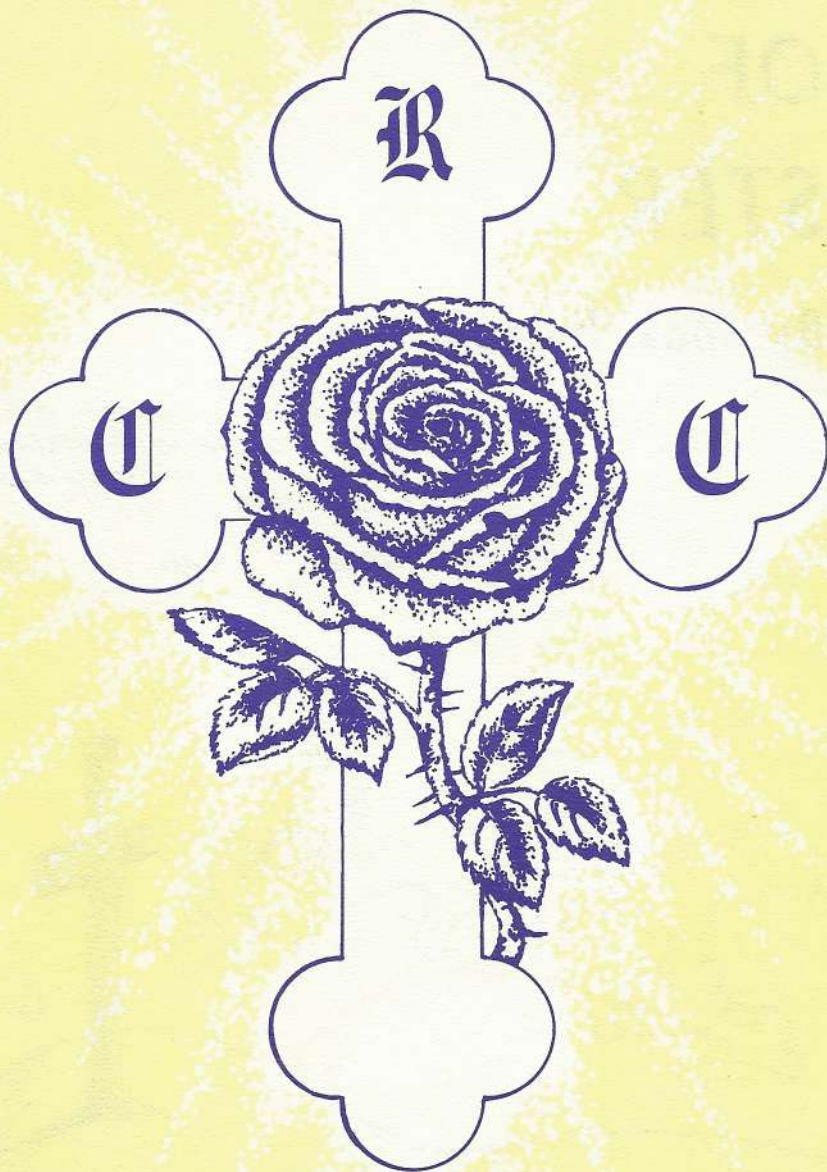


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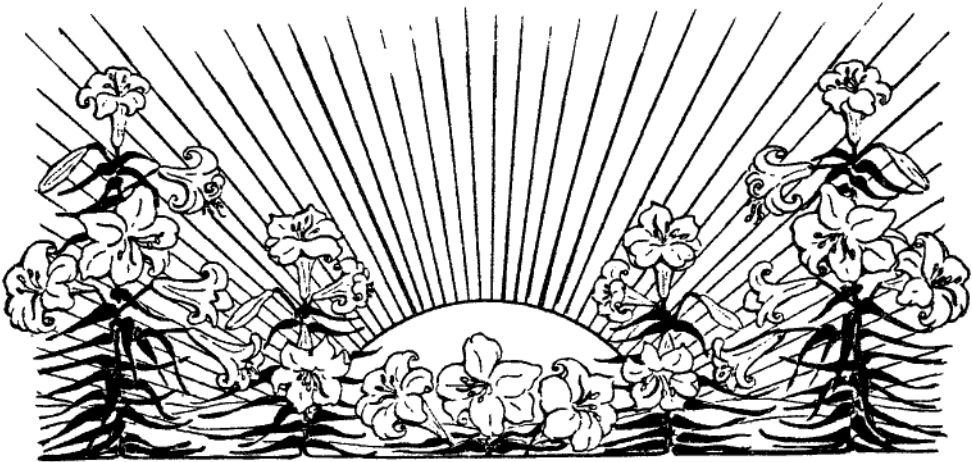
The Significance of Easter

“For those who have chosen to work knowingly and intelligently with Cosmic Law, Easter has a great significance. To them it means the annual liberation of the Christ Spirit from the cramping confines of the Earth and His joyful ascent into His true home world. . . .

To the enlightened ones Easter brings a keen realization of the fact that all humanity are pilgrims on Earth, that the real home of the Spirit is in the heaven realm, and that to reach that realm all should endeavor to learn the lessons in life’s school as quickly as possible so that they may be able to look for the dawn of a day that will permanently release them from the bondage of Earth. Then like the liberated Christ they will come into a realization of that glorious immortality which is the reward of the perfected Spirit. To the illumined ones Easter symbolizes the dawning of a glad day when all mankind as well as the Christ will permanently be freed from the cramping confines of materiality, and will ascend to heavenly realms to become pillars of strength in the Father’s house, from which they shall no more go out.”

— Max Heindel





Time of Liberation

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The Holy Season of Easter is to every Christian a time for special devotional observance. To the orthodox church member it has largely an outer significance, symbolizing a time in the life of the Great Teacher, Christ Jesus, when He was crucified, resurrected, and carried away into the higher realms: "Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit," "He is not here, but is risen," and "While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Luke 23:46, 24:5, 51). The Resurrection and Ascension of the Founder of the Christian religion constitute a vibrant promise of eternal life to humanity, a promise which, even though considered only from an outer viewpoint, must infuse a richer meaning into the daily activities of anyone who accepts it.

To the student of esoteric Christianity there is an added significance to the Easter Season, because he has learned of the inner import of the Supreme Sacrifice as well as of its outward meaning. To him it is also a great cosmic event, a major solar festival, a time when the Sun of our solar system "commences to soar into the northern heavens." It marks a turning point in the life of the Christ Spirit, a time when the indwelling Planetary Spirit, a Ray of the Cosmic Christ (Second Aspect of Deity), withdraws from

His physical encasement — our Earth and ascends into the higher worlds for a rejuvenation of His Life Spirit vehicle. Thence He returns in the autumn in order to revivify the Earth and the kingdoms evolving in and on it.

According to the Law of Analogy as exemplified in the ancient maxim, "As above, so below," the human being, the microcosm, "enters his vehicles in the daytime, lives in them and works in them, and at night is a free Spirit, free from the fetters of the dense body." Without this periodic revivification of his bodies, man suffers and eventually perishes. So, too, would all on the Earth suffer and perish without the annual infusion of Divine Life and Love brought by the Christ.

Since man is patterned after the spiritual image of his Creator, he contains within himself in potentiality all the powers of God. Hence it is explained in the Western Wisdom Teachings that the individual Spirit is three-fold: Divine Spirit, Life Spirit, and Human Spirit. These are correlated, respectively, to the Will, Wisdom, and Activity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) Principles of God. Thus the Life Spirit Aspect of man is correlated to the Love-Wisdom (Christ) Principle of his Creator, and is therefore the true Christ

Principle *in* man. It is the *Christ Within*, and its counterpart is the vital body. To evolve this Christ Principle, to form the *Christ Within* that it may shine through the material darkness of the present time, is the particular work of the Western World.

The Life Spirit has indelibly engraven upon it the record of all faculties acquired and knowledge gained by the threefold Spirit in previous lives. This record, the super-conscious memory, manifests as conscience, character, and counselor, sometimes compelling action even contrary to reason and desire. Sometimes it impresses itself directly upon the reflecting ether of the vital body, the message being carried by the blood to the heart, and then flashed to the brain by way of the pneumogastric nerve. This is the intuitional impulse, which brings into the human "vesture of decay" the high vibratory power of the World of Life Spirit, urging the Personality to obedience to the Law of Love, which is the Way of Liberation.

It is possible to cultivate this all-wise inner guidance, if perchance we do not already have it to a usable degree? Yes, decidedly so. In fact, as previously indicated, it is the particular work of the Western World at the present time to evolve the intuitive faculty, because it is to replace reason as man's highest tribunal. The method is outlined in the Sermon on the Mount, and described scientifically in the esoteric teachings.

The vital body of man, the counterpart of the Life Spirit, is composed of four ethers. The two higher, the light and reflecting ethers, are built anew each life, and are attracted to the individual by selfless service to others. By prayer, concentration, and purity of thought we purify the desire body and sensitize the vital body, and as we love and serve our fellow men we attract to us the two higher ethers, the soul body, which is the link between the Life Spirit and the heart. The larger and more luminous the soul body, the stronger the intuitive urge. So it is that by closely imitating Christ Jesus we develop the inner voice, fashion the Wedding Garment, the vehicle of the future, and

attain liberation in the truest sense of the word.

It is consequently of particular note to the esoteric student that in the Lord's Prayer, which is an abstract formula for the upliftment and purification of all vehicles of man, the petition of the Life Spirit for its counterpart in the lower nature, the vital body, is: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Actually this prayer teaches the doctrine of the remission of sins in the words *forgive us*, and the Law of Consequence in the words *as we forgive*, making our own attitude toward others the measure of our emancipation. Thus we may see how essential it is that we cultivate daily the forgiving spirit if we would woo the intuitive guidance of the Life Spirit.

At some future time, when humanity as a whole has sufficiently unfolded its collective powers, the Christ will be free to withdraw permanently from the Earth and pursue other activities in God's great Kingdom. In like manner, whenever an individual has developed his inherent God-powers sufficiently he can leave his lower vehicles and perform a wider work in the invisible realms, clothed in the luminous Wedding Garment, or soul body. The Spirit has then transmuted its illusory creation, the Personality, and effected its emancipation from the crystallizing, retarding influence of the lower nature.

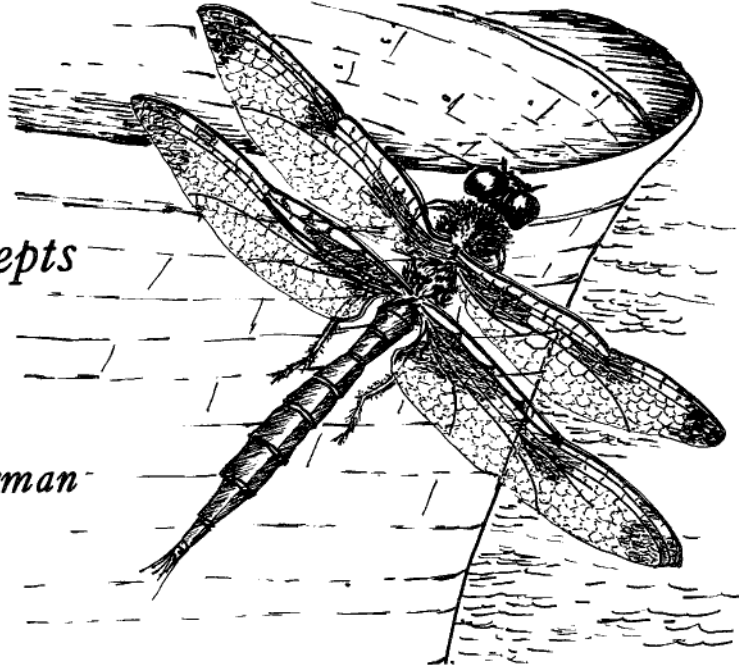
Thus the Easter Season is not only the time of Liberation for the indwelling Spirit of our planet, an event which should evoke our deepest gratitude and worship. It is also a soul-satisfying assurance to every human being that he, too, as a Christ-in-the-making may be freed from his lower, materialistic self. The indwelling Spirit which is man may, during many sojourns on Earth, learn to live in harmony with God's laws, transcend the life of the senses, and enter into the glory and freedom of a consciousness touched by the Divine Hand.

Many deplorable conditions exist in our world today as the Spirit of humanity stirs and prepares for a New Order of things. Most of these conditions: ignorance, pover-

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Developing New Concepts

Evans Waterman



David, in the 119th Psalm, under caption of Jod (or Yod, the 10th letter of the Hebrew Alphabet), makes some very interesting pronouncements:

"Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments."

The number 10 makes these comments especially interesting since it is the completion of a cycle, which in this case is the completion of the first or physical cycle of our evolution. Furthermore, completion of the 10 cycle could be viewed as a resting time for conserving strength and council in preparation for a new beginning; a new and higher mental existence, as represented by the number 11. Therefore, in perfect accord with the 10th letter (and an investigation will reveal many examples of harmony between events and numbers), David's prayer is for *understanding*. In fact, we discover a dual testimony with verse 73 also carrying a numerical value of 10 ($7 + 3 = 10$).

As number 10 represents completion of the 1 to 10 physical cycle and a resting and

recovery period, number 11 would represent the beginning of a new round of accomplishments more advanced in nature. In fact, all experiences gained during the previous cycle have been stored as powers that are now part of the inner consciousness. Thus, we perceive a turning of the wheel of time and the beginning of a new cycle. It could be said to be a separation from the old order as the disciple begins a new life cycle and one in this position can now pray "Let there be light" as his spirit becomes one with the Universal Spirit of all Life. Also, number 11 represents giving birth to the Christ Consciousness in man. In confirmation of the above, the 83rd verse ($8 + 3 = 11$), says it all as David comments:

*"For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes."
(That were learned in the 10 cycle.)*

Expanding our search for new concepts as they relate to the Creation and Life, let us review a thought given by Mr. Heindel in the *Cosmo-Conception*:

"Occult Science teaches that God insti-

tuted the process of formation and is constantly guiding the system in a definite path."

To illustrate actions of a Creator, a drop of oil placed in a cup of water and rotated with a needle would begin to turn faster and faster until a bulge was formed at the equator. Next, a ring would be thrown off and as it breaks up it will coalesce and form a smaller oil-ball, which would circle around the central mass as a planet circles a sun. Mr. Heindel explained how a sceptic would maintain this example was a very simple explanation of creation, because *anyone* should be able to see how such a revolving mass would throw off a planet — so why is it necessary to be at all concerned about a Creator or a God? He gave this example to point out the fallacy in such a concept: that is that the demonstrator who supplies the extraneous power causing the oil to be in motion has himself played the part of God!

The Rosicrucian Teachings reveal attributes of God to be will, wisdom, and activity. Therefore, in the above example "God" has manifested the will to create, the wisdom or ingenuity to create, and the creative force needed which would correspond to activity. Aspiring to broaden our understanding of the innumerable causes with which we are concerned in this School of Life, let us recognize how this power behind our lives is no different from that which has created the planet, the Universe, or any other form of life. In fact, every manifestation of life is but a reaction to the great river (of life) that symbolically flows out of Eden.

As this is written a series of television programs are being aired with the narrator taking the familiar position that creation is but the result of a *big bang!* Then, millions of years later as planets formed and cooled, two atoms combined and in this manner began the whole chain of creation. Our narrator explains how in due time the first adaptation to physical surroundings occurred in water. After this fish were evolved and then reptiles that adapted to land and grew wings. From this beginning, the narrator

continues, there evolved in the following sequence birds, animals, and monkeys, from which came man.

These programs have been reviewed very briefly because if we do as instructed and seek beneath the surface, we discover numerous relevant questions that could be asked about such a concept. For example, one that comes to mind is that over these myriads of ages man has "evolved" a physical body, with a complicated nerve system and the ability to think and use his sensory perceptions. Those who have studied biology know how our brain and spinal cord comprise what is labeled the central nervous system. Furthermore, there is constant communication with all parts of the body as impulses travel along nerve fibers in one direction only and branch out throughout the body in bundles that are arranged like wires in a cable. From the spinal cord there are thirty-one pairs of nerves branching off between the bones (vertebra) of the spine. That is, on the left side we have a branch going out into the body and a branch returning. This same system is found on the right side also. As mentioned, this occurs 31 times along the spine as pairs of cables leave and return to the spine between each vertebra in exactly the same manner. The overlying question that these scientists never seem to recognize is how could 31 pairs of nerve cables have been evolved along the spine, all at the same time — and by *accident?*

The following is an exercise in logistics that illustrate the probability of such a thing occurring accidentally. Take 10 pennies and mark them one to ten. Place them in a container and remove them one at a time. There is one chance in ten that the first coin will be number 1. Replace it and draw for number 2. The chances that number 2 will follow number 1 are 1 in 100. With each new coin taken from the container, the chance of a *numbered sequence* is multiplied by 10. In this example, the chances of all 10 coins being drawn in sequence is 1 chance in 10,000,000,000 (10 billion). We now ask: "What is the probability of the 31 pairs of

nerves occurring by accident? George Gallup, a statistician, claims that "with the human body alone — the chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen is a statistical monstrosity."

There is no conceivable answer to this problem other than, as has been acknowledged, there is a creative God behind the scenes, with the attributes of will (desire to create), wisdom (ingenuity to supply the ways and means), and activity (force or action). Not only do we find God, or this great spiritual Power, involved in the creation of man (humanity), but also, as has been implied, we discover this to be the same Power behind the creation of our world, planets, and the entire universe. It has been suggested, in the Rosicrucian Teachings, that creation of a form is the result of vibration (force), whether the creation happens to be man or the universe. Furthermore, it is this force becoming a manifestation of life that keeps the creation and everything therein in constant growth and motion. Conversely, without this creative vibration, or motion, the universe would be a dead lump with no life whatever, "*For the body without the Spirit is dead.*" James 2:26

If we have understood correctly, these Teachings imply that vibration (energy) creates forms. Therefore, would it not be a correct assumption that the strongest vibrations would be found in the Spirit and the lowest vibrations would be in dense physical matter? In other words, are we not a blending of two extremes — *force* and *inertia*? An observation here is that without the *physical inertia*, how could force alone create anything? Are not *all* forms of creation manifest somewhere between high pure force vibrations and the lower vibrations of the dense physical? Could this be a clue as to why Saturn (planet of obstruction) is the acknowledged ruler of physical things?

Take, for instance, the miracle of the giant oak tree, which is the unbelievable transformation of the little acorn. Somewhere within this seed is located a vibratory force that contains an invisible pattern of *everything* that this oak tree can ever be. It is

only awaiting the opportunity to become embodied in matter, so that it can unfold and manifest as a tree. No instrument has ever been designed that can detect this "blueprint" of the future growth of this tree, but it is there, nevertheless, and every acorn carries the potential of becoming a magnificent giant oak. All seeds carry the potential of reproducing their kind, but some seeds perform a miracle even before the seed has germinated. There are seeds (for example, desert flowers) that will not begin growth unless there has been enough rainfall to assure that the life cycle can be completed. We now recognize in these examples growth as a *controlled reaction* to the creative Force, or Power, from our Creator.

Let us expand these concepts of vibrations of energy (life patterns) contained in seeds and recognize that the "seed" within each human spirit, or a world, already carries a vibratory blueprint of all phases of growth that it can ever be. For instance, consider the growth pattern that is unfolding within each one of us as we respond to energy vibrations leading to new concepts. The important thing to remember is that we are the ones destined to grow or change and we thereby complete another step in our growth or evolution. The force behind this phenomenon has not changed, but still carries the blueprint of everything we shall in time become. Has anyone, by faith or thought, ever planted a carrot seed and raised up an onion? By the same token, we cannot alter the basic structure of our own tree of life. We can, however, nurture it and cause a more rapid growth, resulting in a more productive tree than formerly — or we can neglect it. Here is the parable of the fig tree that upon examination had only produced leaves or a *big show*. Because of the lack of fruit, is it any wonder that it was found to be wilted?

This appears to be precisely the teachings of the Elder Brothers as they seek to inform us of our own growth potential: that we are yet to undergo great development throughout the remaining periods of time. No matter that we lack understanding of the

final result, for the seed has already been planted and all that is needed is proper care. During these future periods, whenever a new realization dawns (or, when we have reacted to this higher vibratory force), we are but responding to our Creator's Law of Growth. For example, laws governing our present computer technology have been with us all the time, but first, we had to awaken to the laws that govern. Again, all that we shall ever become has already been determined by our Creator. There is no guesswork — no accident. With this in mind, is not the realization that we are "Sons of God" only awaiting our comprehension?

This great force is by no means slowing down. As we enter the Aquarian Age we may even expect an acceleration and should be prepared for the great changes and new concepts. This is the parable of Jacob's Ladder. We are all climbing it and if we make adequate effort we may expect the assistance of the same heavenly beings that helped Jacob!

"To develop in a safe and sane manner we must positively have a correct appreciation of the mission of this world in the divine plan of unfoldment which we call evolution, and we must do our full share of the world's work." RCL 310

What is being implied is that the source of our creative power is within, and it is by compliance with the laws of growth (through work and service) that we develop or grow. Let us recognize this great river coming out of symbolical Eden — the force that motivates us from *within* and its promising potential. Here is why we are instructed to go into the inner chamber, close and lock the door and commune in secret. When we do this, we contact and become responsive to the Divine Guidance (Divine Creative Energy).

R. J. Campbell, in his sermon, *The Ceaseless Quest*, maintained:

"The analogy between human life and a

river (the great river flowing out of Eden, ed.) is indeed very complete. Our course starts far from our divine goal, and sometimes seems to be leading us right away from it; it is long before we can even catch a glimpse of what it is; but the current of our being gradually deepens and broadens as we near the full ocean of the life of God, and at the last stage of our winding journey the ocean tide comes up to meet us, gathers us into its bosom, and bears us away to our eternal home. As the river never stops flowing till it gets to the ocean, so man can never stop seeking till every part of his being is perfectly at home with God. The flow of our desires is first in one direction and then in another, but it can never cease and never pause till it comes to rest — and every part and particle of it comes to fulfillment — in the infinitude of God."

Conversely, as we remain unresponsive to these great currents of force, we are swept every which way as we are tossed about on the sea of life. We must strive to understand this great law and coordinate our efforts with it. In *Psalms 17:15*, we read:

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

We can rest assured that this was written by one with knowledge of the ultimate development of the "seed" within the Spirit of man. Another writer expressed the thought that "We can only go on doing our assigned duty, unfolding the buds and growing fruit of our nature which the Great Gardner has not pruned away."

Let us recall how the seed (whether of the Spirit or plant) gives no indication of what it will eventually become. Therefore, we should pay attention to the great leaders of humanity and work and serve (as they have recommended) to bring these great possibilities about. Then, as we master conditions, we tune into a higher frequency and find that we can work even more effectively and have new and broader experiences. This

is how we can experience "an influx of new and original causes all the time." In this statement Mr. Heindel is speaking of Epigenesis, the *free-will* that consists of the "freedom to inaugurate something entirely new, not merely a choice between two courses of action." It is imperative, however, that we remember that new growths or concepts must come from within. They will be the result of orderly growth of our own *tree of life*.

The Bible as well as much of our mythological lore speaks often of this tree. Here is reference to the Vital or Soul Body, the temple built without sound of hammer. This temple has an *East to West* orientation. Throughout, reference has been to things *hidden*, and this reference to Solomon's Temple is no exception, for it is from the *East* that our experiences, or potentials for growth, come (as it is from the East that the seed, or spirit gets the necessary energy to grow). Therefore, when by our responses we have become accountable for all this and as we approach the altar of the temple in the symbolic *West*, the great question we shall have to answer is "*What have you done with all those potentials that were given to you?*" When the invitation is given to come to the wedding feast, are we going to be like the individual in the parable who came lacking the proper attire? All through life we have been cautioned to prepare ourselves and build the "wedding garment" which is the vehicle that enables us to meet the Christ at His second coming. Until such a thing happens we lack a spiritual vehicle in which to function.

Cecil B. DeMille writes that he had been commissioned to write a play for a movie script. The play hinged upon the continuation of life after death and Mr. DeMille relates how he was resting as he searched for an idea. For seclusion, he was out in his boat and as it drifted near the shore he looked down in the water and discovered that he could see water bugs on the shallow bottom of the lake.

Curiously, he watched the antics of the insects. Finally one emerged from the water

and crawled on the canoe itself. "It stuck the talons of its legs into the woodwork and seemed to die. I let it alone and returned to my reading. The sun was hot. In about three hours, I looked at my water bug again. He was parched and his back was cracking open. I watched, and out of the back emerged a new form: a moist head — then wings — a most beautiful dragon fly. It scintillated all the colors of the rainbow." As he sat watching, it flew, and his fascinated gaze followed it through the summer air.

"It flew farther in a second than the water bug had crawled in days. But first it hovered above the surface, just a few inches from the water bugs beneath. They did not know it was there."

Now completely enthralled with this drama of renewal of life, DeMille leaned from the boat and with his finger pushed the shriveled husk from the canoe's side. It fell back into the lake and sank down to the mud-covered bottom. He peered, curiously, into the water.

"The other water bugs crawled awkwardly to see what it was. It was an empty shell. They backed away from it."

Suddenly the ideas he had been searching for, the meaning of the story he was to write, came together. For him the afternoon took on a new meaning — a meaning that actually changed his life and outlook. Here is that new concept and it would not hurt everyone of us to give it some thought:

"If God does that for a water bug, don't you believe He will do it for us?"

*"The deepest secrets of the human form I've seen
I know this world and that on which 'tis based,
I know that love, yea, love is what they mean,
And that to love I here on Earth am placed.
I stretch my arms out wide as He has done of old,
I would that I, like Him, might all the world enfold."*

— Christian Morgenstern

“Christ Arose”

Louise Sammons



“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow.

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.”

— *Matt. 28:1-7*

To the apostles, the greatest of all miracles of Christ Jesus was His Resurrection from the dead after three days in the tomb.

Through this supreme manifestation of the power of God, He testified to the complete victory of Spirit over matter. The estoeic student accepts the Resurrection as the certain evidence of the victory of life within himself. As he follows in the footsteps of the Master, the pilgrimage does not end on Calvary but on the Mount of Olives. Faith must accomplish the final fulfillment of itself before the testimony is consummated.

Jesus, the man from Nazareth, was only one of the wonderful examples of spiritual conviction who dwelt among us, but he is more familiar to us than those of other lands. Although we know little of the details of the early life of Jesus, he has become the embodiment of a solid spiritual conviction. For more than fifteen centuries, Kings have been crowned in his name and Govenors have taken oath of office upon his Book — the Bible. We have given him all worldly honors; and in every community there are shrines to his name and to his works.

To Christendom, Christ Jesus is the King of Kings. However, in spite of this, we

live in strife and discord, each man fearing his neighbor, and nations poised on the brink of war. Some of the church dignitaries seem to have a simple explanation for this strange dramatic inconsistency. Faith is still historic, they believe; religion is part of our environment, and we participate in it as we share in activities of other societies and organizations. In some way, this fosters the belief that the church is in the keeping of its ministers and priests, and they are the ones who must bring about its final triumphs in which all shall benefit.

Real Christianity is not that way. It is not a kind of climate to be accepted and adapted to our own inclinations. We cannot become wise by going to school or Christians simply by going to church. Without the mystical experience of religion, faith remains negative and sterile. Theology is brought to us by the clergy, but true religious concepts come to us from the source of good within our own hearts. We could easily be drowned in a sea of faith and die faithless unless we personally experience the presence of God within our hearts.

The Christian Faith has always been considered essentially the Mystical Path. It never has appealed directly to the scholar, the sage, or the philosopher. Be that as it may, the life and ministry of Christ Jesus justifies and encourages the kindness and charity which is within all of us. At first we only may admire and respect his teachings; but we cannot fail to enlarge our admiration and intensify an urge to emulate Him. Thus we become immediately aware of the importance of living the life of selfless service. Then the change in our own hearts transforms us from static followers of creeds to dynamic servants of principles. Life is only important when it has high purpose. With hope, faith, and love in our hearts, guiding our minds and hands, we cannot fail, and we serve a cause that cannot fail.

The coming of the Christ marks the most important and momentous event in the entire evolution of the human race. Its true meaning and purpose form the very crux of the Christian Mysteries. The principal

events recorded in the Bible, from the annunciation to the ascension, outline the initiatory Path which has been given to all people and all races through the various religions of the world.

Some occultists believe that the story of Christ as told in the Gospels is to be considered in allegorical terms only — that it is not historic, but it is symbolic of that Path which all mankind eventually will follow. However, this interpretation leaves out the supreme light of esoteric Christianity: namely, the purpose and meaning of Christ's regency on Earth. Although the life of Christ Jesus duplicates the experiences of other world teachers and their initiatory steps taken in the ancient Mystery Temples, He, the Christ, not only adds a deeper and more profound significance to all that went before, but also enacts it on the plane of history for the world to see and contemplate. Thus the Christed Mysteries are the supreme attainment awaiting the future development of mankind.

Perhaps we have asked the questions: "Why the sacrifice? Why did the Christ come?" *Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures* gives us a very good answer: "If someone had stood for thousands of years upon a distant planet and looked clairvoyantly at our little Earth, he would have seen a gradual change from bad to worse in the Desire World and World of Thought. It was getting more and more filled up with murky and bad vibrations because man, in the days of his earliest childhood, was not able to control his impulses. He was controlled mostly by the mind and desire body, and therefore he had to stay in Purgatory about all of the time between incarnations. There was almost no progress. The Second Heaven life, where man learns to do creative work, was almost barren. It was therefore urgent that the Desire World of the Earth must be cleansed to give man a new start. That was Christ's mission."

Christ, the highest Initiate of the Sun Period, dedicated himself to the guardianship of infant humanity back in the second day of Manifestation. In the beginning, his parental

work was done outside the Globe, but the time eventually came for the rigid laws of Moses to be replaced by a higher spiritual outreach into the realms of love and universal brotherhood. In order to fulfill His commitment and bring this about, the great Archangel Christ must become Regent of the Planet Earth and guide it and its life from within.

However, the Archangelic Life Wave had dipped no lower into matter than the Desire World; therefore, the Christ's lowest vehicle was the desire body. As it is a cosmic law that no being can create a vehicle which it has not learned to build during its evolution, it was impossible for the great Sun Spirit, Christ, to be born into a physical body. He could not form such a vehicle, neither could he form the Vital Body made of ether. To supply these vehicles needed for the great Mission, Jesus the man was chosen of God to fulfill this need.

Jesus, a man of our evolution, the human life-wave, offered his body as a sacrifice to the great Spirit. For many lives Jesus had trod the path of Holiness and Initiation and had thus fitted himself for the greatest honor ever bestowed on a human being. He gave up his dense and vital bodies at the time of the Baptism. The Christ then entered the physical World and became mediator between God and Man.

"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him."

— John 11:32

The great Teacher, the Christ, brought love and altruism, the keynote of the World of Life Spirit, to the desire-torn world in order to save the helpless and hopeless generations to come. His ministry of love resulted in a painful death. He was crucified. This is the supreme and fundamental difference between Him and the other teachers in whom the Race Spirits were born. They all died and must be reborn again and again to help their peoples bear their destiny.

The Archangel Michael, the Race Spirit

of the Jews, raised up Moses, who was taken up to Mt. Lebo to die. He was reborn as Elijah. Elijah returned as John the Baptist. Buddha died and was reborn as Shankara. When death came, Moses' face shone and Buddha's body became alight. They all reached the stage when the Spirit begins to shine from within, but then they died. Christ Jesus reached that stage on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is significant that his real work took place subsequent to that event. He suffered, was killed, and resurrected.

Max Heindel takes up the narrative:

"When the Savior, Christ Jesus was crucified, his body was pierced in five places, in the five centers where the currents of the Vital Body flow, and the pressure of the crown of thorns caused a flow from the sixth also. . . . When the blood flowed from these centers, the Great Sun Spirit Christ was liberated from the physical vehicles of Jesus, and found himself in the Earth with individual vehicles. The already existing planetary vehicles he permeated with his own and in the twinkling of an eye he diffused his own Desire Body over the planet, which has enabled him thenceforth to work upon the Earth and its humanity from within. At that moment, a tremendous wave of spiritual sunlight flooded the Earth. It rent the veil which the Race Spirit had hung before the Temple to keep out all but the chosen few; and it made the path of Initiation free thenceforth to whom-so-ever will. So far as concerned the spiritual worlds, this wave transformed the conditions of Earth like a flash of lightning, but the dense concrete conditions are, of course, much more slowly affected. Like all rapid and high vibrations of light, this great wave blinded the people by the dazzling brilliance; therefore it was said that the Sun was darkened. The opposite was true — for the Sun shone out in glorious splendor. It was the excess of light that blinded the people, and only as the entire Earth absorbed the Desire Body of the bright Sun Spirit, did the vibration return to a more normal rate both within and without the earthly sphere."

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Alleluia!

Christine Lindeman



Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Every Easter we thrill to these stirring words from *Revelation* (19:6), set to the music of the incomparable *Messiah* chorus by Handel. Every Easter we rejoice in the renewed awareness of unceasing regeneration and cosmic life. Every Easter a sense of wonder and rapture overcomes us, and it is as if, observing the miracle of the Risen Christ, we, too, in a small measure, ascend beyond the darkness of material incarnation and taste again the bliss of eternity.

Thanks to the blessings of Christ's self-sacrifice, vouchsafed to us for yet another year, we can again make a new start in this business of earthly living. Just as members of the plant kingdom begin their cycle of new growth in the spring of the year, so too does mankind now feel a new resurgence of vitality. Christ has once again imbued the Earth to the utmost of His power with the spiritual emanations that make growth and action possible, and it is the strength that we derive from these emanations that will enable us to begin anew.

Although Christ now is risen, He nevertheless remains with us. Although He will ascend in glory to the very throne of the

Father at the summer solstice, His Life and Light and all-encompassing Love abide within the Earth as the primary contributors to our evolutionary progress, both physical and spiritual. Among Christ Jesus' many words of comfort, we can particularly cherish the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the Earth."

Alleluia, the word of exultation so often heard in the context of Easter, is an expression of adoration, gratitude, and joy. And surely there is no more appropriate time than the Easter season to express these sentiments. Adoration is due the Creator, from Whom stems all life, and adoration is due the Christ, Who radiates the life force and intensifies its vibrations that we may intensify our efforts at progress. Gratitude for this greatest of all blessings is also certainly in order, and as a permanent corollary to gratitude, always, there is joy.

Joy is an emotion of which there sometimes appears to be all too little in this troubled world. We may be sure, however, that misery and depression were never part of God's Plan. Disobedience of natural law is the sole cause of man's unhappiness. The more spiritual intuition, insight, and under-

standing he cultivates, and the more this prompts him into obedience of natural law, the more innate joy he will feel and manifest.

Every expression of God's Creation is a source of joy, and this is never more clearly observed than during the spring of the year. Anyone who is at all impressionable can feel the rejuvenation that is everywhere abundant. There is an incentive to renewed growth, progress, forward motion, accomplishment. There is a desire to start afresh, to exceed previous efforts, to do what has not yet been done. All of this is due to the spiritual infusions of the great Christ Ray, Who has given our planet and all evolving life thereon the wherewithal to try again and to progress a little farther. All of this cannot help but induce joy in men's hearts, if they will but respond.

There is joy in the quiet contemplation of Nature at this season, when the tender green of new foliage and the delicate hues of spring blossoms are a delight to the eye. There is a joy in watching young animals gambol about, and there is joy in listening to children's eager voices when they emerge pell-mell from the schoolhouse into the warm, spring sunshine. There even is joy to be found in the "drudgery" of spring housecleaning, if the housewife's attitude is right. Now at last she can fling open the windows and literally sweep out the gloom of winter, scrubbing, polishing, renovating, and making the inside of her home as bright as the tulips in the front yard.

The joy we derive from the beauty of spring on Earth is only a small part of the vast, infinite joy of Creation. This time of beauty is the work of Him Who has given His all to us, and Who would bring to us all the joy of the universe were we able to receive it. The song of joy issues forth from bird, animal, plant, and man, as each responds to the love bestowed by the Christ.

The joy of Easter and the joy of spring need not be limited to one season. The sincere aspirant, dedicated to putting into practice the spiritual truths he understands, keeps the joy of renewal continually in his heart. Always he tries to better himself,

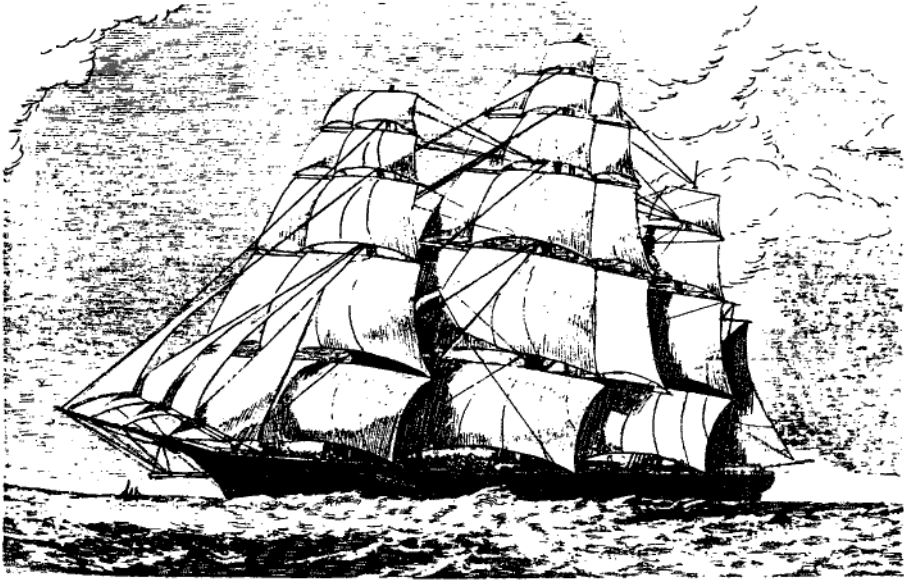
always he looks for the beauty and the goodness in people and things around him, always he seeks opportunities for selfless service. He cannot help but make soul growth, gradually and steadily, and as he does so, his capacity for joy increases.

Joy, in the spiritual context, is an integral, permanent part of Creation, and in proportion as we become aware of existence beyond the confines of the merely physical, we begin to sense its all-pervasiveness and its power. True spiritual joy becomes exultation, a supreme manifestation of which no doubt is the triumphant angelic Easter chorus which greets the Christ as He emerges from His earthly imprisonment. The very music of the spheres, upon which Creation is based, is an even more monumental expression of exultation. Surely the master composers who are privileged to hear, or sense, some of these glorious harmonics can attest to the impression of joyful triumph thus conveyed.

The physical growth fostered in spring makes possible the acquisition of bodily needs for another year. It is well for us to remember, however, that the Spirit, like the body, also needs food for growth and evolution. The food of the Spirit consists, in very large part, of acts of kindness performed in a context of consideration for others and forgetfulness of self.

The song of joy in our hearts for that which has been done for us must have a second verse, celebrating the joy of doing for others. As we know, soul growth depends on right action, and the highest form of soul growth depends on right action performed *joyfully*. It is fitting, therefore, that as we delight in the radiance of the season, made available to us through God's munificence, we also give thought to our own contributions. What is our donation to be during the coming year? Will we take advantage of our opportunities to serve, thus adding our small legacy to the world's radiance? Will we seize these opportunities joyfully, thankful that they have come to us and grateful for the privilege of making the most of them, or will

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Mastering Fate

Elsa Glover

*One ship sails east and another west
With the self-same winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
Which determines the way they go.*

*As the winds of the sea are the ways of
fate
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the act of the soul that determines
the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.*

This poem sets before us the ideal that we should direct the course of our lives. Yet too often we just ride along in our ships of life, not setting the sails at all, and getting blown in whatever direction the winds happen to be blowing. The purpose of this article is to discuss methods of getting control of our ships of life and making them move under our direction.

Our ships of life consist of our bodies: the dense body, the vital body, the desire body, and the mind. The forces which energize these bodies and toss them around on the sea of life are the astrological forces. The

potential captain of our ship of life is our Spirit.

There are some things that the captain of the ship cannot do. The captain of a ship cannot change the nature of his ship in the middle of the ocean. Similarly, in life we cannot get different bodies. Prior to birth we (with the help of the Recording Angels) planned the structure of the bodies we were to inhabit. The building of the bodies then commenced and at birth, when we took our first breath, these bodies were astrologically attuned, so that from that time on they were capable of responding to certain patterns of astrological forces and not to others. For example, a person born with Sun in Leo has different capabilities than one born with Sun in Virgo. The person with Sun in Leo should not try to act like someone with Sun in Virgo, anymore than the captain of an ocean liner should try to use his ship as a tugboat (on a regular basis).

The captain of a ship also cannot control the direction or strength of the wind. In life, we cannot control the astrological force patterns which come to us. If certain force

patterns are not present, we cannot create them. If certain other force patterns are present, we cannot abolish them (although we can choose whether or not to respond to them, or choose which part of them we will respond to.)

The captain of a ship, once he has recognized what ship he has to work with and how the winds are blowing, can set the sails and rudder in such a way that the ship does what he wishes it to do. In life, once we understand what type of bodies we inhabit and what forces play upon these bodies, we can direct how the bodies will respond to the forces present.

The captain of the ship has sails and rudder with which to direct his ship. The Spirit has the attributes of logic (in the Human Spirit), conscience (in the Life Spirit) and will (in the Divine Spirit) with which to control what the bodies do. Through logic, the Spirit can see cause-effect relationships. Through logic, the spirit can see what actions will lead to what results. Through logic, the Spirit can see that if one tries to engage in two incompatible actions at the same time (as squares and oppositions in the horoscope tempt one to do), disharmonies and frustrations will result. Through logic, the Spirit can see that if we treat others in ways in which we do not want to be treated, we will someday find ourselves being treated in ways in which we do not like. Through logic, the Spirit can see that if we waste available physical resources, or creative powers, we will someday be confronted with a death of these. Conscience is the extracted essence of experience from past lives. It gives us a feeling for what is right and wrong, even in situations in which we have not thought out all the details of what might or might not happen. Will is the controlling factor, which can (when it is put in control) permit the bodies to respond to those astrological force patterns which logic and conscience have approved.

When logic, conscience, and will are put in control of the dense, vital, desire, and mind bodies, we will begin to be masters of our fate.

The dense, vital, desire, and mind bodies, when allowed to go in whatever direction they are pushed by whatever astrological forces happen to be strongest, lead us into much disharmony, disease, and suffering. But when logic, conscience, and will take control, peace, harmony, and joy can be established. Paul described this in his letter to the Galatians when he wrote: "Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other. . . . Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

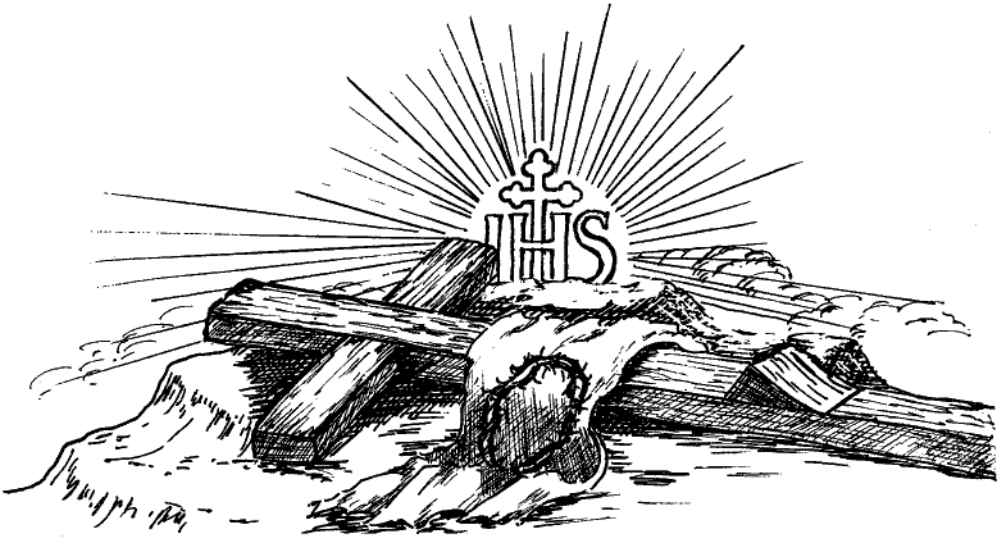
Developing logic, conscience, and will to the point where they are able to control the bodies, and then actually putting them in control, takes time and much effort. But every effort to use logic, conscience, and will strengthens them and brings us closer to the day when the Spirit will be the undisputed master.

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we serve resentfully and only because conscience or intellect dictate that we had better?

Let us strive to perform our duties — even the most mundane thereof — with the same feeling of joy that surges up within us in response to manifestations of the grandeur of cosmic forces at work. In this way we will help to increase, in a small but ever-growing way, the regenerative strength that underlies all universal evolution.



The Lesson of Easter

Max Heindel

For if thou be dead with Him, thou shalt also live with Him, and if thou be a partaker of His sufferings, thou shalt be also of His glory.

— *Thomas a Kempis*

Again the Earth has reached the vernal equinox in its annual circle dance about the Sun, and we have Easter. The spiritual ray sent out by the Cosmic Christ each fall to replenish the smoldering vitality of the Earth is about to *ascend* to the Father's Throne. The spiritual activities of fecundation and germination which have been carried on during the winter and spring will be followed by material growth and a ripening process during the coming summer and autumn under the influence of the indwelling Earth Spirit. The cycle ends at "Harvest Home." Thus the great World Drama is acted and re-enacted from year to year, an eternal contest between life and death; each in turn becoming victor and being vanquished as the cycles roll on.

This great cyclic influx and efflux are not confined in their effects to the Earth and

its flora and fauna. They exercise an equally compelling influence upon mankind, though the great majority are unaware of what impels them to action in one direction or another. The fact remains, nevertheless, independent of their cognition that the same earthly vibration which beautifully adorns bird and beast in the spring is responsible for the human desire to don gay colors and brighter raiment at that season. This is also "the call of the wild," which in summer drives mankind to relaxation amid rural scenes where natural spirits have wrought their magic art in field and forest, in order to recuperate from the strain of artificial conditions in congested cities.

On the other hand, it is the "fall" of the spiritual ray from the Sun in autumn which causes resumption of the mental and spiritual activities in winter. The same germinative force which leavens the seed in the Earth and prepares it to reproduce its kind in multiple, stirs also the human mind and fosters altruistic activities which make the world better. Did not this great wave of selfless Cosmic Love culminate at Christmas, did it not vibrate peace and good will, there

would be no holiday feeling in our breasts to engender a desire to make others equally happy; the universal giving of Christmas gifts would be impossible, and we should all suffer loss.

As the Christ walked day by day, hither and yon, over the hills and the valleys of Judea and Galilee, teaching the multitudes, all were benefited. But He communed most with His disciples, and they, of course, grew apace each day. The bond of love became closer as time went on, until one day ruthless hands took away the beloved Teacher and put Him to a shameful death. But though He had died after the flesh, He continued to commune with them in spirit for some time. At last, however, He ascended to higher spheres, direct touch with Him was lost, and sadly these men looked into each other's faces as they asked, "Is this the end?" They had hoped so much, had entertained such high aspirations, and though the verdant glory was as fresh upon the sun-kissed landscape as before He went the Earth seemed cold and dreary, for grim desolation gnawed at their hearts.

Thus, it is also with us who aim to walk after the spirit and to strive with the flesh, though the analogy may not have been previously apparent. When the "fall" of the Christ ray commences in autumn and ushers in the season of spiritual supremacy, we sense it at once and commence to lave our souls in the blessed tide with avidity. We experience a feeling akin to that of the apostles when they walked with Christ, and as the season wears on, it becomes easier and easier to commune with Him, face to face as it were. But in the annual course of events at Easter and the *Ascension* of the "risen" Christ ray to the Father leave us in the identical position of the apostles when their beloved Teacher went away. We are desolate and sad; we look upon the world as a dreary waste and cannot comprehend the reason for our loss, which is as natural as the changes of ebb and flood and day and night — phases of the present age of alternating cycles.

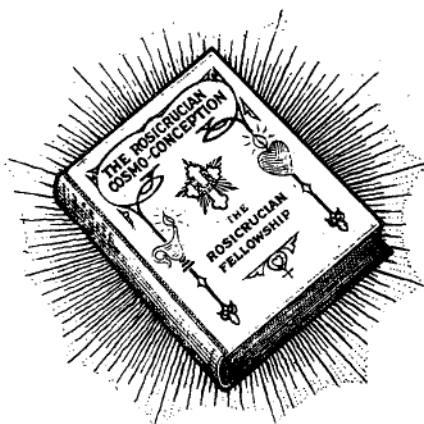
There is a danger in this attitude of mind. If it is allowed to grow upon us, we are

apt to cease our work in the world and become dreamers, lose our balance, and excite just criticism from our fellow men. Such a course of conduct is entirely wrong, for as the Earth exerts itself in *material endeavor* to bring forth abundantly in summer after receiving the *spiritual impetus* in winter, so ought we also to exert ourselves to greater purpose in the world's work when it has been our privilege to commune with the spirit. If we do thus we shall be more apt to excite emulation than reproach.

We are wont to think of a miser as one who hoards gold, and such people are generally objects of contempt. But there are people who strive as assiduously to acquire knowledge as the miser struggles to accumulate gold, who will stoop to any subterfuge to obtain their desire, and will as jealously guard their knowledge as the miser guards his hoard. They do not understand that by such a method they are effectually closing the door to greater wisdom. The old Norse theology contained a parable which symbolically elucidates the matter. It held that all who died fighting on the battlefield (the strong souls who fought the good fight unto the end) were carried to Valhalla to be with the gods; while those who died in bed or from disease (the souls who drifted weakly through life) went to dismal Niflheim. The doughty warriors in Valhalla feasted daily upon the flesh of a boar called Scrimner, which was so constituted that whenever a piece was cut from it the flesh at once grew again, so that it was never consumed no matter how much was carved. Thus, it aptly symbolizes "knowledge," for no matter how much of this we give to others, we always retain the original.

There is thus a certain obligation to pass on what we have of knowledge, and "to whom much is given of him much will be required." If we hoard the spiritual blessings we have received, evil is at our door, so let us imitate the Earth at this Easter time. Let us bring forth in the physical world of action the fruits of the spirit sown in our souls during the past wintry season. So shall we be more abundantly blessed from year to year.

Studies in the



Cosmo- Conception

Preparation for Rebirth

Q. What is the state of the Spirit prior to rebirth?

A. Previous to taking the dip into matter, the threefold Spirit is naked, having only the forces of the four seed atoms (which are the nuclei of the threefold body and the sheath of mind).

Q. To what might its descent be compared?

A. Its descent resembles the putting on of several pairs of gloves in increasing thickness.

Q. What first occurs?

A. The forces of the mind of the last life are awakened from their latency in the seed atom. This begins to attract to itself materials from the highest subdivision of the Region of Concrete Thought.

Q. How is this accomplished?

A. In a manner similar to that in which a magnet draws to itself iron filings. If we hold a magnet over a miscellaneous heap of metal filings we shall find that it selects only iron filings and even of them it will take no more than its strength enables it to lift.

Q. How does this apply to the seed atom?

A. The same is true of the seed atom. It can take, in each Region, nothing except the material for which it has an affinity and nothing beyond a certain definite quantity even of that.

Q. What type of body does this produce?

A. The vehicle built around this nucleus becomes an exact counterpart of the corresponding vehicle of the last life minus the evil which has been expurgated and plus the quintessence of good which has been incor-

porated in the seed atom.

Q. What form does the attracted material assume?

A. The material selected by the three-fold Spirit forms itself into a great bell-shaped figure, open at the bottom and with the seed atom at the top.

Q. To what might we compare this descent?

A. If we conceive of this illustration spiritually we may compare it to a diving-bell descending into a sea composed of fluids of increasing density.

Q. To what would these correspond?

A. These correspond to the different subdivisions of each World. The matter taken into the texture of the bell-shaped body makes it heavier so that it sinks into the next lower subdivision and it takes from that its proper quota of matter. Thus it becomes still heavier and sinks deeper until it has passed through the four subdivisions of the Region of Concrete Thought and the sheath of the new mind of the man is complete.

Q. What process is followed by the desire body?

A. Next the forces in the seed atom of the desire body are awakened. It places itself at the top of the bell, *inside*, and the materials of the seventh Region of the Desire World draw around it until it sinks to the sixth Region, getting more material there, and this process continues until the First Region of the Desire World is reached. The bell has now two layers — the sheath of mind outside and the new desire body inside.

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Corinne Heline

Saul and Stephen

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Saul unreservedly gave himself to the Christ work. He went forth uttering that clarion call which was to be heard to the farthest confines of the Earth: "Let the Christ be formed in you." His every thought and act were now dedicated to serving that magnificent Messiah who was "groaning and travailing in the Earth awaiting the day of His liberation."

While reading the Akashic records Saul witnessed the great spiritual outpourings to Earth by the Lord Christ and His attendant hosts of Angels and Archangels during the four sacred intervals that we know as the two Solstices and the two Equinoxes. These outpourings are repeated in slightly lesser degree twice each month, on the nights of the new and the full moon. The four seasons make their impress upon the physical composition of Earth in the form of a cross. This is what Plato meant when he said that the world's soul is crucified. Saul saw that down through the ages Mystery Schools had established their temple observations in conformity with these great spiritual outpourings of the Lord Christ. He saw, too, how High Priests of these Temples had taught their disciples the meaning of Christ's mission to Earth, and how each one in turn had been a stepping stone in preparing future civilizations for the coming of the Christ. It was this realization which caused Saul to choose as the very key-words of his life "I am determined to know only Christ Jesus and him crucified." These words did not refer to the figure of a man bound to a cross, but to the great Cosmic cross through which

the Christ pours His mighty forces into the heart of the Earth during these sacred seasons. Saul's aspiration was that he might at some time reach that high place in spiritual attainment where he could be numbered with the Wise Ones of all ages who, with the Lord Christ and His celestial messengers, take part in the Holy Rites of these sacred periods.

Only after this revelatory experience could Paul write: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." This is substantially the same vision vouchsafed to the enraptured Isaiah, which led him to sing of the day of world-wide harmony and universal peace wherein the lion and the lamb should lie down together and a little child should lead them.

During this experience Saul was shown his destined part in the Great Plan. Memory of the divine commission conferred upon him by the Master Jesus, the inspiration of His Presence together with the glory of the Christ Mystery, ever afterward, despite beatings, stonings, imprisonment and even martyrdom, caused Paul to remain steadfast and undaunted, affirming always "I was never disobedient to the heavenly vision."

Acts 9:10-20

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one

called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

The leader of the Christian center in the Syrian capital, Damascus, was the disciple Ananias. As Saul prayed he was given a vision of Ananias, and to Ananias came a vision of Saul at prayer. There are no barriers of time or space on inner planes; all is the eternal here and now. There spirits commune in oneness, though on the physical plane their bodies are separated by thousands of miles.

"Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight." This line holds another mystic key referring to the Path of Initiation. "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life."

With the aid of Ananias the scales fell from the eyes of Saul. He received extended vision and was baptized. He acquired powers

of the Initiate, which gave him the ability consciously to investigate unseen worlds and discover the mysteries of life and death. Paul's experiences in the supernal realms, which continued for a period of three days and nights, left their impress in varying ways on each of his Epistles. Every word of these inspired communications spells immortality and every page glows with the radiance of life eternal.

Ananias addressed the apostle as "brother Saul," denoting thereby that the latter had been received into the inner circle of Mystic Christians. The remainder of his life is characterized by constant communion with Christ Jesus and work on inner planes. *I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision* epitomizes his life thereafter.

Acquisition of first-hand knowledge concerning the life and conditions in super-physical worlds, contact with Great Ones on inner planes and obedience to their instruction and guidance, are requirements for true spiritual Initiation, according to the teachings of the Master and of those Disciples who came after Him. Such Initiations are possible today, but a high spiritual status is essential and few there are who can meet the exactions.

SAUL IN ARABIA

With his awakening Saul received a vision of his future work as the herald of the Christian movement. First there was a period of retirement for added preparation, both physiological and physical. A man's body must undergo complete regeneration before it is transformed from a "den of thieves" into a "temple of the living God." In reference to this time of preparation, Paul states, "I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia." Herein he again refers to work with Great Ones beyond the limitations of the physical realm.

The Faculty of Intuition

Elman Bacher



Intuition: our winged inner sense, the magical perceptive power by which a human after many, many lives of conscious regeneration, purification, and simplification, is able to effect an instantaneous realization of spiritual fact or law inherent in any expression of phenomena, experience, or relationship. The presence of this perceptive power or faculty in the consciousness of a human is evidence of his dedicated pursuance of truth and dedicated endeavor to spiritualize his autonomy (self-rulership) through Love.

Those who have evolved this faculty have appeared in many places throughout human history, but they are now incarnating in greater numbers than ever before. These persons, in degree, represent a vanguard in the evolutionary preparation for the New Age. They bring in from their developments in past lives the evidence of the potential of Intuition possessed by all humans and which all humans are eventually to develop and express. The present expansion in scientific exploration and invention externalizes this New Age advent because the human's ability to invent mechanisms and instruments is based on intuitive perception of principles. Consider for a moment that mechanism which most perfectly externalizes

the intuitive faculty — the electronic calculator. This mechanism produces, almost instantly, the accurate solution of mathematical combinations and problems so complicated that highly trained people require hours to solve them. Recognize, by correspondence, that human intuition in action is based on the same power of accurate, synthesizing perception that is externalized by this fabulous machine.

The word intuition is directly derived from two Latin root-words which, together, mean to look into. By the synchronized action of our two eyes — the polarized physical expression of visual perception — we look at things. Even the study of an X-ray picture reveals only that aspect of the physical which is beneath the exterior surface. It is by the action of the single eye of truthful perception, externalized in the physical as the pituitary gland, that we *in-to-it-ively* perceive that which is within the physical, that from which the physical proceeds. Every single mechanism ever devised by humans represents an externalization of an intuitive perception of a principle of the cosmos. Think of the genius possessed by the human who first intuitively perceived the principle of the wheel and reproduced that principle in physical form! Or the principle of the boat,

or the use of fire, or the principle of the radio, or that of motion-pictures. All of these devices, from the simplest to the most complex, were perceived as applications of cosmic principles to form and the perception, in each case, was experienced inwardly as intuitive functioning. It has been said, with truth, that a human cannot invent a device or mechanism the principle of which does not have correspondence with an actual or a potential faculty of the human. The converse can be stated: The inner power of humans can discover ways and means to externalize each and every principle of the cosmos which has correspondence with the human's potentialities. The old saw holds true: there is nothing new under the Sun; there are only different ways to externalize what is perceived under the Sun, and the perceiving is always some degree of intuitive action. Only the higher faculties make possible the perception of that which is new, and of all these Intuition is the one which most directly gives evidence of the regeneration of the self by the Self.

One of the most perfectly pure correlations to be found in the entire realm of Astro-philosophy is that of the faculty of Intuition with the planet Uranus. There is complete correspondence in every point of this two-fold identification. Uranus is the liberative principle in the cosmos. Intuition is the most completely liberated faculty of the Ego. Uranus is the principle of synthesis, the faculty of Intuition provides the Ego with the most complete synthetic perception of things under consideration. Uranus symbolizes the purity of impersonal love. Intuition is that clear power of the Ego when it is completely free of the biases of prejudice, personal approval and disapproval. Uranus, in the realm of generic consciousness, symbolizes the perfect polaric balance of the true androgyne (man-woman). Intuition is that power of the Ego to draw on the deeply-hidden resources of knowledge and understanding derived from many past incarnations as male and female. Uranus, as ruler of Aquarius, symbolizes the apotheosis of the consciousness of fraternity. Intuition makes it possible

for a human truly to perceive the similarities and correspondences between his own experiences and those of another human. Uranus symbolizes the un-bound and un-binding apperception of Love. Intuition is the un-bound and un-binding apperception of truth inherent in any phase of phenomena or experience. Of all the planets in our solar system, Uranus represents that tendency to act, or to affect, with maximum speed — the transcendence of the limitations of time. Intuition acts with a speed that is designated as timeless — when it arises in consciousness to fulfill the requirements of directed attention it just happens and there are not words in our language that can describe the instantaneousness of its action. Only the experience itself can serve to describe it. Intuition, as the spiritualization of love united with the apperceptive power of the mind, can reveal all things, just as Love fulfills all things.

The study of a natal horoscope with regard to determining intuitive power or inclination must include a correlation of Uranus, the symbol of the faculty itself, with the mental equivalents of other planets in terms of aspect-pattern and dispositorship. All planetary points have mental equivalents, just as they have physical, astral, and spiritual equivalents. Each planetary point designates a certain kind of thinking because each one depicts kinds of things upon which a human's mental attention can be focused, whether it be some object in the material world, a person, an environment, an event, or a relationship.

Of the nine other planetary points, three are specifically representative of mental faculties, while the other six may be understood, in terms of mental equivalents, to represent mental attributes. The three mental faculty planets are Moon, Mercury, and Neptune. The Moon symbolizes the instinctual mind, the reservoir of memories from past lives, the production mechanism of the mental faculty. Mercury symbolizes the conscious mind, the correlation between the brain and the sensory perceptions by which the human gains information of the exterior world, the mental power to identify specifi-

cally, to compute, to analyze, to study, and to communicate by speech and writing. Neptune symbolizes the faculty of the inspirational mind. It is the special mental principle which characterizes the creative and interpretive artist, and is the subtle mental faculty by which a human receives and apprehends communication from Higher Planes. These three planets may be considered to be the mental triad which characterizes communicative action. The Moon, as the instinctual mind, communicates the secrets of the past to the awareness of the present by producing effects which correspond to the stored-up memories. Mercury as the conscious mind, communicates the secrets of the external world to the mental awareness of the person and represents inter-communication between persons. Neptune, as the symbol of the inspirational mind, is the mental faculty which identifies channel-ship between the relatively higher to the relatively lower.

Referring to the trine aspects as representing the relative fulfillment of intuitive development, Moon trine Uranus identifies the intuitive awareness of needs and their fulfillment, the awareness of how the progress of human groups may be furthered, the new age consciousness of the principles of home-life, provision and protection. More than any other one aspect, Moon trine Uranus is the planetary insignia of the emancipation of women, the liberating of mass-consciousness from ignorance, prejudice and crudeness, the electrifying reformation of the personal instinctual consciousness by internal apperception.

Mercury trine Uranus, more than any other aspect, identifies the intuitive knowledge of the scientific genius. It is the basis, in the mental body, for that which makes possible all discovery and invention. Children with this aspect very often reveal great ability in their studies at school. It is evidence of specialized knowledge brought over from studies and inquiries in past lives. These persons have exercised great independence of spirit in their intellectual pursuits in the past. They often reveal great ability in foreign languages, in which case the

evidence is shown that in their present studies they are really recapitulating or bringing to the surface much knowledge of languages gained in the past.

The Uranus-Neptune aspects have to be evaluated by correlation with the entire chart. These aspects are cyclic or epochal in nature and only by a careful analysis and synthesis with the basic tendencies of the chart as a whole can the predominance of intuitive or inspirational mental abilities be determined. All humans who come in with the aspect of Uranus trine Neptune comprise a life-wave who are, in a general sense, more attuned to the effects of higher forces. They, as a universal group, represent a cyclic emphasis of relatively progressive and spiritualizing consciousness. The most highly evolved of these people, regardless of historical timing of incarnation, make a great contribution, through their revelatory and inspirational powers, to the progress of the race. Those highly developed who come in when Uranus is square or opposition Neptune are evolutionary transposers. Their timing of incarnation brings them in when dissolution of that which is outmoded and crystallized is needed by the race. These timings are always characterized by conditions of upheaval, revolution, terrific tension and conflict, but the Uranus factor of the highly-evolved persons identifies them as workers for the future. They have the apperception of that which is to be and, having intuitive enlightenment, they work to initiate those steps, methods, and procedures which will result in the new manifestations which characterize the future.

There are three other planets which, when correlated to Uranus, represent marked intuitive characteristics — Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus. Uranus correlated with Jupiter, or the ninth house influence gives a high degree of interpretive artistic genius. Spiritual qualities possessed by the Guru, the Teacher, the spiritual-law Interpreter and, in large degree, the Healer, are shown in this correlation. Uranus trine Jupiter gives evidence of higher development of the abstract mind, the intuitive apperception of

symbolism and principle. Uranus-Saturn identifies clairaudience and that quality of intuition which makes possible necessary reforms in the social, political, and business life of humanity. Uranus-Venus, one of the insignia of creative or interpretative artistic genius, is intuitional apperception particularly directed toward the comprehension of relationship. Uranus trine Venus gives evidence of the power to perceive the impersonal values of relationship and the ability to respond to a very high quality of spiritual affinity in relationship. It is one of the insignia, perhaps the principle one, of biune love or soul-marriage.

Considering Mars as the co-ruler of Scorpio — *action* which releases the Scorpic resources of desire-power — we may consider the aspect of Uranus trine Mars as being primarily an evidence of great capacity for action by which intuitive tendencies are directed for the fulfillment of enterprise. Mars *thinks* in terms of how, what, where, when can I do. Uranus trine Mars, therefore, could well be understood to represent an intuitive perception of right action. If Pluto may be considered as the planetary ruler of Scorpio, then Uranus trine Pluto indicates the intuitive faculty to be backed up by an enormous resource of desire-power and emotional force. This aspect is one which could be understood to be a planetary insignia of a magician — black or white. In the chart of a highly evolved, spiritually-minded human, Uranus trine Pluto could represent one whose reformative power is tremendous, both as regards his own personal regeneration and the power he may direct toward regenerating or transforming another individual or society at large. Externalized, this aspect could be thought of as the explosion of the first atomic bomb, opening up a new era in human experience regarding the knowledge and use of newly-perceived octaves of power.

Regarding Uranus and Sun we will give special consideration because the Great Astrological Mandala (the twelve-housed wheel, Aries Ascendant, the planets in the signs and houses of their dignity) gives us the

clue to the essential evolutionary root and spiritual meaning of the faculty of Intuition, as a potential possessed by all humans. The Great Astrological Mandala is the abstract astrological significance of earthian humanity and any point of faculty or experience which humans have in common can be studied from this design. Create a copy of the Great Astrological Mandala, intensify the diameter Leo-Aquarius, draw straight lines connecting the cusps Leo-Aries and Aquarius-Scorpio.

No sign of the zodiac can be fully comprehended without a consideration of its opposite, just as two humans of opposite sex become aware of their subjective polarity by intimate relationship in strong magnetic attraction. To know Aquarius we have also to know Leo, the fire-sign ruled by the Sun, symbol of will, purpose, radiation, and individual autonomy. If the Sun is the radiation of love, Uranus is the liberative, transforming quality of love-radiation. If the Sun is the power of the Mind, Uranus is that form of individualism by which independence of thought has been evolved. If the Sun is the potential of Mastery, Uranus is that potential realized in and through all relationships by an increasing spiritualization and regeneration of the emotional nature. Aquarius, as spiritualized love, polarizes and *redeems* the egotistical love of unevolved Leo. Aquarius, through its ruler Uranus, as intuition, polarizes and redeems the self-centered mind of unevolved Leo. When Sun and Uranus are considered in their exaltations — Aries and Scorpio respectively — we see the symbolic apotheosis of the human as a *Son of God* and the human's potential to realize his spiritual identity through internal regeneration, the *divine magic* the *creative alchemy*, the transmutation by which the dross of the personal Ego is transformed into the White Light of the Spiritual Being. The unequivocal pursuit of Truth, the self-directed discipline and refinement of emotional and mental faculties, the expansion of Love-power through impersonalization, and the ever more clarified realization of true

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CHILDREN OF ARIES, 1981

Birthdays: March 21 to April 19

*"Is it the tender star of love,
The star of love and dreams?
Oh no! From that blue tent above
A hero's armour gleams."*

— Longfellow

Aries is the home of Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, and is also the exaltation sign of the life-giving Sun, hence it is the very fountain of life and vitality as manifest in the sprouting of the millions of seeds which break through the Earth's crust at Springtime and change the white winter garment to a flower-embroidered carpet of green, making the forests a bridal bower for the mating beasts and birds.

This great vital force also finds its expression in the children of Aries. The egos who come into Earth life while the Sun is in this Cardinal, Fire sign, have an active, aggressive, and intense nature, which may be expressed in a positive way to pioneer and accomplish much that is constructive and helpful to all humanity. It is the sign Aries which provides humanity with the heroic spirit, and persons who are often ready to risk all for the upholding of a principle.

The Aries child bubbles over with life and energy to such an extent that it is often very difficult to curb them sufficiently to hold them within the lead for they scorn to

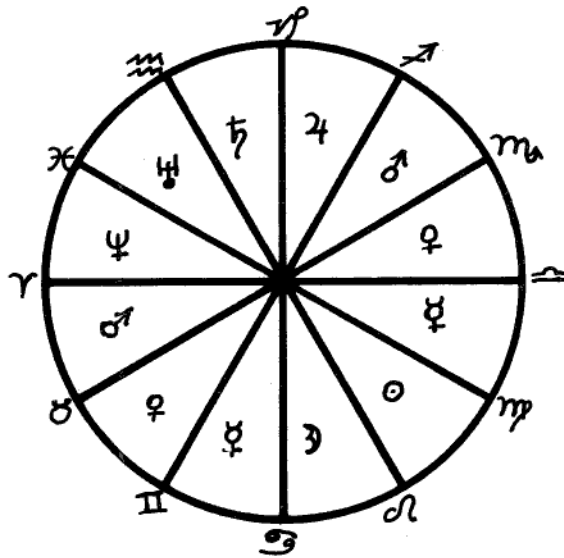
follow, and can be turbulent and radical, in all their thoughts, ideas and actions.

They are generally serious and ardent in all they undertake. They cannot go into anything half-heartedly, and therefore, if they once espouse a cause, social, political, or religious, they will work for that cause with all the vim and vigor of their energetic nature. But if on the other hand an Aries child becomes addicted to a vice the whole intensity of its being is turned towards the gratification of that particular part of its lower nature. Therefore parents with Aries children have a great responsibility to set before them by precept and example the noblest and best form of conduct of which they are capable, for this is probably the most impressive sign in the zodiac, and the habits formed, the lessons learned in childhood and youth will generally cling to the person through life and make him either very good or very bad.

Parents of these children should provide them with plenty of constructive activity. They should have access to books, particularly those of adventure, and be encouraged to take up a hobby to help utilize their energy and emotions in a creative manner.

These children are usually generous, loving and loyal in friendship.

Aries children may become surgeons, dentists, military persons, religious leaders, workers in metals or may be involved in mining, research work or explorations.



Astrology: Our Spiritual Tool for Problem Solving

David L. Duffy

We all have unpleasant experiences from time to time, perhaps more frequently than we would wish. Physical limitations, emotional discontentment, and difficulty in relating to other people are the common areas in which problems arise. If we have a sincere, heartfelt desire to overcome some of our everyday problems we should be thankful that the spiritual science of astrology can help us understand the cause of these problems. It is up to us to utilize these clues in our quest for true spiritual Fellowship.

Man has an inner Spirit, and outer personality, and a mind, the connecting link between the Spirit and personality. The Spirit has the latent capacity to express itself through the personality. Through abstract thought we may better understand how the laws of Nature manifest in the material world are a reflection of spiritual principles.

In order to understand the Laws of Nature we need to experience the law within ourselves. This training comes through re-birth and the law of consequence. The seed-

atoms used to build the vehicles of the present life contain the essence of our past experience. Deficiencies we feel should remind us of the work needed to gain fulfillment.

In order to love one another we must feel the desire to do so. The same intensity of feeling which energizes passion, anger and selfishness needs to be expressed in loving, self-forgetting service.

The vital body energizes and maintains the function of the physical body. When the vital body is impaired through misuse from a past life or in the present life, the physical body feels symptoms of ill-health. This may be manifested as crystallization, limited energy or specific physical defects. The vital body with its four ethers may be thought of as the invisible servant of the physical world. Chemical ether maintains the metabolic functions of the physical body. Life ether is the force behind sexual reproduction. Of the two higher ethers, Light Ether gives bodily heat and sensory perception, and reflecting

ether gives memory. The full development of light and reflecting ether into a golden wedding garment depends upon the degree and quality of service to humanity. The full expression of the vital body is closely linked to the rest of humanity. In this sense the health of the individual cannot be made perfect until the health of all humanity is perfected.

The mind is the link between the spirit and personality. The growth of the capacity to reason is dependent upon elimination of the mind's role of being a slave of desire and transformation of the mind into a true messenger of the spirit.

You should recognize by now that we have been defining the essential natures of the planets as they pertain to man's spiritual growth as given in *Simplified Scientific Astrology* (pp. 147-150). The planets symbolize the elements of the spirit, personality and mind:

Sun: Divine Spirit
 Venus: Life Spirit
 Jupiter: Human Spirit
 Mercury: Mind
 Saturn: Seed-atoms
 Mars: Desire Body
 Moon: Vital Body

Now that we have reviewed the spiritual principles contained in the symbols of the planets we may begin to use astrology to seek the constructive, spiritual lessons which underly the problems which we face.

After we have computed a horoscope we systematically examine the spiritual elements, looking for conflicts and opportunities for growth:

(1) How are the planets placed in the signs of the zodiac? The positive expression of a planet in a given sign is dependent on the positive expression of the planet which rules the sign.

(2) Are there any planets unaspected? Are those planetary principles being self-consciously expressed?

(3) What personality planets, (Moon, Mars, Saturn), are being negatively expressed? What personality traits are part of the problem? How can these traits be positively transmuted?

(4) How does Mercury relate to the personality Planets, Moon, Mars, and Saturn? How can the personality be made more receptive to reason?

(5) How does Mercury relate to the spiritual planets, Jupiter, Venus, Sun? How can the mind be made more responsive to spiritual promptings? What spiritual principles does the person have the opportunity to communicate to his fellow man?

(6) How do the spiritual planets Jupiter, Venus, and Sun interact with the personality planets, Moon, Mars, and Saturn? What spiritual promptings may the personality receive? What transmutation is needed for the personality to become a self-conscious channel for beneficial works to humanity?

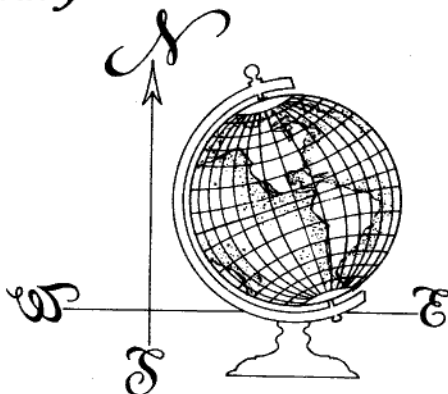
(7) How do the higher octave planets Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto interact with the spiritual and personality planets? Why is the higher expression of Saturn and Venus preparatory for the positive expression of Uranus? Why is the higher expression of Saturn and Mercury preparatory for the positive expression of Neptune? What planetary principles are preparatory for the positive expression of Pluto?

Astrology helps us read the map of human evolution and spiritual development. As individuals we have the opportunity to study the map. Then we must put the map away and set out on our journey to discover the path first-hand.

ARIES, THE SUNRISE CEREMONIAL

All the Earth is suffused with a floodtide of golden glory at this sacred time. The gates of heaven open and both Earth and man receive the Divine influx of a life made new in the glory of the "Mystic Sunrise."

News Commentary



The Genetic Age: In a Perilous Race, Advances Outpace Controls

Every few months genetic engineering makes the news. Either significant achievements are announced or a new public controversy over gene splicing technology — recombinant DNA — unfolds. Since September, 1980, a number of noteworthy events have occurred:

—Ian Kennedy, a virologist at the University of California, San Diego, allegedly violated the guidelines of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by performing an experiment with insufficient physical containment. The investigator subsequently resigned from his post at the university.

—The pharmaceutical firm Hoffman-La Roche and the University of California entered into litigation over the commercial rights to a cell line that promises to yield the much-sought-after genetic manufacture of interferon — a natural substance widely cited for its potential as an anti-viral, anti-cancer agent.

—Martin J. Cline, a University of California researcher at the Los Angeles campus, revealed that he had used genetic engineering on humans in the first case of its type ever reported. Human subjects in Italy and Israel were treated for beta-thalassemia, a blood disease of genetic origin. The same experimental treatments were turned down by the human-subjects committee of

the investigator's host institution, on the grounds that more animal studies were warranted as evidence for the procedure's safety and promise of success.

—A Yale research team succeeded in transplanting foreign genes into fertilized egg cells of mice. The genes became a permanent part of the mouse embryo and eventually of the adult mouse.

—Harvard University backed away from its announced plans to begin its own genetic engineering firm to capitalize on the commercial applications of recombinant-DNA technology when controversy developed within its own faculty over possible conflicts of interest.

—The Swiss bioengineering firm Biogen revealed that it would like to locate a research and development facility in Cambridge, Mass. — one of the half-dozen local communities with a law which regulates such activities. Thus four years after the city debated the pros and cons of university DNA research, a new controversy boils about a home for industrial gene-splicing activity.

—In the first successful mammal cloning, scientists transplanted the nuclei from cells in a living mouse to fertilized mice eggs after removing the original nuclei.

Over the past two years there has been

considerable change in what the public hears about genetic engineering. Media attention shifted from an emphasis on biohazards — that is, dangers posed by biological technology — to a focus on commercial developments. The new genetic explorers have stimulated an investment psychology that encourages people to think of biotechnology as the IBM or Xerox of the next decade.

Genentech, Inc. in San Francisco was the first of the new breed of genetic engineering firms to go public. Investment fever is so intense that within 90 minutes of its first offering, the firm's stock catapulted from \$35 to \$90 a share. Some view the commercial prospects of gene manipulation as the new hope for America's declining industrial base. In recent years people have acquired grandiose expectations for energy development, agriculture and the manufacture of new drugs, all through biotechnology. They have equally high hopes about the use of recombinant-DNA technology for curing genetic disorders and for discovering the causes of cancer.

Our experience with the commercial development of chemistry and nuclear physics, gives reason for skepticism about the future of biotechnology. In all three areas scientists transform basic elements of nature. Each began as a field of scientific inquiry and was later thrust impetuously into commercial exploitation.

Over the past decade, the United States has put in place a formidable array of regulations designed to protect society from chemistry's profitable wonders. Now we are faced with the industrialization of biology. Will the impact of synthetic biology on human health and the environment be any different than that of synthetic chemistry? Some respond that industrial biology will be a much cleaner technology than its counterparts, chemistry and nuclear physics. Others acknowledge that there will be products or processes which may have harmful side effects, but are unable to predict in advance what they will be so before we can act we must wait to confront the adverse consequences. The same logic created our present difficulties with toxic

waste sites, a symbol of our society's disregard for the byproducts of technology.

Currently, mandatory federal regulations are in effect for institutions engaged in recombinant-DNA activities while receiving funding from government agencies. First issued by the NIH in 1976, these guidelines are revised on a continuous basis, and until recently focused exclusively on the scientific researcher. Paradoxically, in the private sector, where the scale of production of new life forms will be substantially greater than in the research laboratory, and where the protection of trade secrets will veil much of the research, the NIH administers only a *voluntary* compliance program.

Between 1977 and 1979 more than a dozen bills were introduced into Congress to insure that the private sector would comply with the NIH guidelines. None has passed. Many scientists afraid that legislation would fix the guidelines "in concrete," lobbied extensively to obstruct passage of federal laws.

Legislation regulating gene splicing would put molecular biologists in the unique position of being in the only discipline with research techniques under federal control. There are regulations for the use of radioactive materials and for experiments on human subjects, fetuses and animals, but these cover certain procedures regardless of the field; they are not quite as targeted to a single discipline as the DNA bills.

As the debate over legislation proceeded, a consensus developed among many scientists that the risks of gene splicing were exaggerated. Eventually, greater concern was voiced over the risks of public involvement in the scientific enterprise than over the likelihood that dangerous byproducts of the research would result. University lobbyists worked to defeat uniform guidelines. Some of the newly organized firms were started by scientists who played dual roles as genetic entrepreneurs and assessors of potential risks. Some experts clearly had a financial interest in obtaining a decision that the new technology was risk-free.

But the safety stakes are high. Just as we must continue to test industrial chemicals for toxicity even after several hundred

have been scrutinized, risk assessment in gene splicing activities must not have a termination date.

Supporters of regulation-free biotechnology argue that the manufacture of new life forms will not introduce a product which is more hazardous than its component parts. No one could defend such a hypothesis for chemistry or nuclear physics. Industrial spokespersons assure us that commercial production involving live organisms is safer than laboratory experiments. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meet these claims with a degree of skepticism. Both agencies are keeping a close eye on the industrial developments in bioengineering while weighing the need for future regulations.

Thus far I have only discussed the technological byproducts of bioengineering. Some believe that the biohazard issues are dwarfed by the social impacts of recombinant DNA research. There has been substantial progress in science toward a future of genetically engineered human beings. The pace of this progress accelerates with new developments in recombinant-DNA research.

There are no clear guidelines involving genetic therapy applied to human subjects. The beta-thalassemia case involves individuals with a blood disease. The experimental genetic therapy involved a three-stage process. Genetically defective cells were extracted from the bone marrow of the human patients. The cells were treated so that the defective genes could be replaced with normal ones. Finally, the modified cells were replanted in the human subjects. It is important in this case that the disease in question is life-threatening. Many people have no qualms about applying gene therapy under these circumstances. Others would even extend such therapy to diseases of a non-life threatening nature.

An important distinction is made between the manipulation of human somatic cells (those not involved in the reproductive process) and the germ cells (sperm and egg cells). When genetic engineering reaches more advanced stages of development it may

be possible to program certain genes into the germ cells. Where one or both expectant parents possess a genetic abnormality, should they have the right to have the defect repaired in the offspring? And what shall we say of couples who are making use of in-vitro fertilization for childbearing? In this case the human egg is fertilized in a test tube, allowed to develop to an eight-celled embryo and implanted in the mother's uterus. Shall we permit genetic engineering in the early stages of cell division if it is designed to improve the offspring? And what shall we count as improvement — alteration of genes responsible for disease, for height, weight, skin coloration? Who would have the authority to make such decisions?

Ultimately, the decision to develop an archetypal offspring requires that society have confidence in its scientific elites to choose a direction for human evolution. A population with a greatly varied genotype — a widely diverse population — could hardly reach a conclusion about desirable human traits beyond those directly related to disease.

In 1945 we entered the atomic age; 25 years later we stepped into the genetic age. The problems we face in this new scientific epoch are as formidable as those of our forebears. The moral issues are sensitive and complex. It is unwise to yield the instruments to direct human evolution to any society whose leaders lack the wisdom and the moral intellect to solve less complex issues such as controlling gruesome weapons of human destruction. One of the best safeguards we have against the misuse of science is to keep the issues alive in the minds of the people and to limit control by the technocracy.

by Sheldon Krimsky, *Los Angeles Times*,
July 11, 1980

This long article is reprinted in its entirety because we believe the subject matter to be of particular importance to humanity at the present time. Mr. Krimsky, professor of urban and environmental policy at Tufts University and a member of the

National Institutes of Health Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, speaks with a welcome voice of caution about what potentially is a very dangerous field of endeavor.

Of course arguments have been advanced from the spiritual point of view against the attempts of material science to "play God" by means of genetic manipulation. As usual, however, these arguments have been pushed into the background by the louder declamations of both the purely scientific and the blatantly commercial interests. "The industrialization of biology" is a telling phrase — perhaps even more profoundly disturbing than first meets the eye. Keeping the same meaning but lending perhaps even more force, we might say, "the industrialization of life forms."

The potentially hazardous consequences of genetic manipulation to individual and collective human evolution are evident to anyone familiar with the occult teachings of the Divine Plan governing man's origin, growth, and destiny in the overall cosmic framework. Let us hope that no real "Frankenstein's monsters" — on a cellular, animal, or human level — will be unleashed, especially beyond the confines of the laboratory. Of course no sane person wants an "accident," but science (as is true of every other discipline) acting solely in the material context of accumulating knowledge, increasing its scope of activity, and furthering its domination, has made and will continue to make grave mistakes. Only in the eventually-assured unity of science with religion and art will human progress on the material level proceed in concert with, and enriching and enriched by, human progress on the spiritual level.

SKIN TALK

Audible biofeedback from a simple, hand-held Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) unit has proven effective during counseling, according to James Krider, executive director of the Family Service and Children's Aid Society in West Warren, Pa.

"Skin-talk" — electric charges on the surface of the skin due to perspiration — helps clients monitor their subtle reactions as they talk about family stresses or other problems. They are often surprised to hear a strong tone from the GSR unit at the mention of a person, event or thought that triggers stress.

This objective demonstration often provokes a constructive resolution of the problem.

"Clients are frequently surprised by their GSR responses to stimuli in a counseling interview," Krider said. "This new information can then have a great impact on their view of reality, leading to positive changes in their functioning. They learn to listen to their bodies and, in so doing, begin to reintegrate themselves more holistically."

Judicious use of the GSR, he said, "is a valuable check on honesty and data. . . . It helps us to better measure the current brand of reality." But it is not "an everlastingly concrete statement about functioning — only a reflection of current functioning."

Change, he said, "may well be the only constant in this adventure."

In marital counseling, partners using a GSR often become aware of personal characteristics or specific interactions that typically generate conflict. Parents and children get a feedback confirmation of factors that fuel arguments. Severely disturbed persons can sometimes discover double binds, Krider said.

A boy who thought his father was perpetually angry at him discovered how he deliberately solicited angry responses; a husband learned that although he encouraged his wife to be assertive, he was alarmed when she became assertive toward his mother.

Clients also use the GSR to learn relaxation.

Brain Mind Bulletin, Oct. 6, 1980

Evidently we can keep no secrets from our physical bodies. Spiritual counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and even the most conservative practitioners of orthodox

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Why So Much Violence?

Question:

Is there an occult reason for all the violence in the world today? How long can this go on?

Answer:

Perhaps a basic reason for so much confused action, including actual violence, among human beings today is that we are passing through a period of time when opposing forces — incoming and outgoing — are battling for supremacy in man's consciousness and his external world.

Occult philosophy teaches that: "The evolutionary career of mankind is indissolubly bound up by the divine Hierarchies who rule the planets and the signs of the zodiac, and that the passage of the Sun and the planets through the twelve signs of the zodiac marks man's progress in time and space." At present the Sun, by precession, is passing from the sign Pisces, ending an age of superstition and intellectual bondage. At the same time the Sun, also by precession, is moving into the orb of influence of Aquarius, an intellectual, scientific, and altruistic sign. Thus we have these very different stellar vibrations active in our consciousness and in the situations about us, and the less evolved are unable to maintain the poise and equilibrium desirable for peaceful progress.

Another fact to consider is that the separative Race Spirits, with their differing religions, customs, languages and the like

still are strong among a great part of the world's population. This engenders friction and wars of conquest. Only as the unifying power of the Christ supercedes the separative power of the Race Spirits — and this gradually is taking place — will this basic cause of violence be removed.

Christ has gone beyond the other Arch-angels and raised Himself higher, so that He has the Life Spirit as His lowest vehicle and ordinarily uses no denser vehicle. The World of Life Spirit is the first of the universal worlds and only by the power of the Life Spirit can the national tendency be overcome and the universal brotherhood of man become a fact.

Then too, at the end of the cycles in evolution usually many less evolved Egos are born so that they may have a final opportunity to progress sufficiently to continue on with their evolutionary group. It is the less evolved Egos who use violence to accomplish their objectives.

Still another factor to be considered is based on the debts of destiny that have been engendered in past ages and lives by individuals and nations. Since the time that man has been able to use a measure of free will, he has let his selfishness and cruelty lead him into many inhuman activities. Under the Law of Cause and Effect, all mistreatment of others must be paid for. If we live by the sword, we must perish by the sword — if not in one life, then in a succeeding one.

ORIGIN OF EVIL

Question:

Where and how did evil originate?

Answer:

We may say that evil consists of anything which is contrary to the Divine Plan of evolution. From the standpoint of vibration, every particle of matter in the universe on all planes, both physical and spiritual, which is cooperating with the Divine Plan is spinning on its axis in a left to right direction. As long as this continues, it is good and on the side of good. When this direction of vibration is reversed, it becomes evil. This is the esoteric explanation. Practically speaking, all the thoughts, desires, and passions which are of a destructive character and which tend to deteriorate the vehicles of the Ego or work against their interests involve this counter-clockwise vibration and are therefore evil.

As for the origin of evil, we are told in the *Cosmo-Conception*, P. 280, that in Lemuria: "The education of the girls developed the first germinal, flickering memory. The first idea of Good and Evil was formulated by them because of their experiences, which worked chiefly on the imagination. Those experiences most likely to leave a recollection were thought 'Good;' those which did not produce that much desired result were considered 'Evil'."

As man developed his free will he was able to do things that were contrary to Divine Law — and did. The whole story of this is bound up in the coming of the Lucifers into the arena of man's evolution. This is explained at length in *Christianity Lecture No. 14* and in the *Cosmo* beginning on page 282.

In *Occult Principles of Health and Healing* (pp. 55-56) we read: "The Old Testament opens with the account of how man was led astray by the *false light* of the Lucifer Spirits, giving birth to all the sorrow and suffering in the world; it closes with the promise that the Sun of Righteousness shall rise, with Healing in its wings. And in the New Testament we find the Sun of Righteousness, the *true Light*, come to save

the world, and the first fact that is stated in regard to Him is that He is of Immaculate Conception.

"Now this point should be thoroughly understood, that it is the Luciferian taint of passion which has brought sorrow, sin, and suffering into the world. When the creative power is used for sense gratification, whether in solitary or associated vice, with or without legal marriage, that is the sin which cannot be forgiven; it must be expiated. Humanity as a whole is now suffering for that sin. The debilitated bodies, the sickness that we see around us has been caused by centuries of abuse, and until we learn to subdue our passions there can be no true healing among the human race."

"PRACTICALITY"

vs.

"SPIRITUALITY"

Question:

I am extremely upset that due to economic considerations I may have to forfeit my work in spiritual counseling, and I am studying to become a computer programmer. How do you reconcile practicality and spirituality?

Answer:

Our comments on your question must necessarily be in general terms, since each individual has different requirements in the "practical" and the "spiritual" areas, depending on his or her earthly responsibilities and state of evolution. Each individual must make a personal decision with regard to the degree of "reconciliation" that he or she must do, is in a position to do, wishes to do, and feels spiritually motivated to do.

We all do have certain earthly responsibilities germane to life on the physical plane from which we cannot and must not try to escape. We all have legitimate physical needs of food, clothing, and shelter, and are expected in one way or another to meet these needs. There is nothing wrong with following "practical" lines of work in order to earn our daily bread. In fact, it is incumbent

upon us to do so if we are able. Obviously, however, there is a difference among basic necessities, the legitimate desires and "innocent enjoyments" which make life more pleasurable for many and certainly are allowable at our present stage of evolution, and sheer self-indulgence and conspicuous consumption. Again, each individual must decide for him or herself where to draw the lines among all these categories and at what point the "practical" becomes indefensible for him or her.

If we have family responsibilities, the matter becomes more complicated. The legitimate needs of our families, the education of our children, must take first place in our efforts, and what is luxury for a single individual might easily become necessity when the considerations of an entire family are involved. Again, all situations differ and individual action rightly can be based only on the individual context.

In other words, only you can determine what course of action will be right for you, given your particular responsibilities, circumstances, and general outlook. If you sincerely pray for guidance, setting forth the problem and your thoughts concerning it and asking for guidance in accordance with His Will, eventually that guidance will be given.

"BALANCING" ESOTERIC AND ORTHODOX BELIEFS

Question:

I have a mental and emotional dilemma which stems from the fact of trying to balance or harmonize my increasing esoteric spirituality with a very orthodox Christian ministry in which I am presently engaged. In a small way I've come to know what being "a stranger in a strange land" means. Any suggestions?

Answer:

We can understand that you are indeed in something of a dilemma, and we cannot help but wonder if you *should* continue endeavoring to balance or harmonize your "esoteric spirituality" with the orthodox

Christian ministry in which you are engaged. Naturally this is a question that you alone can or should answer, but we do urge you to give it serious thought. Some esoteric Christian teachings, as you know, go far beyond the much more limited and circumscribed orthodox tenets. As a minister you would be expected to defend and sanction the tenets set forth by your particular church, we assume. Indeed, if you did not do so, would it not cause extreme confusion and worse for your congregation? If your own personal beliefs now transcend the doctrines you are expected professionally to uphold, it would seem to us that the continuing endeavor to "toe the doctrinal line" might cause you serious mental and emotional turmoil that easily could become dangerous for your personal well-being and progress. Again, only you can say for sure, but perhaps the matter now has become one, not of balancing, but of either/or.

EFFECTS OF POLLUTION

Question:

Does air pollution, wherein millions of people breathe contaminated air, affect the etheric vibration contained in the breath inhaled? Does this pollution, plus the heavy use of tobacco, have any effect on our destiny?

Answer:

There is no question but that the pollution of the air about us has a detrimental effect upon the physical body — every cell of it, including the physical seed atom in the apex of the heart. Since our bodies (dense, vital, and desire) closely interpenetrate each other, what affects one of them also affects the others. Furthermore, every physical atom is penetrated by an etheric one which vibrates it. Therefore it seems obvious that the vital body, particularly the part composed of the two lower ethers (chemical and life) would be affected by smog, sprays, and other air contaminants. The effect initially would not be as severe on the vital body as on the dense body, but since the ethers belong

to the Physical World, physical influences made of solids, liquids, or gases would seem, of necessity, to affect them. It also would seem logical that the planetary ethers, particularly the chemical ether, would be affected by contaminants, including the fumes from smoking tobacco. Thus, to the extent that the Ego is hampered in the full expression of its powers because of air pollution, its destiny could be interfered with in some measure.

It seems obvious that people are more aware than ever before of the detrimental effects of air pollution, and in an increasing number of places are trying to improve conditions in this respect. All powers of the Spirit unfold better in a clean environment (physical, emotional, and mental) than in an unclean one, and the movement to rid our cities and countryside of all kinds of pollution should surely be aided in every way possible.

SAFETY OF MICROWAVE OVENS?

Question:

Please give your opinion of the effects of a microwave oven on the human body and Spirit. Can steady use of microwaves, which are sound waves, have deleterious effects on humans?

Answer:

We wish we could give a definitive answer to this timely question, but we do not have sufficient information to do so. As most people know, both proponents and detractors of microwave ovens are vocal in their opinions. One school of thought holds them to be "demonstrably" safe when certain simple precautions are used; another school labels them dangerous and to be avoided.

We have not researched the matter and have no proof, one way or the other, of the validity of these claims. It certainly is true, however, that sound waves can have considerable effect, both beneficial and detrimental, on human well-being. Certain sound waves are used in healing, while, conversely, sounding the keynote of an individual for a prolonged period of time can result

in death. It is quite conceivable, therefore, that frequent exposure to a microwave oven could indeed disturb the functioning of an individual's physical body. Whether the disturbance is major or minor could well depend on the individual and his or her particular sensitivity in this regard. In many aspects of health and well-being, varying individualized reactions rather than a predictable norm are becoming commonplace — a condition which also might well apply in this instance.

We do not think that microwave ovens, any more than any other phenomenon, could harm the Spirit itself. The Spirit, which is *the* integral part of God, is impregnable. Microwaves might, however, affect the vehicles of Spirit in such a way as to interfere with the Spirit's proper functioning in these vehicles, thus hindering, even if only briefly, the Spirit's evolutionary progress.

Therefore, we certainly would urge caution in using these ovens and, at the very least, strict obedience to safety instructions issued by the individual manufacturers.

TIME OF LIBERATION

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ty, hunger, disease, fear, warfare and prejudice are the results of past misguided actions on the part of individuals and nations, though new destiny is being continually created to some degree. The laws of God have been too much disregarded, and at present we are witnessing and participating in a climatic struggle between the Forces of Light, sponsoring a God-guided Way of Life, and the Forces of Darkness, sponsoring a God-less and mind-guided existence. The outcome is being decided even now, as we give our help to the one side or the other.

May we all, at this Holy Season, sing with the Angels from hearts full of gratitude and praise, realigning ourselves with the Forces of Light, rededicating ourselves to Christ's Way of Liberation, thus leaving our low-vaulted past and entering into the more stately mansions of intuitive guidance.



The Philosophy of Healing

A Student

In considering fully the basic principles involved in the healing art, one must view the subject from the standpoint of both the healer and the patient — the instrument for the healing power (which comes from God), as well as the one who receives the healing ministrations. It should be understood also that when the word “healing” is used, more than a mere cure or temporary relief from an ailment is meant. True healing — *permanent* healing — requires a definite change in the consciousness of the patient, brought about by either his own efforts or the efforts of the healer, or by a combination of both. The healer, too, must possess an adequate degree of spirituality in order to transmit the healing power in a positive manner.

The occultist thinks of man as essentially spirit, a differentiated spark in the Great Flame, sent out on a long journey through matter to unfold the divine potentialities inherent in each individual Spirit. The original plan for the human life wave involved no sorrow or suffering, but in the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch the Lucifer Spirits penetrated the consciousness of feminine humanity, impregnating the desire body with the principle of passion. As a result, man, ignorantly misusing the divine creative force, developed an imbalance in his

nature and became subject to innumerable ills and diseases.

The correction of this imbalance, the restoration of harmony within man’s nature, requires a change in the consciousness, or the transmutation of the selfish lower propensities into the qualities of the higher or spiritual self. Christ Jesus adjured the sinful woman: “Go and sin no more,” thereby indicating the necessity for a change in her way of life if her relief were to be lasting. Thus we find the key to healing embodied in the word *regeneration*, and this applies to both healer and patient.

Generally speaking, we may say that the first steps in the regeneration or healing process has to do with the purification of the bodies of man, the more usual methods applying primarily to the physical body. The Rosicrucian student, understanding the importance of the physical part of man’s being as well as the superphysical, believes that in order to bring about a permanent healing, or a regeneration of the individual, one must work in conformity with the laws of Nature on all planes — the physical as well as the higher subtler planes. He consequently gives due recognition to the fundamental laws which determine the reactions to results from the use of certain physical properties,

recognizing at the same time that such reactions are undoubtedly modified or affected by the conditions existing where they are applied. So it is that in complying with basic laws affecting the physical body, such as those governing the diet, we must allow for variations in the response of different individuals, the peculiar complexities of each person affecting the ultimate result of the physical remedy — be it food or medicinal substances.

The naturopaths, or physicians who use natural methods in bringing relief to the ailing, render an invaluable service to humanity by teaching people to cooperate with the fundamental laws of Nature to regain or maintain health: get a full share of fresh air and sunshine, exercise, and proper food; to desist from poisoning their bodies with various drugs, which at best can give only temporary relief; to live joyously and unselfishly. These pioneers are in complete harmony with the laws of Nature when they encourage us to eat freely of the fresh fruits and vegetables, largely uncooked, so that the fullest amount possible of their energizing vitamins, minerals, and other properties may be taken up and utilized by the body. So, too, when they demonstrate the efficacy of such simple aids as the value of certain fruits and vegetables in breaking up and relieving the body of crystallizations which have been formed by incorrect eating and living, and various other simple natural means of promoting health.

The osteopaths and chiropractors, by their spinal manipulations and adjustments, bloodless surgery, and massage contribute much of real value to the healing art, and the more advanced physicians everywhere are coming to use light, color, and music as potent factors in promoting harmony and well-being in all the vehicles of man. Along with the changes in one body come changes in other bodies, the close interpenetration of all the vehicles necessitating a response from all the bodies to whatever affects one. To the extent that the patient uses his will to cooperate with the methods of healing does he

progress in the battle of the Higher Self for mastery over the lower self.

The mind, being the focusing point between the Spirit and the material world, naturally occupies a strategic position in the art of healing, and even those who have no conscious occult knowledge must admit the necessity of cultivating a serene mental and emotional attitude if health is to be retained or regained. The results of wide research and experimentation speak eloquently of the harmful, poisoning effects of hatred, anger, resentment, etc., their tendency being to prevent a normal free play of the Spirit — an essential for health. There must be a purification or cleansing of the mind, and a definite direction of its activities into constructive channels if a measure of health is to be maintained.

In the healing word of the Rosicrucian Fellowship there is one feature that is unique, but which will be more universally used as we pass farther into the vibrations of the Aquarian Age. This feature is the band of Invisible Helpers, or people who have developed the soul body sufficiently to function in it on the inner planes and there perform a humanitarian service under the direction of those trained in this phase of the healing art. In charge of their work are those highly evolved human beings whom we speak of as the Elder Brothers, or the Brothers of the Rose Cross.

The Invisible Helpers are taught to direct the healing force where needed, as well as to adjust parts of the body, even sometimes materializing a hand sufficiently to place affected parts more effectively. Only those who live a pure and helpful life can participate in this wider service, as it is essential that one love and serve on the physical plane in order to attract the two higher ethers of the soul body, the golden garment which the Invisible Helper wears, and to enjoy the privilege of serving on the inner planes. These Helpers are those who definitely endeavor to live the *regenerate* life.

In addition to the help given by the Invisible Helpers in the Rosicrucian Fellowship system of healing assistance is also given

on the physical plane. When the patient's birth data comes to Headquarters, the horoscope is cast, and from the soul pattern may be determined not only important physiological information, but also the spiritual imbalance of nature which has helped cause the physical debility may be seen. Thus the patient can be encouraged to begin living in harmony with God's laws, as he keeps his contact with the Invisible Helpers by writing a weekly letter in ink to the Healing Department at Headquarters. The value of astrology in making it possible to give sound recommendations in all these matters is strongly emphasized by Max Heindel, who stated:

"Seeing that the terrestrial organism which each of us inhabits is molded along vibratory lines produced by the song of the spheres, we may realize that the inharmonies which express themselves as disease are produced in the first place by spiritual inharmony within. It is further evident that if we can obtain accurate knowledge concerning the direct cause of the inharmony and remedy it, the physical manifestations of disease will shortly disappear. It is this information which is given by the horoscope of birth, for there each planet in its house and sign expresses harmony or discord, health or disease. Therefore all methods of healing are adequate only in proportion as they take into consideration the stellar harmonies and discords expressed in the wheel of life — the horoscope."

However, even though attention has been given by the Invisible Helpers, and suggestions based upon the horoscope communicated to the patient, a most important task still remains — that of imbuing the patient with the desire to change himself sufficiently to secure permanent healing. An understanding of the laws of Nature is essential for this, and when one has this understanding, accompanied by a realization that all disease is a result of the violation of cosmic laws, he usually becomes desirous of rearranging his way of living so as to invite the accomplishment of the healing process. The more understanding the patient has of the fundamental principles governing life and

being, the better able is he to cooperate with the functioning of these principles, and it thus becomes evident that the attainment of lasting health must be preceded or accompanied by a certain amount of education of the patient into the mysteries of the immutable laws of life. The willingness and adaptability of the patient in cooperating with the visible and Invisible helpers will determine the speed with which he brings about the regenerative process.

In the Rosicrucian Philosophy we are taught something of the stubborn nature of the vital body, and how necessary it is to change the vital body before a lasting change in the whole human organism can be effected. The vital body is the vehicle of habit, and the majority of people are creatures of habit. To change the habits we have formed in the past requires much repetition, much patient persistence in establishing new lines of thought and feeling and action. Our desires have an extremely strong hold on us, and we often find it difficult to ignore these subtle persuasions of the desire nature when we endeavor to break away from old harmful habits, be they physical, emotional, or mental. However, we *can* change our habit if we *will* to do so, and therein lies the secret of the transmutation which establishes lasting health — the use of the *will*.

Actually, there is no limit to one's accomplishment in healing, or any other line of endeavor, if there be a sufficient desire to accomplish and a subsequent exertion of the will in the proper direction. An interesting example in this connection concerns its account of a situation involving a ward of paralytics in a South American hospital: all these patients were all bedridden and eight of them were in the ward one day when a huge boa constrictor appeared — by way of a drain pipe and a window. Ten seconds after his appearance, the snake was the sole occupant of the room! One patient who had been in bed for two years jumped six feet to a window, and then several feet to the ground. All of the patients were healed, according to the account given.

From numerous examples of this nature

one can but be convinced that the powers of the Spirit may be unleashed enormously by means of the will, desire, and thought power. It can never be emphasized too often, however, that this sublimating process must be based upon *loving, self-forgetting service to others*, for the truly regenerate life is the unselfish life.

Max Heindel tells us that "Christ is an embodiment of the Wisdom Principle, and in proportion as the Christ is formed in us we attain to health," and we may safely take this statement as a key to the path of regeneration and health. The Christ or Love-Wisdom Principle, is the expression of the second Aspect of the Triune God, a differentiated atom of which is man, and this Aspect is the principle of harmony and love, just the opposite of the discordant principle of the Lucifer Spirits.

As we cultivate the Christ Love within us and manifest it to our fellow men, we automatically eliminate the tendencies toward selfishness, passion, hatred, greed, and other coarse vibrations that belong to the lower self, unleashing the infinite powers of the Spirit. Thus health comes with the transmutation of the lower qualities into the higher ones, although the necessary changes in the bodies during the transmutation process may bring temporary discomfort. Ultimately, a complete adjustment will be made by every individual who persists on the Path — regeneration will be accomplished by all humanity and health will prevail.

"CHRIST AROSE"

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At the time of His Resurrection, Christ gave to mankind the most glorious of all Easter messages: the demonstrable fact that death is but transition, and will eventually have no part in man's planetary experiences. Joyfully did he proclaim for all the world that most transcendent of all spiritual themes: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

SKIN TALK

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medicine are well aware of the havoc that unresolved or buried emotional and mental difficulties can play with our physical well-being. It long has been known that our eyes give us away, to those who can read what is revealed there. Now we see the skin as another gauge of our inner life. If judicious use of the technique described can help us get to know ourselves and understand our reactions better, it would seem to be valuable.

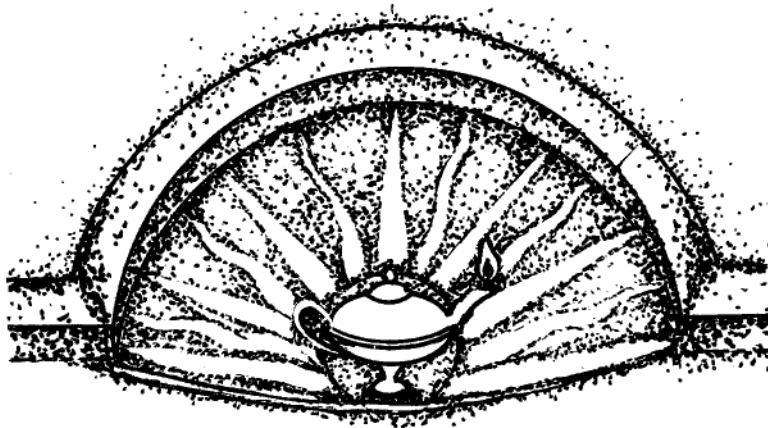
There are many methods of self-study, of which Retrospection, as rightly performed by the sincere spiritual aspirant, can be the most all-encompassing, the most revealing, the most devastatingly accurate, and the most productive of positive change and progress. Other methods of more limited range and potential cannot be ignored, however, particularly in the interests of those who as yet are unable or unwilling to observe the nightly ritual of Retrospection.

In any case, it is incumbent on all of us to get to know ourselves better and to initiate self-improvement as the result of such knowledge. We do well to remember that in the forthcoming Jupiter Period of Manifestation even our innermost thoughts will be common knowledge.

THE FACULTY OF INTUITION

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spiritual identity are seen to be the steps by which the Master Power of Intuition is focalized, evolved, and perfected in human consciousness. The astrologer looks *at* the symbols and numbers of a horoscope, but he *intuitively* looks into the chart to apprehend the truths of the person's consciousness. Astrological study for servicable use and human enlightenment is one of the principle modes by which the Faculty of Intuition is developed in the human being.



Forgiveness: The Healing Force of Fellowship

In our daily interactions with friends, neighbors, and loved ones we are sometimes, perhaps often, subject to negative feelings of insult, embarrassment, criticism, and disappointment. We believe that our associates have hurt us in some way. We may even ascribe to them motives against us. These sparks of pain and psychological injury may feed a fire of smoldering resentment or kindle flames of open hostility.

As a reaction to this perception of injury we tend to surround ourselves with ideas which seem to justify our negative feelings. In turn our reactions awaken similar feelings of discord in our associates. They too have numerous "reasons" why they were justified in their behavior. As the argument proceeds no one listens to what the other is saying. The ruptured relationship may be temporary or permanent. It may leave deep emotional scars, affect one's health, and even hurt innocent bystanders.

If we look within and try to analyze what has happened we usually find that there is something negative in us which our "enemy" has triggered. Why are we overly sensitive? What are the fears, insecurities, and weaknesses within ourselves that our "enemy" has exposed? If we analyze further we may find that the "enemy" has weaknesses similar to ours.

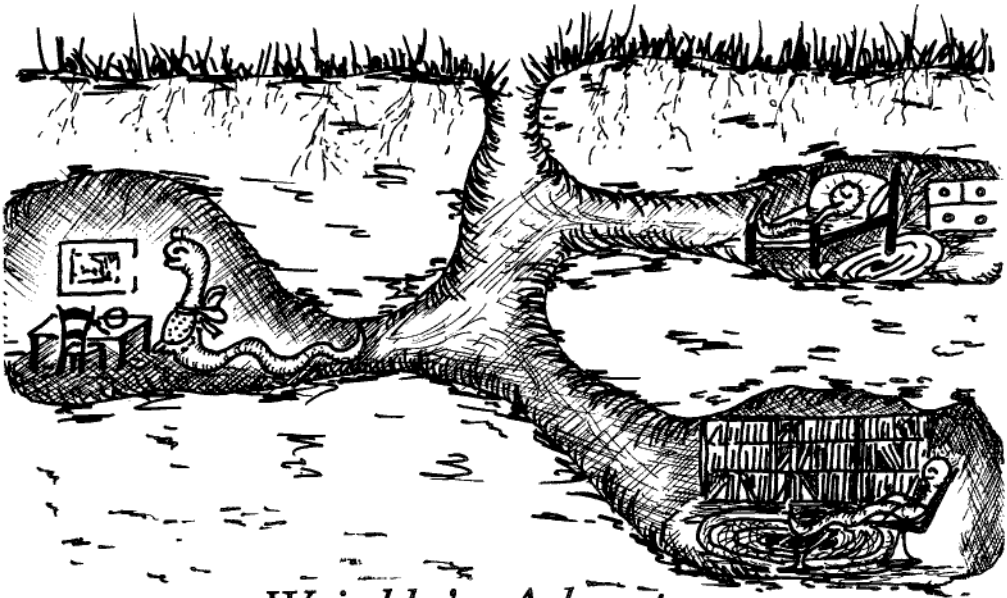
Forgiveness is the Healing Force of

Fellowship. True forgiveness means tolerance of weakness both in ourselves and others. Forgiveness is a positive step toward a human alliance based on the recognition of a common problem in need of a solution. Forgiveness is the product of an inward spiritual strength that places a break upon the outburst of negative feelings, frees the mind from the bondage of selfish desire, and identifies with other human beings in the spirit of Love. Let us exercise the power of Forgiveness so that we may light and keep ablaze the beacon light of true spiritual Fellowship, which is the balm of Gilead, the only panacea for the World's woe.

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 P.M., and Pro-Ecclesia at 4:15 P.M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign.

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*.

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Wrinkle's Adventure

Dagmar Frabme

(Conclusion)

Wrinkle slid down from the stone and sighed. Well, he thought, he might just as well get going. He was just picking up the packages when he thought he heard a noise — almost like someone crying. He listened carefully for a minute, and then heard it again. It *was* someone crying, and seemed to be coming from underneath the big stone. Wrinkle put the packages down again and started to burrow in the direction of the noise. It grew louder as he dug further down, and it wasn't too long before he found little Stubby Worm, who lived next door, lying right underneath the stone and sobbing loudly.

Stubby was hardly more than a baby and must have wandered away from home when his mother wasn't looking. He had evidently been right under the stone when it fell. Wrinkle saw quickly that Stubby wasn't hurt — there was a nice soft layer of earth between him and the stone — but he was certainly very scared. Wrinkle tried to get him to stop crying and tell what happened, but Stubby just kept on sobbing.

"Come on, Stubby," Wrinkle said

finally, "we can't stay here. I'm going to take you home — if I can find a way."

But Stubby didn't move. No matter what Wrinkle said or did, Stubby did nothing but go on sobbing. Wrinkle tried to pull him along, but that only made Stubby start to kick and scream.

"Oh, boy," thought Wrinkle. "What am I supposed to do now? Guess you can't expect anything else from a baby," he sighed.

It was quite clear that Wrinkle was going to have to carry Stubby home. And if he carried Stubby, he couldn't carry the packages, too. Now the frozen food would be ruined before he could get back to it, and Mother would be disgusted.

"A guy just can't win," thought Wrinkle, "no matter how hard he tries."

He sighed again, and then took a deep breath and picked up Stubby. That was pretty hard to begin with, and much harder because Stubby kept right on kicking and screaming. But Wrinkle took a very firm grip on him, took one more look at the packages out of which the frozen food was starting to leak, took another deep breath, and started up.

It was very hard going, because there



were many little stones in the way that never used to be in that part of the earth before. He had to crawl around all of them, and the trip took three times as long as it would have taken otherwise. When he finally got to the top, he saw why all the stones had been driven into the ground. Farmer Brown was plowing the earth with his big, noisy machine. This part of his farm had always been a pasture before, but now it seemed that he was going to start planting in it. No wonder!

Wrinkle put Stubby down for a minute and looked around. It was going to be awfully hard crawling home. Instead of the nice smooth ground that used to be here, the earth was all plowed up and big clumps of it were lying around everywhere. He would have to crawl above, or around, or through hundreds of them before he got home, and to poor Wrinkle, who was already very tired, they looked like mountains.

At least Stubby had stopped crying. Stubby had never been above the ground before, and was looking at this strange, new world in amazement. He didn't make a sound when Wrinkle picked him up again, but just went on staring at everything around him.

Wrinkle started off. It was very slow going and Stubby, even though quiet, was getting heavier and heavier. The sun was hot, too — this was the time of day when

even Wrinkle didn't like to be above ground — and he soon felt parched all over. Sometimes, when he came to a particular big clump of earth, he deliberately burrowed into it so that he could rest and cool off for a while. But that only made the going even slower, and Wrinkle forced himself to get up and start off again.

He had been crawling for at least an hour, and it seemed to him that he just simply could not move another inch, when he suddenly heard voices. They were calling his name — and Stubby's! Wrinkle crawled up on a high clump of earth and looked around. There, just a few feet ahead, were Father and Mother Worm, his sisters, Stubby's mother and father, and several of their other neighbors. They looked very worried — Mother Worm and Stubby's mother even seemed to have been crying — and were looking in all directions and calling loudly.

"Here we are," shouted Wrinkle, "up here." Even Stubby found his voice and yelled, "Here, here, here."

The worms looked up, and Father Worm pointed to the clump from which Wrinkle was waving. "There they are — they're safe," he called to the others. He and Stubby's father hurried in the direction of the clump, and Mother Worm and Stubby's mother hugged each other and started crying all over again.

Wrinkle put Stubby down and stayed right where he was. Stubby's father could take him the rest of the way, and as for himself, he couldn't go any farther no matter what else happened. Soon Father Worm and Stubby's father appeared over the side of the clump of earth. Stubby's father picked up his little boy and carried him happily down to his mother. Father Worm came over to Wrinkle, who had been thinking sadly about all the frozen food which must by now be completely ruined. As Father Worm came up to him, Wrinkle blurted out:

"The packages are still in the tunnel and the frozen food is ruined and I'm sorry and I tried to bring it back the way mother wanted but I couldn't because I had to leave

the packages because I could not leave Stubby and — and — and —” and with that, poor exhausted Wrinkle began to cry.

Father waited until Wrinkle had stopped sobbing and then said gently, “Wrinkle, you are a hero. The frozen food doesn’t matter. You found Stubby and brought him home and probably saved his life. How you managed to carry him this far over all these clumps of earth I will never know. That would have been a terrible job even for a grown-up. I’m very proud of you, Wrinkle.”

Wrinkle blinked back his tears and looked at his father in surprise. Father wasn’t angry about the groceries — he was, so it seemed, even proud of him!

“Come down now, and let’s go find your mother. She has been terribly worried about you.” Wrinkle followed his father down the clump of dirt, sliding rather than crawling because he was so tired. At the bottom, Mother Worm was wiping her eyes with her handkerchief. She hugged Wrinkle hard, without saying a word.

“I’m really sorry about the groceries, Mother,” whispered Wrinkle.

Mother Worm sniffed and for a minute it seemed as though she was going to start crying again. But she took a deep breath and said “Groceries! Wrinkle, I don’t care about the groceries — I care about you. All that matters is that you are safe. Where did you find Stubby? And how did you get out of the tunnel? We heard that it was blocked. I want you to tell me everything that happened.”

As Wrinkle and his mother started toward home, followed by Father Worm, Stubby’s mother hurried up to him and gave him a big hug and kiss. To be honest, Wrinkle didn’t like that too much, but he smiled politely at Stubby’s mother.

“Thank you, Wrinkle, thank you,” she said over and over again. “Stubby went out the front door when I was in the basement, and by the time I got upstairs he was out of sight. I’ve been just frantic. You are a hero and you should get a medal.”

Stubby, who had toddled up behind his mother, grinned at Wrinkle and started chanting “Hero — hero — hero —.” Then



all the neighbors came up and congratulated Wrinkle, and it was quite a triumphal procession going home.

That evening there was a big party for Wrinkle. The scoutmaster came, and gave him back his two badges and also a new one for being brave. Stubby’s mother had baked a huge cake with the word “HERO” in pink icing across the middle. All Wrinkle’s friends were there, and all the neighbors. There were quite a few speeches but the one that made Wrinkle happiest was by his father who simply said, “There have been times when I was worried about my son and thought he would never start to grow up. But now I know that I have nothing to worry about. Wrinkle has more sense and more courage than I had given him credit for, and I cannot tell you all how proud I am of him.”

Then everyone called out for Wrinkle to make a speech. He didn’t want to, but he finally stood up and said, “Thank you all for the party and the cake and all those nice things you said. I don’t feel like a hero, and if I really am it’s only because I was lucky enough for once to do the right thing at the right time. But from now on I’m going to try hard always to do the right thing at the right time on purpose.”

And from then on, nobody ever had to worry about Wrinkle again.

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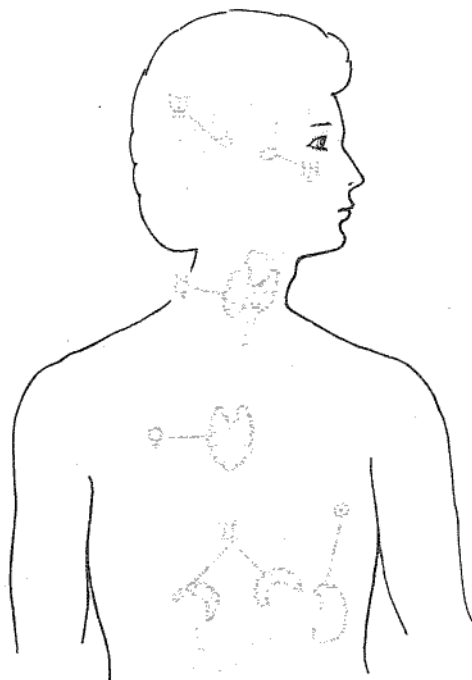
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