

READER'S QUESTIONS

Mother Love as a Factor in Materialization; Max Heindel's Health; Postmortem State of a Miser

QUESTION: IS IT POSSIBLE for a mother who has passed into the invisible world to help her children directly or indirectly? Does she make hands of flesh with which to work, or in what way does she aid them?

Answer: The Society for Psychical Research has investigated a number of cases where it has been shown that the mother has materialized in order to save her small children from disaster or accidents.

There is no doubt that many young mothers are earth-bound for a long time by the love they bear their small and helpless children. We feel certain that if they were able they would often manifest to give them help and comfort, but the seed-atom having been ruptured at the time of death, they are not generally able to draw to themselves even the most attenuated gaseous matter that would make them visible, except in a very few cases where the need is so great that it begets in the mother a desire of such dynamic intensity that for a moment or two it compels the physical atoms to marshal themselves into her body and enables her to do that which she desires. Thus she performs a magical feat without knowing how she has done it, and of course she cannot repeat it unless it happens under similar circumstances.

In this respect the people who have passed into the invisible worlds differ radically from the Invisible Helpers who leave their body at will, the silver cord is intact in their case and this gives them a continuous connection with the physical seed-atom. Its magnetism is therefore exerted and it requires a subconscious effort on the part of the

Invisible Helper to keep the physical particles from flowing into the etheric vehicle in which he travels. On the other hand, when he desires to aid any one who may be in distress, or to perform a certain work, he materializes a hand or an arm with the greatest of ease simply by consciously allowing the physical atoms in his closest environment to flow into the etheric matrix, and when he has performed the desired task, another effort of thought scatters the strange atoms and dematerializes the hand or arm. Thus, for instance, when working inside the body of a patient to manipulate a diseased organ or stanch the blood in an artery, fingers are made temporarily from the flesh of the patient without causing him the least discomfort, and are as readily dissolved when the work is done.

Question: If, as a previous article in your Question Department asserts, it is possible for a person to have a perfect body when he lives in accordance with divine law, how was it that Max Heindel suffered throughout his life from certain physical handicaps, and why could he not have been healed through the Rosicrucian system of healing? Why could he not have ruled his stars?

Answer: Max Heindel suffered from the effects of an operation on the bones of the lower part of his leg due to an accident in early youth. The operation was not properly performed, resulting in a partial cutting off of the blood supply. Aside from this his health was excellent until the very last years of his life when the strain of the work at Headquarters wore him down.

It is an occult law that binds Initiates that they

may use their spiritual powers to help others, but they may not use them to heal themselves. Such healing as they may receive must come through ordinary channels. The Initiate in the lower degrees still has much past destiny to pay off, and this frequently results in his being obliged to inhabit an impaired physical body. But he knows the debt must be paid and he makes no effort to avoid it, even though he frequently possesses the power to do so. Many debts of destiny may be paid by service to the race, but certain other debts, we are told, can only be paid by living under some sort of handicap.

Question: The *Cosmo* says that the dead miser in the lower Desire World can see his gold and his heirs squandering it, when he has no sense organs or any material coarse enough in vibration to be in harmony with the dense physical world. We cannot see the Desire World until we evolve the centers of the desire body. How then can those in the Desire World see us when they have discarded the physical sense organs?

Answer: You understand, of course, that the Desire World, the ethers and the Physical World interpenetrate one another so that the miser is right here among us just the same as he was when he had a physical body to wear. But it is not generally understood that the densest desire stuff of which the lower regions of the Desire World are composed, and the chemical ether, which is the lowest of the four ethers, and even the physical gases are exceedingly closely knit and form the outside layer of all spirits which have just been released from the physical body. They are therefore living in the lower region of the Desire World in so close touch with the physical that it is amazing to the writer that people cannot see them going about among us.

They are like the man who has left a room on a bright sunny day—the sunshine blinds him, but he

can clearly see things inside the room when he turns towards it. Thus the miser and all others who have just left the physical body see the people in this world much more clearly than they see the things in the Desire World where they are; for as the man who goes out into the sunshine must first accustom himself to see things there by adjusting the focus of his eyes, so also the spirits which have just entered the Desire World after death require a little time for this readjustment. And the densest material in their being which is thrown out towards the periphery by the centrifugal force of repulsion keeps them earthbound for a longer or a shorter time until they have shed this coarsest material and are able to contact the finer vibrations of the higher regions. For that reason the miser, the drunkard, the sensualist, and similar people whose desires are naturally low and

vicious remain in these nether regions, which may well be called hell, for a much longer time than people with high ideals and spiritual aspirations who have endeavored during life to eradicate their vices and to subdue their lower nature. Their desire bodies contain comparatively little coarse material and that is soon worn away leaving them free to soar to higher spheres.

With regard to the question as to how the miser can see the physical things when he has no sense organs, we may say that there are no specialized sense organs in the finer vehicles; but just as we feel with the whole surface of our body, so the spirits see and hear not only with the surface, but with every single atom of their spiritual body, inside and outside, and what they perceive is not really the physical objects which we see with our physical eyes but every chair, table, desk or whatever other physical form, is interpenetrated by both ethers and desire stuff. It is this that they perceive, and that to them is as real and tangible as the physical forms are to our senses. □

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