

READERS' QUESTIONS

Mystery Schools, Clairaudience, Angels, The Lost Word

THE SEVEN MYSTERY SCHOOLS

QUESTION: MAX HEINDEL says that the Mystery Schools are split up into seven rays and that each ego must seek the path of Initiation through the ray to which it belongs. Where are the seven schools, corresponding to the seven rays, located and how is one to know to which ray he belongs? For instance, how is one to know that the Rosicrucian Fellowship is the ray that one should seek?

Answer: There are seven Mystery Schools teaching the nine Lesser Mysteries and five Mystery Schools teaching the four Greater Mysteries. These Mystery Schools are on the etheric plane and not on the physical. One is not eligible to enter them until he has progressed in his development to the point where he can consciously leave his physical body in his finer vehicles. Then he is able to attend the sessions of the school with which he is affiliated, held in its etheric temple. There are, in the world, however, certain exoteric organizations affiliated with the Mystery Schools. The Rosicrucian Fellowship is such an organization, and it is affiliated with the Rosicrucian Order on the invisible planes. Each individual has three rays or has affinity with three rays: First, the horoscopical ray, indicated by his ruling planet in the horoscope of birth. Second, his individual ray, which is revealed to him at the time of taking up discipleship work in the Rosicrucian Order. Third, his Father Star, which is not revealed to him until his last Initiation into the Mysteries.

ANGEL WINGS

QUESTION: Have Angels wings as shown in pictures?



From Doré's *Illustrations of the Crusades*, Gustave Doré (1833-1883)

The Road to Jerusalem

A luminous angel fortifies the hearts of Crusaders.

Answer: No; none of them have such bird wings as they are shown to have in pictures, but there are some classes of Beings in the Spirit World which have wing-like appendages. These, however, are not for the purpose of flying or moving through space, but are currents of outwelling force that may be hurled in one direction or another, as we use our arms and limbs. Thus an Archangel who is impelling the armies of two nations to battle may send out a current of spiritual force in one direction, numbing the soldiers of one army with fear, and may send another force to imbue the opposing, army with added courage, thus influencing the battle in a manner little dreamed of by the contestants.

CLAIRAUDIENCE

Question: Will you please explain the "voices"

that come from the Great Silence?

Answer: In general, hearing voices that are not of physical origin is an indication of some degree of clairaudience, that is, the ability to receive vibrations from the desire world or the world of thought, or from entities on those planes. Clairaudience may be either positive or negative, that is, it may come through the pineal gland and the pituitary body, in which case it is subject to the will of the person in question, or it may come through the solar plexus and involuntary nervous system, in which case it is not subject to his control. The majority of people who hear voices at present belong in the second class, and communications which they receive in this way are of a negative, mediumistic character. Mediumship in all forms is dangerous to the welfare and progress of the ego; therefore a person who hears voices should endeavor to keep himself in a very positive mental condition at all times so that the mediumistic phase will not be developed and so that, if possible, positive clairaudience may be established.

THE LOST WORD

Question: In occult literature we find mention of the Temple at Lhassa, Tibet. Of what Brotherhood or Order is this Temple, and is it true, as reported, that it is guarded?

Answer: According to all reports, and so far as the writer himself knows from contact with the members of that community in the invisible world, the spiritual attainment of some of the brothers comprising this Order is of a very high grade. They are doing a noble work with their people in the East, but like any other institution in the physical world which is perceived by the senses and open to visitors, however great the restrictions, it is not a mystery school. The mystery schools are all etheric and are only visited by initiates who have learned to leave their physical bodies behind. With respect to the part of the question which asks, "Is it true that there the Lost Word is known and carefully guarded," we may say that in all probability it is. However, it is also known and carefully guarded in many other places in the world outside the mystery schools, and to make this matter thoroughly clear it is necessary that we should understand what constitutes the different grades of spiritual gift and power possessed by various classes of humani-

ty and marking their stage in evolution.

There are, in the first place, the *involuntary clairvoyants*, who have at times the power to perceive things and events in the invisible world. When the power is on, they see whatever comes before their vision regardless of whether they like it or not, and they are unable to shut off these sights and scenes. The next higher class is the *voluntary clairvoyant*, who is able to see whenever he wishes, anything he desires, and he also has the power to shut off the view at any moment he chooses and return to his normal physical consciousness. Next above him in the scale of attainment stands the *Initiate*, who has learned by an act of will to leave his physical body and to enter as a free Spirit into the invisible world. There he functions as normally as he does in this realm of nature. He sees and hears everything he wishes to, but more than that, he has been initiated into the mysteries of the invisible world. He not only sees and hears but *he knows* what things are and what they mean.

The voluntary clairvoyant, who is able simply to see and hear, is very much subject to illusion regarding the things that come before his vision. Elementals, which have the power to clothe themselves in the mobile desire stuff, take a particular delight in deceiving and even frightening clairvoyants of both the voluntary and involuntary class. They may ensoul themselves in the shell of departed friends of these people and are responsible for a great deal of nonsense and misinformation given out at spiritualistic meetings. For these entities to deceive the initiate is impossible, because he has been taught in the mystery schools concerning such matters. Higher still in the scale of spiritual attainment stands the *Adept*, who not only is able to see and to know, but also has a *power* over the things in the invisible world. He is a graduate of the mystery school and has learned to use the Creative Word, the word of power, which was lost by humanity in its descent into matter. There may be one or more of these Adepts at the Temple of Lhassa in Tibet as well as in other places in the world. If so, these people naturally have the word of power and they carefully guard it, for it is a dangerous secret, a two-edged sword, which would certainly be suicidal in the hands of one not evolved to the point where he is spiritually fitted to have it. □