a positive attitude in all psychic affairs.

Venus and Jupiter are in square aspect from January 1 to 11, suggesting opportunities to learn needed lessons in humility, simplicity, and sensible economy. Dependability in all partnership relations also is needed.

A better Venusian influence during this same period is the trine to Saturn, which bespeaks tact, system, thrift, and faithfulness.

From January 8 to 21 the Sun sextiles Neptune, and Jupiter opposes Mars, the first aspect intensifying the spiritual vibrations in the aura and therefore favoring the development of the spiritual faculties. The opposition of Jupiter to Mars, however, warns of the need to cultivate honesty, sincerity, and self-control. Proper diet and exercise will help to ward off possible liver and circulatory ailments.

Mercury trines Uranus from January 8 to 15, giving an original, independent, and intuitive mentality. This aspect is the hallmark of the pioneer in invention, of the idealistic, progressive outlook on life.

From January 12 to 21, the Sun trines Uranus, another evidence of originality, independence, and inventiveness. The intuition is very strong, so that these natives can bring to our ken ingenious methods of using nature's finer forces. Highstrung and idealistic, they rarely show temper or anger.

Mercury sextiles Saturn from January 12 to 20, indicating a mind capable of deep thought and concentration. There is persistence, sound judgment, and diplomacy — all important factors in making the most of life's opportunities.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

BETH E. B.

Born April 29, 1955, 1 A.M.

Latitude 41 N, Longitude 74 W,

Signs on the cusps of houses:

ASC, Aquarius 2.17	4th, Leo17
2nd, Pisces 19	5th, Gemini . .17
3rd, Aries 28	6th, Cancer . . .7

Positions of the planets:

Venus5.33	Aries2nd
Part F.3.07	Taurus3rd
Sun8.09	Taurus3rd
Mercury15.12	Taurus3rd
Mars12.18	Gemini4th
Dragon's T. 29.08	Gemini5th
Jupiter22.44	Cancer6th
Uranus23.57	Cancer6th
Moon8.59	Leo7th
Pluto24.18 R.	Leo7th
Neptune .26.34 R.	Libra8th
Saturn . .18.36 R.	Scorpio9th

A very fixed nature has this little girl! Fixed signs are on all the angles, and the Sun, Moon, and three planets are in fixed signs. Learning to be more pliable and willing to listen to parental counsel will probably be the most difficult and important lessons for her to learn in this incarnation.

The Sun and Mercury are in conjunction (7 degrees) in Taurus in the 3rd house, square to the Moon in Leo in the 7th, and to the Aquarian ASC. Mercury also opposes Saturn in Scorpio in the 9th. There is quite a bit of stubbornness in this child's disposition, and a good deal of loving understanding and patience will be required to direct her thinking and acting into constructive channels. However, patient persistence on the part of her parents in instilling unselfishness, kindness, and tolerance towards others will result in very worthwhile changes in her nature. Wholesome

eating habits are "musts," also, for her health will depend much on her eating plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as those having a laxative quality. Every moment spent in teaching her to see God in other people, and in refusing to criticize and be antagonistic toward the personality will pay big dividends in character improvement. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," is a motto especially suitable for her.

Fortunately, Saturn trines Jupiter and Uranus in conjunction in Cancer in the 6th, giving strength of character, a deep and profoundly philosophical mind, and a benevolent disposition with a strong sense of justice and fair play. Honor and esteem in the community are indicated, as well as sound financial judgment, the ability to grasp opportunity when it is met, and devotion to duty, religion, and all good objects in life. Also, she has ambition and determination, with ability to concentrate upon large problems, exercise authority, plan, and systematize. Beth's mind has a mechanical, inventive bent, too, and her intuition is strong enough so that she may be guided by interior insight whenever important decisions are to be made.

The positive attributes of the Moon and planets aspected are brought out by the lunar orb's sextile to Mars in Gemini in the 4th, and its trine to Venus in Aries in the 2nd. Self-reliance, aggressiveness, physical strength, oratorical ability, a fruitful imagination, and a love for pleasure, music, and art are all present. Since the Moon is in the 7th, these aspects also favor partnership relations.

There is much potential for spiritual progress to be made by this child in the present life, and with an understanding of occult truth and the wise guidance of her parents, she should realize much of that potential.

TERRY T.

Born November 9, 1956, 11 P.M.

Latitude 34 N., Longitude 118 W.

Sign on cups of houses:

ASC, Leo ...15.27	4th, Scorpio9
2nd, Virgo9	5th, Sagittarius 13
3rd, Libra6	6th, Capricorn 16

Positions of planets:

Pluto0.18	Virgo1st
Jupiter26.32	Virgo2nd
Venus1.25	Libra3rd
Neptune0.50	Scorpio3rd
Part F.11.46	Scorpio4th
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Here we have another very fixed nature, a little boy also having fixed signs on all the angles, and the Sun, Moon, and three planets in fixed signs. Learning pliability and willingness to accept counsel from parents will perhaps be just as difficult for this child as for the little girl whose chart has just been delineated here. There is considerable difference in their natures, however.

Terry's Sun is in Scorpio in the 4th, combust Mercury, sextile Jupiter, trine Mars, but square the Moon and ASC. He is a very forceful character, one who makes his presence felt wherever he is. However, the sextile of Sun to Jupiter in Virgo in the 2nd gives a disposition that is basically jovial, kindly, sympathetic, and trustworthy, and there is splendid earning capacity. The benefic aspects of both Jupiter and Mars to Sun point toward vibrant health — tremendous physical energy and recuperative power. Terry has a dauntless determination and courage to face the greatest odds. He may be rather blunt and brusque in his manner at times, especially if something or someone impedes the accomplishment of what he is trying

to do, but it is not his intention to be hurtful. The square of the Moon in Aquarius in the 6th, on the other hand, brings a changeable element into his nature, a tendency toward rashness which can and should be controlled.

The Moon also squares Mercury, pointing toward times of mental instability or indecision, but the trine of the Moon to Venus in Libra in the 3rd gives a kindly, sympathetic side to the nature, an engaging personality very attractive to the opposite sex. There is also oratorical ability, a fruitful imagination, a love for and ability in music and art, and happiness in marriage is favored.

Mercury in Scorpio indicates a keen shrewd mind, though its power is lessened by being combust the Sun. To offset this, however, there is its trine to Mars, giving keenness and resourcefulness. There is a liking for argument and debate, as well as a great fund of wit and humor, which may be blended with sarcasm at times. Terry can attack with forceful enthusiasm any project that appeals to him and also enthrall others toward the same goal.

Saturn in Sagittarius in the 4th trines Uranus in Leo in the 12th, giving ambition and determination, with the ability to concentrate upon large problems and exercise authority, plan, and systematize. It also strengthens the intuition, so that Terry may have interior guidance whenever there is an important decision to make. This aspect also indicates ingenuity and mechanical ability.

Uranus also sextiles Venus, adding alertness and intuitive perception to the mind, as well as a love for music and art. Many friends are attracted, and there may be love of a platonic nature which will be a great inspiration in Terry's life.

Since Venus rules the Taurean MC and is posited in Libra, sextile Uranus and trine the Moon, music is probably the best field for Terry's vocational activities. He could become a fine organist or band leader, and no doubt has a good singing voice.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

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

Journalist, Milliner

BETTY J. B. — Born April 24, 1928, 2:28 A.M., Latitude 42 N., Longitude 107 W. The Sun in Taurus in the 2nd house, sextile the Moon in Cancer in the 5th, and Mars in Pisces in the 1st (distant), and three planets in the 2nd, point toward success in acquiring material possessions. Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury are in conjunction in Aries in the 2nd, and they trine Saturn in Sagittarius in the 10th, as well as Neptune in Leo in the 7th. There is an excellent mind: quick, broad, tolerant, optimistic, able to reason correctly, to think deeply, to concentrate, and to persist. An interest in the occult is indicated, too, so that this native no doubt long ago has seen the wisdom of subordinating the material side of life to the spiritual. The square of Uranus in the 1st house to the Moon warns her to cultivate humility, tolerance, and poise. (The well aspected Neptune in the 7th points toward a strong spiritual element in all partnership matters.) Saturn in the 10th in Sagittarius trines Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, and the Part of Fortune, but squares Mars. As a journalist, college teacher, importer and exporter, beautician, or milliner, this native could use her natural talents well.

Beautician, Play Supervisor

LINDA S. M. — Born June 27, 1952, 12:38 A.M., Latitude 43 N., Longitude 80 W. With the Sun, Venus, Uranus, and Mercury all in the sign Cancer, and the two latter in the 4th, this native will have her interests focused largely in the home and its affairs. The Sun conjuncts Venus and Uranus, sextiles Jupiter in

Taurus in the 1st and the Moon in Leo in the 5th, trines Mars in Scorpio in the 7th, but squares Saturn in Libra in the 6th. There is considerable musical and artistic ability, along with generosity, hospitality, and kindness of nature. The harmony between the personality and the individuality will help her to succeed by means of her own ability and resourcefulness. Mars in Scorpio well aspected to Sun, Venus, Moon, and MC indicates a tremendous fund of vitality and power of recuperation as well as partners of a similar nature. Neptune in the 7th, however, sounds a warning to beware of deceptive influences, both on the psychic and the physical planes. Saturn rules the Capricorn MC, and is posited in Libra in the 6th. Linda could serve well as a helper in dealing with music, manicure supplies, hair goods, jewelry, clothes, etc. She should also be in her element as a playground supervisor, or as a beautician.

Radio Emcee, Salesman

RAYMOND C.—Born August 22, 1926, 11:30 P.M., Latitude 50 N., Longitude 4 E. This native has Gemini on the ASC and his planets scattered throughout seven houses, so that he should be quite versatile, even though Sun, Moon, and six planets are in fixed signs. The Sun and Neptune are in Leo in the 4th, Venus and Mercury are in Leo in the 3rd, Saturn is in Scorpio in the 6th, Mars is in Taurus in the 12th. The Moon and Jupiter are in Aquarius in the 10th, so we look to these planets as chief vocational indicators. As a radio emcee, salesman, or rapid transit worker this native should be able to use his natural talents to advantage.

Daily Thought and Guide

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

MONDAY—JANUARY 1

The New Moon in Capricorn at the end of December ushers in the New Year with a conjunction to Mercury, passing to a sextile to Neptune and Venus, and a trine to Uranus today. A fitting day for high aspirations—and a determination to fulfill them.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 2

"He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear."—*Emerson*.

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 3

Moderation and poise are excellent watchwords for this rather martial day. Keep all dealings above board.

THURSDAY—JANUARY 4

Initiative may have to be self-induced during the early hours of today. Later hours bring more mental activity and alertness.

FRIDAY—JANUARY 5

No impulsive decisions today! Keep poised and ready to hear the interior promptings of the Higher Self.

SATURDAY—JANUARY 6

Favorable vibrations from both Venus and Saturn today should result in good judgment and pleasant associations.

SUNDAY—JANUARY 7

"He who sows, even with tears, the precious seed of faith, hope, and love shall doubtless come again with joy and bring his sheaves with him."—*Cecil*.

MONDAY—JANUARY 8

This can be a profitable day if we pave the way with a determination to see the Christ in everyone we meet — no

matter about the unprepossessing exterior.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 9

A good day for planting — seeds of harmony and peace, as well as of flowers in one's yard. Truly, "as we sow, so shall we reap."

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 10

The intuitive voice should be strong today; seek its guidance with prayer for the best welfare of all. "Overcome evil with good."

THURSDAY—JANUARY 11

Avoid extravagance today, in both thought and deed; yield to the stabilizing rays of Saturn. Mental activity is favored.

FRIDAY—JANUARY 12

"Seek not proud riches, but such as thou may'st get justly use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly; yet have no abstract nor friarly contempt of them."—*Bacon*.

SATURDAY—JANUARY 13

Avoid hasty words and actions during the early hours of today; the later hours may be spent at home pleasantly and profitably.

SUNDAY—JANUARY 14

"The act of divine worship is the inestimable privilege of man, the only created being who bows in humility and adoration."—*Ballou*.

MONDAY—JANUARY 15

Whatever problems may arise today may be satisfactorily handled through prayer. "True, scientific prayer is a powerful method of finding favor before our Father."—*Max Heindel*.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 16

The stabilizing rays of Saturn may be used to avoid possible mental confusion today. "The best is the cheapest."
—*Franklin*.

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 17

During the earlier hours art and music are favored. True beauty in whatever form feeds the soul — and thus the indwelling Spirit.

THURSDAY—JANUARY 18

Jupiter's beneficent rays may be used to advantage today, but care may need be taken to keep calm and poised. Energy misdirected is energy lost.

FRIDAY—JANUARY 19

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report — think on these things."

SATURDAY—JANUARY 20

Early morning hours are apt to be quite active; later hours may be more restful. Relaxation may be both physically and mentally beneficial.

SUNDAY—JANUARY 21

Harmonious mental vibrations today can pave the way for conscious enjoyment of worship and true service. "They serve God well who serve His creatures." —*Mrs. Norton*.

MONDAY—JANUARY 22

"Hope proves man deathless. It is the struggle of the soul, breaking loose from what is perishable, and attesting her eternity." —*Henry Melville*.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 23

There can be much constructive accomplishment today, but let us remember that all should be done to the glory of God.

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 24

Powerful spiritual vibrations are available today, with both Uranus and Neptune leading the way. Seek for the highest in all personal relationship.

THURSDAY—JANUARY 25

Experience is a great teacher, if we will learn by it. However, we can learn also by observation and without so much pain.

FRIDAY—JANUARY 26

Unexpected events can be most beneficial for us when we take them as opportunities to learn. Inner poise and calmness fortify us.

SATURDAY—JANUARY 27

There may be much constructive accomplishment today, but we do best when our energy is expended in the interests of our fellow men.

SUNDAY—JANUARY 28

"From the time Christ came, the pioneer Christian people have entered upon the second, or Sun part of the Aryan Epoch, and are therefore now substituting the Sun's Day for the day of Saturn (Saturday), as a day of worship." —*Max Heindel*.

MONDAY—JANUARY 29

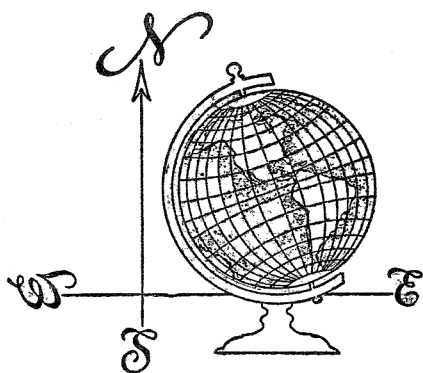
There are fine, constructive stellar influences available today. We can make this a day to remember for bringing harmony and accomplishment into our sphere of action.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 30

Progressive mental influence can broaden our thinking in all matters today, but we will do best by making full use of logic and reason.

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 31

Earlier hours of this Mercury-ruled day favor musical and artistic endeavors that may bring a message from the homeworld of the Ego. "Music has a greater mission than simply to provide enjoyment for us." —*Max Heindel*.



MONTHLY *News* INTERPRETED

Sunspot Cycle Approaches Its Peak

It is not merely astrologers who are interested in the sunspot cycles. These cycles, in which black marks appear upon the Sun in gradually increasing numbers, are known to have effects on the electromagnetic field of the planet Earth, causing magnetic storms and electrical disturbances. The first of the current sunspots were observed in October, 1963.

In 1966 the largest sunspot (about 37,000 miles in diameter) of the current cycle appeared on March 15 and moved off the Sun's visible surface on March 28. It caused a distinct increase in the Earth's magnetic activity.

By June of 1966 it was observed that solar X-ray emissions had increased sharply, indicating that the coming sunspot peak may be or could be the most intense on record; which remains to be seen.

Dr. John Xanthakis of the Research and Computing Center, Academy of Athens, said that this current sunspot cycle would probably reach its peak of activity no earlier than mid-1968, judging on the basis of trends found in previous sunspot cycles projected forward to the 1968 figure.

The sunspot cycle is about eleven years in duration; and some observers have noted the similarity of this with the period of revolution of the planet Jupiter, which many astronomers think

may be the Sun's "partner" in our system. Whether this is so or not, it stands to reason that the largest planet in the system should have a specially significant relationship with our Sun.

The Noisy Sun

In addition to pouring out an entire spectrum of radiation ranging from radio waves to cosmic rays, the sun has now been found to emit deep rumbling sound waves. The discovery may explain a long-standing astronomical puzzle.

Sound waves from the sun were so unexpected that Dr. Robert F. Howard of Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories first thought they were caused by instrumental or seeing defects. However, more than 250 hours of observing time, combined with analytical help from a computer and independent observation, has now convinced him that the sun radiates acoustical waves.

The waves are too low in frequency to be audible. They have been observed in bursts of about two minutes' duration in the hot gases of the solar photosphere, the sun's bright visible surface. Dr. Howard calls them SPO's, for short period oscillations.

The subsonic waves were detected with an instrument that records both the solar magnetic field and the vertical movements of solar gases. The motions appear as ripples, with periods of about two to three seconds, atop slower waves in the sun's atmosphere that are some 50 miles high, rising and falling at the rate of 1,000 miles an hour every five minutes.

Dr. Howard said that his observations show the ripples start at one point and spread in all directions, as sound waves should. The amplitudes of the waves are the same on all parts of the sun, whether

detected toward the edge or in the center, also expected of sound waves.

There is no known connection between the large waves having a period of five minutes and the subsonic motions of two or three seconds. The mechanism that triggers the sound waves is not known, and the discovery is so recent that even speculation concerning a cause is not available.

Since the sun has acoustical waves, other stars should also have them. If they do, the sound waves may explain an old quandary—the perplexing “line broadening” observed in the spectra of many stars.

Much information about stars is contained in their spectra, which consist of the stars’ light sorted into wavelengths. Superimposed on this rainbow of colors are many dark lines, each of a different wavelength and each representing a specific chemical element.

The dark lines are arranged in patterns that reveal the star’s chemical composition, as well as the motions and temperatures of its gases. The puzzle has been that these lines for many stars appear to be broader than they should be, and also tend to have fuzzy edges.

A small, constant vibration in a star’s atmosphere, the kind Dr. Howard found in acoustical waves on the sun, could produce this effect, thus accounting for line broadening.

Dr. Howard reported to a meeting of astronomers in Budapest on The Structure and Development of Solar Active Regions, held Sept. 5 to 8, that Dr. William C. Livingston of Kitt Peak National Observatory in Tucson had independently observed the same oscillations at the same times he had.

—*Science News*, Vol. 92, 9 Sept., 1967.

Goethe speaks of the sound made by the rising Sun in the words: “His course predestined through creation he ends with step of thunder-sound.”

According to the Pythagoreans and many other ancient scientists and mystics, all creation emits various sounds; and this is not a mere visionary statement. Musicians easily recognize sounds of the musical scale in the sounds of Nature, and many composers introduce these sounds into their music, where they are readily recognized by the hearers. But there are also the subsonics and supersonics — sounds too low and too high for the range of the human ear. When these sounds are heard, they must be heard by special senses in the mind and psyche of man—and they are heard in that way.

According to the Pythagoreans, each planet and each star sings its own song, and these together form a divine harmony; the Music of the Spheres. After Pythagoras had established the new musical scale which has since become standard for western music, in part if not wholly, the musical notes of the universe, especially the planets, were fitted arbitrarily into this scale; but it is interesting that the tradition remained that the Sun emitted a “thunder-sound”. The same idea comes from the mythology of the Chariot of Apollo being the Sun; which would convey the idea that the wheels of the chariot made this sound as they sped across the heavens, with a special roar at dawn and sunset.

According to most ancient systems, each planet was either the vehicle (“chariot”) of a god or Archangel, or the god or Archangel bore it like a lamp around the skies; these Archangels were called Titans by the Greeks, and seers described them as mighty figures seen athwart the skies. The Greeks also called these Archangels “Sirens”, because they sang as they sped through the heavens.

In mythological art the god is shown with the star or planet, or its symbol, above or upon its head. This is easily understood when we realize that in all hierarchies of life the centers in the head are the most brilliant, these and also the centers in the heart. Hence the “Crown of Jewels” universally described as worn by Angels and Archangels (and gods), and saintly people.

This is the first time, according to this article, that sound waves have been identified as coming from the Sun. The reporter comments that since the Sun has acoustical waves, other stars should also have them, and if they do, this accounts for a hitherto unexplained phenomenon, the “line broadening” noted in the spectra of many stars. “A small, constant vibration in a star’s atmosphere . . . could produce this effect,” the astronomers note.

Dream Scintillations — or the Reflecting Ether?

An unusual type of waking experience called "dream scintillations" seems to resemble epilepsy rather than nighttime dreaming, reports a San Francisco psychiatrist who unexpectedly experienced half-an-hour of persistent, flashing images while fully awake.

Dr. Mardi J. Horowitz of the Mount Zion Hospital reports the images had neither a story line nor emotional content, as do dreams. Rather they were random flashes of recognizable scenes, following one after another, which he could not block. "I was able to think around them . . . but only with effort and with a very short concentration span," Dr. Horowitz says.

He believes the experience was a minor attack of temporal-lobe epilepsy, triggered by fatigue. Thought seemed to become derailed from the verbal to a primitive, pictorial level over which there is little intellectual control.

Experimentally induced seizures in epileptics stimulated the same type of hallucinatory experience, says the psychiatrist. It also seems to be characteristic of spontaneous seizures.

Dream scintillation mental states, however, are not reported among people deprived of sleep and night dreams, Dr. Horowitz declares in the current (May-June) *PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE*.

Two other experiences with dream scintillations have been reported by psychiatric researchers, one in 1949, the other in 1965. —*Science News*, July, 1967.

The stream of pictures which appears in the Reflecting Ether is familiar to all occult students. Often students have come into the occult sciences in an effort to understand what they see. *Note that these are not mere hypnogogic or dream pictures.* Dr. Horowitz recognized this fact from his own experience. Note also that he had put forth a strong effort of will to think through and around the images.

This psychiatrist compares his experience to epileptic vision, "a minor attack of temporal-lobe epilepsy, triggered by fatigue." Of course psychiatrists have always referred to clairvoyant vision, especially the negative variety, as "epileptic". St. Paul's vision on the way to Damascus is taken as evidence that St. Paul was an epileptic, and had a "falling fit" at the time of his Christ Experience.

Dr. Horowitz thinks the activity occurred in the temporal lobe of the brain, and we suppose that he must have been conscious of some sensation in some particular area of the lobe to cause him to say this. However, the clairvoyant generally sees the pictures without being aware of any special brain-area.

Thought, Dr. Horowitz observed, is derailed from the verbal to the primitive pictorial level over which there is little intellectual control. This is the "negative clairvoyance" known to occult science. However, the Picture-Vision returns on a higher level, under positive control and training, and it is then fully under the control of the will and the reason. This is positive clairvoyance, according to the occult school.

It is significant that "dream scintillations are not reported among people deprived of sleep and night dreams." The article comments that two other experiences with dream scintillations have been reported by psychiatric researchers, one in 1949 and the other in 1965. However, these "dream scintillations" are so common among occultists that no one thinks of making special reports!

Universe Originates in Primeval Fireball

Smooth Sea of Cosmic Radiation

Evidence has been accumulating that the earth is bathed in microwave radiation left over from a primeval fireball that gave rise to the universe as we see it today. Several billion years after the primordial event the temperature of this cosmic radiation has cooled to about three degrees Kelvin (degrees centigrade above absolute zero). This hypothesis has now received further support from the finding that the radiation is very nearly isotropic, that is, its intensity is very nearly constant when measured in any direction. The finding is published in *Physical Review Letters* by R. B. Partridge and David T. Wilkinson, members of a group working with Robert H. Dicke at Princeton University.

The Princeton workers measured the background radiation at a wavelength of

3.2 centimeters with a specially designed radio telescope that was pointed steadily in the direction of the celestial equator. As the earth turned, the instrument swept a 360-degree path through the sky. During 15 minutes of each half hour a large aluminum reflector was placed in the antenna beam so that the incoming radiation was received from the region of the north celestial pole. By measuring the difference in the readings from these two directions the effects of solar heating on the apparatus and on the atmosphere were canceled out. Fifty-five runs extending over most of a year were analyzed statistically to see if the data concealed a 12-hour or 24-hour periodicity. The 24-hour periodicity was found to be negligible: less than .1 per cent. There was, however, a small 12-hour periodicity, amounting to about .2 percent, that the Princeton workers suspect may be significant. Its cause is unknown, but it may represent a real anisotropy of the universe early in its history.

The Princeton measurements can be used to estimate a kind of "absolute" motion of the earth: the velocity of the solar system with respect to the mean motion of the radiation produced by the primeval fireball. If the solar system were moving relative to this radiation, the radiation would seem to be a little hotter measured in the forward direction and a little cooler measured in the backward direction. The present measurements place an upper limit of about 300 kilometers per second on the velocity of the solar system relative to the background radiation. This value seems remarkably low, considering that the earth travels around the sun at 30 kilometers per second and that the sun travels around the center of the galaxy at about 300 kilometers per second.

The data were also analyzed for clues to the homogeneity of matter in the universe. The results place an upper limit of plus or minus 10 percent on variations of density large enough to extend over a few billion light-years.

—*CERN News*, June-July, 1967.

New discoveries continue to be made in the field of physics and astronomy, and science is not yet in a place to make any definite statements on the basic problems of the universe and life in it. A few new theories have been substantiated. It is now considered almost beyond question that man on earth is not alone in the universe, but that life does exist in other planetary systems. This is no longer questioned by the majority of scientists in any field.

The subject is still full of technicalities which puzzle the layman, but we can

get some small idea of the trend of the discoveries from the evidence now being published.

The over-all picture is not one totally different from that of the old theories taught since Laplace; there are still elements which harmonize, and which can be correlated to clairvoyant pictures from the Memory of Nature. It is chiefly in details that there are differences, but the spiritual aspect of the entire situation still remains substantially the same, as evidence of the Involution of Life along with the Evolution of Form in the universe.

Extraterrestrial Ring Current

Instruments aboard Explorer 34, launched May 24, are directly measuring, for only the second time, the huge electrical current ringing earth thousands of miles out.

The current is believed to consist of electrons and protons from the sun circling earth's equator at a distance of 10,000 to 20,000 miles. This is within the outer Van Allen radiation belt.

First postulated by British physicist Sydney Chapman in 1932, the ring current is thought to account for periodic disturbances in earth's magnetic field. Auroras and radio blackouts are among phenomena associated with magnetic field disruptions.

The instruments aboard Explorer 34 were designed by Louis A. Frank of the University of Iowa.—*Science News*, July, 1967.

The Earth's connection with the central Sun continues to be explored by astronomers and physicists. The ring current around this planet, the particles of which come from the Sun, — positive protons and negative electrons — are thought to account in part for the mystifying changes in the Earth's magnetic field. The Earth's magnetic field, incidentally, is thought to be roughly teardrop shaped, but new information comes in from month to month concerning the magnetic field not only of Earth, but of the other planets, satellites of planets, the Sun, and stars.

Readers' QUESTIONS

Christ the Spirit of Our Earth

Question:

Was there ever a Spirit in our Earth before the coming of the Christ? When He is released who will be the indwelling Spirit?

Answer:

Max Heindel answered this question as follows:

"The Law of Analogy holds good everywhere. It is the master key to all mysteries, and you will find that what applies to the microcosmic man also applies to the macrocosmic God or the Divine Power. The animals now are guided by Spirits from *without*. At a later period they will become *indwelling Spirits*, and learn to guide their vehicles without assistance from any source. Similarly it was with the Earth, as stated in the *Cosmo* and various other parts of our literature. Up to 2000 years ago Jehovah had charge and guided our Earth from without as the animals are guided by the Group Spirits. Thus the Earth was held in its orbit by His power, and He was up to that time the supreme God.

"However, at the change made on Golgotha the Christ Spirit drew into our Earth in order that He might aid us to evolve faculties which Jehovah could not give us. Jehovah gave us laws which held us in check, but the Christ gave us *love*. One is the restraining force, applied from *without*; the other is an impelling energy applied from *within*. Thus the Christ is now guiding the Earth in its orbit from within, and will continue until we have learned to vibrate to that attribute, *love*, whereby we shall be able

to apply the power to our own planet and thus guide it in its orbit from *within*.

"*Christ is the highest Initiate of the Sun Period* and as such has His dwelling place in the Sun. He is the Sustainer and Preserver of the whole solar system. In one sense it is right to speak of that which dwells within our Earth as a Ray, yet it does not convey the exact idea of what is the case. Perhaps we can get at the matter by an illustration. Let us liken the great Spirit in the Sun to a refiner of metal. He has upon his furnace a number of crucibles and is watching them all. Heat is melting these metals and throwing the dross to the top. The refiner is gradually skimming the crucibles, until at last the metal is perfectly beautiful and clear and he can see his face in each. Similarly we may see the Christ turn His attention from one planet to another, and as He turns Himself to our Earth, for instance, His image is reflected in the Earth. It is not a dead image, however. *It is a living, feeling, sentient being, so full of feeling* that we ourselves in our present dead state, dwelling in these bodies of earth can have no idea of that faculty of feeling possessed by the indwelling Spirit of the Earth.

"Thus, for a time, His energy is imparted to this *picture* as a focus, and while really being in the Sun, the Cosmic Christ feels everything that is going on in the Earth, as if He were actually here present. That *picture* within, which it must be thoroughly understood is not a picture in the ordinary sense of the word, is a counterpart, a part of the Solar Christ, and through it He knows and feels and senses everything upon

the Earth as if he were actually present. I have repeated this, but it might be repeated time and time again without detriment, as it is something that should be very thoroughly understood. That is what is really meant by *omnipresence*. Thus while the Christ is the indwelling Spirit of the Sun, He is also the indwelling Spirit of the Earth, and must continue to hold this office of helpfulness for us — feeling everything, enduring everything that goes or would go with an actual presence, for our sake.

“Let us consider for a moment what that which we call the Earth is — that is to say, its origin. The solidification commenced in the Sun Period, when we were unable to vibrate at the high rate demanded to remain here. Thus we gradually worked ourselves out of the Sun and were projected into space. The rate of vibration was gradually lowered until the middle of the Atlantean Epoch, and thus the Earth crystallized into a mass of stone, we might say. Thus *we ourselves* made the Earth what it was, and if no help had been given we should have been unable to extricate ourselves from the meshes of matter.

“Jehovah from without endeavored to help us by laws. To know the law and to follow it would have in time aided us, provided we had the requisite strength. However, no man is justified by the law, and by the law all spirit must become further enmeshed. Therefore, there had to be given a new impulse which would inscribe the law *into men's hearts*. There is a great difference between what we do because we must, for fear of an outside master who metes out a just retribution for every offense, and the inner urge which impels us to do right *because it is right*. We recognize what is right when the law is *inscribed in our hearts*, and then we obey its dictates unquestioningly, even though it may cause our whole being to vibrate in pain.

“Thus we are collectively the Spirits of the Earth. We must some day guide the vehicle we have created. Jehovah guided it from without by means of

laws. However, as this was not sufficient to bring us to the point of individualization where we shall be able to take care of ourselves, Christ came in as a Savior, and is helping us until the time comes when we shall have evolved within ourselves a love nature sufficient to float the Earth. So there have been no other Spirits *in* the Earth. The Christ is here only temporarily to help us, and in time it will be our privilege to take up the task for ourselves and guide our planet as we want and as we should. The increased vibratory force has already made the Earth much less dense, much lighter, and in time it will become ethereal again as it once was. It will cease to be dead in sin (self). It will become alive in *love*.”

Concerning Prayer

Question:

Jesus taught us that Christ is within us—or God is in us. Therefore we *have* all the attributes of God already. The Bible says that we *have* the mind of Christ, we have His righteousness, we have His wisdom, etc. If this is true, should we ask God to give us what we already have? Or should we acknowledge the fact that we have these things and thank and praise Him for them?

Answer:

Since we were made “in the image of God” we have His attributes *in potentiality*. The object of evolution is to unfold these potentialities into dynamic powers and thus become truly like Him. Actually, we should not ask God to *give* us anything! We should thank Him and praise Him, always, and try to live according to His laws.



Health in the News

B R E A D S

White bread, brown bread, black bread! What's the difference? Who cares, anyway? They're all good food, aren't they?

A wall picture at Thebes of ancient Egyptian life shows a miller sieving out the bran from wheat to make "fine flour." This was often referred to in the Bible as being suitable for offerings on special occasions. See Leviticus 5:11. Then it wasn't a matter of nutrition "fit for the gods", but a representation of a more costly offering.

Two hundred years before Christ, the Greeks were eating white bread—if they could afford it—both rich and middle class, and any reference to "black bread" was contemptuous. This wholemeal product of bran mixed often with beans was considered to be mere food for slaves and down-and-outs.

For a long period white bread was a symbol of city life and sophistication by many nationalities—down to the time of Medieval England. But a growing group of well-educated thinkers (Plato, Socrates, and Galen, among others) recognized that there was a mysterious relationship between living to a healthy old age and eating wholemeal bread.

In Shakespeare's time in the 1600s, "health faddists" of his day began proclaiming it wrong for anyone who set any store on health to separate the bran

from the finest flour. "Separation," they wrote, "was first invented to gratify wanton and luxurious persons . . . the pheasant that had no better than coarse bread is healthier, stronger and more agile and sprightly than the city cormorant whose brutish appetite cannot be satisfied with any other thing than the costliest and richest varieties that nature can afford."

In 1585, Stubbs advocated wholemeal bread because it provided a natural laxative value as well as health and strength properties. He wrote: "Do we not see the poore man that eateth browne bread . . . healthier, stronger, fayrer complectioned, and longer living than the other, that fare daintelie every day?"

By 1860, milling processes had progressed so well that white flour was no longer more expensive, and had dropped to below that of the whole grain product. Then it was that two men among the intelligentsia by the names of Graham and Allinson began to stand up and make themselves heard. Both were vegetarians, deeply sincere, and achieved great reputations and a considerable following. To these men the belief that a wholemeal bread was the natural and therefore proper food for man amounted almost to a religion.

Graham thundered that in tearing asunder the bran from the endosperm, man was separating what God had joined

together in the grain. Allinson preached that brown bread made from whole wheat ground in his stone mill was the true staff of life that made children strong and kept them from growing up with a craving for beer and spirits.

With the introduction of chemical analysis in the early 19th century, it was proved for the first time that although wholemeal flour had more indigestible cellulose, it also contained more protein, fat, and minerals than white flour, and weight for weight, it *was* actually more nutritious than white flour. It was not until several decades later that the importance of vitamins was discovered.

After the war, when animal growth studies began to take the place of much guesswork and supposition, vitamin B₁ proved to be a vital factor in sound nutrition, and consequently the evidence became overwhelming that the proteins and vitamins of brown bread were almost a necessity to a sound diet. Despite the soundness of this line of reasoning, the public was eating with its palate—not its brain, and demanded white bread instead of Graham bread. And so it was that white bread was fortified . . . with added vitamins and minerals.

But is such “fortified” bread actually as nutritious as wholewheat bread? Growth studies on both animals and children seem to prove that it is; yet many nutritionists hold out reservations. How do we know, for instance, that man is putting back all the trace elements that God put into the wheat berry? Does it stand to reason that such tampering with the natural product is likely to be the equal of the original?

In more recent years, the noted nutritionist, H. C. Sherman, put his finger on this touchy spot when he pointed out: “The outer layers and the germ of the grain with the adjacent part of the endosperm, contain most of the mineral and vitamin values. They also furnish proteins which have a special value both directly and as a supplement to the otherwise inferior protein of the inner part of the grain used in making patent

flour. ‘Enriched’ flour and bread, or ‘restored’ breakfast cereals have received back through the enrichment program a significant part but not *all* of the mineral and vitamin values previously lost in the milling process; but the supplementary protein value is not restored.”

Ellen G. White makes crystal clear the importance of baking your own bread wherever possible. In *Counsels on Health*, she states:

“It requires thought and care to make good bread. But there is more religion in a good loaf of bread than many think . . . Fine-flour bread does not impart to the system the nourishment that is to be found in unbolted wheat bread . . . It is a religious duty for every Christian girl and woman to learn at once to make good, sweet, light bread from unbolted wheat flour. Mothers should take their daughters into the kitchen with them when very young, and teach them the art of cooking.

“There are very many girls who have married and have families, who have but little practical knowledge of the duties devolving upon a wife and mother. They can read, and play upon an instrument of music; but they cannot cook. They cannot make good bread, which is very essential to the health of the family.” — *Today's Food*, Autumn '67.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME

Alcohol is a factor in more than half of all the crimes committed in the United States, says the President's Crime Commission.

A report prepared for the Commission by Richard H. Blum of Stanford University's Institute for the Study of Human Problems says that in a majority of the big-city murders, either the victim or the killer had been drinking.

The White House panel cites other statistics from FBI reports that in 1965, 52.6 percent of all arrests were for alcohol-related offenses. The Commission adds that drinking is a major factor in suicides and accidents.—*Listen*, 11-67.

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APPRECIATION FROM PATIENTS

Arizona—Thank you very much for your guidance and prayers. I am feeling, oh, so much better now after following the diet prescribed. The oils and protein seem to have rejuvenated my constitution and I am trying to get as much bed rest as possible, but with two babies it is difficult. Am following the exercises. What we are able to send is so meager in comparison to what we'd like to send. God bless you.

Michigan—Another week has passed and again I am writing to thank all of you for the help you have given in our effort to recover the health and strength of body, mind, and spirit which makes it possible to help in the great work of spreading the love of God and Christ to all the earth. Each week I feel stronger and more able to carry on my duties and responsibilities. I trust that the cooperation you have asked is satisfactory. I thank God and each of you for your assistance. May He bless and keep us all in His loving and all-embracing care.

England—Yet another month has passed and I am so grateful to you good people for the help I am receiving. I have made wonderful progress since I first wrote you, a year ago. The discomfort regarding my stomach is much less and the pain in my arms and legs also. It's such a miracle to me. I am able to do so much more to help myself.

Kansas—I am very happy that God has placed me in your hands. I just can't thank you enough for your willingness to help me. I appreciate everything you have done for me. God bless every one of you and reward you.

Minnesota—This is to let you know I am feeling much better and gaining strength. I sleep very well and I work 8-hour days. The chest pains are lessening also. I have normal blood pressure and according to my E.K.G. I have no heart trouble. Thank you and the Invisible Helpers and the Elder Brothers so very much for their loving help. God bless all of you.



The Healing Power of Newness

A COMPLETELY new set of surroundings—new scenes, new people, new activities, and consequent new thought processes — is a powerful means of bringing about an improvement in one's health. This has been demonstrated countless times, and physicians frequently prescribe a trip as a means of treating an illness which has stubbornly refused to yield to other curatives.

However, many people are unable to leave their homes or their work to take a trip, and consequently are faced with the alternative of transcending the power of outer stimuli by effecting a change *within* themselves. Actually, this method is the best, not only because it obtains permanent results, but because it also brings soul growth.

In view of its consequences, the effort of *will* required to give up the old, set ways of feeling and thinking which have brought about the crystallizations manifesting as disease, is indeed well spent. Anyone, if he *will*, can change his consciousness, and his health, simply by establishing different reactions to the same people and surroundings — reactions permeated by the spirit of love and service.

The Love-Wisdom Aspect of Divinity is inherent in every human being, and may be unfolded in all its glory and power by daily efforts to love and to serve others. Through it we may accom-

plish a physical, mental, and spiritual change in a seemingly miraculous manner, for its presence dispels crystallization and restores the normal rhythm and harmony of the bodies.

Thus by persistently thinking and feeling according to God's laws of love and unity we learn to "put on the new man", as St. Paul admonished, "which is created in righteousness and true holiness." In this newness there is true healing.

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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:

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



Why Tabby Gray Wears a Bell

ELEANOR FRIESE

ONCE upon a time there was a little gray cat named Tabby. He was owned by a little girl named Miss Bea Gentle, who lived with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, in a big white house on Chestnut Hill.

In the warm summer months Tabby could be seen sitting on the top step of the front porch, enjoying a little snooze. Every one loved Tabby and sometimes folks would stop and stroke him and say: "Nice Tabby Gray, pretty kitty." Tabby really liked that very much and would purr softly to show how much he wanted to be loved and stroked.

Tabby was a watchful cat, too. He felt it was his duty to look for any creatures that did not belong inside the house of his dear mistress. Mice certainly never came near Tabby, and many times he was known to chase away a green frog that had come hopping along.

Sometimes Tabby's tail would twitch when he saw a little bird, but that was naughty! It wasn't Tabby's duty to catch birds!

Of course, Tabby didn't know that! He often ran after little birds, but he didn't know it was naughty to frighten them.

One day mother Robin Redbreast was gathering some crumbs in the grass for her young ones in the nest. They were

still too small to fly, or look for crumbs for themselves, and mother Robin was very busy all morning, trying to find enough food to feed four hungry mouths. Many times she was so tired and weary that she forgot to eat her own portion of crumbs.

It was one such day that mother Robin Redbreast did not notice Tabby sitting on the porch. You see, Tabby was very much the same light gray color as the porch.

Tabby tip-toed down the steps, making not a sound with the soft cushions on her paws. Before Mother Robin Redbreast knew what had happened, Tabby's paw was on her back.

Poor, poor Mother Robin! She felt sure the world had come to an end!

All the birds became very upset and gave out calls of distress. Many birds came gathering to the tree-tops to try and find a way to help mother Robin.

One robin flew quickly and told Mr. Brown Jackrabbit.

Mr. Brown Jackrabbit went hop, skip, jump, just as fast as ever he could, to tell Mr. Bumble, the bee.

Poor Mr. Bumble received such a bad shock from the news that suddenly he felt quite sick all over. He had to go lie down for a little while. He had always been a delicate little fellow! He

rested on a four-leaf clover until he felt a little stronger again.

Meanwhile Miss B. Gentle luckily heard all the commotion outside, and came running out of the house just in time to chase the naughty Tabby away from mother Robin Redbreast. Mother Robin lay in the grass quite exhausted from her frightening experience. Tabby's claws and teeth were quite sharp, and besides, Mother Robin had had a terrible scare. She was not even able to hop to the nearest tree.

Miss B. Gentle felt very, very sorry that her Tabby had hurt Mother Robin so!

She picked her up and carried her into the house where she washed her wounds and made a soft little bed for her to rest on. Tabby mewed outside the porch screen but was not allowed to come in. Miss Bea Gentle took Tabby and set him on the cellar steps and closed the cellar door, until she could be very sure Mother Robin was able to fly home again.

Tabby knew something must be very wrong! His kind mistress had never put him in the cellar before!

Miss B. Gentle gave the frightened little bird some fresh water to drink and some nice seeds to eat. After a very little while Mother Robin Redbreast felt much better and was able to stand up.

Miss B. Gentle held Mother Robin in her hand, and went to the door. Mother Robin flew out the door and soon was safely on her way. It didn't take her very long to get back to her four little babies. All the other birds came to visit her and brought her gifts. They were all so happy she was home and not badly hurt. She told them of her narrow escape.

Mr. Bumble, the bee, recovered completely just as soon as he heard the good news!

In the big white house on Chestnut Hill, Miss B. Gentle thought of a way to protect the birds from any such danger. "I know," she said, "I'll tie a bell on Tabby's collar, and the birds will

hear him coming." She went to the cellar steps and brought the mischievous Tabby into the house.

"You bad boy," she said, "to frighten all the dear birdies that way!" She stroked Tabby's great coat. Of course, Tabby didn't know what it was all about, but he was glad to be in his Missy's arms again, and out of that dark cellar! He purred very loud to show how much he loved to be stroked.

Miss B. Gentle tied a small bell to Tabby's collar. With every step that Tabby took she could hear the little bell tinkle. It was wonderful! Tabby could still sit out on the porch and the little birds need never be afraid again.



Well, you can imagine how happy the birds were about this. And all the other little creatures, too! They all loved Miss B. Gentle for being so kind and thoughtful.

Mr. Brown Jackrabbit jumped for joy!

Even Mr. Hoot Owl came out of Sleepy Hollow tree in broad daylight to see what caused all the excitement. He asked: "WHOO? WHOO!?"

When people now pass the big white house on Chestnut Hill, they still see Tabby sitting there on the porch taking a snooze, or, perhaps watching the birds. Nothing has changed, excepting that when he gets up to tip-toe down the gray porch steps, people can hear: "Tinkle, tinkle — tinkle, tinkle!" The birds that are nearby hear it, too, and quickly fly away.

So, now you know why Tabby Gray wears a bell!

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