

FROM MAX HEINDEL'S WRITINGS

A Prophetic Vision

SOME TIME AGO we received a magazine from Germany entitled "Towards the Light" in which the following prophecy was printed. The editor claimed that this prophecy was sent to him by a Brother in the spring of 1904, that it was then published in a little pamphlet called "The Holy Grail," which he says is probably still in the hands of many of his readers from that time. The prophecy relates to the war in part, and the skeptical reader would probably discount it on the grounds that it is easy now to prophesy something that has already happened and is now going on. But there is one part of the prophecy which has not been fulfilled and which coincides with what we ourselves know to be in line with facts as they will develop in later years. As it would not seem proper to give this latter part of the prophecy without also printing the beginning, we herewith give the whole, translating from the German as follows:

"I awakened from a natural sleep, not to the ordinary waking consciousness, but to a higher supersensual, and I saw something which filled me with horror. It seemed as if I was hovering in the air and all Europe lay beneath me. Vibrations of unrest and strife came up towards me from the people on the whole continent. The atmosphere around me seemed to be darkened, as if the vibrations of unrest were concentrating themselves into a thundercloud—and that is what seemed actually to happen. Then the cloud floated hither and thither. Lightning-darts discharged themselves, now upon one country and now upon the other, but the



thunder was the thunder of cannons and the lightning was fire from thousands and millions of guns. The cloud lay thick and dark over Europe and seemed also to go to each side over Asia and America, but it soon went away from the latter continent and somewhat later from Asia to lay all the heavier and darker over Europe. It rolled hither and thither like a firedrake, often crossing here and there and then again drawing itself together. Below I could see the people, nations in war.

"Wherever the cloud hovered there they wrecked and ruined everything and the warring nations seemed to grow more and more like wild animals. Little by little the cloud seemed to disperse—but what a sight where it had been! The misery cannot be described, thousands of widows, maidens, and orphans lay upon the fresh graves and wept over their dead. Behind them stood the aged fathers and mothers who mourned for their sons that had been taken away in the prime of their young manhood.

"And while with sorrowing heart I looked down upon all this grief, there came a hot wind from the south which withered all that was green and there was a famine in most of the countries of Europe. Sorrow increased and many thousands were added to the dead. Then there came a great hand in the north which poured out an acid fluid, resulting in a great pestilence.

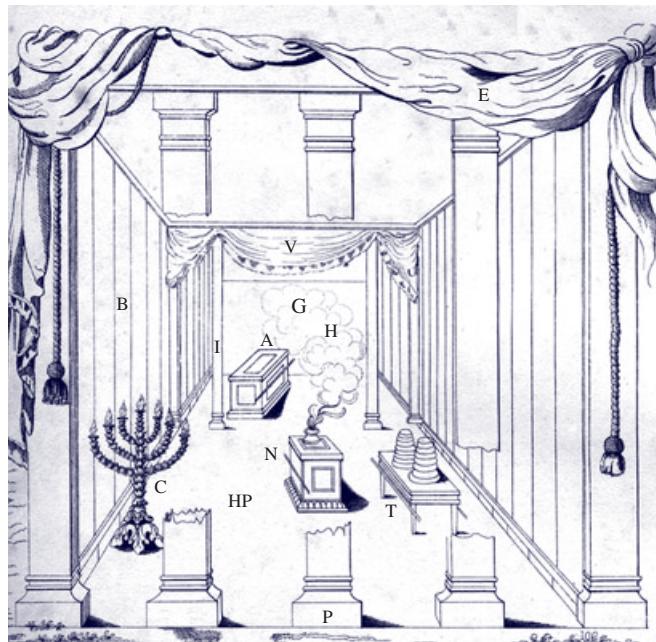
"Then I saw a great light which gradually dispelled the previous darkness but it came from the west, from North America, and shone upon the stricken countries of Europe. In it was hope,

health, and healing. Many ships left the coasts of the new land laden with grain and foods. One thing more I saw which had hitherto escaped my notice, in the westerly part, beyond the great mountain range in North America, I saw a great number of houses in a garden of wonderful beauty, and a dazzling light shone in the midst of this colony of holy men and women who had come out of all the lands of the world, because of its great sorrows. From thence they returned to their native countries with the fire of love burning brightly in their hearts, and the stone of philosophy as a sign upon their forehead that they might spread light and love over the whole world, and each kindled anew the light in his own fatherland.

"Then there came a new era, the nations of the earth put away their weapons and devoted their energy to building wonderful machinery which lightened the work of the world; ignorance, poverty, and all slavery was done away with and a golden era dawned. But all this became possible only because the faithful ones of the Lord had withdrawn from the world and fostered the holy light which brought the world its freedom.

"And as I wondered over what I had seen, there sounded in the heavens a choir of praise which sang 'Praise to the Highest and to men Peace, Good Will, and Happiness.' And there was given to me the command: 'Write what you have seen and let it be known. The skeptics will laugh and sneer, but the wise will feel the truth in their hearts and they will seek for this place of safety, that they may not be swept away by the great catastrophe but preserve and defend the heavenly light, the fire of love, which is in their hearts, so that when the sorrow is past they may be able again to enkindle it in others.'"

While, as said, the writer does not know who this Brother is, and what is his standing, it has upon its face a certain stamp of truth which cannot be overlooked. Nowadays people are usually looking towards the East when they take up the quest of the Mystic Light. But as a matter of fact, the course of the stars is from east to west, and the heavenly Lightgivers above, as also the earthly place of light below, are periodically moved toward the west.



H. The most Holy place. A. The Ark. G. The Cloud of Glory (Shekinah). I. The Four Pillars on which V. the Vail is hung dividing the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. HP. The Holy Place. N. Altar of Incense. C. Candlestick. T. Table of Shew Bread. B. Boards of the Tabernacle. P. Five Pillars on which the Curtain is hung at the Entrance of the Tabernacle. E. The Curtain at the entrance of the Tabernacle.

The tabernacle, its apartments, and accoutrements all have correlations with human occult anatomy and its structures.

The Wise Men of the East, spoken of in the Bible, did not look towards the East for the Star but they followed it and went with it towards the west.

In the ancient Atlantean Mystery temple, called the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, there was a light inside the eastern gate where the aspirant entered. He was then facing the West and he saw the light just inside, namely, the light on the Altar of Burnt Offerings. He was then like the candidate who appears at the door of the Masonic temple—he was blind and was looking for the light. This light confronts him when he looks towards the West. The law was his taskmaster to bring him to the light which then shone for his guidance, and as he followed it upon the path and journeyed westward towards the first veil, another light appeared—the seven-branched candlestick in the Holy Place. This was a purer and more holy light than the light of the Altar of Burnt Offerings, where the fire was fed upon the smoking and bleeding carcasses of the sacrifices. The light in the Holy Place was fed by the purest olive oil, especially made for that purpose; thus it was light of a higher order than that of the carcasses that burned without. But the

candidate proceeded further westward, and when he came to the westernmost part of all, the Holy of Holies, there was seeming darkness where stood the Ark of the Covenant. Above it there burned a *spiritual light*, spoken of in the Bible as "Shekinah Glory" which hovered above the Ark as a symbol of the purified man. While he was at the Eastern gate and the light shone without, the law was also without as a taskmaster which he only obeyed because he must. At this western end of the tabernacle he finds the Ark with the tables of the law within, symbolical of the fact the man who has attained to that height has taken within himself all the laws of nature and is at one with them. Therefore he obeys them readily; they are not to him taskmasters. He would not act contrary to them if he could. The golden pot of Manna, symbolizing the bread that came down from heaven, the Christ within, gives another key to the nature of this symbol. The Rod of Aaron, with which he wrought the miracles in Egypt, is, like the spear of the Grail, a symbol of the spiritual power which may be wielded by a man who has attained to that spiritual light in the West.

But the purpose of this attainment is, and must always be, service; therefore the staves were always in the rings of the Ark, that it might be moved upon an instant's notice. Similarly the man or woman above whom shines that wonderful Shekinah Glory, and who has within himself or herself the tables of the law, the heavenly Manna and the sacred Rod, are every one alert to the slightest call for service that they may hasten to alleviate the suffering of their brothers and sisters who are behind upon the path of evolution, further towards the East.

These are mystic facts, and the vision of this mystic has perceived them aright. Everything changes as we go from East to West to further the development of the new attribute that we are



From *Die Bibel in Bildern*, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1789-1853)

Aaron's Rod That Budded

"The wand of the magician, the holy spear of Parsifal the Grail King, and the budding Rod of Aaron are emblems of the divine creative force, which works wonders of such a nature that we call them miracles." Ancient and Modern Initiation, p. 44. Abused at an earlier time, this spiritual power is now hidden in the body's ark.

to evolve in this age, that the coming era may be ushered in.

When the writer went to Germany in 1907 he felt most acutely the oppression of the group spirit there as a cloud over the land holding the people in its grip. Just as it is recorded that in ancient times Jehovah went before the Israelites and was **in the cloud**, so the national group spirit, each ruling over its own particular people, broods over, and develops in them certain characteristics. Therefore the types in Europe persist, despite the increasing frequency of international marriages, for the group spirit invariably stamps the offspring. It is different in America, which is the melting pot, the cradle of the new race, and no group spirit has yet been developed for it. The West Indies on the Atlantic side and Hawaii on the Pacific side are also gates through which the races of the East and West are being assimilated and prepared to mingle in the great new race now in its gestatory stage. And it is a fact ascertained by scientific investigators that the children of all nations born in America take on

a distinct contour of the head which is different from that of the parents' and different from the nationality from which they have sprung. Thus it is even physically demonstrable that a new race is being born in America, different from any in the old continent. A new class of Egos is coming into rebirth which has different traits of character and characteristics from those which exist among the older people.

When we investigate the climatic conditions we also find that there is a great difference between the atmosphere of America and of Europe. The atmosphere of America is electric. Particularly in southern California the ether abounds to a degree

the group spirit leads to persistence and perseverance, favors concentration, deep thought, and great insight. Here alone could the skeleton for such a book be written, but to finish it and give it that touch of life which it must have to make it a success among the masses, the electric atmosphere of America is required."

The mental attitude of a German, due to the group spirit in the atmosphere, may be likened to a man who travels from Berlin to Paris by stage coach—it will take him a long time but on the way he sees people of different nations, he becomes acquainted with every foot of the road and notices the scenery so that he is thoroughly acquainted with

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not experienced anywhere on the whole earth. This has a very brightening effect upon the people living in the different counties, and the writer cannot illustrate this better than by relating a certain incident and conversation that took place at the temple of the Rosy Cross in Germany which he visited by invitation to receive the teachings embodied in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*. By incessant work night and day for a long time he had succeeded in making a sketch of the philosophy. This he showed to the Elder Brothers who were instructing him. But his feelings of enthusiasm were soon cooled when he was told that though he was now very much pleased with it, as soon as he should arrive in the United States the electric atmosphere there would cause him to look at things in a different way, that he would re-write it and make it totally different. This he thought absolutely impossible at the time, but the Elder Brothers then said:

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every step along the way and could give a good description of it were he afterwards required. The mental processes of the American are also like his methods of travel. When he desires to go from New York to Chicago, he takes a sleeper at night so as not to lose any of the precious daylight business hours. He rushes over the country at the rate of seventy miles an hour and arrives at his destination at an early hour of the following day. He knows nothing whatever of the country he has passed through, but he arrives quickly—that is the essential point.

A German would have taken at least two volumes to express his views upon all the details of the Panama Canal project. President Roosevelt [Theodore] covered the subject well in one speech; he arrived at his destination without all the details. That national trait is growing because the rays of Uranus and Neptune are stronger and affect the people of the United States more than any other part of the world. For under their tutelage a new race will be born and fostered to relieve the world's woe.

On another occasion when the question of headquarters was up for discussion, the writer was instructed to look for it in a place overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Southern California and having at the back of it snow-capped mountains. We tried first to buy a place which seemed partly to suit the descriptions, but obstacles were piled up so that we could not perfect the purchase. Then Mt. Ecclesia was found and at once recognized by the leaders as meeting all the conditions required. It seems as if the description given in the vision quoted at the beginning of this article would fit Mt. Ecclesia well. It has already become a Mecca for students from many lands that come here to gather inspirations and take back to their respective homes the light received here, and as time goes on we may hope that this will, indeed, become a center of a great spiritual influence in the world's work. Let us hitch the wagon of aspirations to the Star of Hope, and the higher our ideal the better perhaps we shall live up to it.

One thing is certain—that the spiritual temple

which we are building by our hopes and aspirations around the earthly sanctuary we have already erected, is gradually growing more and more beautiful, luminous and more like that wonderful temple which Manson describes so eloquently in *The Servant in the House*. By the grace of God we shall continue building, though it is not always in joy and gladness, as Manson said, "We have found it to be true that sometimes the work goes on in almost utter darkness, sometimes there come the rays of hope, the clouds break and the sunshine of joy and gladness shines through to lighten the load for a little while." But whether we are building in darkness or in the blinding light, it is something to be able to say that we have never ceased in our unwearying persistence. Helped by the aspirations of thousands of students centered upon this place, the work goes forward through joy or sorrow, and sometime the vision shall be realized, and Mt. Ecclesia, the headquarters of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, shall give its full share of light to the waiting world. □

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