

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### *The Mystic Marriage; Materialism and Disintegration; Payment of Debts in the Next Life*

**QUESTION:** *I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know through your magazine the meaning of the symbolical phrases (which years ago I read in a book), “the marriage of Christian Rosenkreuz,” and “the secret marriages of the Rosicrucian Knights.”*

**Answer:** These phrases refer to the mystic marriage of the lower to the higher self. Through living lives of purity and service the spiritual powers are so unfolded that the “higher self” gains complete control. This process involves the raising of the divine creative fore from the lower creative organs to the head, where a connection is made between the pituitary body and pineal gland. On pages 478 and 479 of the *Cosmo* you will find this passage describing the “mystic marriage”:

“When the candidate has lived such a life for a time sufficient to establish the current of spiritual force, and is found worthy and qualified to receive esoteric instruction, he is taught certain exercises, to set the pituitary body in vibration. This vibration causes the pituitary body to impinge upon and slightly deflect the nearest line of force. This in turn impinges upon the line next to it, and so the process continues until the force of the vibration has been spent.

“When by the increased vibration of the pituitary body, the lines of force have been deflected sufficiently to reach the pineal gland, the object has been accomplished, the gap between these two organs has been bridged. This is the bridge between the World of Sense and the World of Desire.”

In terms of occult anatomy, it may be said that a nuptial union has been effected between the seat of

the human spirit and that of the life spirit. The vow of marriage that sanctions the generative act has its spiritual counterpart. In the words of Corinne Heline, there is “a wondrously constructed parallelism between the center of generation at the base of the spine and the center of regeneration at its apex in the head. At the one level man experiences physical marriage, at the other, the consummation of the transmutative life which results in the spiritual union of the polar opposites within the individual and which is esoterically termed the Mystic Marriage.”—*Occult Anatomy and the Bible*, p. 250

#### MATERIALIZATION AND DISINTEGRATION

**Question:** How can materialism cause disintegration of the vehicles of the Virgin Spirit when every kind word, action, or thought is built into the golden wedding garment and constitutes the heavenly treasures of the Spirit? Does not the materialist also have some good harvest of actions and thoughts, for instance, a man like Darwin? Then, too, how about the Lucifer Spirits who have failed in evolution but whose vehicles are not disintegrating?

**Answer:** The statement in the Rosicrucian philosophy that materialism will eventually cause the disintegration of all the vehicles refers to an extreme case; that is where materialism (love of earthly things, sense gratification, and all things pertaining to the lower life) has become so pronounced and so intense that it causes the lower self to abandon good and take up evil permanently and irrevocably, refusing entirely to listen to or follow the prompting of the Spirit. Only then are the vehicles entirely lost.

In such a case as this the Spirit abandons the lower vehicles, or bodies, the bridge of mind

between the Spirit and the lower self is broken, and the lower vehicles become a soulless personality which is subject to eventual disintegration. The Spirit after abandoning its lower vehicles finally passes into chaos by way of the Moon and the planet Saturn, where it remains indefinitely awaiting the beginning a new cosmic day.

This is entirely different from the ordinary conception of materialism, which consists of a lack of belief in spiritual realities or a lack of belief in religion; the latter is only a preliminary stage of materialism, and will not result in the loss of the vehicles, unless it is carried very much farther in a succession of lives. A man like Darwin, of course, and others of his type who live constructive lives have a great deal to their credit and are in no danger of losing their vehicles unless they carry the process a great deal farther and thereby lose all touch with the Spirit.

The Lucifers have not failed. They are stragglers, but not on account of materialism. They refused to obey Jehovah-God when commanded by Him to assist in imprisoning the plant, mineral, and human kingdoms in forms. These forms are largely created out of water, and as the fiery Lucifers disliked water they refused to work with it. In doing this they threw themselves out of line with the ordinary method of evolutionary procedure, and having thus become an anomaly in nature they have been forced to work out their own salvation in their own way.

#### PAYMENT OF DEBTS IN THE NEXT LIFE

**Question:** Is purgatory sufficient to purge us from all sins, or do we have to pay part of the debt when we return in a new body? Some passages in the Rosicrucian literature seem to indicate that purgatory fully cleanses us, but other passages seem to indicate the contrary, for instance, that which describes the man who was born blind. How do you explain these passages?

**Answer:** Purgatory eradicates from the desire body all the coarse, low, selfish, and criminal desires and impulses by tearing out of it by the force of repulsion the coarse desire stuff of a nature corresponding to these desires. Thus the ego is entirely purged of all sinful desires, and is then free to rise into the heaven worlds. This process of



Engraving, from illustrations for Dante's *Divine Comedy (Purgatorio)*, Gustave Doré, 1832-1883

*Dante is struck by awe at the sight of the angel who guides the Boat of Souls to Purgatory: "The heavenly steersman at the prow was seen/ Visibly written blessed in his looks."*

purging, however, does not pay his debt of destiny, which he has contracted with other egos on the earth. Neither does it neutralize the forces which he has set into operation in his earth lives but which have not yet expended themselves.

Therefore, when he comes back to rebirth, these debts are still waiting for him to pay, and these forces are still waiting for him to transmute. Thus a person who in a preceding life was careless or criminally selfish in some way so that he caused some other person to become blind, may be required by destiny to pay that debt in the next life by suffering blindness. Also the association with egos in preceding lives has made either friends or foes for him, and he will be reborn among the same egos one or more times in order that he may work out his debts of destiny with them and pay them what he owes them or receive that which they owe him. Thus both passages in the Rosicrucian literature referred to are correct. □