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The Nature and Symbolism of the Soul

ACCORDING TO ANCIENT IDEAS

IT was the dictum of *Aristotle* that in infancy 'the soul of man differed in nothing from that of the brutes, but then he admits that one animal alone, man, can reflect and deliberate, and the latter statement has found most favor with modern philosophers. Thus we are now informed that the brute is sensitive but not self-conscious, and powers and faculties are continually pointed to in man which it is positively asserted can be found in none lower than himself. Have the people who make such statements ever visited the chamber of thought of the lower animals, we wonder, and if they have not how can they speak of the mystery of mind with such assurance?

Plato used a classification into the soul of the passions and the soul of the knowing faculties, each having its own seat in the body and each its peculiar motions, and even *Aristotle*, his materialistic opponent, has his souls, vegetable, sentient, and rational. Under all Grecian physiology and psychology lay the assumption that whatever was self-motional was life or soul. Matter was admitted to be essentially inactive and thus it became necessary to suppose a vital agent where activity was manifested, and that equally in the case of mere physical function, sentience, and intellect, this being the supposition on which rested, alike, *Plato's three kinds of souls* and *Aristotle's three souls*, for to so much the theory of the last-mentioned philosopher seems very nearly, if not literally, to amount. *Galen* limited the term *soul* to the agent of sentient and intelligent functions and made Nature the operator in the simply physical, but *Aristotle* reigned over the schools, and his doc-

trine of the vegetable, sentient, and rational souls, variously modified, may be traced in very many medical physiological theories down to our very present times. It was substantially one with the *Archaeus* or governing principle of *Paracelsus'* philosophy and the animating and organizing principle of *Harvey*. Still later, *Muller* has modified the conception into an organic force which exists even in the germ and creates in it the essential part of the future animal, while *Haeckel* and others who try to get away entirely from the principle of souls are yet forced to reckon with it as a vital principle underlying all physical manifestations.

The immortal Christian soul has become figured both by the peacock and the dove and more frequently by the latter. We may see the disciples of our Lord represented as doves on the apsidial cross in *S. Clemente*. As doves Christian souls are found figured on mural tablets on baptismal founts and on sarcophagi. Less frequently they appear as peacocks, rarely on sarcophagi, however, and even in pre-Christian times they were thus represented on the walls of sepulchral chambers, and in the scenes of the Paradise of *Osiris* on a sarcophagus. In the museum of the Vatican are two doves on a cross surrounded by the monogram of Christ in a wreath. This device may be frequently seen.

On the unique ivory tabernacle preserved in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of Sens we see a pinecone taking the place of the cross or the diagram of Christ, and on each side of it a peacock, representing not the souls of Christians merely, but the souls of martyrs, for each peacock has a small palm branch attached to its neck.

The Egyptian conventional symbol for the soul

was, as every archaeologist knows, a sparrowhawk with a human head. In latter times and among the Romans, the souls of the departed in the Paradise of Osiris were figured as doves and peacocks. In a fresco painting that once existed at Pompeii (a copy of which was engraved at Naples in 1833), symbolical souls as doves and peacocks are represented as perched on the sacred trees—the palm and the peach tree, in the Paradise of Osiris and Isis. In this fresco was also represented the heron, the symbol, according to Vicomte de Ronge, of the first transformation of the soul in this mysterious Paradise.

There was then for this purpose a certain identical meaning connected with the symbol of the peacock and that of the dove. The dove of Venus was crucified on a wheel with four spokes, the dove called also *Inyx*, and in correlation with these symbols there occurs the story of Semiramis, described to have fled away and been changed into a dove when conquered by Staurobates, who had threatened to nail her to the cross, which is identified with the four spoked wheel in the eternal crucifixion of *Ixion*, or the wheel of execution described by Pindar.

The dove crucified on a wheel-cross is curious as an ancient pre-Christian symbol, but in Christian symbols two doves on the cross are frequently seen. But it is more than probable there is another meaning to the dove symbol than that it merely represents the soul. Jesus' baptism in Jordan was a baptism of *water* and the *spirit*, for when Jesus rose out of the water *The Universal Christ* descended upon him as a dove, and from that time on he was animated by a different spirit, imbued with cosmic wisdom. Similarly, when the spirit descended upon the disciples at the Pentecostal Celebration they also were gifted with spiritual powers not previously possessed by them, and only those who have such faculties evolved can really come under the classification where they are entitled to the dove symbol, such as was afterwards given to the disciples of Christ. Hence, it is reasonable to suppose that that symbol was only given to initiates whose spiritual powers had been developed, to be used in the Service of Humanity.

But if we can apply the Myth of *Argus* as an index to the meaning of the peacock symbol, that shows the awakened soul which uses its powers for a baser purpose. Argus, according to Mythology, had a hundred eyes, was endowed with a most wonderful all-penetrating power of observation, *clairvoyance*, in fact. But instead of using this power of the soul for the benefit and the Service of Humanity, he prostituted his spiritual sight to imprison a fellow creature, and for that reason *Mercury*, the god of wisdom, decapitated him and placed his eyes on the plumes of the peacock. In other words his misuse of his spiritual powers for a base purpose caused him to be deprived of them and made him a helpless creature, arrogant and vain as a peacock, a pitiable thing despite all its gorgeous plumage.

Knowledge is good if it is of the right kind and rightly used for altruistic and helpful purposes, but it is very dangerous to be wise as a serpent if one is not also harmless as a dove.

“A PRELUDE FOR MOTHERS”

Corinne Dunklee

I

“Men are what their mothers make them. When each comes forth from his mother's womb the gate of gifts closes behind him.”—Emerson

The broad colonnades of a rambling, old portico gleam soft and white in the deepening violet grey dusk. The house speaks in low hushed tones of mystery and breathes of rose-hued romance. Tender tendrils of fragrant vines cling gently about the great porch and form a fret-work with the blue sky through which evening stars gleam like silver candles.

A young woman sits lost in reverie at the never-ceasing wonder of the approaching dusk. This is her favorite hour of the day. Always the twilight brings the ecstasy of dreams. For her the night is some great black bird that with soft, downy feathers covers the heart of day, and lulls it to rest. Such airy fancies flit through her mind, like half-sung melodies played upon weary strings. From childhood it had been thus. She has ever been striving

to find the soul of some rare truth which always eludes her, leaving only a shadow of vague dissatisfaction that yet is tinged with some strange exaltation.

“Oh how I hope,” she mused, “the little one who is coming to me soon will gather up the raveled skeins of life that I have dropped and untangle them. Be able to find and give to the world in some wonderful way the inner meaning in things which I divine, and of which I know the outer form is a mere symbol. Something that shall be a lasting addition to the beauty and the truth of the world.”

So she dreamed, and her dreams were fragrant with longing, as the shadows fell; and the great, black bird of night nestled safely about the heart of day, crooning a slumber-song of exceeding sweetness.

In the realms of the unborn an ego is awaiting eagerly to return to earth again. Wonderful dreams of becoming a great artist had animated the previous earth-life; but always obstacles intervened. So through the long years he had learned to bravely bear the cross of defeat, and to wear the crown of hopeless aspirations.

All during the preparation in the higher realms this soul has worked to find the reason of his failure; and has learned to build anew upon better foundations.

Now receiving the call to an earth-life again he joyously answers it. The music in his artist-soul responds to this mother's yearning dreams. Holding the colors of the higher realms ever in his consciousness he goes to strive again to bring his ideals to an earthly fruition.

II

The afternoon sun poured through the casement, flooding the gorgeous apartment with a mellow, golden light. The room was large and magnificently furnished. Rare tapestries and art treasures from many parts of the world adorned it, evincing a cultivated taste and great wealth.

Beside the open window sat the mistress of this rich domain. A woman young and fair.

Her eyes wandered over her beautiful possessions and sparkled with pleasure. Her color height-

ened and her whole attitude bespoke exultation as she thought with whom she would soon be able to share these worldly treasures. For soon a soul beginning anew its earthly pilgrimage is to be given into her keeping.

Proudly she hopes for a son and many are the plans she makes for his life. Her social position and unlimited wealth shall give him opportunities possessed by few. So she thinks and plans, *ambition* being her constant companion, as days lengthen into the weeks in which she is helping to build the earth-house for its new tenant.

The chords of her ambition stretch away into the realms where souls are awaiting rebirth, and attract an ego who strongly feels the call of the world.

The soul has long awaited this opportunity. Tired of life on the inner planes and eager to function in the world of wealth and affluence. So the great Law binds them closer and closer. The woman with her ambitions to be fulfilled; and the ego waiting for an earthlife to fulfill them.

III

Again a woman young and fair is thinking of the time when a soul is to be entrusted into her keeping. But there are no hopes of high ambition. No dreaming fancies. Only the plain matter-of-fact life of every day. Not beyond the present do her thoughts ever wander; or, if they do, she brings them back sharply:

“What is the use of wasting time with fancy and conjecture? This present life is all we know positively. It is all the five senses can cognize anyway. I am well satisfied to take life as I find it and leave all this fanciful, chimerical stuff for those who have time for it.”

So her life was builded; and so she lived day by day. Entirely unaware that the mother does attract whatsoever qualities she will for the soul who is given into her charge—unless, in the light of a larger truth, the returning ego finds sufficient strength to counteract them.

Of the many souls waiting to come into earth-life again there are none whom the inner planes hold so much tedium and monotony as for the pure materialist. Having made no preparation here for

that life, they find nothing to build upon there, and so can only wait for a return to an earth-life again.

An ego to whom the waiting has long seemed interminable gladly receives the bidding, and this mother, who *has closed her eyes to the light of spiritual things*, opens the door of her heart to welcome this entering soul.

IV

Over-shadowed and permeated by the Universal Spirit, of which there is no more sublime manifestation on earth than perfect mother-love, she who is the torch-bearer of the race; the purely spiritual mother, who understands and co-operates with the Law, is assisting the ego who is coming to her in the preparation of his life-work.

Living on the mountain tops of thought, she finds oftentimes through long vales of silence sudden heights of ecstasy that almost over-awe even her pure soul with their beauty and grandeur.

Enveloped in the luminous light of the great soul with whom she is consciously working, she bears aloft the torch of Truth for mothers of the future race, that they may learn to know the divine privilege of every mother during that most holy time when she is helping a soul to prepare for its new earth-experiences. By attuning her thoughts and her life only to the good, the beautiful, and the true, she wraps them as a mystic garment about her, and in the clear reflection of their light the soul to whom she is bound in ties from other lives is helped to build anew upon foundations that embody these same attributes. On glad wings the day is hastening when every woman shall kneel before this shrine of Truth and so win for her brow a crown of eternal immortelles.

V

The old house yet whispers mysterious messages from the past, and breathes of sweet rose-hued romances.

The little Weaver of Dreams still sits behind the white colonnades and watches the darkening world. As always she revels in the mystery and the beauty of it all; unchanged, save that many of her dreams have been realized.

The soul who came to her in the years ago is now a master in the world of colors. His pictures are living poems in their conception. He seems to have caught all her airy fancies and woven them into a harmony of lights and shadows more ethereal than any the world has known before. They seem quivering echoes, like music that has been hushed only to sing on in tones of color. They hold the light of strange fires. A touch of the heart's blood. Perfume of immortal flowers. Some inner sacred beauty of the soul. To this mother comes the added happiness of having learned that by the use of her own artistic faculties she was enabled to aid the ego coming to her by prenatal influence. That by living every day in the shadow of her ideal she so impregnated her consciousness with its truth, that, all unaware to herself, she opened the gate of gifts to a wonderful soul to come into his own.

VI

A woman with silver-grey hair and a face on which disappointment has drawn many lines sits beside the window of a magnificent apartment. As her eyes wander over the treasures massed there she thinks sorrowfully of the past and how many years ago, beside that same window, she had planned such a brilliant future for the son that was to be hers. With an aching pain in her heart she reviews his youth so filled with promise *and ambition*.

She remembers even now that with the passing of the years his ambitions seemed to grow insatiable. He fulfilled her plans for him, and more. Yet with it all she acknowledges a great heart hunger. His life was so filled with worldly dreams to be realized—the amassing of more wealth for their already swollen treasury, the attainment of a higher social position—that he had no time or thought for his mother, or love. Recently he succumbed to a brief illness in a foreign land.

“What is the use?” she moaned to her heart, “after all my ambitions were realized what did they give me? I had planned so long before he came to me. He more than fulfilled my greatest hopes of earthly glory. Yet where is the happiness? I am prone to believe the seeker of worldly attainment

is, after all, merely a chaser of rainbows. I would that I could live my life over again.”

The tears fell slowly on her wan face. And far away tears of raindrops fell on a new-made grave and echoed, “A chaser of rainbows.”

VII

A mother who had always boasted of her sound logic, common sense, and “close to earth” ideas sat watching with eyes of adoration, a slender girl who lay upon a couch. By her movements one may perceive that she is blind. Suddenly, she exclaimed, “Mother it would not be such a terrible misfortune to be physically blind if everyone who is could glimpse the wonderful lights that come to me. So brilliant, so dazzling; and they all seem to be dancing. Sometimes I hear the strangest, floating music—it all seems inside of me. I can’t just describe it, but at such times I am not conscious that I have a physical body at all. I seem to live in mid-air. We have grieved together so often over my infirmity, and such a strange thought has come to me, mother dear; maybe I did live another life somewhere, and perhaps I was then, as you are now, skeptical concerning all things that could not be proven by the five senses. And bitterly denounced, as you do, all those who held other beliefs. So because I was blind to spiritual things then, and possibly withheld the spiritual light from others, the Law has caused me to be physically blind now. There is a part of me who still wants to believe your materialistic theories, but, oh, my mother, when these wonderful experiences come to me then to doubt is futile. *I know.*”

VIII

With lives that have been dedicated to the work, hearts over-flowing with love for humanity, and souls fragrant with the aroma of good deeds, the spiritual mother and the great soul to whom she gave fitting embodiment are approaching the evening of their earth day. Life has been for them one conscious realization, one grand symphony, with the softened, shadowed earth-tones by day, blending with the triumphant over-tones of night. When leaving their physical bodies to rest they

have gone out together, Invisible Helpers, bearing aloft the torch of Truth into other realms. They hold the key that opens the gate of gifts for eyes awaiting an opportunity for new-earth-experiences.

From the star-lit eminence, they have attained the holy star of immaculate conception, which illuminates the pathway of many mothers; though that shining is but the reflected glory of a greater light that shall fill *The Coming Age*, when enlightened souls re-awaken in perfect harmony with Cosmic Laws, to live and work from glory unto added glory, in bodies made radiant by a divine essence that shall endure forever.

Reader: Ponder Miss Dunklee’s article well, there is truth in every line, and be sure you have it handy when you read the article on “Birth-Control from the Spiritual Viewpoint” by Maud Edgreen, with addenda by the Editor, which will appear in the February number. It is a very important subject.

LEGALIZED MURDER OF THE AGED AND INFIRM

According to the *Literary Digest*, Dr. A. W. Guild of Des Moines, Iowa, is father of a plan known as “legalized *euthanasia*,” which is making lawful the execution of aged, infirm or suffering persons who desire death. Consent of the prospect, acceptance by parents or guardians, a verdict by the court, or three appointed physicians, and judgment of a special commission, would be necessary according to the plan. It is said that government and legislative bodies throughout the country will be asked to give their views on the question.

At the first blush, and from the standpoint of people not versed in the teachings of occultism, such a measure would seem to have considerable claim to commendation. Most people, on seeing an animal suffering agonies and beyond hope of recovery, would feel prompted by humane instincts to put it out of its misery, and the question “why should we not do as much for our fellowmen and women, why should we keep them alive in excruciating suffering maybe for months or years when we know they have no chance of regaining

their health and that they are looking and longing for death to put them out of pain?" seems, from the common point of view, to call for acquiescence, but when we have a knowledge of the law of consequence and are sure that what we sow we reap, if not in this life then in some future existence, the matter appears in a different light. We cannot escape our just dues, the suffering that comes to us is needed to teach us a lesson or mellow our character. So the only way to shorten such suffering is by an endeavor to understand why we are in the condition that brings us pain. If it is cancer of the stomach, then how have we abused that organ, by overindulgence of food of a nature not suited to our system? Is it the heart? How many times have we lost our tempers and raged like mad, putting a tremendous strain on this part of the body? Or are the other organs of our system weak and debilitated? We may be sure that in some way, either in this life or a previous one, we have abused our body in such a manner as to cause these ailments; otherwise we would not now be suffering, and the sooner we take the lesson to heart and commence to live a better life more in harmony to the laws of nature we have broken, the sooner our suffering will cease. It is always in our own grasp to alter conditions, though of course we cannot remedy in a day what it has taken years or lives to break down, but certainly there is no other way in which it permanent cure can be effected. Even if now, by the enactment of such a law as contemplated, the suffering is shortened, we may be sure that when the person so released from his body is reborn, his new vehicle will have the tendency to develop the same disease from which he escaped in such an untoward manner. Besides, as has been thoroughly explained in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, this physical body of ours is fashioned in an invisible mold which is called the archetype, and so long as that archetype persists, our physical body remains alive. But when death occurs from natural causes, or even in the so-called accidents, which usually are not accidents at all but events used to terminate a life according to the design of the invisible guardians of human affairs, the archetype is disrupted and the spirit flees. A suicide, howev-

er, is different. In this case the archetype persists after death for a number of years, until death should have occurred according to natural events, and being unable to draw to itself the physical atoms, it imparts to the suicide during those years of his post-mortem existence, a continuous aching feeling, something like a gnawing hunger, or a dull but exceedingly painful toothache. If Dr. Guild's plan becomes law and people are allowed to obtain the services of others to commit suicide, for that is what it really amounts to, there is no doubt that they will suffer in their post-mortem existence in the same manner as the suicide who prescribed his own poison, or cut his own throat. It is a very dangerous plan also in other respects, and we trust no such practice will be sanctioned by law.

FREEMASONRY AND CATHOLICISM
The Philosopher's Stone—What It Is
and How It Is Made

Part VII

Those who have studied the writings of the ancient alchemists have always been much mystified by what is said concerning the philosopher's stone and the process of transmuting the base metals into gold. These claims have naturally given rise to a great deal of vague speculation. From time to time, students have asked for a direct statement from the writer concerning this subject of paramount importance, and as we are standing upon the threshold of a new age where this precious jewel with all its power will be evolved and possessed by a considerable number of people, we feel that it is important to divest the subject of all the mystery that surrounds it and speak in plain terms concerning the matter. Then all who really wish to take the trouble involved, for it involves arduous labor—nothing worth having is ever gained without cost—may know how to make for himself or herself this great gem.

We are taught in the beginning God created Heaven and Earth—the whole universe in fact, and we understand that this great force expresses itself either as *will* or *imagination*. By imagination the Great Architect of the Universe must first have visualized everything as it now is, or as it was first

created, and then by His will the physical atoms were marshaled into this matrix of thought, thus gradually bringing the universe into manifestation as designated by its creator. Nor is this process complete but will continue until the whole has become perfect as originally designed.

The divine hierarchies who have carried out the plan of the Great Creator also use the same dual creative force when fashioning the crystal in the mineral, the leaf of the plant, or the shape of the animal. Their powerful imagination pictures in the archetypal region of the earth that which they desire to create and their concentrated will molds the coarser matter into this matrix, until it assumes a definite physical form as desired.

Man, the spirit, has a like creative power, and has through ages, under the guidance of the God, learned to build bodies of increasing value as instruments for his expression. But his pilgrimage through matter was undertaken for the purpose of making him an independent creative intelligence, and to attain that end it was necessary that he should be, at the proper time, emancipated from the guardianship of the Gods, so that he might learn to create, not only for himself, but also to aid and to teach others in the great school of Life.

During the course of his evolution, Man has become more and more enlightened concerning the mystery of Life, but nevertheless, it is only a few hundred years ago when liberty and life were endangered by the expression of opinion in advance of the commonly accepted views, and it was for that reason the alchemists, who had studied more deeply than the majority, were forced to embody their teachings in highly allegorical and symbolical language. Their teaching concerning the spiritual evolution of man, and the terms *Salt*, *Sulphur*, *Mercury*, and *Azoth*, so mystifying to the masses, were nevertheless rooted in cosmic truths, highly illuminating to the Initiate. The students of the Rosicrucian teachings, who have learned how the world came into being and the process of gradual creation, should have no difficulty in properly understanding every part of their language.

We know, in the first place, that there was a time when man-in-the-making was a hermaphrodite,

male-female, and able to create from himself, and we remember also that at that time he was like the plant in other respects. His consciousness was as that which we possess in the dreamless sleep and which is possessed by the plant. The vital energy which he absorbed into his body was used solely for the purpose of growing, until the time of propagation came, when a new budding body was cast off to grow also. There was no incentive to action, and if there had been, Man would have had no mind or will to direct it.

For the emancipation of humanity from this negative condition, one-half of the creative force was subverted, under the direction of the angels, for the purpose of building a larynx and a brain, that Man might learn to create by thought as do the divine hierarchies, and express the creative thought in words. Thus man ceased to be physically hermaphrodite and became uni-sexual. He can no longer create from himself *physically*, as do the hermaphrodite plants, or *psychically*, as do the Elohim, the male-female hierarchs, in whose image he was originally made, and thus he occupies at the present time, an unenviable intermediate position between the plant and the God.

At the time when one half of the human sex force was diverted for the purpose of building the brain, men were helpless and lacking in knowledge of how to overcome the conditions. They did not even have the consciousness to know that there was a difficulty and had no outside help been given the race must have died out. Therefore the Angels from the Moon, who were the guardians of mankind, herded the sexes together in great temples at times when the interplanetary lines of force were propitious to propagation, and thus they perpetuated their race.

It was also proposed that when the brain had been completed, the Lords of Mercury, Elder Brothers of our present humanity who excelled in intelligence, should teach us how to use the mind and make it truly creative, so that we would no longer be dependent upon the unisexual process of generation now in vogue. Thus, by the work of these two great Hierarchies, we were to be raised from the first stage of creative intelligence, *from*

plant to God.

We have also learned that this plan was frustrated by the Lucifer Spirits, stragglers from the Moon Period, who live upon the planet Mars. They needed a physical field of action, but were unable to create themselves, hence for selfish reasons they taught humanity how, by co-operation of the sexes, a new body may be created at any time. In order to give an incentive, they instilled into mankind the animalistic passionate nature which we now possess.

Thus, to the ancient alchemists, the Angels from the Moon, which rules the saline tides of the sea, became synonymous with the element "*Salt.*" They had found that a certain amount of salt in the blood is necessary to the mental processes, also that excess of salt in the blood produces insanity, as best proven by the experiences of shipwrecked sailors who become *lunatics* when they drink water containing the lunar element *Salt*. Thus also they established a connection between the Moon and mind.

The fiery Lucifer Spirits, who have taken such noxious part in man's evolution, became associated with the fiery element "*Sulphur.*" They said that as man is rendered unconscious and dies by continuous inhalation of this element, so man the spirit was rendered unconscious of and dead to the spiritual realms by the teachings which were instilled into him by the Lucifer Spirits.

The metal *Mercury*, they contended, was the most elusive of all metals. It will penetrate and evaporate through most substances with which it is brought in contact and therefore they likened it to the Lords of Mercury, who are past masters in penetrating the secrets of nature by the mind, and capable of freeing the spirit from its physical prison house.

By the process of *generation* carried on at a propitious time under the guidance of the Angels, man was treading the path from plant to God, following the highway of evolution as originally planned.

From this path he strayed into the byway of *degeneration* led by the Lucifer Spirits and is therefore now as it were in a slough from which he cannot extricate himself save with the help of others

further advanced than he.

When this becomes apparent to him and he starts to search for light, he stands at the pathway of *regeneration*, guarded by the Lords of Mercury, who with their wisdom will guide him toward the desired goal and the method of this process, as outlined by the ancient alchemists we shall discuss when we have summed up in a few words the points made. These must be firmly fixed in the mind to appreciate the full value of what follows.

The creative force used by God to bring a solar system into manifestation and the force used by the divine Hierarchies to form the physical vehicle of the lower kingdoms over which they rule as group spirits, expresses itself in a dual manner as *Will* and *Imagination* and is the same as the *united* creative force of males and females which results in the creation of a human being.

At one time man was bi-sexual, male-female, and therefore each was able to propagate his species without assistance from anyone else, but one half the creative force has been temporarily diverted upwards to build a brain and larynx, in order to enable him sometime to create by his own mind, to form thoughts and speak the word of power that shall make his thoughts flesh. Three great creative Hierarchies were particularly concerned in bringing about this change: the *Angels* from the Moon, the *Mercurians*, and the *Lucifer Spirits* from Mars.

The Alchemists connected the Angels from the Moon, which rules the saline tides, with the element *salt*, the Lucifer Spirits from Mars with the element *sulphur*, and the Mercurians with the metal *mercury*. They used this symbolic presentation partly because of the religious intolerance which made it unsafe to promulgate any other teaching than that sanctioned by the orthodox church of that day, and partly because humanity as a whole was not yet ready to accept the truths which are embodied in their philosophy. They also spoke of a fourth element, *Azoth*, a name composed of the first and last letters of our classical languages and intended to convey the same idea as "alpha" and "omega"—that of all-inclusiveness. This referred to what we now know as the spiritu-

al ray of Neptune, which is the octave of Mercury and sublimated essence of spiritual power.

The alchemists knew that the moral and physical nature of man had become gross and coarse on account of the passions inculcated by the Lucifer Spirits, and that, therefore, a process of distillation and refinement was necessary to eliminate these characteristics and elevate man to the sublime heights where the splendor of the spirit is no longer obscured by the coarse coating which now hides it from view.

They therefore regarded the body as a laboratory and spoke of the spiritual processes in chemical terms. They noted that these processes have their inception and their particular field of activity in the spinal cord that forms the link between the two creative organs, *the brain*, which is the field of operation for the intellectual Mercurians, and *the genitals*, which is the vantage ground of the sensuous and passionate Lucifer Spirits.

This tripartite spinal cord was to them the crucible of consciousness, for they knew that in the sympathetic section of the cord, which governs the functions that have to do particularly with the upkeep and welfare of the body, the Lunar Angels were specially active, and this segment was therefore designated as the element *Salt*. The segment governing the motor nerves, which expend the dynamic energy stored in the body by our food, they saw clearly to be under the dominance of the Martial Lucifer Spirits, and they therefore named that segment *sulphur*.

The remaining segment, which marks and registers the sensations carried by the nerves, was named *Mercury*, because it was said to be under the dominance of these spiritual beings. *The spinal canal*, contrary to the ideas of anatomists, is *not* filled with fluid, but with a gas that is like steam, in that it may be condensed when exposed to the outside atmosphere, but may also be super-heated by the vibratory motion of the spirit to such an extent that it becomes a brilliant and luminous fire, the fire of purification and regeneration. This is the field of action of the great spiritual Hierarchy from Neptune and is designated *Azoth* by the alchemists. This spiritual fire is not alike in every man, nor is

it as luminous in one as in another. The state thereof depends upon the spiritual advancement of the person in question.

When the aspirant to the higher life had been instructed in these mysteries of symbolism and the time had come to speak to him plainly, the following teachings were communicated to him, not in the same words or in the same manner. But, at any rate, he was given to understand and it was made clear to his inner conscience that "anatomically, man belongs to the animals, below that kingdom in the scale of evolution are the plants." They are pure and *innocent* and their propagative practices are untainted by passion, their *whole* creative force is turned *upwards* toward the light, where it manifests as the flower, as thing of joy and beauty for all to behold. Yet the plants are unable to do otherwise, they have no intelligence, no consciousness of the outside world, and no free-will in action. They can only create in the physical world, however.

Above man in the scale of evolution are the gods, creators upon the spiritual and physical plane. They also are pure as the plants, for their *whole* creative force is also turned *upwards* and is expended in whatever manner their intelligence directs. Knowing good and evil, they always do good by choice.

Between the gods and the plant kingdom stands man, a being endowed with intelligence, creative power, and free-will—to use it for good or ill. At present, however, he is dominated by the passion instilled by the Lucifer Spirits and sends one half of creative force *downward* from the light to gratify his senses. In his innermost soul he realizes that this is wrong, and hence he hides his creative instinct as a shame and is outraged when it is dragged into the light.

This condition must be altered, ere spiritual progress can be accomplished, and, therefore, you must carefully consider the similarity between the chaste plant and the pure spiritual gods who *both turn their whole creative power upwards towards the light*. In the course of evolution you have risen above the plant, which has only creative power in the physical world, and have become like the gods, possessing the creative power on both the mental

and physical planes of being, besides intelligence and free-will to direct it. This was accomplished by the diversion of one half of your sex-force *upwards* for building of a brain and larynx, organs which are still fed and nourished by this uplifting half of the sex-force.

But while the gods direct their *whole* creative force to *altruistic purposes* by the power of mind, you still squander one-half of your divine heritage upon desire and sense gratification. If, therefore, you would become as they, *you must learn to turn your whole creative energy upward to be used under the direction of your intelligence entirely*. Thus only can you become as the gods and create from yourself by the power of your mind and the *Great Word* whereby you may speak the creative fiat. Remember that *physically* you were once hermaphrodite like the plant and able to create from yourself.

Look into the future now through the perspective of the past and realize that your present unisexual condition is only a temporary phase of evolution and that in the future this *whole* creative force must be turned *upwards so that you become a hermaphrodite spiritually*, and thus able to objectify your ideas and speak *the living word* which shall endue them with life and make them vibrant with vital energy.

This *dual* creative force thus expressed through the brain and larynx is the "*elixir-vitae*" which springs from *the living stone* of the spiritual hermaphrodite philosopher, and the alchemical process of kindling and lifting it is accomplished in the spinal cord where the *salt, sulphur, mercury*, and *Azoth* are found. It is generated and raised to incandescence by high and noble thought, by meditation upon spiritual subjects, and by unselfish altruism expressed in the daily life.

The second half of the creative energy thus drawn upward through the spinal canal is a *spinal spirit-fire*, the serpent of wisdom. Gradually it is raised higher and higher, and when it reaches the pituitary body and the pineal gland in the brain, it sets them to vibrating, opening up the spiritual worlds and enabling man to commune with the gods. Then this fire radiates and permeates the

whole body and its auric atmosphere and man has become *a living stone*, whose luster surpasses that of the diamond or the ruby. *HE is then The Philosopher's Stone*.

There were many other symbols and similes taken from the world of chemistry and applied to the process of spiritual growth, which eventually makes us men living stones in the temple of God, but enough has been said in the foregoing to show what was meant by the ancient Alchemists and the reason why they clothed their teachings in such symbolical language.

The way is, however, and has always been, open to anyone who really and truly seeks for enlightenment and is willing to pay the price in the coin of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Therefore, seek the temple door and you shall find it; knock and it shall be opened unto you. If you *seek* prayerfully, if you *knock* diligently and if you *labor* manfully, you will in time reach the goal and you will *become* The Philosopher's Stone.

CELIBACY AND MARRIAGE

In order to avoid misunderstanding, it should be said that this lesson was only given to the aspirant to discipleship to show him the reason why it is necessary for him to live a pure and a chaste life. It does not apply to the masses who have no spiritual aspirations and are as yet unable to restrain their passions. The Rosicrucians do not even advocate an entirely celibate life for their pupils; indeed, they regard it as a religious duty for the enlightened Mystic, man and women, to wed a kindred spirit, if such can be found, and thus furnish incoming souls a particularly advantageous opportunity for rebirth.

When such a devoted couple performs the generative act in a spirit of aspiration to serve a waiting ego, when the prenatal conditions are pure mentally, morally, and physically, when the early childhood days at the ego thus born are spent in a home-atmosphere of high and noble thought, both parents and children are making wonderful progress. As great souls cannot be born to ignoble parents, any more than water can sink below its level, it would, indeed, be very wrong for aspirants

to discipleship to live an entirely celibate life for the sake of self-advancement when conditions permit them to wed; furthermore, the few times in a life when the creative force is *legitimately required* for propagation would not seriously interfere with the spiritual development undertaken to *become* The Philosopher's Stone, and the soul-growth gained by assuming the duties of parenthood would far outweigh any possible loss.

What the Rosicrucians teach, then, is that marriage between people who will restrain their use of the creative function to the purpose of propagation is eminently good, noble, and productive of great soul-growth, but that unmarried aspirants should live an absolutely celibate life, if they wish to attain the highest.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Leslie Grossmith

A great deal of thought and energy is bestowed on the effort to discover "Truth," but it would seem as though our energies are for the most part directed in the wrong direction.

After passing through periods of Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Buddhism and other religious phases, we fail to arrive at finality in our search for truth.

Each doctrine contains undoubtedly its own truth, but not the whole universal truth which the world is forever seeking. Is it not possible that the real cause of this is due to the fact that Universal truth has no finality; it is not a complete product, but subject to the law of evolution forever unfolding itself in the pages of history?

Is it not a fact that Universal Truth, which Science, Religion, and Philosophy is striving to reveal, is written in the stars of Heaven? If so, it would seem the great question is how to read the stars and give a true interpretation, free of all outer influences, of these irrevocable and ever-present truths in the constellation or planets.

Is it not possible that Astrology, in its modern sense, associated with Astronomy and kindred subjects of which it is truly a part, is the nearest, and we might even say, the only solution to this question? If so, "The Science of the Stars" is unquestionably the Religion of the future and the only ruling power which will reveal the desired Truth.

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In reply to the question, "Can we predict the future?" I would say, in a sense of "fortune telling," as generally understood, decidedly, *NO*. The Astral Science can predict certain *tendencies* and compute certain mathematical calculations which will show the trend of events according to the understanding of the time in which the prediction is made; but no science, whether it be Occult, Social, Economic, Divine, or Mechanical, can tell the whole Universal Truth, because the whole truth is *non-existent*. We must wait for the unfoldment of evolution until the proper time arrives, and Immortality has to be taken into account. Far too frequently do we overlook the great fact of Immortality, both in Science and Religion. Yet these two elements, Evolution and Immortality, are indispensable in the search for Universal Truth.

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- (1) Birth-year, month, date, and hour (as near as possible).
- (2) Birth-place—city, state or country.

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The Astral Ray

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Esoteric Astrology

B. G. Wilkinson

ASTRONOMY teaches that the Sun is flying with its mighty train of planets through space at the rate of ten miles a second! The motion of flight does not belong to the solar system alone. The science of the heavens has advanced far enough to reveal the fact that all the stars are in motion. Many of those giant orbs possess a velocity in their flight through infinite space whose speed would easily outrun the solar system. Much as the canopy above has revealed of its hidden secrets to the study of man, she has yet given no hint of the rushing, complicated sweep indicated by the gigantic worlds with which she is bedecked. No definite rule can be laid down for these intricacies; the stars seem to move about hither and yon more like a swarm of bees.

Are these immense luminaries the dwellings of other creatures? For what do they exist? Were they made simply to pour forth in useless streams their floods of light and heat upon the chasms of infinity?

To this question science is silent. And after 6,000 years of astronomy, ancient and modern, there has been no answer, except in the inspired words of Holy Writ. Thus we read, for instance, in Eph. 3:10, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of

God." This text makes us to know that the great apostle who once had been "caught up to the third heaven," and who in writing of the glories following the resurrection, could say, "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial....There is one glory of the Sun and another glory of the Moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory," had been permitted by God to get a view of the heavenly places.

He not only knew that there were heavenly places, and stated his knowledge of this fact, but he gave us plainly to understand that these played an objective part in the eternal plan of salvation. To the redeemed there were greater glories yet to come. To these majestic realms of space the church was to be brought on its way, not simply for entertainment's sake or for an increase of knowledge, but to impart to them some spiritual gifts.

Take a look at the northern constellation and see the beautiful milky-white star Capella in the constellation Auriga. Traveling in direct line from the polar star through this Capella, we pass on the left the rose-red Aldebaran in the constellation Hyades. And still a little farther on to the right the orange-colored star Betelguese, in the shoulder of Orion. Continued flight would bring us to that gleaming white sun, the giant Rigel. Then we

could look again to the right and behold the imperial Sirius and near to it Procyon, slightly yellowish-white in color. Lift up your eyes above as you pass down this gallery and there is something more than mortal. Shall we say then that these vast luminaries were created in vain? Were they called into existence for no other purpose than to throw a tide of useless splendor over the solitudes of immensity?

Why resist longer the princely conclusion pressing within our breast for utterance. Will the giant Arcturus carry with him his train of satellites, which, if they are analogous to their central luminary, are grander and more stately than the planets of the solar system, and these all simply constitute a carnival of emptiness? No. Let us rather conclude with the apostle that these realms are the abodes of bliss. Though the Scriptures lead us to believe that their inhabitants are not unacquainted with the trials, the hopes, the fears and the events of this earth, yet let us see what divine reason there is why communication at present is not established.

In the first place we see from the apostle's argument that the church is on test. Have the heavens been on test? We think so. Turning to Job 15:15 (and let us not forget that Job was a mighty scholar and great astronomer) we read as follows: "Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight." Here we are led to reflect that the great revolt of Lucifer has thrown the inhabitants of other worlds somewhat into confusion. This had put them also on probation, but with a difference. A being can be on probation without sin and without having incurred the penalty of sin. In fact, there is much which goes to show that even the angels were on probation. Though myriads of them followed the great rebel in his revolt, yet many more, though still under probation, remained true in their allegiance to the divine Creator. When that probationary moment is ended, all, both in the heavens and on earth, will be gathered together as one into an infinite, complete, and tested universe. So we read again (Eph. 1:10), "That in the dispensation of the fullness of time, he might gather together in one all things in

Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him."

Now are the heavens inhabited? Let us first have the reply of the Scriptures before we take the reply of astronomy. Who can resist the conclusion of the mighty statement made by the apostle John in Rev. 12:12: "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." The word "heavens" in this text is in the plural. And the apostle's statement goes to show that the general rule of the Creator for his universe is, "He hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited." Isa. 45:18.

Turning now to Genesis, the first chapter, we read that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. We also read, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The Holy Spirit was present acting as a great agency in the creation of this earth. For five cosmic days divine love was fitting up the cradle in advance for the coming of the human family. Associated in creation was the Lord Jesus Christ, as we read in the first chapter of John's gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." So that creation is Christ's creation, or a Christian creation. Of himself, at the garden of Gethsemane, Christ said, "Glorify thou me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." This carries him back before the beginning of the world.

Moving along through space at the rate of 190,000,000 miles a year, the earth in its rapid flight makes eighteen miles a second. Is it within the power of mortal man to produce this result? Suppose all the power which dwelt in the arm of Adam and which has dwelt subsequently in the arm of every child of his from creation's morning until the present time, could all be concentrated in one single human arm today, could that arm give to earth its present speed? Impossible! There is one power and one only capable of such a

stupendous result—the Christ. And though we may range far away among stars so thick that we seem to be flying through star dust, there can be found no giant sun which leaped into existence through any other agency than the divine power of the Son of God. He has existed, as the prophet says, “from the days of eternity.”

From the days of eternity he had an infinite purpose. He saw the end from the beginning. He had planned the last act before he planned the first. And the apostle Paul has admitted us a little into his secret counsel. It was to the intent, he says, that through the church might be made known to the principalities and powers throughout the heavens, the manifold wisdom of God. Is this too marvelous to believe? Doubt it not. Astronomy will yet catch up with inspiration.

A few words now from the astronomer. And here we quote the magnificent passage from Sir Robert Ball:

“Man is a creature adapted for life under circumstances which are very narrowly limited. A few degrees of temperature more or less, a slight variation in the composition of air, the precise suitability of food, make all the difference between health and sickness, between life and death. Looking beyond the Moon, into the length and breadth of the universe, we find countless celestial globes with every conceivable variety of temperature and of constitution.

Amid this vast number of worlds with which space is tenanted, are there any inhabited by living beings? To this question science can make no response; we cannot tell. Yet it is impossible to resist a conjecture. We find our earth teeming with life in every part. We find life under the most varied conditions that can be conceived. It is met with under the burning heat of the tropics and in the everlasting frost at the poles. We find life in caves where not a ray of light ever penetrates. Nor is it wanting in the depths of the ocean, at the pressure of tons to the square inch. Whatever may be the external circumstances, nature generally provides some form of life to which those circumstances are congenial.

“It is not at all probable that among the million

spheres of the universe there is a single one exactly like our earth—like it in the possession of air and of water, like it in size and in composition. It does not seem probable that a man could live for one hour on any body in the universe except the earth, or that an oak tree could live in any other sphere for a single season. Men can dwell on the earth, and oak trees can thrive therein, because the constitutions of the man and of the oak are specially adapted to the particular circumstances of the earth. The truest philosophy on this subject is crystallized in the language of Tennyson:

““This truth within thy mind rehearse,
That in a boundless universe
Is boundless better, boundless worse.

Think you this mold of hopes and fears
Could find no statelier than his peers
In yonder hundred million spheres?”

What a path of infinite flight lies before us! The highest speed our human intelligence now embraces is the velocity of light, which moves with the rapidity of 186,000 miles a second. Count up the seconds, the minutes, the hours, the days, and this totals nearly 6,000,000,000,000 miles a year. Moving at this unutterable rapidity it would take us over fifty years to reach the giant Arcturus. Other suns are lying still farther distant, and astronomers have conjectured other worlds so far away that rushing with the speed of light it would take us 300,000 years to reach them.

Such journey lies not within the sphere of finite man. He might start, but his youth would be consumed; middle age would come and go; and the years of infirmity would be upon him before he had left as many as a dozen of the heavenly places in his rear.

How divine then are the attributes which are soon to be bestowed upon us. More than mortal, our immortalized bodies shall rise to grasp unutterable glories. There are wonderful changes ahead. The Author of them has arranged that they shall belong to us, provided that we really and truly live the life.

JUPITER
Agnes Cook

*Jupiter, the lustrous, lordeth now
And the dark work, complete of preparation
He draws by force into the realms of light.*

Schiller's words quoted above explain the mission of Jupiter, second in radiance only to Venus, the planet of Love. Those who are so fortunate as to be born under his beneficent ray, move in an atmosphere of brotherhood, and are greatly loved. Open, frank, and generous, they walk through life with troops of friends. Those of the higher grade of evolution are our lawgivers and teachers, the lowest type is the "bon vivant," who enjoys to the full, and cares not what the-morrow may bring forth.

The Jupiter man shines in society. His courtliness is as removed from the Saturnine shyness, as it is from the Martian's boldness of manner. There is also great vitality and a certain buoyancy of constitution, which accompanies him. He recovers very quickly from illness or accident, and if mixed up in untoward circumstances, there is always an easy way out for the Jupiterian.

The child whose horoscope shows Jupiter prominent and benefic should be allowed to follow his own bent, and to choose his vocation, in which he will be successful, for there is the power to throw himself heart and soul into a loved occupation. When Jupiter is in bad aspect, we find toadyism and hypocrisy strongly marked in the character. Such people worship titles and are snobs "par excellence." The virtues associated with the planet, its ideals and aspirations, are degraded into worthless efforts for selfish ambition.

Another point to remember is that when Jupiter promises good fortune in a nativity, his transits being three times as numerous as those of Saturn, the periods of high-water mark in the career are equal, and opportunities for expansion given full measure.

In this connection Mr. Heindel remarks:

"If we cultivate the Jupiterian qualities of

benevolence, his smile, and cordial attitude of mind, we shall soon feel the response in our circle of acquaintances, and the beneficent aspects of Jupiter will then have greater effect in making our life and work pleasant."

The amethyst is the gem particularly associated with Jupiter. His colors are deep purple and wine-red. His day is Thursday, and all the planets, but Mars, are his friends.

VENUS

Behold lay stretched the universe!

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Above, below, around

The circling systems formed

A wilderness of harmony:

Each with undeviating aim,

In eloquent silence, through the depths of space

Pursued its wondrous way.—Shelley

This beautiful planet is the symbol of the lover, not the combatant, the sustainer, not the defender. In the cosmos she breathes an influence of love and beauty as embodied in the love of wife, love of child, love of friend, love of country and all *partial* forms which cannot fully express the true spirit of love which is all-embracing and divine.

There are some inspiring traditions in connection with the lovely star. One is that its inhabitants are nearing their liberation, having transcended humanity and become god-like with divine virtues and attributes. Another is that when our human family came into being, certain highly evolved souls came from Venus, in tender compassion for its weakness, and took form to teach and inspire infant humanity. It is said also that they brought with them the ear of wheat and the bee so that cruelty and destruction of animal life need not be a necessity for the physical body.

Now the influence of Venus in a horoscope is most plainly felt by persons who have the signs Libra or Taurus strongly marked (such as on the horizon, the midheaven, or with the Sun therein). The Librans feel their power more in a mythical sense, which makes them very intuitive and forgiving, loving harmony and beauty of thought and

expression. Children born when Venus is rising have a heritage of beauty and love.

The "Taurus" aspect of Venus manifests in a physical way. Persons born under the sign love beautiful form, lovely linen, color, decoration and needle craft. They are adepts at gardening, and flowers grow readily under their hands. Where the Libran will express himself in a poem, or romantic story, or perhaps in music, and an impressionist style of art, the Taurean will revel in sculpture, decorative art, the designing and creating of pretty gowns, yes, even the dainty preparation and service of enjoyable dishes comes under Venus. She does not always live on rose leaves, and the "Taurean Venus" likes a beautiful, well-appointed home.

But we must not forget that however well placed

the planet may be in our horoscope, bringing us friends, lovers, and affinities, we must feed the fires of affection or we shall lose these treasures. Mr. Heindel says, "The Stars only mark the time to reap as the Sun calls the harvesters, and the kindness of friends today was enlisted yesterlife by our helpful acts." We must continue to sow or there will be no future reaping.

When Venus is afflicted at birth it, curtails the sense of beauty and order, hence the person becomes slothful disorderly, and lacking in proper self-respect.

Friday is the day associated with Venus.

There is an old rhyme, "If Venus shall bless thee, thou shalt bless many living. For Friga's bairn truly is loving and giving." May and October are her months.

The Children of Aquarius--1918

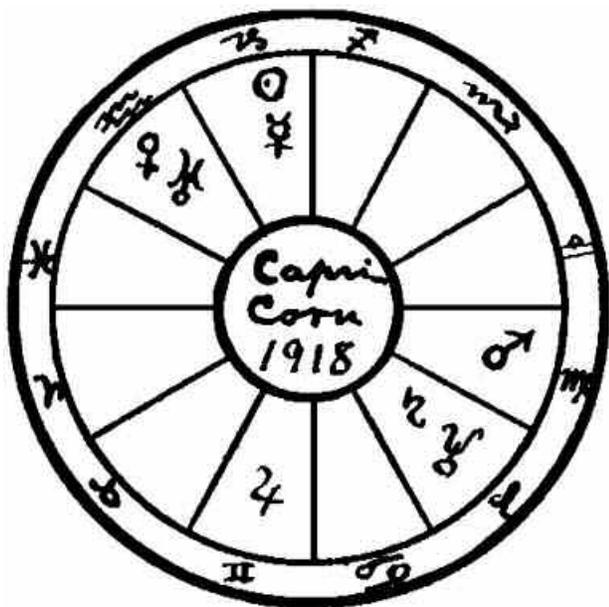
Born December 22d to January 20th, inclusive.

EDITOR'S NOTE—It is the custom of astrologers, when giving a reading requiring as data only the month in which the person is born, to confine his remarks to the characteristics given by the sign the Sun is in at the time. Obviously, however, this is a most elementary reading and does not really convey any adequate idea of what these people are like, for if those were their sole characteristics there would only be twelve kinds of people in the world. We are going to improve upon this method by giving monthly readings that will fit the children born in the given month of that particular year, and take into consideration the characteristics conferred by the other planets according to the sign wherein they are during that month. That should give a much more accurate idea of the nature and possibilities of these children and will, we hope, be of some use to the many parents who are not fortunate enough to have their children's horoscopes cast and read individually. We keep these magazines in stock so that parents may get such a reading for children born in any month *after* June, 1917. The price of back numbers is 25c each.

Capricorn is ruled by Saturn, the planet of obstruction, therefore the vitality of these children is very low and they are difficult to raise, but once infancy is passed the Saturnine persistence makes itself felt and they cling to life with an amazing

tenacity so that they often become very old. They are very much subject to colds and their principal sources of danger is falls and bruises. The children of Capricorn are usually bashful and timid in the presence of strangers but when they have become used to people they show their dominating nature and endeavor to make everybody around them conform to their will. The Saturnine qualities of the sign makes them jealous and suspicious of the motives of others. Therefore they are very fond of detective work. They will follow a trail with unerring instinct and unwavering perseverance that will never give up as long as there is the remotest chance of success. It is good to be friends with a Capricornian and bad to make enemies of them, for they find it very hard to forgive a real or fancied offense or injury and always brood over any wrong done to them. On the other hand, if they once give their confidence or friendship, they are also consistent in that direction. They are very ambitious and anxious to have their services recognized by other people and they have a splendid

executive ability because of the unusual qualities of forethought and concentration conferred by Saturn. They are born leaders and organizers but chafe under restrictions and dislike particularly to take orders from others. When they are placed in such a subordinate position and cannot have their own way, they become gloomy, taciturn, moody, and irritable. The children of Capricorn usually have a disinclination for marriage and are seldom at ease if they enter into that state. The union is



usually childless or there are very few children.

We have already mentioned the quality of forethought, which is common to Capricornians, but this year's children of Capricorn will be particularly blessed in that respect, for Mercury, the planet of reason, is in Capricorn together with the Sun, trine to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, which itself is placed in the Mercurial sign Virgo. These positions will give the Capricorn children of 1918 a particularly sharp wit and a mind capable of deep concentration and penetration of whatever subjects may engage their attention. That is to say, if they are born before the 5th of January, for on

the 11th Mars enters the sign Libra and the children born after that date will not be quite as sharp as those born in the first half of the month. Mars in Virgo during the first half of the month will give the children then born a rather scientific turn of mind, with a particular leaning towards chemistry, surgery, and diet. When he enters Libra in the latter part of the month, he will give the children then born a more idealistic tendency and a great attraction for the opposite sex, with liabilities to be rash in that direction and get into trouble as a consequence. This position of Mars also brings much criticism and a tendency to be at loggerheads with their associates, both at home and in business. People with Mars in Libra usually make good lawyers and if they expend the martial energy fighting for their clients the probability is that they may like to be at peace when at home. These characteristics are not, however, so dominant as they would be if they were not toned down by the mundane trine of Venus and Jupiter in Gemini, which produces the more humanitarian feelings. From this configuration the 1918 Capricorn children will also receive a jovial influence on the mind which will do much to eradicate the Saturnine gloom of Capricorn, because Jupiter is placed in the Mercurial sign Gemini and therefore exercises an influence on the mind. This position will also bring in a touch of restlessness which will make the Capricornian nature less staid and set. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, placed in Leo, the sign which rules the heart, has a depressing influence upon the action of that organ. Therefore, special care should be taken of this year's Capricorn children so that their inherent low vitality may not be diminished by the rough exercise in which all children are apt to indulge.

Your Child's Horoscope

If the readings given in this department were to be paid for they would be very expensive. for besides typewriting, typesetting, plating of the figure, etc., the calculation and reading of each horoscope requires at least one half day of the editor's time. **Please note that we do not promise anyone a reading to get them to subscribe.** We give these readings to help parents in training their children, to help young people find their place in the world, and to help students of the stellar science with practical lessons. If your child's horoscope appears, be thankful for your luck. If it does not. you have no cause for anger at us.

We Do Not Cast Horoscopes.

Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us: It will avail you nothing.

FLORA E T., born February 7, 1914, at 6:00 p.m., Seattle, Wash.

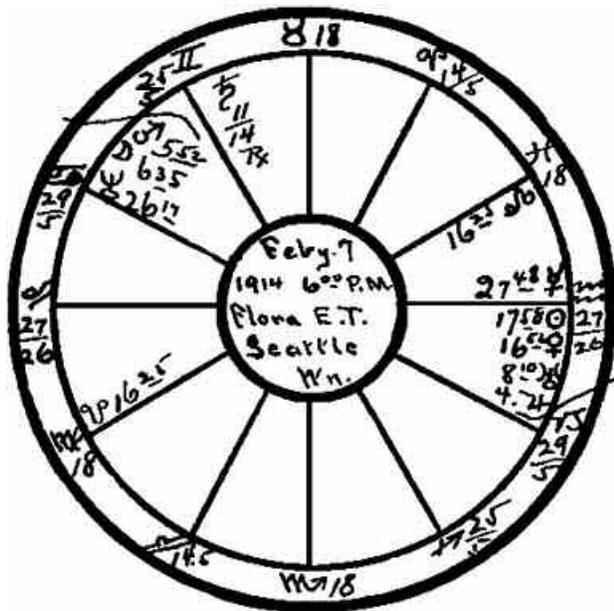
At the time of Flora's birth the fixed vital sign Leo was on the ascendant, and the Moon, which is the significator of health for a woman, was in conjunction to the planet of dynamic energy, Mars. These are all splendid signs of health and vitality, and although at the same time we find the Sun in the Sixth House, which has rule over sickness and disease, this unfavorable indication is not sufficient to offset the aforementioned aspects, and we may there-

Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, gives her a great deal of energy in all her doings, so that she will be a very busy worker all her days, and as both the Moon and Mars are placed in Cancer, we may judge that her greatest activity will be in the home. It is also seen from the conjunction of the Sun, which is the significator of the husband in a woman's figure, with Venus, the planet of love, that she will contract a marriage wherein affection will be the sole factor, so she will attain a great deal of happiness through the companionship thereby denoted.

The faults of Flora are shown by the conjunction of Jupiter, the planet of law and order, with Uranus, the planet of unconventionality. This gives her a tendency to originality and independence of conduct, which may not be bad in itself but is bound to call down upon her the criticisms of society. We also find Saturn, the planet of obstruction, in the Tenth House, which rules the social standing of the person. True, he is in a weak trine with Venus, the planet of love and friendship, but nevertheless, Saturn in the Tenth House is always a mark of disfavor in the social set where one moves, and it would therefore be well for you to school Flora in observance of the old proverb that "when one is in Rome one must do as the Romans." We cannot disregard the conventions without laying ourselves liable to criticism that had better been avoided.

Another fault is indicated by the conjunction of the restless Moon with Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, in Cancer, the sign which rules the home. This shows that though Flora will always be a worker, she will lack continuity to a great extent and waste much effort by flitting from one thing to another. It should therefore be your aim

fore judge that Flora will have good health through life, provided she does not indulge her appetite to too great an extent. There is a tendency in that direction on account of the Sun's conjunction with Venus. The four fixed signs on the angles give Flora a great deal of persistence and perseverance in following up whatever line of work she undertakes. And the Moon in conjunction with



during the years of education in childhood, when the nature is still plastic, to teach her stability in that direction also. It is, of course, difficult to do anything with such a fixed nature as Flora's, but you still have a few years before she reaches the age of seven, and these first seven years are the time when habits are formed that last through life; therefore, see that you use them to the very best advantage of your child. She is bright, quick-witted, and intuitional as shown by the conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus, the planet of intuition, also by Mercury, who is in the intellectual sign Aquarius. Therefore she will do much more for you if you appeal to her from the standpoint of reason than if you just try to govern her by force, for then she will turn the stubborn side of her nature and you will not be able to reach her at all.

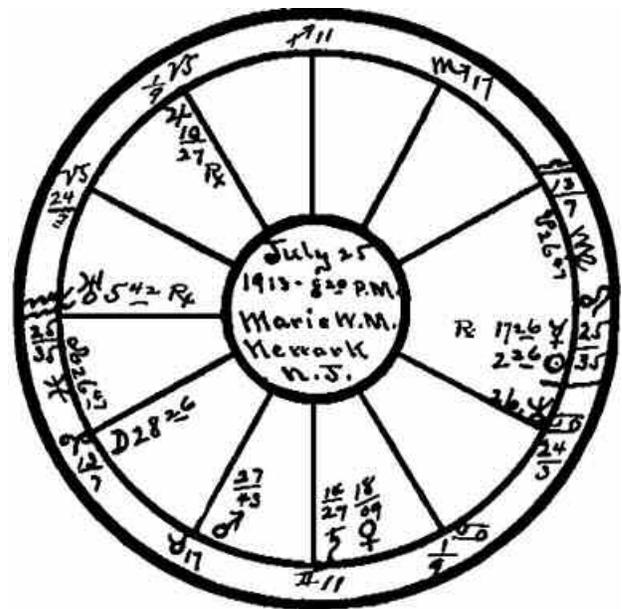
We spoke briefly about her health in the beginning of this reading, but did not mention the weakest points in her constitution. They are found by the position of Saturn and Mars. Saturn, the planet of obstruction and cold, is in Gemini, the sign which rules the lungs, and although he is not afflicted, it is always well to be careful of that part of the body where he is located. Mars is in conjunction with the Moon in the sign Cancer, ruling the stomach, and the ticklish Neptune is there also. This shows that there is tendency to trouble in that organ and is one of the reasons why we spoke of overindulgence of the appetite. Be sure that your child becomes accustomed to a simple healthful diet during the years of childhood, and she will avoid trouble in later life.

Marie W. M., born July 25, 1913, at 8:20 p. m., Newark, N. J.

At the time of Marie's birth, the Sun was sextile to Mars, and this gives her a frank open disposition. Blunt but straightforward, she is energetic and ambitious, but rather too domineering, therefore liable to incur dislike of others. This will apply particularly in the home, for Saturn, the planet of obstruction and selfishness, is in conjunction with Venus, the planet of love, in Gemini, the Third House sign, governing sisters and brothers, and as this sign is placed on the Fourth House

cus, which indicates the home, we may take it that the whole home atmosphere will be permeated by this spirit of Marie's, if she is allowed, but that, of course, she should not be. It is your duty as parents to counteract this latent selfishness; never allow her to neglect sharing with others whatever is given her. If you persist in this during the first seven years of her life, the chances are that the habit of sharing will be formed and it will make life much more pleasant for both herself and others in her immediate environment.

In the horoscope the Sun always indicates the individuality, and the Moon stands for the person-



ality. Here in Marie's horoscope they are square, showing that there will be a constant fight between the higher and the lower nature. This is really good, for it indicates that the soul is awakening to the higher life, and in the end it is bound to master the undesirable traits. But while this great fight is being fought, some times for lives, the personality, which is all that we usually see, does not appeal to us, for these aspects generally manifest in a vacillating nature, unable to come to conclusions and carry out a program; they are always wavering and everything hangs in the balance. There is a splendid opportunity for you as parents to help this soul which has come to you for guidance. During the earlier years of childhood you can do much to help it correct the latent faults, so when Marie has once

formed a decision, whether it is good or bad in your estimation, do not allow her to go back on the first decision without showing a very good reason, for even if in that way she makes a mistake she will learn something thereby and so be more apt to form a correct conclusion the next time.

Uranus is the planet of unconventionality; it is placed in the Twelfth House, which brings us our sorrows and troubles, and it is in opposition to the Sun, which in a woman's horoscope indicates the husband. This shows that if Marie succeeds in marrying, in spite of the fact that Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is in conjunction to Venus, the planet of love, the husband will be a profligate, causing her much unhappiness, perhaps even an illness of a most undesirable nature. Therefore it is absolutely essential that she be taught thoroughly the right and wrong concerning the relation of the sexes.

With respect to health, we find the life-giving Sun and Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, sextile. That is fine, but unfortunately it is counter-balanced by the square between the luminaries; an afflicted Sun always has a detrimental effect on the health, and the Moon is the significator of health for a woman. These two luminaries are adversely configured from the Sixth House, governing health, and we may therefore conclude that Marie's constitution is not robust; it needs care.

The weak place is shown by Saturn, the planet of obstruction, who is placed in the sign Gemini, which rules the lungs. Mars is also about to enter that sign. This means that Marie must be carefully guarded against colds, but it will not do to make a hothouse plant of her. It is better to strive to harden her. The affliction of the Sun in the sign Leo, which rules the heart, particularly its opposition to Uranus, the planet of excitability, shows that there is a tendency to palpitation, hence Marie must be given the more gentle exercises to promote health. And last, but not least, we find a latent affliction which made us glad of the privilege of writing this horoscope and helping a fellow creature.

In this horoscope the hot inflammatory Mars is placed in the nebular spot of the zodiac called the Pleiades (Taurus 29°). We also find the burning

Sun placed in another nebular spot called the Ascelli (Leo 6°), square to the Moon and in opposition to Uranus. This shows us that there is a latent weakness in Marie's eyes, which you must watch very closely and carefully, so that at the very first manifestation steps may be taken, according to the directions of an experienced occultist, to safeguard the child's eyesight and prevent any serious complications which might result from neglect. In the meanwhile, keep her away from the glare of the Sun, especially on snow, as much as possible, and take whatever common sense means your reason may suggest to prevent the latent tendency from manifesting. If you do your part Marie will probably never have any serious trouble, but neglect is dangerous.

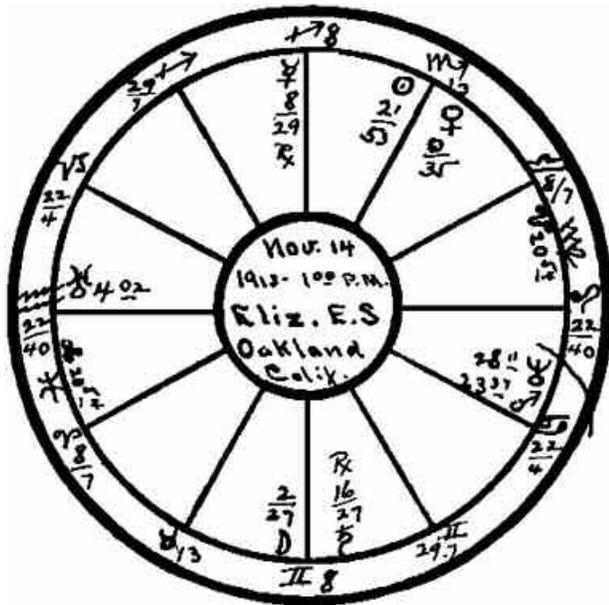
Elizabeth Ellen S., born November 14, 1913, at 1 p. m., Oakland, California.

In this horoscope we find the advanced, intellectual sign Aquarius rising, with Uranus, its ruler, therein, and this is the most aspected planet in the whole horoscope. It forms a sextile to Mercury, the planet of reason, a trine to the Moon, the planet of imagination, an opposition to Neptune, the octave of Mercury, and a square to Venus, its own octave. This marks Elizabeth as a strong Uranian character, with the faults and the virtues of this sign and planet.

She will be very intuitional and ingenious, with original ideas far in advance of her time, exceedingly jealous of her rights and liberty, and very impatient of restraint, Bohemian and extremely unconventional in her tastes, ideas and habits; besides, it is absolutely certain that she cannot keep away from a study of the occult any more than a duck can stay out of water. As a child you will find that she will be "*seeing things*," and it is doubtful in our mind if she will ever lose that faculty as children usually do; but if she does, she will resume the touch with the invisible world at a later stage in life.

The life-giving Sun, trine with Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, will give her a great fund of vital energy, which will assure her an abundance of vim and vigor, and the Moon, which is the par-

ticular significator of health for a woman, being trine to Uranus shows that she will at the same time be exceedingly high-strung. These are qualities not often found together, for those who are very sensitive and highly strung are usually also very delicate, but if Elizabeth does not seriously abuse her body she will be both high-strung, sensitive and healthy. The weakest point in the system is usually indicated by Saturn. He is placed in Gemini, the sign ruling the lungs, but as he is unaspected and therefore unafflicted she will



probably experience no trouble from that direction. There is, however, another point at which her life forces may be sapped, and the chief value to you as parents of this reading will be in finding this out. As we said in the beginning, Elizabeth will be very unconventional in her ideas and we find that Uranus, the planet of unconventionality, square to Venus, the planet of love, which is placed in Scorpio, the sign which governs the genitals, Uranus being placed in the Twelfth House of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing. This shows that Elizabeth will be imbued by a very strong sexual urge, and that she may endeavor to gratify that craving in an unusual manner to such an extent that it may undermine her health. Therefore it is absolutely necessary, that a strict watch should be kept upon her during the days of childhood, that she should receive instructions as plainly as possi-

ble concerning the dangers of abuse of this function, and that she should be brought up upon a cooling, non-stimulating diet, without eggs, meat, spices, or high seasonings. She should also be put to work, or play, of a strenuous nature so that she may have an outlet for her vitality. If you take care of her with respect to these matters, it is probable that you may eliminate this latent fault; but make no mistake, the aspect is from fixed signs, which shows that it is very deep-seated in her nature and calls for strong treatment, persistently continued.

Howard Arthur R., born December 17, 1913, at 7:11 a. m., New York City.

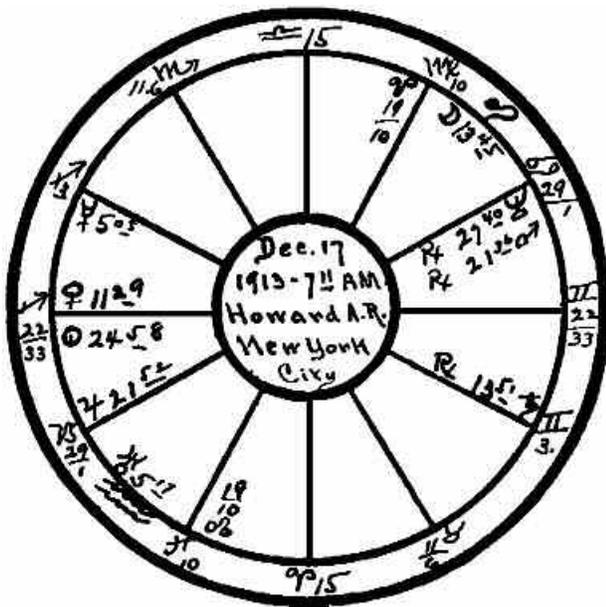
At the time of Howard's birth the sign Sagittarius was rising with the Sun, Venus and Mercury therein. This shows that he is strongly marked with the characteristics of this sign, a cheerful, jovial nature, but restless and fond of sport and out-door exercise. There is also a tendency in this sign to be somewhat impulsive. These characteristics of the sign Sagittarius are very much enhanced by the conjunction of Venus, the planet of love, to Mercury, the planet of reason, and the trine between the Moon and Venus. They will make him very attractive and beloved by everybody.

Incidentally, they will also bring him good financial returns; he will succeed best in some business that has to do with catering to the taste of the public for delicacies, such as confectionery, ice cream, and kindred lines. But success in life will not come to Howard solely on account of his attractive personality and suave ways. He will be a good, first-class businessman. The Moon is one of the signifiers of mind and it is sextile to Saturn, the planet of forethought and thrift. This will give Howard both tact and diplomacy so that he will know how to rule and guide others; it will make him very thoughtful and conservative, thrifty and attentive to all business matters, so that whatever he undertakes is bound to prosper, and he will undoubtedly make a responsible position for himself in the world. The restless Moon in opposition to the erratic Uranus indicates his most prominent faults as impatience and restlessness

whenever the slightest limitation is put upon him. He cannot and will not bear restrictions; under such provocation he will chafe and become extremely sarcastic. This is a flaw in an otherwise splendid character which perhaps you can do a great deal to eradicate during the years or childhood, for it is foreshown that unless this is corrected, he will have a great deal of trouble with friends and lose the support and respect of people he can ill afford to offend.

We also find Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, in opposition with Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, and Neptune, the planet which indicates fraud and deceit when it is afflicted. This shows

tion during infancy and childhood; also to warn him that when the heart is strained in early life suffering inevitably comes in the later years. We find Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, conjoined with Neptune in the sign Cancer, which rules the stomach. This shows that Howard is liable to overload his stomach with things which are unfit for his system and suffer on that account. This tendency can probably be corrected if you teach him to live on a simple diet during childhood. We also find Saturn, the planet of obstruction, in the sign Gemini, which rules the lungs and in opposition to Venus, the planet which governs the venous circulation. This shows a tendency to cold in the chest and should be corrected by teaching him a system of breathing exercises, so that his lungs may be well developed during childhood and youth. If that is done there is no reason why, with all the good indications in this horoscope, he should not be a healthy individual, but it is always best to apply the ounce of prevention before anything of a serious nature occurs.



that Howard will at times be very impulsive in his generosity and that on that account he is apt to suffer by fraud and dishonesty from others. The Moon sextile Saturn, the planet of forethought, will usually protect him, but there are times when this influence is weakened by transits and then the other aspects may make him subject to the aforementioned depredations of unscrupulous people. If he knows this he will probably be able to guard himself against it.

With respect to health we find that the restless Moon is in opposition to the spasmodic Uranus from Leo, the sign which governs the heart. Thus that organ is marked as one of the weak spots, and you will do well to protect him against overexer-

Vocational Reading

Hiram W., born May 7, 1900, about 6 :30 p. m., Chicago, Illinois.

At the time of your birth the Sun was in the sign Taurus and four fixed signs were on the angles of your horoscope; this gives you a very stubborn and self-willed nature. You have an unusually deep and shrewd mind, indicated by the Moon in the Mercurial sign Virgo and trine to Saturn, the planet of concentration and forethought. Your reasoning faculties are further sharpened by the position of Mercury, the planet of reason, in conjunction with Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, in its own sign Aries, which rules the head. But this also is the cause of your chief fault, which is going to count against you in the world more than anything else. Until you conquer that fault you never can make a success in life. We refer to your bombastic and domineering way of speaking. By your manner you seem to assume that you know it all, and give other people to understand that they are ignorant and their opinions are of no value compared with yours. It is not pleasant for us to say

this and of course it will not be pleasant for you to hear, but as we do not know you personally and could have no ill-feeling towards you, you will understand that we are telling you these things because they are so and because it is necessary for your own good that you should know your faults and strive to overcome them. When you learn to stop talking yourself and listen to what other people have to say, then your splendid mental characteristics will enable you to learn a wonderful lot from many sources, and this knowledge will in time place you in good positions where you will find a real scope for your talents. But if you do not alter your manners and curb your tongue, you will find yourself continually going from one place to another, disliked by everybody, and wasting your life.

It is possible that your glib tongue and faculty of plausible argument may get you into salesmanship in connection with stocks, bonds, and such things. But do not follow that vocation, for though Neptune is sextile to Mars and Mercury, Jupiter, the planet of finance, retrograde in conjunction with Uranus, is an indication of fraud which may lead you into trouble. On the other, hand if you follow the lead of Jupiter, Uranus, Mars, and Mercury in your Second and Sixth Houses, taking up some vocation in connection with electricity, the metal trades or machinery, you will find yourself on the road to success, provided of course that you make the change in your mental attitude which we have already spoken of.

You ask also for information regarding health, and in this respect we find that Saturn in opposition to Venus in the sign Cancer, which rules the stomach, indicates a tendency to indigestion on account of excess. Try to cultivate frugality and you may overcome this sign.

Vocational Reading

Enid D'Arcy G., born August 18, 1898, at Lawrence River, N. S. W

At the time of your birth the planet of obstruction, Saturn, was rising on the eastern horizon; it was in opposition to Venus, the planet of joy, and square to the Moon in the Mercurial sign

Virgo. This gives you a very serious and even gloomy disposition, but at the same time it also makes you well fitted to take responsibilities and carry them out conscientiously. We find the Sun, which indicates the government, employers, and others in high positions, in its own sign Leo and right on the Zenith, sextile to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, and Neptune in the clerical sign Gemini, and in the Seventh House, which indicates the public, so that you will be well fitted for a clerical position, preferably in a government or public office. This also shows that you will always receive favors and help from those who are above you in positions of power so that they can aid you to rise in your vocation.

We also find Venus, the planet of attraction, trine to Jupiter, the planet of opulence, also Jupiter sextile to Saturn, the planet of thrift. This shows that you will succeed financially in life. You will be in easy and comfortable circumstances, and you will also accumulate whatever you earn, so that you will never come to want.

There is only one bad thing about it, namely, that you have a tendency to regard this routine work as drudgery, for Saturn, the ruler of your Second House, indicating finance, and Venus, the ruler of your Sixth House, indicating service, are in opposition, and both of them are squared by the restless Moon. If you can school yourself to take a more cheerful view of matters, it will brighten your life considerably. We are all here in the world to render some service, therefore the more cheerfully you can do it the better it is for yourself and others.

With respect to marriage, we find that the Sun, which is one significator, is sextile to Mars, the other significator, and also to Neptune. The indications are therefore that an attraction will be formed, but whether it will be consummated in marriage is rather doubtful. Also we should say it is best if such is not the case, for happiness cannot be expected where Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is in opposition to Venus, the planet of love.

With respect to health, we find Saturn, the planet of obstruction, in opposition to Venus placed in the sign Gemini. The Moon also being square to

that planet, the Sun in Leo and sextile to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, gives you a great deal of vitality, but nevertheless it would be best to be somewhat careful not to catch cold that may settle on your chest. If you are careful to take the best possible precautions you will probably have little if any trouble.

SIMPLIFIED SCIENTIFIC EPHEMERIS

It has always been difficult to get Ephemerides in America, because the English publishers allow dealers so small a profit that very few care to invest the money necessary to carry these books in sufficient quantity to meet demands promptly. Since the war this has grown worse and we have waited five months for a supply of 1912 Ephemeris which we use in our correspondence course on Astrology.

Naturally this hampers both us and our students greatly, and now comes the announcement that the price has been raised to 50¢ and a further raise may be looked for. This is putting it on with a vengeance, and why?

We never could understand why the price of a staple article like an ephemeris should be raised from 25¢—the price of the current year—to 35¢ or 40¢ for back numbers, but this latest raise smacks too much of the most unblushing war profiteering, for these ephemerides were printed under pre-war conditions before paper went up and when labor costs were normal.

Previously the ephemeris for the coming year was available in August on the Pacific Coast; this

year we have not received it on the date of present writing, November 16th, and we need it now to announce the dates of our healing meetings in January and February to subscribers who wish to join us in thought, so the situation is getting acute.

These grievances have been weighing upon us for some time, and have begotten in us a determination to endure no longer. Patience has ceased to be a virtue and we shall now enter the field and see what effect a little competition will have.

Our ephemeris for 1912 is just off the press. It is a better ephemeris than any heretofore published, set in large easily readable type to save eyestrain. It is simpler, as it gives both longitude and declination of all the planets and the Moon's Node for every day, also the place of New Moons, Full Moons, and Eclipses in plain characters. There is also a table of Logarithms for 24 hours set in large type. This splendid ephemeris we sell for 25¢ post-free and we propose to print the ephemerides of previous years in the same style and sell them at the same price of 25¢, no more.

We have also produced the ephemeris for 1918, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1882. These, with the one for 1912 are ready for delivery, and we are working as fast as we can to get the other years' ephemerides ready from 1860 to date. This we hope to have accomplished by the spring of 1918.

The ephemeris for 1919 is now being calculated and we expect to have it ready for distribution in the summer of 1918.

Question Department

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What Determines Sex?

QUESTION—It is stated in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* that a matrix made of ether is placed in the womb of the mother when an ego is to be reborn, and that the seed atom of the dense body comes from the spermatozoon received from the father. If this is always so would not this method produce children of one sex, with negative or positive vital body from the mother and positive or negative dense body from the father? If not so, how do you explain the difference of sex at birth?

Answer—It is also stated in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* that the vital body of a woman is positive and the vital body of a man negative. When the agents of the Recording Angels are assisting an ego to come to birth, the matter of sex has already been determined either by the law of alternation or else that has been modified by specific circumstances in the individual life of the spirit, and the ego is then helped to draw to itself a sufficient amount of the different kinds of ether as required by its development. These materials are all of a certain polarity either positive or negative.

When a matrix made solely from positive etheric atoms is placed in the womb of the prospective mother they will unerringly draw to themselves negative physical atoms and the resultant child body becomes female in consequence.

If, on the other hand, the matrix which is placed in the mother's womb is composed of negative etheric atoms, it will attract the positive dense atoms with the result that the male sex organ is most developed and the sex therefore masculine, for life, like electricity, requires both positive and

negative expression, otherwise it cannot manifest.

MEMORY OF PAST LIVES

Question—If an individual has attained a high degree of spiritual sight in this life, and then dies, to be reborn at a later period, will he remember who he was, and retain spiritual power as in the former life, or will he have to cultivate the faculty anew?

Answer—When spiritual sight has been cultivated consciously in one life it remains, so far as we know, a faculty of the spirit in all future lives, improving in scope and power with each existence, under normal circumstances. But there is a case known to the writer where a person has possessed the spiritual sight, the faculty of leaving the body and remembering what happened on his soul flights outside the body, in one life, and in the next he made it impossible for himself to exercise these faculties by the use of drink, drugs, and cigarettes, which so addled his brain that it was impossible for the spirit to impress upon it memories of what happened when it was free from the body. Out of the body he can still rove about the world where he chooses and take his place in his order among the other Initiates, but in the body he is hampered by his poor sick abused brain.

Nor should it seem strange that this is so, for it is only the same principle which allows a man to enjoy spiritual sight despite the fact that he is physically blind, but apart from the loss and the lack which such a man feels, there is of course the moral aspect and it is doubtful in the writer's mind whether this person's next body will have a brain fit to carry memories from the invisible to the visible world. It is our belief that it will probably take

lives of right living before he is able to build another sensitive brain which is capable of spiritual transmission.

As for the memory of past lives, it is not necessary to wait till a future existence for the development of that faculty, when the spiritual sight has been cultivated, with the aid of the proper teachers, such as the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian. For the neophytes are taught from the beginning to read the memory of nature in order to know and differentiate between truth and delusion—first in the record that is kept in the fourth or reflecting ether, and this requires only a very slight extension of the physical sight. Then, by degrees, if they live the life and are diligent, the extension of sight is raised to the records kept in the archetypal region. These are usually opened to them within a few years, and there they can easily investigate their own past, though we do not believe that that is generally done, for no one goes so deeply into the work without becoming so absorbed in the system of service to others that he has no time to attend to his own selfish inclinations.

DESTROYING DISEASE PRODUCTS

Question—At the time of treating a patient can one destroy the vibrations of disease so that once they have been removed from the patient they do not return after the treatment is over?

Answer—We suppose you refer to magnetic treatment for disease and we may say that this method of healing consists wholly in removing the vibrations of disease from the patient by absorption into the body of the healer, who must have sufficient vitality to throw them off himself, or he will become ill in turn. This has been explained before in our literature but perhaps taking the subject up from another angle may not prove uninteresting or uninteresting.

When one looks at a person who is diseased with the spiritual sight, the patient's vital body looks thin and emaciated in proportion to the ravages made by the disease. There are no radiating lines from it as when the body is in health, but a

sickly emanation which curls up in eddies and spirals that hang close to the dense body. Instead of being pinkish-purple, it is usually a dull grey in most places and the part that is particularly diseased is enveloped in something which resembles a mass of black jelly. That is what we might call the vibrations of disease and at the time when the person receives a magnetic healing treatment it is this black poisonous mass which is absorbed into the hands of the healer. And when he or she throws it off by a vigorous movement of the arms, it sinks to the floor. Then, if the patient happens to step close to that place where it lies, he or she will reabsorb it. Therefore it has always been the writer's practice to either throw these emanations out of the window or into a fireplace where they may be burned, then they can do no more harm.

But while we are upon this subject, it may be well to bring home another phase of this matter and the method of healing. So long as an organ is diseased, it generates this black poison stuff which hangs about it and prevents the currents of the vital body from coursing through it. What the magnetic healer does is simply to cleanse this organ for the time being and thus he opens the way for the influx of life-giving and health-promoting currents. The relief is usually only temporary, for the weak and diseased organ continues to generate the poison, "*miasma*," as we call it, so that shortly it requires another cleansing by the magnetic healer. This continues until the vital currents finally become sufficiently strong to over-master and throw off the poison stuff and cleanse the organ themselves. Then health returns.

The osteopathic physician goes at the matter from the opposite angle, by manipulation of the nerves which are the avenues for the vital currents. This strengthens these currents and they begin to scatter the miasma in the diseased part of the body. But it usually requires a number of treatments from him also before health is restored because the poison miasma blocks up the nerves again shortly after he has ceased his manipulations. Therefore it should seem to the writer, though he has never

tried it, that by combination of the two methods—opening up the nerve currents and strengthening them by means of osteopathic treatments, at the same time removing the poison miasma by magnetic healing and being careful to either burn or otherwise safely dispose of the effluvia—ought to facilitate the treatment of disease wonderfully.

We would like our professional friends to try out this suggestion and would be glad to know what success they meet in helping their suffering fellow-men by this combined method.

CAN WE SOW WITHOUT REAPING?

Question—In the first lecture sent by Mr. Heindel, he says something about having engagements with our destiny and being able to cancel them under certain circumstances. Now what I want to know is this: ‘What are those certain circumstances? I realize that now I can build for the future and that things that take place within my own consciousness I can control according to the amount of will that I have and the desire back of that will to try to do what is right. But what about the efforts along the line of wrong influence? What if one pursues the life of the ordinary person and blunders into evil ways. Is he not starting something from which it is impossible to escape? Or can he, by striving to overcome the lower nature, and building a better character, forego the consequences of his own misdeeds?’

This is a question a friend and I have had many arguments over. She holds to the idea that if we see that we are due for an accident or trouble of any kind we can avoid those things by staying away from where they are likely to happen. But it does not seem likely to me that we can escape the past, and if we could that is not the way to build character by running away from anything. Of course that is a more or less fatalistic view of the matter, but I believe in taking my medicine like a man. Though I kick against the pricks but at the same time I feel disgusted that I am such a weakling.

Answer—There is one important point in the

matter which it seems you fail to take into consideration, though it has been plainly and emphatically stated in our literature. “All the laws of nature, including the law of consequence in its application to human life, are under the administration of Great Beings of sublime spirituality and superlative wisdom.”

The law does not work blindly on the principle of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but these Great Beings and their agents administer all things with a wisdom that is beyond the comprehension of our finite minds. It has been found, however, that where there is a desire or tendency or possibility of running away from a harvest of sorrow which has accrued from certain *ripe* destiny, such plans are always circumvented by another move on the part of the invisible administrators of this law.

If you will read again the case cited in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* of a certain lecturer who was warned by Mr. Heindel that if he went out of his house on a certain day he would meet with an accident to certain parts of his body and how he forgot and thought the 28th was the 29th, took a trip to another town to lecture and was injured as foretold, in a railway collision, this case will perhaps illustrate our points. The man had been forewarned, he believed in the warning and intended to heed it, but undoubtedly the suffering accruing from that accident was due to him in expiation of certain wrongdoings and therefore the agents of the law of causation caused him to forget the day of the month.

This principle works also in another way. You seem to think that there is no way of escaping the harvest of the past. But there is. We have also repeatedly emphasized the fact that God, or nature, or the agents of this great law, do not aim to “*get even*” with us. We are here in this great school of life, safeguarded by these laws of nature, they are made for our benefit and not for our hurt, although they limit us in a certain way, just as we limit our children’s liberties for the purpose of

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Studies

in

The Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception

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Kittie Skidmore Cowen

In the Days of Noah

IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

IN our last article we learned that the “Fall of Man” marked the close of the Lemurian Epoch. It was then that the Elohim sent mankind forth from the garden of Eden clothed in “coats of skin,” and the Lemurian continent ceased to be.

Relative to the fate of the Lemurian continent, on page 291 of the *Cosmo*, we read, “Volcanic catclysms destroyed the greater part of the Lemurian continent and in its stead rose the Atlantean continent, where the Atlantic Ocean now is.”

Plato, who is usually conceded to be the greatest thinker of all time in what passes for the province of philosophy, the science of things divine and human, and the causes in which they are contained, states in his works that such a continent as Atlantis did exist at one time in the Atlantic Ocean, and that an easy passage from it extended to other islands which lay near a continent exceeding in size all Europe and Asia. Some modern students have believed this continent to be America. Atlantis is represented as having ultimately sunk beneath the waves leaving only isolated rocks and shoals in its place.

Geologists, impelled by the story of Plato, have undertaken some researches regarding Atlantis, and in so doing have discovered that the coast-line

of Western Europe did once run further in the direction of America than now, but its submergence seems to have taken place long before historic times. However, there is ample foundation, geologically, for the story that such a continent did exist.

The occult student knows that such a continent existed, and we will again turn to the *Cosmo*, page 291, to glean some information relative to the physical as well as the climatic conditions of this ancient abode of man, so nearly lost to us in the shadowy realms of antiquity. Here we read: “Ancient Atlantis differed from our present world in many ways, but the greatest difference was in the constitution of the atmosphere and water of that Epoch.

“From the southern part of the planet came the hot, fiery breath of the volcanoes which were still abundantly active. From the north swept down the icy blasts of the Polar region. The continent of Atlantis was the meeting place of these two currents, consequently its atmosphere was always filled with a thick and murky fog. The water was not so dense as now, but contained a greater proportion of air. Much water was also held in suspension in the heavy, foggy Atlantean atmosphere.

“Through this atmosphere the Sun never clearly shone. It appeared to be surrounded by an aura of

light-mist, as do street-lamps when seen through a dense fog. It was then possible to see only a few feet in any direction and the outlines of all objects not close at hand appeared dim, hazy, and uncertain. Man was guided more by internal perception than by external vision.”

Having learned something of the country, its climatic conditions, etc., we will next turn our attention to the people who inhabited this continent which existed under, to us, such unusual conditions. Page 292 of the *Cosmo* reads as follows: “Not only the country, but also the man of that time was very different from anything existent on earth at the present time. He had a head, but scarcely any forehead; his brain had no frontal development; the head sloped almost abruptly back from a point just above the eyes. As compared to our present humanity, he was a giant; his arms and legs were much longer in proportion to his body than ours. Instead of walking, he progresses by a series of flying leaps, not unlike those of the kangaroo. He had small blinking eyes and his hair was round in section. The latter peculiarity, if none other, distinguishes the descendents of the Alantean races, who remain with us to the present day. Their hair was straight, glossy, black and *round* in section. That of the Aryan, though it may differ in color, is always *oval* in section. The ears of the Atlantean set much further back upon the head than do those of the Aryan.”

Returning again to Plato and his statement relative to Atlantis and another large continent lying still further to the west, and adding to this the description given in the *Cosmo* relative to the humanity of the early Atlantean Period, we will now correlate the two with a few facts that have been discovered by modern scientists and were printed in the Kansas City Times several years ago, and note how well the three bear witness to the statements made by each. The following is a copy of an article which appeared in the *Times* in about the year 1875, and reads as follows:

“In his researches among the forests of western Missouri, Judge E. P. West has discovered a num-

ber of conical-shaped mounds, similar in construction to those found in Ohio and Kentucky. These mounds are found upon the high bluffs overlooking the Missouri river, the largest and most prominent being found in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Until about three weeks ago it was not suspected that the mound builders had made this region their home in the prehistoric days, but now it is discovered that this strange and extinct race once occupied this land and has left an extensive graveyard in a number of high mounds upon the Clay County bluffs.

As yet only one of these mounds has been opened. Judge West discovered a skeleton about two weeks ago, and made a report to other members of the society. They accompanied him to the mound, and not far from the surface excavated and took out the remains of two skeletons. The bones are very large—so large, in fact, when compared with an ordinary skeleton of modern date, they appear to have formed part of a giant. The head bones, such as have not rotted away, are monstrous in size. The lower jaw of one skeleton is in a state of preservation, and is double the size of the jaw of a civilized person. The teeth in this jawbone are large, and appear to have been ground down and worn away by contact with roots and carnivorous food. The jawbone indicates immense muscular strength. The thigh-bone, when compared with that of an ordinary modern skeleton, looks like that of a horse. The length, thickness and muscular development are remarkable. But the most peculiar part about the skeleton is the frontal bone. It is very low, and differs radically from any ever seen in this section before. It forms one thick ridge of bone about an inch wide, extending across the eyes. It is a narrow but rather heavy ridge bone which, instead of extending upward, as it does now in these days of civilization, receded back from the eyebrows, forming a flat head, and thus indicates a very low order or mankind. It is the opinion of the scientific gentlemen who are making these discoveries that these bones are the remains of a prehistoric race of men.

Nutrition and Health

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Disease Held Greatest Foe by Daniels

Spread of Ills Caused by False Doctrine Must Be Eradicated, Says Secretary of the Navy

DEALING frankly and boldly with the social evil as a menace to the nation's military efficiency, Secretary Daniels of the navy, in a recent address at Chicago before the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, appealed to the medical profession "to end the false double standard that decreases military effectiveness. There is not an army in the field whose effectiveness is not reduced by reason of immoral disease. The Navy suffers likewise.

During the last statistical year men of the American navy lost 141,378 days' sickness from a small group of absolutely preventable diseases, or, rather, diseases contracted by sin. This means that every day throughout the year there were 456 men disabled by this disgraceful malady. Add to that number those required to care for the disabled, and we have enough men on the non-effective list each day to man a modern battleship. And this does not count those who, though diseased, were not disabled, or the danger of contagion to the clean members of the crew.

In the navy in 1915 there were admitted for treatment for these diseases 112 persons in every 1,000, and in the army 84 for every 1,000, the number in the army having decreased from 145 to the 1,000 after passage of an act stopping the pay of all soldiers admitted for treatment for these diseases. The new navy laws stop the pay of men so afflicted and will probably reduce the number to the army ratio.

In civil life the number afflicted is quite as large, proportionately, as in the military service.

Canadian and Australian officers have deplored

the ravages of this disease. The late figures from the British army gave 75,000 cases, and all other countries have also been weakened.

Sir William Coler places these diseases at the top as a menace in war and in peace. The time has come to realize that this subtlest foe of humanity must be conquered, and it cannot be conquered by denying its existence, saying it is a necessary evil or applying palliatives. It is deadlier than small-pox or cancer or tuberculosis. A Canadian authority says: "Its ravages today are more terrible for Britain and Canada than Vimy Ridge, the Somme and Lens."

The remedy? There is but one—continence.

The eradication of the evil effects must be thorough, but the teacher who will be heard and heeded when the teachings of all others fall on deaf ears is the word of authority from the medical profession.

When he preaches continence as the only rule of life to young men and points out the dire penalty for lapses, his words have a weight no other admonition possesses.

You, gentlemen of the medical profession, deal with life and death. You bring the bodies into the world and you close the eyes of the dead. Yours is the ministering function, the intimate touch, and out of such relation you can enjoy an amazing power of suggestion. It is this power that America calls upon you to use. Tell our youths the truth.

Only God will ever know the toll in blood and tears that this lie has taken from the heart or the world—the price that the health of the race has been made to pay for its submission to a historic falsehood, young lives ruined, futures cheated of

promises, children called upon to suffer for the sins of the fathers, innocent women robbed of the right to happy motherhood and the virility of a nation sapped at its very foundations.

Today, as never before, American manhood must be clean. We must have fitness.

Editor's Note—We reprint the foregoing article because we feel especially gratified to see Mr. Daniels taking such a bold stand for clean living, but what good will it do if we preach to a furnace that it is overheating us and burning itself up, when at the same time we are piling ton after ton of coal into it. Either we must make a vent for the heat generated by it to do useful work or we must give it less fuel or we must see it destroyed by the excess heat generated from the overdose of fuel we are feeding it.

And the human body is a chemical furnace; if you feed it "like a fighting cock" and do not give it sufficient work to consume the stored energy of the food, it must seek some sort of recreation that is suitable to dissipate the excess of vitality, or it is taken ill. This is the prime cause of immorality among enlisted men; they are overfed and underworked. Give them a cooling non-stimulating diet and their abnormal desires will also decrease.

DARING REMEDIES FOR DEPOPULATION

The fearful decimating of the male population of certain European nations as the result of the war has led to daring discussions on the problem of repopulation. Amazing teachings are abroad in the world concerning morality, marriage, polygamy, and divorce. It is boldly asserted by some, that when there is an unequal division of the sexes, monogamy is inconsistent.

For years, revolutionary ideas concerning the marriage institution have been taught in the most prominent higher educational institutions of the world. It has there been openly asserted that immorality is simply an act in contravention of society's accepted but transitory standards; that there can be and are holier alliances without the marriage bond than within it; and that standards of

right and wrong are derived solely from experience.

As the result of this widespread teaching, there has come an undeniable disintegration of fixed standards of morality, a marked deterioration in the Christian idea of the marriage institution. And now the exigencies resulting from the world war have brought forth innuendoes like the following which was appended to a radical suggestion in the *Searchlight*.

"If the present standard of legitimacy does not immediately undergo some such modification as is here outlined, it will approach to it by degrees, and its approach will commence with the social reconstruction incident to the great economic upheaval at present expressed in the world war. Society is vaster than empire, and progress knows only a forward movement."

The very fact that some are seriously discussing the possibility of recourse to plural marriages to repopulate Europe is an indication of the drift away from the ancient altars. The assertion that 3,000,000 children have been born out of wedlock in the German empire since the outbreak of the war, gives an indication of certain problems introduced by the world war which humanity must soon face. And the authentic reports of the awful ravages of venereal diseases among the soldiery of the nations reveal a startling condition of affairs.

The gross prostitution of the divinely appointed marriage institution was largely responsible for the burial of the ancient world beneath the raging waters of the Flood. A repetition of those scenes is to mark the break-up of society at the end of the age, now so imminent:

"As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

—Matthew 24 :37-39

The Rosy Cross Healing Circle

On the Witness Stand

Healing meetings are held in the Pro-Ecclesia at Headquarters on the nights when the Moon enters Cardinal Signs in the Zodiac. The hour of service is about 6:30 p.m. The virtue of the Cardinal Signs is dynamic energy, which they infuse into every thing or enterprise started under their influence, and therefore the healing thoughts of the helpers all over the world are endowed with added power when launched upon their errands of mercy under this cardinal influence.

If you would like to join in this work, sit down quietly when the clock in your place of residence points to the given hour: 6:30 p. m., meditate on Health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the restoration to health of all who suffer, particularly for those who have applied to Headquarters for relief.

At the same time visualize the Pro-Ecclesia where the thoughts of all aspirants are finally gathered by the Elder Brothers and used for the stated purpose.

We print herewith some letters from people who have been helped, also a list of dates on which Healing Meetings are held

Edmonton, Alta., Can., Nov. 1, 1917
Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Once more I have the pleasure of writing to you; this time to say how well I feel, and to try and thank you for all you have done for me.

Our baby is almost five weeks old and is doing splendid. She was a limp little thing when she came, but I suppose that was on account of the diet. However she has filled out wonderfully and is real plump.

I had a very easy time at the birth, being only one hour in real pain. Both the nurse and doctor said they never saw anything like it before. I do thank you from the bottom of my heart and will do all I can to repay you for your help. I have delayed

writing in the hope that I could send you something with this letter, although I know money can't pay for such a work of love as yours. Still I will send you something as soon as I am able.

I am enclosing the name and address of my nurse. She seems to be very interested in the work and would like to have some literature. I feel sure she would be interested in the healing, but she will no doubt write to you herself when she hears from you.

I would have liked to write you a longer letter and tell you more about us, but I know how pressed for time you are:

Yours fraternally,

E.M. P.

Bremerton, Wash., Oct, 29, 1917

Max Heindel

Mt. Ecclesia, Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for the help given my little daughter through the healing department. She is Mrs. C.'s grandchild and the one she asked help for.

The improvement and change in the child is wonderful and would like the treatments continued as long as you think necessary. Will send a contribution very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. C. F. A.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1917

Healing Department

Rosicrucian Fellowship

Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Friends:

I have been getting along very well since I wrote you last. I feel that I have more strength and energy and the unruly nerves are becoming amenable to reason.

I am beginning to realize that spirit is indeed

supreme over matter and of course the perfect realization of this is all that is necessary to put me in tune with the healing vibrations brought by the Elder Brothers.

Thank you once more for your help. I shall try to show my gratitude by passing the good news on.

Sincerely yours,
F. E. N.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 9, 1917

Healing Department
Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Friends: ‘

I am feeling very good these days. I have not had an ache nor pain for a week. I feel sure the Invisible Helpers have helped me.

Sincerely yours,
R. M. F.

Asotin, Wash., Oct. 19, 1917

Dear Friends:

I feel all kinds of thanks. This morning the first frost of the season, but no frost on my buoyant hopes for the future. But how can one find words to express such appreciation as mine. I am at last on the right road and there is no chance to get lost. Thanks to the Rosicrucians.

Yours faithfully,

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childrens’ liberties for the purpose of guarding them against dangers of indiscretion. And when by our past actions we have laid up a certain store of retribution for ourselves, which is to be worked out at some future time, and then see our mistake and turn over a new leaf and live in harmony with the law we had previously broken; then by that action we wipe the slate clean with respect to our previous *peccadillos*, for the agents of the great law, seeing that we have ceased from wrongdoing in that particular respect, would not wantonly inflict suffering upon us.

MR. G. W. G.

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 17, 1917

Dear Friends:

I am able to report very favorable progress for the past week, notwithstanding the fact that circumstances have not been favorable to improvement.

For the past week Mrs. Y. has been ill with what the doctor calls muscular la grippe. Last night I had a very severe attack of it myself and it looked as though I were in for a week or so of it. And even the doctor who has been attending Mrs. Y. reported last evening that he was threatened with an attack of the same thing. I, however, appealed to the Invisible Helpers and got up this morning feeling a little tired but with no sign of the la grippe, was able to attend to my business and do the house work besides.

I am going to prevail upon Mrs. Y. to ask the assistance of the Invisible Helpers tomorrow, for once I was skeptical regarding their ability but now I am convinced.

Yours respectfully,
MR. W. H. Y.

Dates of Healing Meetings

January 4—11—17—24—31

February 8—14—20—28

March 7—13—20—27

Bear this great fact in mind, that all the laws of nature are under similar divine, intelligent administration, for that is the difference between the fatalistic and the spiritual view points. The hand of God, through his agents, is everywhere, from the greatest things such as the travel of a planet in its orbit, to the most trivial detail like the falling of a sparrow. It is an actual fact that in God we live and move and have our being, we are under his loving care in everything and therefore nothing can happen to us that is not in harmony with his great divine plan. And that plan certainly cannot be fatalistic.

Menu from Mt. Ecclesia

Breakfast

Stewed Prunes
Hot Corn Bread and Maple Syrup
Entire Wheat and Cream
Milk or Coffee

Dinner

Favorite Potatoes
Creamed Onions
Scalloped Tomatoes
Whole Wheat Bread, Butter and Honey

Supper

Cream Cheese and Pimento Sandwiches
Cold Slaw
Apple Cobbler
Milk or Tea

Recipes

ENTIRE WHEAT

Wash and soak one cup fresh unshrunk wheat in one quart of water for four hours, allow to boil until tender, adding salt; this will take from two to three hours, depending upon the age of the wheat. It will be necessary to prepare this wheat the day before, and warm up the following morning, unless a fireless cooker is used. Serve hot with cream.

FAVORITE POTATOES

Peel and slice raw potatoes very thin; place a layer in the bottom of a baking dish; sprinkle with onion, paprika and salt, placing a few small pieces of butter on top; repeat these layers of potatoes and butter until the dish is about two-thirds full; pour over this enough milk to cover. Cover the baking dish and bake in a hot oven for three-quarters or an hour; uncover and brown. Serve at once while hot.

CREAMED ONIONS

Take medium sized onions, peel and boil in hot salt water until tender. Make a white sauce by heating one tablespoon butter in a sauce-pan, slowly adding one tablespoon flour; stir into this one teacup milk, salt to taste. Add onions and

reheat; serve while hot.

ESCALOPED TOMATOES

To one can of tomatoes add one finely chopped onion, small cove garlic; boil for 20 minutes; add paprika and celery salt to taste; add one teaspoon sugar and one tablespoon salt. Pour this into the bottom of buttered baking dish: sprinkle top with bread crumbs and grated cheese. Bake for 20 minutes.

CREAM CHEESE AND PIMENTO SANDWICHES

To one teacup of cream cheese add two tablespoons canned pimentos with a pinch of salt and onion salt to flavor. With a spoon work this to the consistency of cream. Slice very thin, whole wheat or white bread, spread the cheese between two slices; serve on plate garnished with parsley.

COLD SLAW

Allow young cabbage to stand in cold water until crisp; slice very fine. Pour over cabbage a dressing made as follows: One-half cup cream, one tablespoon sugar, salt to taste, and the juice of one lemon; mix thoroughly. Serve on lettuce leaf.

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia

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Let Condemnation Cease

A. D. Cramer

*“Let Condemnation Cease Among You.”
“Come together With One Accord.”
“For Then We Shall Know, Even As Also We
Are Known.”*

While contemplating the sin and suffering of my dear sisters and brothers in this trying period of the world’s progress, I became submerged in an agony of compassion and prayer for Light. *Ye may make your prayer from two heights or from two depths.*

No longer was there room in my heart for condemnation of one sinner, however black the sin. I seemed to feel the compassion that filled our Savior’s heart in the agony on the cross, when *He* cried out “Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do!”

He understood that they were not crucifying Him, but an impostor. *He* understood that they crucified because they were loyal to their traditions handed down to them by High Authority. *He* knew that they were *Spiritually Blind*. *He* saw that the *Blindness* was in process of becoming fixed in the race.

He learned in His Sacrifice how *that Blindness*, and *His Perfect Virtue*, were used by *Divine Love* to consummate a *Work of Love for All Living Things*, including *the Earth, the Mystery of Golgotha*.

We learn through the sublime teachings of the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* that *Conscience* is the *Precious Extract*, and only permanent acquisition of the Spirit, retained from life to life, as incentive to right thought, right feeling and right action.

By contemplating *Life On Earth*, we learn that *Conscience* is the direct and fundamental principle underlying the conduct of each individualized Spirit.

Conscience in its strength holds me to a course of action as right; (it may be contrary to *Self-Interest, Personal Welfare and every feeling and inclination*). *The Lesser Things no longer Rule.*

Conscience in its weakness is a broken staff to lean upon. Its weak voice is silenced by the clamor of *Desire, Self-Interest, Personal Welfare, Self-Righteousness and Condemnation of others*. What a pleasant satisfaction there is to the *Lower Self*, when *I* unveil the naughtiness of *Others* and reflect that at least *I* am not doing *that Sort of Thing*. (And yet perhaps it was only “*Yesterday*” that, wallowing in *that vice* I condemn my *Other* for, *I Gained in purgatory—by Terrific Reactions of Repulsion, from Shame and Remorse—the Resolve, the necessary Awakening of Conscience*, that inhibits my practice of that vice for all time, under any condition whatsoever.)

The drunkard of the past makes one of the best and most active *working* prohibition advocates of the present.

Compassion is the hand that plants “growing flowers” upon the grave of the old self, the lower self, and nurtures them with encouragement and rejoicing, so there is even no time for regrets any longer. Compassion is the hand that can raise the veil between “here and “there,” that I may look upon the process of purgation to learn a lesson if I lose not *Poise* while gazing thereon.

“But *then* we shall *Know*, even as also *We Are Known*.”

“Nothing that is (now) secret shall be hid.”

One condition where the above works out, is in the post-mortem purgatorial, lowest-desire plane, where the reactions are to hate and repulsion under the bond that draws all things of similar vibratory nature together.

The Purgation of a Secret Hate

Two sisters lived under the same roof. One was rich in this world's goods, morally lax, and self-indulgent. The other, widowed, poor, proud, embittered, was there as a dependent. On the surface, they lived a life together of average harmony.

But the poor one had discovered a moral indiscretion of the rich sister, which if known, would ruin her home and social life. -

The rich sister suspected that she was discovered, and little hints were not wanting from time to time to confirm the suspicion. And so through the years, a secret hate was built. Behind each gift of clothes or money, a *Leering Thing Appeared!*

In time they both passed out.

Now, clutched in an embrace that they vainly endeavor to break, stripped of the veil of flesh, in a plane that is vibrating to the source of their hate, they see but the *Leering Thing* that was veiled by the flesh in earth life, and they respond with hate for hate in a madness uncontrolled by anything but the *Mercy of God*, which has ordained that such

periods shall be but one third as long in purgation as they were in generation. They listen to no one, but, poor victims of a fixed idea and evil, they drain the last dregs of bitterness, thrice intensified, as its term is shortened, and waste time in a region of horror, that might well be spent in better realms.

If they had known, as we can know by these wonderful teachings, and the faculties awakened by the living of the teachings, think you they would have sought justification of hate for each other? No, they would have constantly cleansed themselves from *within*; performed their *Purgation* here and now, and gone to God free of that dreadful *consciousness of sin* that will not let *those passed out* approach their Savior for a long time, even though *He* stands *the Eternal Lover of Each and Every Soul*, ardently desiring acceptance.

Lo! *He* stands at the door and knocks. Bid your *Divine Lover* enter. But before you do that, it would be well to do some interior cleaning, or *He* may not be able to stay with you long. Many times has *He* been turned out after having been invited to enter, yet *His Love Never Faileth*.

ASTROLOGY BY CORRESPONDENCE

To us, Astrology is a phase of Religion, and we teach it to others on condition that they will not prostitute it for gain, but use it to help and heal suffering humanity.

How to Apply for Admission

Anyone who is not engaged in fortune telling or similar methods of commercializing spiritual knowledge will *upon request* receive an application blank from the General Secretary of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. When this blank is returned properly filled, he may admit the applicant to instruction in either or both correspondence courses.

The Cost of the Courses

There are no fixed fees; no esoteric instruction is ever put in the balance against coin. At the same time, it cannot be given "*free*," "*for nothing*," for those who work to promulgate it must have the

necessities of life. Type, paper, machinery, and postage also cost money, and *unless you pay your part someone else must pay for you*.

*CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM BY
CORRESPONDENCE*

A course of monthly letters and lessons are issued by the Rosicrucian Fellowship to aid those who wish to probe more deeply the Mystery of Life and Being. Upon request, the General Secretary may admit students to the preliminary degree, but advancement in the deeper degrees depends upon merit.

What is a failure? It's only a spur to a man who receives it right, and it makes the spirit within him stir to go in once more and fight. If you never have failed, it's an even guess you never have won a high success.—*Astral Ray*