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THE SUPERMAN

There has been much talk about the Superman in recent years. The term has come to be a part of everyone's vocabulary. Supermanship is the goal that ordinary man is striving for. It is the state he will attain to eventually. But as yet the average man knows little of the means by which he may achieve that end.

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Current Topics

From the Rosicrucian viewpoint

By JOSEPH DARROW

It is the aim of this Department to correlate current events with the underlying laws of occult philosophy, so as to illustrate the fact that the visible world of affairs is governed by the forces of the invisible world, which is the realm of causes.

The Wonders of Science

SCIENCE has accomplished a marvelous work in the last half century. Those metaphysical students who are prone to belittle physical science are making a mistake, because it occupies a most important place in modern evolution and one which no other agency can fill. It is a law that we must investigate the nature and conditions of every plane with the senses which are correlated to that plane. We must explore the physical world and obtain our knowledge of its laws with the physical senses. If we wish to investigate the etheric world, we must use the etheric senses. If we desire information about the desire world, we must use the senses of the desire body. We cannot ascertain the laws of physics and chemistry either by the etheric senses or by the clairvoyant senses pertaining to the desire body. Those students of occultism who imagine that clairvoyance is the "open sesame" to all knowledge on all planes are greatly mistaken. Our five physical senses are of the utmost importance on the physical plane, and our only means of ascertaining and verifying the laws of nature which pertain to the physical world.

Perhaps the greatest contribution which modern science has given to the world is the knowledge of the constitu-

tion of the physical atom. Through the researches of the scientist we know that the atom, which formerly was supposed to be indivisible, is made up of a varying number of electrical units; that is, it consists of a positive electrical nucleus called a proton, surrounded by a number of negative electrical charges called electrons. The proton is analogous to the sun, whereas the electrons are analogous to the planets, and like the planets they are circling around their central sun, the proton, in orbits of varying diameters and at different velocities. In other words, an atom is a miniature solar system.

It has also been found that the only difference between different elements lies in the number of electrons of which their respective atoms are formed; that is, the only difference between carbon and platinum is the difference in the number of electrons composing an atom of carbon and one of platinum. Carbon and platinum are not radically different substances; they are in reality the same primal substance, the only difference between them being that of electrical arrangement.

The next division of matter is that of the molecule, a molecule of any substance being composed of a certain number of atoms. Molecules are grouped together in masses to form matter as we know it.

The subject of atoms and electrons is a marvelous one. Its study is almost a realization of fairyland. To quote a modern writer on the subject: "Atoms, molecules, and electrons are the magic keys which unlock for us the anteroom to

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the eternal mysteries of energy and matter. They reveal the secrets of the ages. They bring the dream of the alchemist to pass. They usher us into a new world as vast and awe-inspiring as the infinite depths of space. They are the threads in the loom on which the Master Artist weaves his magic tapestries. They paint the gorgeous colors of the rainbow and the sunset. They flood the heavens with the delicate glow of the beautiful aurora borealis and explain the wonder of the zodiacal light. Their magic sway extends from the tiniest speck of matter to the remotest bounds of the universe. Walls may crumble and empires fall, civilizations drop off from Time's bough, worlds come and go, this universe resolve itself into primeval chaos, and still atoms, molecules, and electrons will remain, the primal stuff from which creation will proceed anew."

Science may almost be said to be the materialization of poetry, or rather, science has within it the essence of poetry.

Dr. Michael Pupin, the noted scientist of Columbia University, has indicated some of the poetical possibilities of science in the following:

"The electron is the most law-abiding creature in the universe; the most ordinary intelligence can manage it. It loves, honors, and obeys the law, and its eternal mission is to serve. God employed the heavenly host of electronic workers to build the atoms, the molecules, and the galaxies of burning stars. These celestial furnaces, throbbing with the blazing energy of the electronic host, are molding all kinds of planetary castings and tempering them so as to be just right for organic life. One of these primordial planetary castings is our mother earth; it is a mere dust speck in the universe, but this dust speck is the home of the soul of man, and this lifts our tiny earth to a place of honor near the throne of God. The soul of man is, as far as we

know, the noblest product of God's creation. Its breath of life is the beautiful electronic music, and to be thrilled by the melody of that cosmic song is the highest aim in our study of electrical science."

From a philosophical standpoint the all-important discovery of modern science is the fact that matter is a form of energy, and therefore that there is nothing in the universe except energy. Science, as stated above, has proved that matter is made up of electrons, which are a form of electrical energy. Matter, which once was considered indestructible, is now known to be as volatile and imponderable in its basic constituency as a sunbeam or a strain of music. The occult scientist steps in at this point and contributes the additional fact that energy is nothing but spirit in motion.

Therefore since there is nothing in the universe but energy, and energy is a phase of spirit, consequently there is nothing in the universe but spirit. Thus is the basic contention of the philosopher proved through the agency of the material scientist. Also the old query of the materialist as to where matter came from in the first place has been answered by science. Matter came out of the imponderable, immaterial, primal energy of the universe.

This being so, it is easy to see that all things are possible. All the old delusions and limitations of matter which hemmed in the theories of the theologian have now been evaporated into thin space along with the evaporation of matter itself. If we can prove that there is nothing in the universe except energy, then the statements of the occultist and the metaphysician about the invisible planes of nature such as the etheric world, the desire world, and the mental world are quite believable. We can then bring ourselves to believe that there are such materials as ether, desire stuff, and mind stuff belonging to these higher

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realms even though we have never seen them. Also it is easy to acquire the belief that physical death does not end everything, and that when we step out of the physical body we proceed into one of these other worlds made up of these finer substances. Moreover, it is easily conceivable that we may have a future existence on each of these higher planes, after which we come back to the physical plane again for another sojourn here in order to learn more of the lessons of evolution which the physical world can teach.

In other words, the discoveries of physical science have, for the thinking man, destroyed disbelief in a future life, destroyed materialism, and made spiritual evolution a concrete reality. This is a tremendous thing when we stop to think about it; and the beauty of it is that science has proved the foundation of all these things by physical methods, using physical instruments. Science has proved it in such a way that the materialist and the skeptic can no longer question its reality. The materialist has had his foundations knocked out from under him. He is left suspended in mid-air, so to speak, and figuratively we see him sprawling around in awkward and grotesque attitudes, endeavoring to get his balance and re-establish his poise. This he will do as soon as he has had time to reconcile these new ideas with his old ones.

Another thing which science has done is to make the existence of the Supreme Being almost a necessity. It is inconceivable to the real scientist that all of this wonderful aggregation of worlds within worlds could have just happened, that it could have come into existence by chance, that these worlds go on their appointed way subject to blind laws which have not been established by some Being. The scientist is practically com-

pelled to postulate the existence of a Supreme Being, and it will only be a comparatively short time when this postulate will be proved a fact. Then the day of atheism will be gone forever.

The question might occur to some: Where did spirit come from in the beginning? Everything in the universe, including spirit, came from the Absolute. Its nature may best be indicated in the words of Max Heindel: "The Absolute is beyond comprehension (of ordinary humanity). No expression nor simile which we are capable of conceiving can possibly convey any adequate idea. Manifestation implies limitation. Therefore we may at best characterize the Absolute as Boundless Being, as the Root of Existence." When we advance spiritually to higher planes we shall have a better comprehension of this matter. In the meantime we have plenty to think about and study in connection with the lower phases of it.

The occult scientist, the metaphysician, is contributing his full share to this gradual process of human enlightenment. His revelations are of incalculable aid in hastening the end of atheism and agnosticism. But the two branches, namely, physical science and occult science, must come together and work together, each supplementing the other. Physical science uses the physical senses for its investigations; occult science uses the occult senses for its explorations. The revelations of all these senses must be put together and used before we shall have a complete conception of the universe.

Science is being spiritualized in spite of itself by its own findings. We are rapidly approaching the time when science will be religious and religion will be scientific. This is a consummation greatly to be hoped for, and to him with the seeing eye it is fast approaching.

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AFTER
DEATH

UNION OF
PHYSICAL
AND OCCULT
SCIENCE

The Mystic Light

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a movement for the dissemination of a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and scientific aspects. The Rosicrucian Philosophy gives a reasonable solution to all the mysteries of life. It is entirely Christian, but presents the Christian teachings from a new viewpoint, giving new explanations of the truth which creeds may have obscured.

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An Old Friend

BY DOROTHY DOBBINS

You come to me from out the past,
A friend I used to know,
In distant days, remote and gone,
A long, long time ago.

It may have been in ancient Greece,
In India or Rome,
Atlantis too no doubt was once
The land we called our home.

Vast continents may sink from sight,
Great nations disappear;
Our souls live on and meet again
As you and I meet here.

Familiar are your voice and smile,
Your eyes are deep and true;
The very way you hold your head
Recalls another you.

I know not when or where it was
We lived and loved of yore,
I only know I recognize
A friend I've loved before.

In many lives we must have been
Companion souls, steadfast;
I'm glad that we have met again,
Old friend from out the past.

The Christian Mystic Initiation

BY MAX HEINDEL

CHAPTER VI.

GETHSEMANE THE GARDEN OF GRIEF

“AND WHEN they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. And Jesus saith unto them, ‘All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd,

and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.’

“But Peter said unto him, ‘Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.’

“And Jesus saith unto him, ‘Verily, I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.’

“But he spake the more vehemently, ‘If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise.’ Likewise also said they all.

“And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples. ‘Sit ye here while I shall pray.’ And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, ‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful unto death; tarry ye here and watch.’ And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass from him. And he said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: Nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.’ And he cometh and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, ‘Simon, sleepest thou? Coudest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.’ ”—*Mark*, 14:26-38.

In the foregoing Gospel narrative we have one of the saddest and most difficult of the experiences of the Christian Mystic outlined in spiritual form. During all his previous experience he has wandered blindly along, that is to say, blind to the fact that he is on the Path which if consistently followed leads to a definite goal, but being also keenly alert to the slightest sigh of every suffering soul. He has concentrated all his efforts upon alleviating their pain physically, morally, or mentally; he has served them in any and every capacity; he has taught them the gospel of love, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”; and he has been a *living example* to all in its practice. Therefore he has drawn to himself a little band of friends whom he loves with the tenderest of affection. Them has he also taught and served unstintingly, even to the foot washing. But during this period of service he has become so saturated with the sorrows of the world that he is indeed a *Man of*

Sorrows and acquainted with grief as no one else can be.

This is a very definite experience of the Christian Mystic, and it is the most important factor in furthering his spiritual progress. So long as we are bored when people come to us and tell us their troubles, so long as we run away from them and seek to escape hearing their tales of woe, we are far from the Path. Even when we listen to them and have schooled ourselves not to show that we are bored, when we say with our lips only a few sympathetic words that fall flat on the sufferer's ear, we gain nothing in spiritual growth. It is absolutely essential to the Christian Mystic that he become so attuned to the world's woe that he feels every pang as his own hurt and stores it up within his heart.

When *Parsifal* stood in the temple of the Holy Grail and saw the suffering of Amfortas the stricken Grail King, he was mute with sympathy and compassion for a long time after the procession had passed out of the hall, and consequently could not answer the questions of Gurnemanz, and it was that deep fellow feeling which prompted him to seek for the spear that should heal Amfortas. *It was the pain of Amfortas felt in the heart of Parsifal by sympathy which held him firmly balanced upon the path of virtue when temptation was strongest.* It was that deep pain of compassion which urged him through many years to seek the suffering Grail king, and finally when he had found Amfortas, this deep, heartfelt fellow feeling enabled him to pour forth the healing balm.

As it is shown in the soul myth of Parsifal, so it is in the actual life and experience of the Christian Mystic: he must drink deeply of the cup of sorrow, he must drain it to the very dregs so that by the cumulative pain which threatens to burst his heart he may pour himself out unreservedly and unstintedly for the healing and helping of the world. Then Gethsemane, the garden of grief, is a familiar place to him, watered with

tears for the sorrows and sufferings of humanity.

Through all his years of self-sacrifice his little band of friends had been the consolation of Jesus. He had already learned to renounce the ties of blood. "Who is my mother and my brother? They that do the will of my Father." Though no true Christian neglects his social obligations or withholds love from his family, the spiritual ties are nevertheless the strongest, and through them comes the crowning grief; through the desertion of his spiritual friends he learns to drink to the dregs the cup of sorrow. He does not blame them for their desertion but excuses them with the words, "The Spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak," for he knows by his own experience how true this is. But he finds that in the supreme sorrow they cannot comfort him, and therefore he turns to *the only source of comfort, the Father in Heaven*. He has arrived at the point where human endurance seems to have reached its limit, and he prays to be spared a greater ordeal, but with a blind trust in the Father he bows his will and offers all unreservedly.

That is the moment of realization. Having drunk the cup of sorrow to the dregs, being deserted by all, he experiences that temporary awful fear of being utterly alone which is one of the most terrible if not the most terrible experience that can come into the life of a human being. All the world seems dark about. He knows that in spite of all the good he has done or tried to do the powers of darkness are seeking to slay him. He knows that the mob that a few days before had cried "Hosannah" will on the morrow be ready to shout "Crucify! Crucify!" His relations and now his last few friends have fled, and they were also even ready to deny.

But when we are on the pinnacle of grief we are nearest to the throne of grace. The agony and the grief, the sorrow and the suffering borne within the Christian Mystic's breast are more price-

less and precious than the wealth of the Indies, for when he has lost all human companionship and when he has given himself over unreservedly to the Father a transmutation takes place: the grief is turned to compassion, the only power in the world that can fortify a man about to mount the hill of Golgotha and give his life for humanity, not a sacrifice of death but a *living sacrifice*, lifting himself by lifting others.

(To be continued)

Voltaire, the Master of Fate

BY PETER GRAY WOLF

The intellectual and spiritual powers which man may contact can by no means be measured or indicated by his initial physical equipment. One of the most powerful minds that ever appeared upon this planet was the mind of Voltaire. When he entered the world, it was supposed that he was born dead. The nurse, busy and flustered, laid the little body upon a sofa. A few minutes later Voltaire's grandfather entered the room and seeing no one except his beloved daughter, sat down upon the future philosopher! But the old gentleman instantly jumped into the air, for the infant uttered a cry of piercing indignation. This was the first expression of Voltaire, whose mind was to exhibit itself in maturity as the foe of oppression; a mind which was one of the causes of the French Revolution; which overthrew tyrannical kings and liberated millions of men from fear and superstition.

Francois Marie Arouet (Voltaire) was baptized, but the child was so feeble that for several months the nurse reported him at the point of death. He lived, however, to an advanced age, writing scores of books, the most eminent European of the eighteenth century. He is an inspiration to all who consider themselves weaklings or seem harassed by adverse fate. Voltaire, from the moment of his birth, met and conquered fate and made it his servant. For he was a master!

The Finale of the Ante-Aquarian Age

BY JOS. P. HENNINGS

A HISTORY STUDENT'S BACCALAUREATE
ADDRESS IN THE YEAR 3927 A. D.

(*This article was awarded second prize
in our recent competition.*—EDITOR.)

HERE IS no subject of study or research that is so apt to make us grateful and appreciative of this present day and age (A. D. 3927) as a study of the history of the human race. This is particularly true when applied to a period of which we have such a clear and detailed picture as of the last 1000 years of the ante-Aquarian Age, a transition period of darkness and confusion, the darkest hour of a long night which overshadowed humanity just before a glorious dawn.

I may presume that every one in this audience is thoroughly familiar with the geographical and geological changes which took place between 2000 and 2500 A. D., resulting mainly in the creation of this our country, Aquaria, out of what formerly was a part of the bed of the Pacific Ocean, and in a simultaneous lowering of great stretches of the old country below sea level. The most interesting part of the old world map to us is, of course, that narrow strip of land called California, then the west coast of the United States of America, which we conceive of as the beginning of Aquaria. It must have been of comparatively recent origin, probably raised out of the ocean by slow degrees in the course of the first 1500 years of the Christian Era. Though we have no definite records of this process (America was only discovered by civilized man in 1492), the earth itself, showing a great amount of white sea sand and stones almost exclusively of the smooth, water-polished kind in addition to numerous fossils, is an open book to anybody who has learned to read its script. One of the most interesting

and absorbing chapters in this book is its record of the climatic conditions in this embryo of a new continent, its flora and fauna, everything appearing to be "made to order."

The selection of its inhabitants, done in the most haphazard manner if judged by the standards of that time, becomes the orderly execution of a vast and wonderfully intricate divine plan when seen and studied from the perspective of 2000 years' progress. Alas, the time at my disposal and the limited purpose of my speech do not permit delving into details of the divine plan. Neither am I going to bore my audience by using old-style textbook methods, neatly tabulating facts and figures in chronological order, nor will I try to "throw a new light" on things which have been under the glaring illumination of every known light vibration in the spectrum. I intend to treat my subject from an angle which in my opinion has been unduly neglected and which nevertheless constitutes a "conditio sine qua non" for success in the study of history, viz., the astral-mental viewpoint.

The contrast between 3927 and 1927 A. D. is so striking that we would have to admit great incongruity in evolutionary proportions if it were not for our knowledge of mathematical progressions. The speed of a falling stone may not be more than a mile a minute at the start, but it gains momentum as it falls from great heights and may hit the earth while going at the rate of a mile a second.

So it is with our progress.

Where and what were "we" in the ante-planetary age when our entire solar system consisted of nothing but one giant spiral nebula with a diameter of double the distance between the sun and the planet Neptune? We were infinitesimal parts of this nebula, and an imaginary

interested observer would not have discovered any trace of evolutionary tendencies for uncountable millions of years. Came a time when that same interested observer would have had to admit that we *had* progressed after all. We crawled through the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms of the ante-human age. We dragged along as cave man and savage; we reached a walking pace in the ante-Aquarian age, a slow trot in the last 500 years of this same age, and are now speeding onward, upward, forward at an undreamt-of velocity.

Just as there is a decided difference between walking and running, so there is a decided difference between the outward form of evolution before and after the beginning of the Aquarian age. The latter half of the Piscean period was the transition period from one form to another, from walking to running, from being prodded, forced, and whipped along the path, to voluntary joyful running; from unconscious to conscious evolution, from slaves to co-workers and helpers of God Almighty.

I like to compare this transition period to the age of adolescence. What is the outstanding feature of adolescence? It is this: Youth knows everything and can do nothing. Coming fresh from the sources of all knowledge and having had nothing to do but "increase in age, wisdom, and grace before God and men," youth is brimful of knowledge but as yet has not learned to apply it. This peculiar contradictory state of affairs, sometimes charming in its naivete but more often tragic, and then again comical, is a characteristic of youth, just as it was a characteristic of the last thousand years of the ante-Aquarian age.

There is hardly a single subject on which the student of today is not referred to the master minds of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. It is there that we find the modest originators of theories which eventually revolutionized the world. The planets Uranus and Neptune were discovered in the 18th and

19th centuries, respectively, and were destined to furnish striking proof of the theory that the influential power of anything—or anybody—whether it be spiritual, mental, or physical, increases in the same degree that the subject influenced is aware of its existence. The discovery of these two planets inaugurated an era of invention such as the world had never seen before. Forces which had lain dormant for untold ages, such as electricity, magnetism, etc., were now harnessed for the service of man; even the discovery of thought power—this two-edged sword which later very nearly caused humanity's suicide—can be traced back to 19th and 20th century "visionaries."

The telephone, telegraph, electric light, wireless telegraphy, telephotography, automobile, aeroplane, radio, a thousand and one electric appliances, and various instruments of explosion from a simple motor to what in 20th-century war parlance was called a "machine of hell"—all these wonderful inventions may be ascribed to the influence of Uranus; while gas light, poison gas, submarines, moving pictures, gramophones, phonographs, and all music-reproducing machines, also ether, chloroform, and other anaesthetics, as well as the countless inventions and appliances which grew out of the advancement in chemistry and bacteriology must be accredited to Neptune. It is significant that these planets were discovered only sixty-five years apart. Their vibrations intermingle, and most inventions of the ante-Aquarian age bear traces of both. The "stench bombs" of ill repute, submarines propelled by internal combustion engines, radio-phonographs, and vitaphones—which was the name given to talking pictures—are striking examples.

Nor were the higher sciences at a standstill. While astronomy pushed back the walls of the universe by many thousands of light years, psychology delved into the mysteries of the mind, and philosophy actually found the

“philosopher’s stone,” although those who realized it were only few and those few united in occult societies, fellowships, or brotherhoods with headquarters mostly along the Pacific coast, thus forming the nuclei for a new age. Alas, for so much knowledge and so little wisdom!

It is hard to conceive of a greater contrast than that between the knowledge of the 20th-century man and conditions in his daily life. But in my estimation there was a still greater contrast between the teachings of Jesus the Christ and the life of those who professed to be His followers; between the religion which had its central idea in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men, and the individual as well as national conduct in so-called Christian countries. Never before had the world seen a religion that was preached so much and lived so little. It seems that science and religion, both of unprecedented richness, attained only to intellectual conceptions and never penetrated the hard crust of the human soul. And so we have before our eyes the tragedy of a human race stricken with blindness.

If they had only failed to apply science and religion, all would have been comparatively well; but they used these divine gifts to strike one another, to commit individual, national and racial, physical and spiritual suicide. That age of unprecedented spontaneous progress was, paradoxically enough, also an age of unprecedented retrogression. “Brotherhood” was preached from the pulpit, while a wave of crime threatened to engulf the earth; penal institutions took on enormous proportions, and practically no attempt was ever made to salvage the fallen brothers, to educate, to correct them. On the contrary, conditions were such that the criminal after serving his sentence left the penitentiary a worse man in body and soul than he ever had been. The practice of brotherhood was the outspoken purpose of innumerable societies, lodges, and fraterni-

ties, while at the same time there was not a single large city in the world that had not its so-called residential districts where people lived in luxury, often in gluttony and idleness, while just a few blocks away there was a “slum” district with conditions that defy our keenest imagination.

Slums were a typical feature of the latter half of the Piscean period, and as nowadays only very few people know the meaning of this word, I will try as best I can to picture a slum district. I have already mentioned the extraordinary influence of Uranus and Neptune on the period under consideration, but I have mentioned only their positive or constructive side. Slums represent their negative or destructive influence. While preparing my lecture and thinking of this interesting feature a few days ago, I fell asleep and had a peculiar, vivid dream. I thought I was a prominent citizen in the most prosperous country of the Piscean period. It was midday in the Lenten season. I had luncheon in a gorgeous restaurant flooded with a dim purplish-red light; a negro band produced a kind of music which was at times irritating and at other times lulling to the finer senses, while at all times exciting and catering to the lower desires. My meal—if you can call it a meal—consisted of dead broiled lobster, a large piece of dead fowl, strongly spiced vegetables of the starchy and protein-containing kind, some kind of alcoholic wine, and strong coffee. Then I lit a rolled piece of brown tobacco leaf which they called a cigar, and produced clouds of smoke around my head. I felt all the low impulses of a savage and, peculiarly enough, I regretted that I was a prominent citizen because my standing in society forbade indulging in my low desires.

Leisurely I strolled along the street, blowing rings of smoke, until I came to a large, beautiful cathedral that offered a midday Lenten service. I went in and heard a powerful sermon, the theme of

which was: "*A new commandment I give unto you: that ye love one another.*" After the sermon there was some heavenly organ music and singing. Suddenly an inner voice said to me: "This is Neptune at his best!" Then I went out into a narrow, dark, and dirty street and looked into a shop window. There were dream books, books on palmistry, hypnotism, and fortune telling, books on how to gamble successfully, and what not, intermingled with lewd, salacious literature. In the back part of the house was a den with some people lying on benches dreaming under the influence of opium smoke. Next door was a drug store which was true to its name in that it did a flourishing trade in drugs. On the other side was a saloon emitting the smell of tobacco, beer, and human sweat. Thieves lurked in the doorways and other criminals worse than thieves. Again the inner voice spoke, and said: "*This is Neptune at his worst!*"

There were also underground passages and halls where bombs were manufactured and where anarchists and other enemies of society had their meeting places; and there were horrible dens of vice for the abnormal and diseased—"*Uranus and Neptune at their worst!*" People were dying by the thousands from hunger, disease, deprivation, vice, crime, and self-poisoning habits; and there were children who never had seen the glories of God's nature, who from their earliest childhood had been poisoned in body and mind and led into a life of degeneration. Such were the slums in rich, prosperous, *Christian* countries!

II.

Historians of yesterday did not recognize astrology, and what I call the "finale of the ante-Aquarian age" was then called the industrial age. Industry, being dependent on Uranio-Neptunian inventions, had its birth in the early part of this period and was one of its outstanding features; it died, or rather was

transmuted, at the beginning of the Aquarian age. Industry and commerce were intimately interwoven, and both were typical of the narrow, short-sighted egotism of their times. They were conducted for private profit, not for the welfare of the city, the nation, or humanity at large. Prices were regulated not so much by cost of production as by supply, demand, and competition. The hardest for us to understand is competition. We are used to welcome any additional factories in our particular line, as they mean for us more leisure, more time for study, recreation, and mental advancement. But in those days an additional factory meant reduction in profits, which in turn meant less leisure, less recreation, less of everything desirable. Why? Simply because we now regard humanity as one indivisible whole; one man's profit is of course everybody's profit; one man's loss everybody's loss. But 2000 years ago it was the exact opposite.

Permit me to cite a concrete example. Take a shoe factory, for instance. Shoes, by the way, were made of leather, the skin of animals, but this has no bearing on my subject. We now know exactly the quantity of shoes needed at any time and at any place, and we manufacture accordingly. Not so in the olden days of individual production. A manufacturer would then throw as many shoes on the market as he could produce at a price as high as the public would pay. Some other manufacturer would do the same thing but sell just a little cheaper. The result would be that the first man's goods did not sell, and for a time no profit was made. Then No. 1 would reduce his costs by paying smaller wages to his laborers and would thereby be enabled to sell his goods cheaper. No. 2, in turn would hire a number of clever salesmen who would talk the public into giving his products the preference. Advertising would be brought into play, often grossly misrepresenting the facts, often inducing the public to buy things that were en-

tirely useless or, to say the least, not needed and not wanted.

Less than one-fourth of the population were actually engaged in useful or productive occupations; the other three-fourths were salesmen, advertisers or producers of advertising tricks, and members and upholders of that cumbersome, unwieldy monetary machine called the banking industry, that had for its sole purpose the protection of individual property, keeping minute records of "mine" and "thine." The latter three-fourths also included agents or middlemen, storekeepers, soldiers, suppliers of soldiers' needs, producers of war machines, rich idlers, etc.—all representing an enormous waste of energy and time, a dead loss to humanity. Is it any wonder that in spite of all the wonderful inventions, the labor-saving appliances and machines, and in spite of the feverish haste and great energy with which man and beast in the 20th century worked for eight, nine, or ten hours a day there was want, misery, and starvation?

What has been said about individual life holds good to an even greater extent in national and international life, one nation competing with another. Finding that the products of the other nation were cheaper or better than her own, one would logically think that she would gladly accept those foreign products; but no, such logic is only of comparatively recent origin. They did exactly the contrary; they erected protective tariff walls, artificially raising the price of foreign goods beyond their own. Every country "protected" its inferior branches of industry, with the inevitable result that finally every country "enjoyed" the highest possible prices for the lowest possible quality in every branch of manufacturing. And just as one industrial concern would work to the detriment of another, the stronger always ruining and absorbing the weaker, so one nation would work against the vital interests of another, exploiting the weakness of its sister nation.

Though in the churches children and grown people sang, "Peace on earth and good will toward men," still there was rarely a time when some nation was not at war against another in some region of the world. There were a great many nations at that time, and every single one kept up an expensive military machine consisting of a standing army of young and healthy men trained for killing and destruction, also warships, submarines, aeroplanes, armored cars, and an immense number and variety of destructive war engines, explosives, and weapons. Several great industries were exclusively engaged in the production of such instruments of warfare, and every possible new invention was utilized for the same purpose.

Thus were the most benefic stellar rays turned into the greatest afflictions. Uranus and Neptune were made the slaves of Mars.

As time went on, war became more and more terrible, devastating, and suicidal. The conqueror suffered as much as the conquered, and only too often both were all but ruined. Then came a time when humanity was deemed ripe for a very severe lesson, the war of 1914-18. They called it the Great War. They did not know that two greater wars were yet to come before they would be willing to substitute reason for violence. True to my promise, I will not go into encyclopedic details; but nevertheless I shall have to make a few specific references to this war to show how stubbornly the human race clung to its animalistic nature in spite of the staggering blows it had to suffer on this account. Here are a few facts and figures:

The aggregate number of soldiers killed in the great war of 1914-18 as given in historical records was about 13,000,000; the number of civilians killed by war diseases, bombardments, massacres, submarine attacks, etc., was likewise about 13,000,000: a total of 26,000,000 of the world's best, in the prime of life—dead! An illustration

may help us to visualize this immense number. Imagine a parade, ten men in a row, going by at the rate of thirty rows per minute, day and night without cessation; it would take two months for these 26,000,000 men to pass. This number does not include the wounded and the crippled, of which there most certainly was an equally appalling number.

And here is another fact worth mentioning because it throws an interesting side light on 20th century psychology: One of the warring nations torpedoed a ship belonging to another nation, and 1,000 lives were lost. It is recorded that the world was stunned by this outrage. Did it never strike the men of that age that to equal the total number of dead in that war they would have to drown 1,000 people every day in the year for seventy years? As to the material cost of the war, I have after much research found a grand total of \$337,946,180,000; and again we have to have recourse to an illustration to visualize such a figure. The average wage of an American workman at the beginning of the war was \$25 per week; at this rate one million workmen would have to labor for 260 years to make good the material damage of this one war.

The moral losses, of course, cannot be estimated, but judging by what prominent statesmen openly admitted, they must have been quite in proportion to the material losses just stated. I came across an admission of a certain captain in the Secret Service, reading as follows: "All the trickery and subterfuge and war wisdom of the ages brought up to date, was intensified and harnessed to every modern invention and device. A Machiavelli, a Talleyrand, or some other master schemer of the ages come back to earth would have thrilled to the amazing cunning and corruption of it all."

You are amazed that, in view of such facts, well realized at the time, people did not come together, shake hands, and agree—as one of their so-called pacifists expressed it—that the worst peace is bet-

ter than the best war; you are amazed that they above all did not do away with competitive armament, which was the chief material cause of war. In terms of psychology, the chief cause was fear. Fear made them compete in armament; fear made them strike the first blow which led to the carnage they called war. War in turn increased fear, and so on—a circle, a maddening, malignant circle. Of all the animal instincts in the human race the fighting spirit was—next to abuse of the creative force—the hardest to overcome. Mars and Venus, our nearest and now our dearest neighbors, were not very friendly to us in bygone days.

I have dwelt on features which in my opinion are characteristic of the finale of the ante-Aquarian age, and which in their particular form neither existed nor occurred before or after, namely: transition from involuntary to voluntary evolution; great increase in knowledge but failure to apply such knowledge; malefic influence of Uranus and Neptune; contrast between Christ's teachings and Christians' living; crime; slums; competitive industry and commerce; narrow egotism; wasteful methods; war. Have I painted the picture too dark? Seen from the vantage point of this day and age, it looks dark indeed.

There was one redeeming feature, however, touched upon at the beginning of my address, and pleasing enough to be repeated at the end: Even during the very darkest hours there were thousands of agencies working for a better future. True, they often failed by falling into the ways of the world, trying to imitate the outwardly prosperous great business organizations; or they would fall prey to some ambitious leader, who would become vain and self-aggrandizing to the detriment of the cause. But there were always others who would take up the seemingly lost cause and struggle on, who would untiringly fight against the powers of darkness, against the animal nature in man which tried to drag him

down, who would incessantly point to the straight and narrow path which leads to glorious heights, and who finally redeemed a world lost in sin and suffering by service and self-sacrifice. Nuclei of the Aquarian age! They seemed to have

engraved their coat of arms with the words of Ulysses as he went forth on his great quest: "To strive, to seek, perchance to find, but not to yield!" I do not know a finer motto, even for this advanced year of 3927 A. D.

Numbers and How They Help

BY ELLA NEIBOER

SUCCESS is not limited to dollars and cents, but is related to all phases of life and to self-expression that is perfect. All down the ages man has been seeking that which would give him this satisfaction.

We find that everything has a vibration of some rate or degree and that harmony is the keynote of the universe. Upon finding our soul's vibration or our keynote of harmony with the universe does our success depend. We should try to keep on this plane of harmony when we get there; then we shall have the good of life manifesting for us.

As we move along in life, we can see that there have been points where in-harmony existed through not understanding the law. The result is failure somewhere. So I try to make it clear that success depends upon our being true to our own vibration so that all that belongs to us will register and manifest in our body, mind, and affairs.

Those who have studied truth along such lines as the Rosicrucian have come to the realization that God is all—motion and substance and the power of the universe. As our spirit presses forward into expression in accordance with God's universal laws, it does so under its own vibration. Thus only is it possible for its instrument (the body) to operate successfully in this life.

There are many rates of vibration, and each soul is born under one of them. Faith in God and God's law will be the means of our spiritual unfoldment, and

through it our understanding will enable us to keep in the vibration that will be constructive and harmonious.

Each soul has a certain rate of vibration and belongs to a certain sphere of life. There are certain foods and certain cities and people, also certain colors, that harmonize with each soul. To be healthy and successful it must keep in tune with its own vibration.

Number valuation is not new, and no cult, sect, or science has a monopoly of it, for numbers represent cosmic activity, and they are grouped together for a physical manifestation based upon mathematical law. Numbers were used in the time of Pythagoras, who taught them in his school.

It has been found that a student must first learn self-control in many of its phases and also be tolerant before he is ready to take up number vibration; the study of music and art is also an aid. This explains why a great many see nothing in numbers and others a great deal, all owing to their state of consciousness. The science of numbers was taught by word of mouth in the early ages. Not until about the fifth century was there an alphabet formed.

Upon the knowledge of the law that governs the science of numbers, and the way we apply it after we have found our basic vibration depends our success. If we allow the hand of God to direct our efforts, our compensation will be beyond our expectations. As we progress in spiritual unfoldment, we find

the science of numbers more vital and can better comprehend the value of it in our lives. It acts as a sort of guide, directing us through figures to a plane on which we find harmony. The more we are awakened to the higher and finer vibrations, the better realization we shall have of the unlimited resources that are open to us all, for God is an unlimited God and gives to us all that we require, and more if we are able to use it.

Everything in the universe is in vibration, from a grain of sand to the mightiest creation. So it is with letters; each has its own rate of vibration, which includes tone and color. Every word that is spoken has vibration, and words should always be creative. Ideas are a phase of vibration, and thinking is a vibratory action. We should think and speak from the highest standpoint only that we may have the highest vibration active in our lives and affairs.

To obtain success we ascertain the digit of our birth date, and endeavor to keep in touch with all that is on its particular plane of action. The birth path (See illustration page 402) will show you what your possibilities are in evolution and progress. If you realize the ability of your Spirit to express great things, there will be no end to your success. Man often holds off his own prosperity in the line he desires to follow because of having no knowledge of vibratory action, which is God in motion.

As you begin to live from the soul side of your life, you grow in wisdom and power, and through this your name is often changed and changes come about in your affairs. At the time of birth a name is given the child, and the letters that form the name have a vibration which shows just what sort of a consciousness has been brought to this field of experience. The vibration of the birthday (birth path) shows the possibilities of greater things than are denoted by the digit of the name. There are periods in our life when we use a full name, then again only a first name,

then a nickname or perhaps only an initial,—all of which denote changes in the consciousness.

Quite often failure can be traced to the fact that the one who failed had been out of harmony with his vibration, which condition can only be adjusted by his getting back on his own path again. Numbers do not lie, and if we let them help us and act as a guide in our experiences, we shall avoid many things that bring sorrow and disaster into our lives.

I want to impress it upon you who are interested in this science that to have success you must realize your at-one-ment with the Father in Heaven, your unity with God, and that the laws of God work to carry out the Christ principle, which sustains mankind.

For success one should be in a city whose vibration corresponds to his own. Also he should associate with people with whom he vibrates in harmony. One should wear clothes of colors that belong to him and eat foods that correspond to his vibration.

As God is all and expresses through the Trinity, He uses numbers 1-2-3, corresponding to spirit, soul, and body. As man functions on the earth, he uses 4-5-6-7 to express materiality. As man moves further toward the goal, he will find 8 and 9 expressive. Whenever the addition of the digits produces an 11 or a 22, we leave them without change as 11 expresses twice the 1 force, and 22 twice the 2 force. These numbers denote the Master's and the Adept's vibrations.

The 8, 9, 11, and 22 are known as numbers that show power and that work for one's success. The digit of your name shows your character just as a firm's digit denotes its character. All changes in your name signify adjustments in your life, be they spiritual or material.

Many advanced souls are attuned to the whole gamut of vibration, and usually they are vibrating to 11 or 22. The 1, 2, and 3 people all work well together, as it seems that if one is missing the

trinity is not complete. 4, 5, 6, and 7 represent the material states of consciousness and the every-day life of man, while 8, 9, 11, and 22 are comparatively unlimited in their capacity.

Number values are to be found in all rites and rituals and are embodied in every atom, form, dimension, and motion. They constitute a language of the Infinite.

Quite often we may make the remark, "This has been a splendid day"; and it was so because we were then in harmony with the universe. If there are conditions that are undesirable in our lives, they were created out of misunderstanding and will have to be harmonized through the vibratory action that is established by understanding. Experiences and people come into our lives very often with a lesson for our good, so we should not necessarily avoid those that seem undesirable, but rather get out of them all that is good. No action or effect is produced unless there is a cause. This is a law which does not change; but man changes and must conform to the law.

Let us take the numbers from 1 to 9 inclusive and give each one a short analysis; then we can determine what the vibratory action is which each produces.

A person who is of a 1 vibration does well to unite in all things with a 2 and a 3, as these together form the trinity and thus become creative. In matters that relate to the higher planes of vibration he should seek an 11 or a 22, which are of a high rate. Both represent peace and harmony, and they also aid in spiritual unfoldment.

A 4 person, also a 5 person, needs the association of an 11 or a 9. The 6 and the 7 also need these in order to make a success in material things. A 4 is usually studious, seeking books and instruction in schools and colleges. He is a great hand to talk about his achievements. He tries many things that may make money for him. If a failure results from some adventure which he has

made, he grows very bitter; he feels a loss keenly. If a 4 finds a person whom he considers worthy of having devotion bestowed upon him, he proves a very worthy friend to that person. A 4 person can work under an executive and take dictation, which is well for any business firm to consider. A 4 is reliable and practical.

A 5 person is constructive and is very efficient in our material world. He is often fascinating and always optimistic. He is also of a sympathetic nature. Quite often a 5 will affect a 4 person in a disquieting manner. As a rule a 5 person uses his mind and analyzes all that he encounters in life.

A 6 person is usually successful in life, especially in money matters, for he is active and ambitious. 6's are quite religious and like to be at peace with all. They can bear trials well because of the harmonious rhythm resulting from their religious trend of mind. A 6 person uses his brain as well as his body, but is not given to long, strenuous hours of labor, for he gives the best that he has in a shorter time than most others do. A 6 can find help from a 3 and a 9.

7 is the last of the numbers that represent the material world of limitation. 7 pertains to the earth, and the earth's vibration. These people are fond of dress. They are careful of the language they use and of their conduct. A 7 person has passed through the other six vibrations and is now about to make an entry into the higher rates or those of a higher state. It is very hard for a 7 to follow religious principles. He will obtain help from an 8, 9, or 3.

An 8 has mastered the vibrations of the lower planes and has gleaned a valuable collection of experiences. An 8 is a helper, usually teaching and leading or organizing. An 8 likes to express himself and is very intuitive. It is natural for him to take a personal interest in those about him. He is active on all planes, and is evolving toward a 9.

9 is a number that has the power of

self-expression in a natural way and has no trouble to find a field for it. A 9 regards all people as a whole and works for them in a universal sense. A 9 is of an affectionate nature. He seldom doubts anyone and takes things for granted. He is very often an artist and is very inspirational.

All people have some or all of these vibrations in their make-up. They may not be in harmony, in which case they need to know a little of this science that they may find the path that will lead them up and out of inharmonious conditions. The laws of the universe act precisely and definitely, and no man can change those laws. But he can harmonize with them through faith and understanding, and thus bring about peace and success in his affairs.

A man can have a great deal to do with the direction that the law takes and as to whether it acts constructively or destructively; for there are two actions to the law, one a building up, the other a tearing down process; this shows itself in all creation. When we know more of number vibration, we shall see that we come under certain rates of vibration and that we can be healthy, happy, and successful if we are attuned to our plane in the universe.

The statement, "The spirit of the Lord goeth before and maketh easy thy ways," has always been a great comfort to me in my life because I realize that all that exists is spiritual vibration, and that under the direction of the spirit I shall be led into paths of peace, that is, if I will be led. Never forget that with God all things are possible, and that if we let the Christ within us express and live through us, we can have that harmony which is necessary to our success. Recognize God as Divine Mind in which is the divine idea that must be brought into creation through the laws of harmony. Get the idea that you are one with Divine Mind. Through the guidance of numbers we are helped to get this realization.

Numbers will prove themselves in ways we least expect, if we will give a little time and study to them.

The following table shows the number values of the letters of the alphabet:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

The following examples show the method of obtaining the number value or digit of a name and of a birth path:

C A L V I N
3 1 3 4 9 5 equals 7.

C O O L I D G E
3 6 6 3 9 4 7 5 equals 7.

7 plus 7 equal 14, equal 5, which is the digit of the president's name.

He was born July 4th, 1872. July is the seventh month. His birth path thus becomes 7 plus 4 plus 1872, equal 11—9. Whenever an 11 is obtained by addition, it is kept separate and not added in with the succeeding numbers.

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. To be great is to be misunderstood.—*Emerson.*

Thoughts on the Path

For him who hath understanding, all things work together for good.

All good is God in manifestation.

All evil is the imperfection of man in manifestation.

Good and evil are opposite sides of the path of evolution, reaching from man to God.

Action, expression, are man's means of evolving. The path to perfection lies in expression, and thus is evil merged into good.
—*Mary T. Molyneux.*

Esoteric Bible Studies

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

TEXT

4. "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

5. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.—*Galatians, Chap. IV.*

19. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.—*Galatians, Chap. II.*

13. Christ hath redeemed from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

19. Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hands of a mediator.—*Galatians, Chap. III.*

16. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, vari-

ance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

23. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one another, envying one another.—*Galatians, Chap. V.*

17. From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.—*Galatians, Chap. VI.*

INTERPRETATION

Paul established churches in Galatia in A. D. 52. His letter to the Galatians was written in A. D. 57. This is one of the most sincere, vehement, earnest, and at the same time one of the most beautiful messages ever given by that great Christian Initiate, Paul of Tarsus. The entire epistle is written in only six chapters, and yet here we find for students of the Christian religion a verification of much of the teaching of the Rosierucian Philosophy.

After Paul's establishment of the Galatian churches, teachers coming in through Judea were persuading the converts that the principal tenets of Christianity were to be found in form ceremonial, the law of Moses, the rite of cir-

cumcision, etc. It is this fact that caused St. Paul to concentrate his attention upon the main principle of Christianity, which is love, and contrast this with the law of theology. "The letter killeth, but the Spirit maketh alive." Today, as students of Esoteric Christianity, we find ourselves confronted with the same problems as did the converts of the Galatian churches. St. Paul's letters to the people of his day hold the same pertinent message for us today.

Chapter four, verses four and five are in exact accordance with the teachings of the Rosierucian Philosophy that Jesus was the natural son of Mary under the law of generation, and that they were under the law that they might receive the adoption of sons, or through living the life of purity change generation into regeneration and become Initiates like unto Christ Jesus Himself. The Old Testament holds the dispensation of law; the New Testament holds the dispensation of love. St. Paul states this same truth in chapter two, verses nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one. Christ Jesus came on earth to teach humanity the great power of love. The New Testament is the glorious memorial of His wondrous love and its effect on the world. Paul says truly, "If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

Chapter three, verse thirteen, holds deep occult truths. "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree," refers to the thralldom or limitation of a physical body by which the Ego is veiled during a material existence. Christ has redeemed us, being made a "curse" for us. By dying on the cross He purified the desire envelope of the earth and opened the Way of Initiation or Attainment so that whosoever wills may come.

In verse nineteen of the same chapter we find again the exact teachings of the "Cosmo." Max Heindel tells us that law was pitted against the desire body of man until Christ Jesus ushered in the new dispensation wherein love super-

seded law, and that Christ Jesus is the supreme mediator between God and man.

In the fifth chapter, sixteenth to twenty-sixth verses, we find a distinction drawn between the life of the flesh and the life of the spirit that every neophyte who is endeavoring to live the Christian life should engrave upon the seed atom of his heart to be studied every night in retrospection. Here we find a message not only for the churches of Galatia but for every neophyte who attempts to find the way of liberation. St. Paul knew that he was writing for all time.

Verse seventeen of chapter six will be well understood by all disciples of the Rosierucian Fellowship. The keynote of this wonderful message of the life of the great Christian Initiate, Paul, and of the lives of all those who would attain as he has attained, is to be found in verse fourteen, chapter five: "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Awakening of Conscience

The evening exercise recommended by the Rosierucian Elder Brothers produces a curious effect in one's daily life. After a short interval the student will notice a quickening of the conscience. It begins to speak to him rather sharply every time he utters a harsh word or acts in an unseemly manner. And if he persists in a daily review of his conduct, this thing called conscience or the higher self will eventually become mandatory in his life. He will then suffer the keenest remorse for any unrighteous behavior, and there will be no relief until he has repented and full restitution has been made. But by this time he will think before he acts and thus less frequently incur the proddings of his conscience.

Of course, the student must practice this evening exercise assiduously and most sincerely, otherwise his conscience will never awaken and grow and serve him as Nature intended it should.

The Effects of Music and of Noise

BY LILLIAN LOUISE FOSTER

SOUND is an impulse communicated from one body to another and transmitted to the ear through waves or vibrations in the air caused by the original impulse. Many definitions have been rendered to show the difference between noise and music, but I may say in brief that when the waves of air set in motion by an impulse are angular and irregular, the result to the ear is *noise*. When the impulse sets the air into a perfectly rhythmic, regular series of undulations, the result on the ear is *music*.

To all civilized nations, and with few exceptions to all individuals, the difference in effect between noise and music is analogous to that between pain and pleasure. Although there are some few individuals who do not know noise from music, as a general rule the appreciation of the difference between these two varieties of sound forms a good gauge of national civilization. The lower a people may be sunk in the scale of barbarism, the greater is their predilection for noise and their general insensibility to music; while the higher the status of civilization, the greater is the perfection to which the cultivation of music attains.

It is generally understood that concussions violent enough to create loud sounds, such as thunder, explosions, the firing of artillery, heavy blows, etc. will not only cause vibrations in surrounding objects but will frequently break, displace, or shatter them. Witness the effect on houses shattered by explosions occurring at a considerable distance, such as windows broken and furniture thrown down. Vibrations may be felt, though in a far less degree, from the sound of a powerful organ, or from a number of wind instruments.

If such effects can be produced on the

unyielding tissues of inanimate substances, may we not reasonably expect that analogous effects may be produced within our own high-strung organism? Is it not certain, in fact, that the elastic fibers of the human system, especially the delicate medullary tissues of the nerves, must respond to every tone that vibrates through the air, whether it be soft or loud, musical or simply noisy? The corresponding effects on the mind cannot be questioned, and thus we see how distracting clamors, especially if long continued, may induce catalepsy, convulsions, spasms, or even frenzy.

The effects of elevating music, on the contrary, are delightful and exalting. In susceptible natures music is capable of awakening every emotion of the human soul, from the most rapt devotion to the wildest exhilaration, from the most passionate grief to an excess of mirthfulness. Music pierces, penetrates, thrills, but never shocks. It plays along the fibers of the nerves, quickens the pulse, stimulates the circulation, exalts the mind, alters even the molecular arrangement of the physical atoms of the body, and partly by the harmonious order into which it resolves the layers of the atmosphere, partly by its entrancing effect upon the soul, it fills the listener with a divine magnetism, and benefits him physically, mentally, and spiritually. Herein lies the wonderful healing virtue of music; by the occultly trained musician who understands the proper key for different individuals wonderful results may be obtained.

A trained clairvoyant who can behold the condition of the atmosphere produced by loud yells, shrieks, wild cries, the beating of tom-toms, or the crashing of cymbals will see the air tossed and torn into sharp, angular curves and

jagged prominences. To those who cannot see this the science of acoustics gives assurance that it must be so. On the other hand, the same clairvoyant would see the atmosphere that is vibrating to fine music to be full of regular, undulating lines, curves, swells, and depressions. Though the lines might vary, each would bear such harmonious and graceful relations to the others that the whole atmosphere might appear as an exquisite landscape, with blended lights and shadows wonderfully graduated into an ethereal ocean in which not a single wave presented an angular, inharmonious, or irregular curve. These delightfully organized strata of the atmosphere impinge upon the ears of the listeners, penetrate the very marrow in the bones, and affect even the very fibers of the system.

On the other hand, the distracting clamors of the battle field, the bombardment of a city, the dances and whoops of the Indians, the shouts and howls of barbarians, may summon from the crypt of the earth elementals which fire the brains of listening human beings with destructive emotions. Several of the modern dances common to the younger set come under the above classification, and breed disaster to the innocent participants.

But the delight, health, and harmony that sweet music produces no language can fully describe. The music of sacred services or solemn invocations may lift a human soul up to heaven or draw an angel down to earth.

There is an ancient Rosicrucian teaching which significantly states:

"The whole world is a musical instrument, a chromatic, sensible instrument; life a chromatic and diatonic scale of musical tones. The axis of the celestial world is intersected by the spiritual sun or center of sentient being, and from thence stream forth rays of light which, divided, form color, which by motion give off tones of music, filling the universe with celestial sound. Every man has a spark or micro-cosmic sun in his own being, and thus micro-cosmically diffuses rays of light and tones, broken by the incoherencies of matter 'tis

true, but still in essence musical tones. Earthly music is the faintest tradition of the angelic state. It remains in the mind of man as a dream of a lost paradise.

"Music is yet master of man's emotions, and therefore of man. Heavenly music is produced from impacts upon the paths of planets, which stand as chords or strings to the rays of the sun. Hence light and heat, traveling between solar centers and circumferences, waken tones, notes, chords, the sum of which is ethereal music.

"Thus is earthly music a relic, a dream, a memory of heaven, an influx from the motion of planetary bodies, a celestial speech whose dim echoes are heard and imitated on earth; and thus are light and tone, colors and music, inextricably combined by one producing cause."

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy. The lonely pine upon the mountain top waves its sombre boughs, and cries, "Thou art my sun." And the little meadow violet lifts its cup of blue, and whispers with its perfumed breath, "Thou art my sun." And the grain in a thousand fields rustles in the wind, and makes answer, "Thou art my sun." And so God sits effulgent in Heaven, not for a favored few, but for the universe of life; and there is no creature so poor or so low that he may not look up with child-like confidence and say, "My Father! Thou art mine." —*Beecher.*

The Happiest Heart

Who drives the horses of the sun
Shall lord it but a day;
Better the lowly deed were done,
And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame,
The dust will hide the crown;
Ay, none shall nail so high his name
Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast,
That found the common daylight sweet,
And left to heaven the rest.

John Vance Cheney.

Worth-While News

In this Department we give up-to-date news of an interesting character on scientific and sociological subjects, together with brief comments.

Anti-Evolution Again

Florida is one of the latest of the states to try the experiment of trying to enforce religious belief by legislation. Religion, if it is religion, guarantees entire free will to the individual. Evolution is built up entirely on the rock of free will. Destroy free will and you have neither religion nor progress. In this era of intolerance into which we seem to be drifting there have been a number of attempts to interfere with free will in the matter of religion and scientific conviction. But truth ever will prevail, and the opponents of progress will eventually be bowled out of the way because nature will never permit more than a certain amount of interference with her plans.

The House of the Florida Legislature has passed a bill making it unlawful to teach in any public school in the state "any theory that denies the existence of God or divine creation of man," or to teach "in any way atheism or infidelity." Yet it does not require the story of creation as explained in the Bible to be taught in the schools.

Violation of the provisions would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$100.—*Scottish Rite News Bureau.*

Atheistic Cults

The following clipping shows a condition which is somewhat disquieting, namely, that there are organizations in existence devoting themselves to the spread of atheism and the destruction of the belief in God and a life hereafter. This state of affairs is, of course a reaction from orthodox religion, whose creeds and dogmas, often absurd, have finally strained the credulity of vast numbers of people to the breaking point. Societies devoted to the spread of atheism are,

however, a distinct menace, because the occult scientist knows that materialism, the belief that there is nothing but matter and that mind and soul are merely a species of superchemical force working in matter, is destructive of evolution, and if carried far enough will result in the destruction of all the vehicles of the Ego, causing it to lose all that it has gained so far in evolution and requiring it to go back and start all over again at the beginning of some future era of manifestation. This would be a terrific loss to every Ego caught in such a predicament.

The truths of occult science offer the only real solution to the problem. Occult science gives the real explanation of the universe, and is the only form of religion which in the nature of things can endure. Therefore the spread of occult philosophy as fast as the people are able to receive it is something that should be encouraged and assisted wherever possible.

Declaring that America is asleep at the citadel of her spiritual life, Rev. John F. B. Carruthers of Occidental College and chairman of spiritual education for the State P.-T. A. late yesterday in the session of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers assembled in annual convention in Philharmonic Auditorium made startling disclosures regarding what he termed black-hand anti-Christ societies organized in the high schools of Los Angeles and other cities of California.

"In Los Angeles a society which is a branch of the national Society for the Advancement of Atheism is directed by the Society of the Godless in New York City," Dr. Carruthers stated, "and the president of this local branch is under the guidance of the New York president. Here the organization is made up of both boys and girls of the high schools. It calls itself 'The Junior Atheists, Angels of the Devil.' They meet out of doors regularly. Their creed embodies the following: There is no God. The doctrine of the Virgin birth is laughable. There is no heaven and no hell. The church is the most dangerous institution in society"; and Dr. Carruthers stated that the two objectives of the society are the removal of all clergy in the next generation and to teach that all happiness is in this life, for there is no other.—*Los Angeles Times.*

Flood Relief

The following newspaper extract shows that great need still exists in the Mississippi Valley on account of the conditions left by the recent flood. There is still opportunity for the exercise of genuine helpfulness in assisting the flood victims to rehabilitate themselves. The people of this country must not sit down after the first burst of philanthropy which this cataclysm evoked, but so far as possible should see that their helpfulness is continued until the flood sufferers are back on at least a semi-firm foundation.

The American people have been generous in their contribution to the Red Cross flood relief fund, and it has reached approximately the \$14,000,000 mark.

A strenuous battle against disease must necessarily be waged in the water-soaked Mississippi Valley if the death rate is to be kept low. Already thirty-five cases of typhoid fever, sixty-two cases of smallpox and fifty-eight cases of malaria have been reported.—*New Bureau.*

Lodge Predicts Creation of Life

Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted English scientist who has gained a side line of fame by his investigation of spiritualistic phenomena, thinks, as noted in the following clipping, that man may eventually become able to create life by laboratory experimentation. Sir Oliver has shown himself to be an exceedingly progressive scientist; but a knowledge of the occult constitution of the universe shows us that life is the foremost principle of spirit and therefore cannot be created. It is a function of spirit and can exist only in those forms which spirit has entered and ensouled. This is something which man cannot control.

That the greatest dream of science would some day be realized in the creation of human protoplasm by human skill has recently been predicted as probable by Sir Oliver Lodge, distinguished British scientist. In an address to the Oxford University Psychological Society Sir Oliver said:

"Many organic compounds found in living organisms or secreted by them are now being made in the laboratory, beginning

with urea and continuing up to sugar, starch, and numerous other compounds. It is sometimes said by students of organic chemistry and by biochemists who study protoplasm that if we could contrive in the laboratory to continue the manufacture of these organic compounds until we had made a mass of protoplasm and were able to subject it to suitable treatment, they would expect that artificial protoplasm to exhibit vitality and to manifest one or another of the forms of life.

"I would not in the least seek to deny that proposition: I certainly would not contend against it. I would even regard it as probable. From some points of view I should regard the contention as inevitable because of undoubted facts: first, that living things have appeared on this planet, and, second, that this planet at one time was a mass of molten material or even glowing gas in which life as we know it was impossible.

"Hence it would appear as if something of the kind has gone on in the past, and what has gone on in the past may go on at present and may possibly be understood, controlled and humanly managed."—*N. Y. Times.*

The Color of Sin

Secular literature is beginning to reflect considerable of the occult. Below is a newspaper article which informs us that sin has color. The occult student is well aware of this fact. All the different colors of sin as well as of righteousness are clearly shown in the aura of the individual. The most progressive literary men and women of the present day are lending themselves, consciously or unconsciously, to the dissemination of more or less occult knowledge in the public prints.

All sins have colors.

Unfaithfulness is checkered—like an objectionable career.

Some murders are gull gray. Other slayings are Goya red. Greed is meerschau.

The newest of the sins—that of non conformity—is jungle hued.

And all of the little white lies are really Ibis pink.

So says one popular clubman who has been celebrated as a theatrical producer ever since the old days when he used to stage the Stanford shows on the university campus and who at present is vogue among the intelligentsia of Far Western America.

At the University Club today he declared that all evil acts assume color forms in our minds. Subtle psychological distinctions in the motives of the perpetrators give infinite variety to the hue of the evil act itself.—*Pauline Payne.*

Question Department

Questions from our readers on occult philosophy or mysticism are answered here as space permits. Inquirers should look for questions similar to their own, for we often combine two or more of the same character and answer them as one.

BY KITTIE S. COWEN

Steps on the Path of Attainment

Question:

Will you please give me the names and order of the various steps as outlined by the Rosicrucian Fellowship, which the neophyte must take on the Path of Attainment from the time he enters it until he has arrived at the ultimate goal?

Answer:

In order to affiliate oneself with the Rosicrucian School of Mystics it is necessary that the person first make application to the Secretary of the Correspondence Course at Mt. Ecclesia, Oceanside, California, for the twelve preliminary lessons which are based on the "*Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*," the textbook used in answering the questions. When the applicant has finished these lessons he or she automatically becomes what is known as a Regular Student. Such a student receives a monthly printed lesson, a letter, and a postal card from Mrs. Max Heindel. The lesson and letter he is expected to read, study, and meditate on during the remainder of the month. The postal card he is requested to sign and return, as it contains information that forms a very important part of the student's record which is kept at Headquarters.

When one has been a student for two years he may apply for probationership. If accepted, he is furnished with a letter of instruction relative to the work that

is related to this step on the Path. If he is able to meet the requirements and signifies his willingness to do so, he then becomes what is termed a probationer, and is given definite instruction as to how he shall proceed.

After five years of probationer's work the individual may apply for discipleship. If the Teacher, who is one of the twelve Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order, deems the applicant worthy, he or she is notified by Mrs. Heindel, and a special letter of individual instruction is mailed to the applicant, who now becomes what is known as a disciple.

The disciple is then directly prepared for Initiation, which is the next step on the Path. How long or how short a period will be required to accomplish this work depends entirely upon the individual. Some attain in a comparatively short time, while with others it requires many, many years or lives. However, when the disciple is ready the Teacher appears to him while he is awake and in full physical consciousness, tells him that he has evolved the vehicle and the latent dynamic power necessary to function in the invisible world, and then offers to help him make his initial transition there safely.

After the first Initiation the candidate is spoken of as a lay brother or sister until he or she has taken all of the Initiations of the nine Lesser Mysteries and the first one of the four Greater Mysteries. When the candidate has taken the first of the Greater Mystery Initiations he becomes an Adept, and is known by this title until he has taken the last of the

remaining three Greater Initiations, when he becomes what is called in occult parlance an Elder Brother.

After a candidate has become an Elder Brother he is given the choice of remaining on this earth plane to assist others or entering other evolutions as a helper.

Initiation and the Rosicrucian Mystery School

Question:

What is meant by Initiation? Can you give me some general idea as to what it is like? Is it possible for one to receive Initiation on the invisible plane while out of the body during sleeping hours?

Answer:

Initiation is neither an outward nor a material ceremony. It is an inward experience made possible by the culmination of an inner development achieved by the individual whereby he has acquired a new vehicle, together with certain faculties and powers which are still latent but are ready to be converted into dynamic energy. It is the life led by the individual, the cumulative product of his past good actions, that qualifies him for Initiation.

When the aspirant is ready, the Teacher appears to him while wide awake, in full physical consciousness, and tells him that he has evolved the vehicle, the "golden wedding garment," necessary in which to function in the invisible worlds, and that his accumulated static energy is ready to be awakened into dynamic power. He then offers to initiate the aspirant into the use of his new vehicle and his acquired power, and asks if he is ready to proceed.

However, the Teacher must and does prove his ability as an Initiator to the aspirant before he offers his services, for in entering into the intimate relationship which is established between the two, ability must be demonstrated by the one and loyalty demanded of the other. The aspirant should exact positive proof of his Teacher's true status on the Path before he accepts him, and this evidence

the genuine Teacher always furnishes so that in the future the aspirant will be in possession of certain proofs of his Teacher's superior knowledge and ability. After having furnished this proof the aspirant is still at liberty to refuse or accept the offered assistance, which he is never urged to accept against his will.

Should he decide to go on, certain physical preparations are necessary. The aspirant is then taught how to convert the static energy within himself into dynamic power, and is instructed relative to its use. Then he is taught by the Teacher how to leave and enter his dense body at will.

Next, he meets his "Dweller," whom he must pass before he can enter the higher planes. This dweller is the embodiment of all the past evil deeds which he has committed and which have not yet been expiated but are waiting for liquidation in future lives. This entity the aspirant must recognize and acknowledge as a part of himself, and he must promise himself to pay as soon as possible all the debts of which it is the embodiment before he is permitted by his Teacher to consciously enter the higher planes.

The aspirant is now outside of his physical body in full waking consciousness of all the conditions that surround him. His Teacher, who has evolved the external picture consciousness of the Jupiter Period, now fixes his attention on the cosmic facts pertaining to the work done in the Saturn Period and its recapitulation in the Polarian Epoch. As one tuning fork vibrates to another of like pitch, so the aspirant, being in identical pitch with the vibration of the ideas sent out by the Teacher, perceives them in the objectified form of pictures. He not only sees the pictures, but he is able to respond to the vibration of them as well, thereby receiving a perfect conception of the work done during the period and epoch being objectified, as well as receiving a correct understanding of the method employed in the performance of the work.

The aspirant was present when the Saturn Period and recapitulatory Polar Epoch work was being performed, but he was *unconscious*. Now, during the process of Initiation he reviews the same work in *full waking consciousness*. Furthermore, he sees the great Creative Hierarchies performing their labor of love in helping man-in-the-making forward toward the attainment of self-consciousness, and as he watches the work there is awakened in his being the same brooding love which they possess and which he must acquire in order to give him the courage and persistence to go on helping his fellow men in the future, which he as an Initiate is obligated to do. For the Initiate has acquired a power and knowledge which change his whole being, clothe him with a mantle of authority that can never be taken from him, and give to his words a strength of conviction that is simply marvelous and cannot possibly be attained in any other way. Positive clairvoyant sight, if not attained previously, is always one result of Initiation.

There are nine of the Lesser Mysteries, into all of which the Rosicrucian Order initiates candidates. These initiations are all related to the evolution of the earth through the different periods preceding the earth period, and including the earth period up to the middle of its last or seventh revolution. There are four of the Greater Initiations, which deal with the future development of man's consciousness during the three remaining earth periods of the present septenary day of manifestation.

From the foregoing it can readily be seen that it is quite impossible for anyone who has really passed through the process of Initiation to doubt its reality or think that it took place during sleeping hours.

Capital Punishment and Its Results

Question:

Do the Rosicrucians believe in capital punishment, and if so, why? When a man is executed does he come under

the Law of Infant Mortality and die in early childhood the same as victims of accidents?

Answer:

The Rosicrucians believe that capital punishment is emphatically the worst possible manner of dealing with any kind of a criminal. As long as an individual is in a physical body it is, comparatively speaking, easy to restrain such a one and put him in a place where he can do no harm to others. But when he is executed he is actually free in the Desire World, where it is possible for him to influence others to a much greater extent than he could here, and such a one is not slow in finding out his possibilities and taking advantage of them. Such disembodied spirits work upon individuals in physical bodies who have some sort of grievance against some person or the community in general in which they live, inciting them to wreck buildings, start fires, rob banks, perhaps gratify some personal grievance, or commit murder or some other crime equally heinous.

On the other hand, if such criminals were imprisoned for the safety of the community, it would be possible that after a time they would change their views, repent of their crimes, and when finally released by death in a natural manner would go out into the Desire World no longer a menace to their fellow men.

Capital punishment is in reality subversive of the purpose for which it is used for the reason that it does not act as a deterrent to other crimes but actually fosters them, so that even apart from the fact that we have no right to take a life which we cannot give, capital punishment should be abolished as an aid in lessening crime.

In reply to the last part of the question as to whether a criminal who has been executed will have to die as a child in the next life, the answer is, yes. As we know, according to the Law of Infant Mortality anyone who dies under circumstances which prevent the review of the

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The Astral Ray

The Rosicrucian Conception of Astrology

Astrology is a phase of the Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals and not to be confused with fortune telling. As the tides are measured by the motion of sun and moon, so also are the eventualities of life measured by the circling stars, which may therefore be called the "Clock of Destiny." A knowledge of their import is an immense power, for to the competent astrologer a horoscope reveals every secret of life.

The laws of Rebirth and Consequence work in harmony with the stars, so that a child is born at the time when the positions of the bodies in the solar system will give the conditions necessary for its experience and advancement in the school of life.

To the medical man astrology is invaluable in diagnosing disease and prescribing a remedy, for it reveals the hidden cause of all ailments.

If you are a parent, the horoscope will aid you in detecting the evil latent in your child and teach you how to apply the ounce of prevention. It will show you the good points also, that you may assist the soul entrusted to your care in becoming a better man or woman.

The message of the marching orbs is so important that you cannot afford to remain in ignorance of it.

Dangerous Babies

BY R. A. UTLEY

(The following article was awarded first prize in our recent competition.—ED.)

(Continued from August)

WITH A few exceptions to be explained later all the great conquerors of history come under this cycle, each nation in turn assuming the major role in the great drama of armed conflict. In the last cycle but one it was the French under Napoleon; in the next, the Austrians under Prince Eugene; before that, the Swedes under Gustavus Adolphus; before that, the Turks under Suleiman the Magnificent, and again, a cycle before, under Mohammed the Great. Earlier still, picking but a few of the great names, came the Mongols under Ghenghis Khan; the Franks under Charlemagne; the Byzantines under Balisarius; the Huns under Attila; the Romans under Caesar; the Carthaginians under Hannibal; the Persians under Cyrus; the Assyrians under Tiglath-Pileser; even the Hebrews

under King David, the conqueror of Canaan.

I give this somewhat voluminous list of names purposely, in order to emphasize how far back each cycle can be traced in cases where the keynote of the cycle is something which has consistently drawn the attention of historians, such as a series of brilliant conquests or a powerful revival of religious devotion.

Even more impressive than the cyclic rise of great conquerors is their cyclic demise. When Napoleon met his downfall in the "Battle of the Nations" at Leipzig in 1813, the youngest of the Arians (those with Uranus in Aries) had reached the age of 47, which is to say, his military machine no longer possessed even a leavening of natural fighters, and weight of numbers, not valor of troops, was the deciding factor. The Napoleonic war was brought to a close by the Congress of Vienna in 1815. The Thirty Years War, in which the veteran Swedish army of Gustavus Adolphus

played the principal role, was terminated by the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. The amazing conquests of Mohammed the Great, to whom Constantinople fell, ended in 1480; Charlemagne's unbroken series of victories ended in 810; the famous wars of Belisarius and Narses, which cost twenty million lives, ended in 554. The battle of Actium, 31 B. C., put a quietus to the twenty-eight years of warfare that began with Caesar's Gallic campaign, while Hannibal's dream of empire was destroyed at Zama, 202 B. C. Each of these great wars lasted almost exactly 28 years, and a little arithmetic will prove that their endings came in 84-year cycles with a variation of only one or two years.

The chief exceptions to this list of great conquerors are Frederick the Great and Philip of Macedon. The military organizations forged by them had for their backbone men with Uranus in Virgo, a sign which is next of kin to Aries. Aries wins by struggle, whereas Virgo wins by forestalling. The spirit of Frederick and Philip was competitive, not combative, and it is well understood that their armies won by virtue of the speed of their movements rather than by the vigor of their blows, for neither king ever possessed more than the equivalent of a single army corps.

On the basis of the foregoing it might seem reasonable to prophesy that when the infants of the next seven years reach maturity, a new conqueror will arise and another thirty-years' war will devastate the civilized world. Yet to do so would be to lose sight of the fact that man possesses free will, and that he is not compelled to turn the dynamic force of Aries to purposes of destructive warfare. The last cycle of Aries saw a great military machine built up in Germany, but, save for the brief Franco-Prussian War, it was never used. Instead, German energies found an outlet in the welding of a series of weak and industrially backward states into the most powerful nation of modern times. The word

powerful is not used here in a military sense, but to connote national vigor.

In America the tremendous energy of the "dangerous babies" was responsible for what has been called "the winning of the West." Instead of fighting one another they grappled with nature and conquered the wilderness. Had the efforts which in the last cycle wove a vast network of railways over the earth's surface and opened up for development every corner of the globe, however remote and inaccessible, taken a similar trend in past cycles instead of following the traditional path of strife, the Brotherhood of Man might have been a reality today instead of a wistful hope in the hearts of a few.

Whether the decade beginning about 1960 will see a fresh outbreak of warfare more terrible than anything before, or whether it will see new records broken in the way of peaceful achievement, rests largely with the younger parents of today. If the children of Mars so soon to be born grow up in an atmosphere of intolerance and ill will, then assuredly they will turn naturally to warfare when their day comes.

In the days of slavery it was not considered wrong for the stronger to rule the weaker by virtue of their strength and to compel them to give service in return for the bare necessities of existence. Today it is no longer lawful to compel service by force, and law has placed the physically weak on a parity with the physically strong. But we are still at a stage of barbarism where it is lawful for the mentally strong to rule the mentally weak, and to compel them by economic pressure to give service in return for the bare necessities of existence. The cripple is no longer at the mercy of the bully; and women, children, and even animals are protected by law from physical cruelty. But the dull-witted and weak-willed incompetents are still the economic slaves of those whose strength lies in their shrewdness and aggressive spirit.

Speaking charitably, it may be said that the average man will sacrifice him-

self for his family and will endeavor to act justly towards his fellow citizens, but he is sensible of no obligation even to be just, let alone to be kind, to such of his fellow creatures as are not included in his own nation. The president of a great university addressing the assembled students said recently that the highest form of patriotism was expressed in the words of an earlier patriot, "My country! May she always be right, but, right or wrong, my country."

Selfishness is the breeder of war. Right now the selfishness of the stronger Powers is sowing the seeds of international and inter-racial conflict. Right now the selfishness of the privileged classes, including skilled labor, who have won an undue share of power and possessions by the exercise of superior initiative and shrewdness, is setting the stage for an era of terrific civil strife when the natural fighters shall have reached maturity. In its larger aspects this struggle is not connected with the 84-year cycle, but with a much greater cycle of about twenty centuries.

Nearly everyone whose literary diet is not confined to the daily paper and the Saturday Evening Post has read Jack London's powerful story called "The Iron Heel," but for those who are not acquainted with it, a few words will give its import. It purports to trace the events and the undercurrents of human thought and endeavor leading up to a terrible and unsuccessful attempt at revolution in the United States about the end of the twentieth century. It presents a progressive drawing apart of the classes until an embittered proletariat is lined up against the rest of the nation. The first abortive attempts of unskilled labor to better its position by direct action bring about the demise of democratic government and the substitution of a dictatorship by a small group of industrial and financial leaders. A majority of the white-collar class naturally rally about them, and self-interest induces the exclusive unions of skilled

workers to support them, and indeed to form a solid basis for the perpetuation of their power. As the condition of skilled labor improves, that of unskilled labor grows worse until it is reduced to an existence of almost hopeless misery. Decades of secret organization and preparation result in a nation-wide uprising, which is crushed, but in the process torrents of blood flow. A terrible and ghastly picture is drawn, but though it may be very much overdrawn, nevertheless history records a very similar process in the last great cycle.

We are now at a stage in this cycle corresponding to the first half of the first century B. C., prior to the gradual transition from republic to empire in Rome. Were history to repeat itself exactly, which, however, it never does, we should see re-enacted in the near future the bloody civil war between the lower classes under Marius and the upper classes under Sulla. Let those who are worried over the red menace calm their fears. It was Sulla, not Marius, who won. The red is with us to stay, but only as the under dog. His day lies centuries ahead when his sign shall again be dominant as it was after the disruption of the Roman Empire.

The orthodox idea that Roman civilization was destroyed by a deluge of barbarians is absurd. In so far as such a deluge occurred, it was a very gradual process lasting over several centuries. Only a small fraction of the Germans and Slavs who found new homes within the borders of the Empire entered as conquerors. Pacific or semi-pacific penetration was responsible for most of the settlement, which was systematically encouraged by the Roman authorities themselves. Not only that, but the numbers of the colonists, except in a narrow strip of borderland, were insufficient to materially influence the racial characteristics of the indigenous inhabitants.

When a paltry hundred thousand Franks in a relatively brief incursion into Gaul, with its forty or fifty million

inhabitants, destroyed over sixty cities in the year 259, something more than Frankish valor and Gallic pusillanimity is required to explain the circumstances. The clue is to be found in the desperate insurrection of the Bagaudae, or landless peasants, sixteen years later. Conditions in the Roman Empire were analogous to those pictured in London's prophetic story. The proletariat of peasants and laborers had been reduced to the last stages of misery and degradation. Unquestionably it was they and not the invading Franks who were chiefly responsible for the destruction which took place. Barbarism could never have triumphed over the immensely superior Roman organization had not an embittered proletariat welcomed the barbarians as closer kin to themselves than were their own ruling classes.

In this country the dictatorships established in Europe are looked upon with unconcern as being temporary expedients and without significance as far as America is concerned. That is a very great mistake. It is not here contended that the coming century will see a repetition of the unhappy events which paved the way to the establishment of the Empire in Rome. The same forces will be in operation, but humanity may this time use them more wisely. There are two ways of combating social injustice. One is represented by the futile insurrection of the Bagaudae, who after a brief orgy of rapine and destruction were exterminated by the million. The other is represented by the policy of the early Christians. That policy worked. It would work today if but a sufficient number of people would try it out. The Kuo-min-tang have proven this.

Strange though it sounds, no Christian nation has ever given Christianity a trial, and it has remained for the pagan Chinese to do so. Mr. Putman Weale, who claims to be an authority on Chinese affairs, recently said: "To find that Christianity should in recent months have become in China a synonym for Bolshe-

vism is surely a supreme irony." The real irony lies in his own blindness to the fact that the politico-ethical principles of Sun-Yat-Sen represent an attempt to put into practice on a national scale those Christian ideals to which the West pays hypocritical lip service only.

It cannot be denied that the early Christians not only preached but practiced communism, yet today communism is condemned by nearly every sect and its proponents are detested and hated by millions of professing Christians. It is true that communists have returned violence for violence and have repaid hatred with hatred, but there is one thing in their favor. The proponent of law and order is chiefly actuated by a selfish desire to perpetuate a system under which he enjoys superior living conditions and a place of privilege. The communist is actuated by an altruistic sense of wrong done, not to himself but to his fellow creatures. Were he seeking his own personal ends, he could serve them far better by adapting himself to the present system than he could ever hope to do by fighting that system.

That the violent radical is expressing, albeit in a foolish manner, the same force which animates those who preach the sublime doctrine of Brotherhood few will believe. The astrologer, however, *knows* that this is true. Uranus, planet of altruism and brotherhood, is also responsible for those manifestations loosely connoted by the term Bolshevism.

This is not a political diatribe. Communism on a national scale is utterly impracticable in the Western world today. It's day has not yet come. But it is an inevitable by-product of the spiritual preparation for the New Age and Dispensation. Of the four sacred animals representing the four fixed signs of the zodiac, Aquarius sometimes is represented by the phoenix, the bird which is deathless, ever reborn from its own ashes. Measures of suppression cannot possibly kill Bolshevism, but a little kind-

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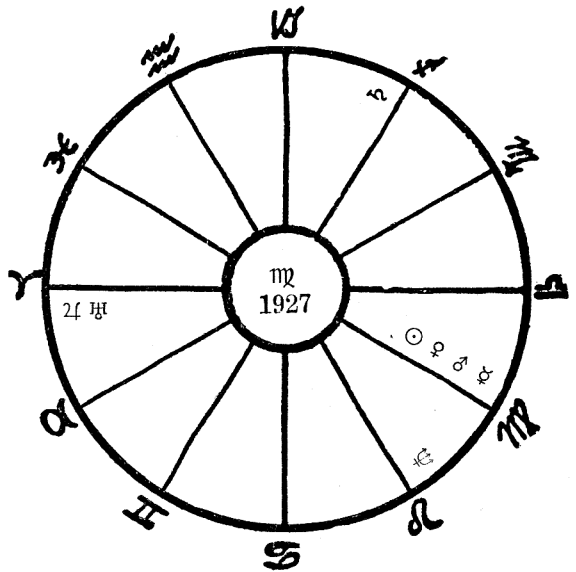
The Children of Virgo, 1927



A Character Delineation of the Children Born between August 24th and September 23rd, inclusive, 1927.

Virgo is the night sign of Mercury, the planet of reason, which has rule over the mentality of man, and Virgo people therefore are as a rule of a scientific and intellectual nature. They take readily to the study of history and science. They take especially keenly to the study of dietetics, as the sign Virgo rules the house of health and sickness. Therefore all studies pertaining to the science of healing and nursing are attractive to the Virgoan. His memory is usually good and the mind deep and ingenious, persevering and systematic. But one great weakness of the Virgo person is that he is very prone to criticize. In his eyes no one can do things as well as he himself.

He is very careful in the choosing of his friends, and the few friends he selects are usually very faithful. The Virgo makes a faithful employe, but should he rise to a position of authority he can be very severe and exacting with those who are in his employ, and he makes a severe taskmaster. There are two extremes which Virgo produces: one type will have egoism developed to a high degree, and the other type always feels abused. The latter firmly believes that he is always looked down upon and slighted, until this idea becomes a veritable "complex". When he develops such a "complex" he may be compared to the bulldog; he never lets go what he closes his grip upon. Likewise with the



Virgo who drifts into the clutches of disease; he will nurse his pain and his aches as a mother nurses a baby. Therefore we find many hypochondriacs among the Virgo people.

The children born this year during the time when the sun is passing through the sign of Virgo will have the above characteristics very prominently developed, for we find the sun and Venus

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NOTE:—We keep back numbers of this magazine in stock so that parents may obtain a reading for children born in any month after June, 1917. Twenty-five cents each.

Your Child's Horoscope

Delineations of the horoscopes of subscribers' children are given in this department each month to help parents in the training of their children. Vocational readings are also given to help young people find their place in the world. Readings for children are given up to the age of 15 years; vocational readings for those between 15 and 25.

To be eligible for a child's reading the parent or applicant must be a YEARLY SUBSCRIBER to this magazine. Vocational readings may be applied for by the subscriber for himself or for another. The names for delineation are drawn by lot. Each full year's subscription to this magazine, either a new subscription or a renewal, entitles the subscriber to an application for a reading. If you wish to apply for a delineation, please state so plainly at the time of subscribing or renewing your subscription. The number of names submitted each month exceeds the number of readings to be given, hence we cannot guarantee a reading in every case.

We Neither Set Up nor Read Horoscopes for Money, for we consider this a prostitution of the divine science of astrology. We give astrological delineations only in this department of the magazine and in connection with our Healing Department. Please do not make requests for other readings, for they cannot be complied with.

When applying for a reading, be sure to *give Name, Sex, Birthplace, and Year, Month, and Day of Birth*; also hour and minute of birth if known. If these data are not given, the reading cannot be made.

NOTICE:—When the time of birth given is DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, applicants for readings should be very careful to so state it, otherwise the delineation will be in error.

R. VICTOR L.

Born March 22, 1914. 3:25 P. M.

Lat. 33 N., Long. 117 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Taurus 26; 11th house, Gemini 29; Cancer intercepted; 12th house, Leo 0; Ascendant, Leo 29-18; 2nd house, Virgo 24; 3rd house, Libra 23.

Positions of the Planets:

Uranus 10-23 Aquarius; Jupiter 13-19 Aquarius; Moon 20-06 Aquarius; Mercury 11-05 Pisces, retrograde; Dragon's Head 14-08 Pisces; Sun 1-30 Aries; Venus 11-8 Aries; Saturn 12-34 Gemini; Mars 12-59 Cancer; Neptune 25-30 Cancer, retrograde.

In Victor's horoscope the vital heart sign of Leo is on the Ascendant, with fixed signs on all the angles, and the ruler, the life-giving sun, is exalted in the martial sign of Aries. This shows a boy with a jovial, positive, frank, and loving nature, and one who is mystically inclined, for the sun is in the eighth house, trine to the mystical planet Neptune, which is strong in the watery sign of Cancer. Uranus, the second occult planet, is in its home in Aquarius, where it may express its very best due to its conjunction with Jupiter, sextile to

Venus, and trine to Saturn. All these positions and aspects of Neptune and Uranus will incline the mind of this boy toward the hidden side of things.

He will, however, work along the intuitional line, for Mercury the planet of reason is not very strong, being retrograde in the sign of Pisces and square to Saturn. This will make the mind slow and inclined to dream, putting off until tomorrow that which might be done today. Mars with its dynamic energy may be used, however, to keep Mercury moving, for Mars is trine to Mercury, and the Dragon's Head, which is of a Joviterian nature, is in conjunction with Mercury. So if the parents of this young man will give him mental work to do while he is young, but work of a nature which is not too tedious, he may apply himself; but his interest must be kept alive or he will cease his mental efforts. His interest should be directed towards fifth house work, such as typesetting, linotyping, or anything connected with a publishing house.

This boy will have a wonderful resistance to disease, and he will also enjoy fairly good health, that is, provided he is taught to use discretion in the matter of food. Mars in Cancer is the sign of a gourmand, and Mars square to Venus with Leo rising give a tendency toward an unnatural appetite, indicating

one who is always hungry and who can dispose of large portions of food. This often clogs the system and is the cause of much disease. Teach Victor always to leave the table before he has entirely satisfied his hunger.

JOHN P. S.

Born January 27, 1920. 7:30 A. M.

Lat. 32 N., Long. 94 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Scorpio 2; 11th house, Sagittarius 19; 12th house, Capricorn 12; Ascendant, Aquarius 9-37; 2nd house, Pisces 21; 3rd house, Aries 28.

Positions of the Planets:

Sun 6-21 Aquarius; Uranus 0-15 Pisces; Moon 22-27 Aries; Neptune 10-16 Leo, retrograde; Jupiter 14-02 Leo, retrograde; Saturn 10-35 Virgo, retrograde; Mars 28-19 Libra; Venus 27-38 Sagittarius; Mercury 29-59 Capricorn.

This young boy has the fixed sign of Aquarius on the Ascendant with the sun in conjunction therewith. This will give him the sun as life ruler for on account of its conjunction with the Ascendant this planet is stronger than Uranus, the regular ruler of Aquarius, which is in a watery sign in which this airy, etheric planet is weak. Mercury, the planet of reason, is in the Saturnian sign of Capricorn in the twelfth house, square to the moon, and the moon is in the martial sign of Aries, ruling the head. Mercury is also square to the combative and impulsive Mars, and Mars is in opposition to the moon. We have here a combination of planets which may bring this young man many troubles. He will have a tendency to get into disputes with the authorities on account of his revolutionary ideas. He will be strongly drawn to take up politics, but the party which will have the greatest attraction for him may be the one that wants to tear down and change the policies of the land. He will attract many friends, especially among women, who will be ever ready to help him financially.

How strangely fate leads us into the very paths in which we must suffer and

learn some of our valuable yet saddest lessons. This young man would be the most successful in the study and practice of law, but in this field he would also have the greatest temptations to follow the destructive tendencies of his nature; for he would emulate certain criminal lawyers who take a stand boldly before the public for the protection of the man who has broken the laws of the land. John, however, would make a good criminal prosecutor.

Mars is trine to Uranus and sextile to Venus. This martial energy, which is possibly destructive, might, however, be directed into electrical work, automobile manufacturing and repairing, etc. This would give an outlet for a very large amount of it, which if directed constructively could do a great deal of good in the world, but if permitted to express itself destructively it would do great harm and bring much suffering, not only to the young man but to those associated with him.

VOCATIONAL

JULIUS J. K.

Born October 13th, 1902. 9 A. M.

Lat. 37 N., Long. 98 W.

Cusps of the Houses:

10th house, Virgo 12; 11th house, Libra 13; 12th house, Scorpio 9; Ascendant, Scorpio 29-37, Pisces intercepted; 2nd house, Capricorn 1; 3rd house, Aquarius 6.

Positions of the Planets:

Uranus 18-12 Sagittarius; Saturn 21-26 Capricorn; Jupiter 7-33 Aquarius; Moon 4-16 Pisces; Neptune 3-43 Cancer, retrograde; Mars 23-57 Leo; Venus 7-41 Libra; Sun 19-22 Libra; Mercury 2-08 Scorpio, retrograde.

In the horoscope which we have for our vocational reading this month the watery and fixed sign of Scorpio is on the Ascendant, with the ruler of the Ascendant, the fiery, impulsive Mars, situated in the sign of Leo in the ninth house. As the characteristics of Leo harmonize with those of Mars, it being a fiery sign, this planet as ruler will have

great strength and will be most active in the life of this young man. Mars in Leo delights in working with fire and the molding of metals. With Mars sextile to the sun and trine to Uranus, mechanical engineering, automobile manufacturing, or any kind of mechanical work should bring great satisfaction to the native.

Mercury, the planet of reason, is in Scorpio, trine to both the moon and Neptune. The moon is in the watery, occult, and twelfth-house sign of Pisces, and Neptune is strong in the watery and occult sign of Cancer, the two being in mutual reception. These three planets, namely, Mercury, the moon, and Neptune, will some time in the life of this young man awaken in him great interest in occult studies. The mind will be very quick to grasp the inner truths, which may in later life give him an incentive to do public work in the spreading of the truth of occultism.

DANGEROUS BABIES

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ness and tolerance would quickly win it to gentler ways, purge it of violence, and preserve its residue of brotherliness.

We are on the eve of a new Christian cycle. A new religion is about to be born. Jesus said, "I came not to destroy but to fulfill the Law." The new religion comes not to destroy but to fulfill Christianity. As the phoenix rising from its ashes cloaks its spirit in a new form, so the deathless spirit of Christianity will take a new form. Tradition has it that from the corpse of the phoenix is generated a worm which grows into the young phoenix. From the spiritually dead churches the worm of religious strife is being generated, but such an unpromising beginning must and will develop into something better.

The vigor and zeal of the "dangerous babies" will force the issue. They hold the divine fire which consumes only to purify. Fight they must, but they can be taught to fight for honesty, sincerity, and generosity, which are the heritage of

Mars. Mistakes they will assuredly make, but it is from his missteps that man learns to plant his feet more firmly on the upward path.

THE CHILDREN OF VIRGO, 1927

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transiting through this sign during the entire month, and Mercury and Mars during about half of it. Hence we may expect that the Virgo traits will be very strongly brought out. Saturn in Sagittarius is in mundane square to the sun, Mercury, and Mars, all in common signs; therefore it would be well if the parents would encourage these Virgo children to exercise much in the fresh air, sleep in open porches, and in every way possible help them to keep the circulation active so that the blood may be properly oxygenated.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

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life panorama does not reap the fruits of the past life. When a person is executed, the shock, anger, resentment, et cetera, that he feels and the horror of the whole proceeding deprive him of the peace and quietness of mind which are very essential in order that he may obtain a clear-cut record of the life that has just ended. Therefore this lack of opportunity will have to be supplied by the advantages which are given in the first heaven to the individuals who pass out in childhood.

1928 EPHEMERIS

Our Ephemeris for next year is now ready for delivery. This gives the planets' longitudes, latitudes, declinations, new and full moons, and eclipses. The arrangement is such that the student can find the information he seeks with a minimum of effort. The type is large, and eye strain is avoided. A superior Ephemeris at the low price of 25 cents postpaid. Get this Ephemeris and see what the transiting planets have to offer you in 1928.

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“Cosmo” Studies

This Department is devoted to a study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy by the Socratic Method, the material being taken direct from the “Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.”

BY ALFRED ADAMS

(Continued from August)

- Q. What may be said about the two renderings of the opening sentence of the Book of Genesis.
- A. Considered by the light which they throw upon the genesis and evolution of our solar system, both renderings are necessary to an understanding of this subject.
- Q. What does the first interpretation tell us?
- A. That there was a beginning of our evolution, in which the heavens were created.
- Q. What is brought out in the second rendering?
- A. It supplements the first statement by adding that the heavens and the earth were created out of the “ever-existing essence”—not out of “nothing,” as is jeeringly pointed out by materialist.
- Q. How is this creation brought about?
- A. The Cosmic Root-substance is gathered together and set in motion. The rings formed by the inertia of the revolving mass break away from the central part forming planets, etc., as the modern scientist with remarkable ingenuity has reasoned out. Occult and modern science are in perfect harmony as to the *modus operandi*.
- Q. Why is there nothing in these statements inconsistent with the two interpretations?
- A. Occult science teaches that God instituted the process of formation and is constantly guiding the system in a definite path.
- Q. What does the modern scientist say?
- A. The physical scientist, in refutation of what he calls a foolish idea and to demonstrate that a God is not necessary, takes a basin of water and pours oil into it. The water and the oil represent space and fire-mist respectively. He now commences to turn the oil around with a needle, bringing it into the form of a sphere. This, he explains, represents the central sun. As he turns the oil-ball faster and faster, it bulges at the equator and throws off a ring; the ring breaks and the fragments coalesce forming a smaller ball, which circles around the central mass as a planet circles around the sun. Then he pityingly asks the occult scientist, “Do you not see how it is done? There is no need for your God or any supernatural force.”
- Q. What is it that the physical scientist overlooks?
- A. He does not see that in his demonstration he himself plays the part of God. His was the extraneous power that placed the oil in the water, where it would have remained inert and shapeless through all eternity had he not supplied the force that set it in motion, thereby causing it to shape itself into a representation of a sun and planets.
- Q. What else does this illustrate?
- A. His was the thought which designed the experiment using the oil, water, and force, thus illustrating in a splendid manner the Triune God working in cosmic substance to form a solar system.
- Q. What are the three attributes of God?
- A. Will, wisdom, and activity. The scientist has will to make the experi-

ment. He has ingenuity to supply ways and means for the demonstration. This ingenuity corresponds to wisdom, the second attribute of God. He has also the muscular force necessary to perform the action, corresponding to activity, which is the third attribute of God.

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Correspondence Courses in French, German, and Spanish

Our Preliminary "Cosmo" Course has been translated into the above languages and printed for distribution among our students of the various nationalities noted. These lessons may all be obtained by applying direct to the Rosicrucian Fellowship at Oceanside. Students in Paris may obtain application blanks from the local Center of the Rosicrucian Fellowship at 15 Rue du Colonel Moll. This course contains twelve lessons. Our foreign students will find these lessons of great assistance to them in the study of the Rosicrucian Philosophy.

The "Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception" is used as the textbook of the course, and may be obtained from Headquarters in the bindings and at the prices noted below:

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The Rosicrucian Sunday School

Our Rosicrucian Sunday School lesson for the month of Virgo, from August 24th to September 23rd, is ready for delivery. This lesson illustrates the principles of the Rosicrucian Philosophy, with special emphasis on the qualities to be cultivated during this solar month.

The Rosicrucian Sunday School idea is gaining momentum rapidly. Mrs. Elois Jenssen, who recently returned from a most successful tour of our Centers in the Northwest, reports that the people are eager for Sunday School instruction in the Rosicrucian Philosophy. The Rosicrucian Centers which have not yet started a Sunday School should seriously consider this important matter.

The lesson booklets contain four lessons each. The price is 15 cents, or \$1.60 per dozen. The accompanying Manual of Instructions is 10 cents. A set of lessons for the entire year, including the Manual, is \$1.70. Nine of these lessons have been printed; the other three will appear later.

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Children's Department

Daniel and the Lions

BY MARY-ABBY PROCTOR

IN THE stories told to the children of Israel, those of Daniel and his three companions, who were taken captive at the time when King Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jehoiachin, king of Judea, show very strongly how these four young boys were faithful to the One God, and continued to be faithful when they became men. They tried to make the king understand that those who were true and faithful were taken care of by God.

The king had many dreams, which came as warnings, and which Daniel explained to him, urging him to give up idol worship and his evil ways of living, stating that otherwise Jehovah would punish him terribly.

History tells us that Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem some three thousand years ago, that he ruled forty-three years, and that most of the time he worshipped idols.

You remember the dream of the king about a terrible image of gold, silver, brass, iron, and clay. After many years he had another troublesome dream. Again he called upon the trusted Daniel to explain it. After hearing the dream, Daniel too was greatly troubled. After long and careful thought, he told the king that the dream was meant to warn him of his unrighteous ways, that his enemies, whom he had conquered, were now growing strong, and that the Most High God would use the hatred of these enemies as a means of punishment for his idolatry and other wickedness.

"They shall drive thee from men," Daniel said to the king. "Thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field." He would have to remain with the beasts,

until he knew that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever He will."

Then Daniel pleaded: "Wherefore, O, king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee," and he urged him to break off from his sins and live righteously, and to redeem his iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. But the king made no change and did not profit by the advice of his Wise Man.

In about twelve months from that time the king's dream suddenly came true. He seemed to lose his human mind, and as the dream foretold, he went into the fields with the animals. There he remained with the oxen and other beasts until his dream was fulfilled.

In telling of this dreadful experience Nebuchadnezzar said, "I lifted mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High. I praised and honored Him who liveth forever!" So by living in the fields and feeding with the beasts did Nebuchadnezzar have to learn his lesson that the One God is all-powerful.

At the end of his reign of over forty years King Nebuchadnezzar died. Then came the verification of his dream of the dreadful image with a head of gold and feet of clay. As Daniel had explained, the king had been the golden head; the kings who came after him would be less powerful, until at last there would come a kingdom, like the stone not cut with hands, which would destroy all others, and grow and grow until it covered the whole world, and it would last forever!

Nebuchadnezzar's son, and then his grandson, Belshazzar, ruled the great

kingdom and beautiful city of Babylon. They were very wicked men. They spent their days so unwisely that the nation was not well cared for. They had many enemies, among them the powerful king of Persia, Cyrus the Great.

For a long time Cyrus had been planning an attack on Babylon. Belshazzar should have been strengthening his city. Instead he lived in shameful ways. One night the king gave a great feast to a thousand of his lords. The servants brought in the beautiful gold and silver vessels that his grandfather, King Nebuchadnezzar, had taken out of the House of the Lord in the city of Jerusalem. Wine was drunk from these vessels, which were made for use only in the worship of Jehovah Himself. As the king and his guests defiled these holy dishes, they praised their own gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone.

After they had taken so much wine that they were partly asleep and partly crazy, the king chanced to look up at one of the walls of the beautiful palace. He saw something. What was it? At first he thought he had taken too much wine and that his gods had sent an evil spirit to trouble him. He looked again. There behind a great candlestick on the wall he saw the fingers of a hand. No body, not even an arm! Just those fingers, which were writing on the wall. What could it be that they were writing?

Belshazzar was so frightened that he trembled all over. The flush caused by too much wine faded from his face. He was very pale. With a cry the king asked that the astrologers and all the other Wise Men come to him at once and explain this thing that terrified him.

The Wise Men came. They saw the written words on the palace wall, but none of them could read the writing. The king begged them to explain it to him. He promised great rewards if they would tell him what it meant. But none of the Wise Men were able to tell the meaning of a single word that was written on the wall.

The queen had not attended the ban-

quet. No doubt she felt that with the mighty Cyrus at the gates of the city her son should be preparing for defense instead of weakening himself and his nobles with such carousals. In some way she had learned of the writing on the wall of the palace and of the fright of her son, and she went to the banquet hall to comfort him. She entered the hall, beautiful, stately, and queenly, with her ladies-in-waiting. She told her son not to worry, as she knew of a most learned and holy man, one who had been greatly honored by his grandfather, the great Nebuchadnezzar. She told him this Wise Man had often revealed secrets which no other was able to disclose.

By this time Daniel was an old man, ninety years of age. He had lived a life of great usefulness. He was honored and respected. As is often the case, there were those who were envious and jealous of him. They did not realize that it was the goodness of the Prophet and his faithfulness and strict obedience to the commands of Jehovah that had brought these honors.

Daniel was sent for. He came. Belshazzar told him if he would explain the writing on the wall, which the other Wise Men were not able to do, he should be given wonderful gifts and great honors and a golden chain should be put about his neck.

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The Rosicrucian Emblem

We frequently receive requests from friends for a Rose Cross Emblem which they can use in the home circle or in their individual rooms. Accordingly we have prepared one made of heavy card, the seven roses being of red ribbon placed on a white cross. It may also be used for Study Centers should a larger one not be available. This emblem makes an excellent gift to friends who are interested in the Rosicrucian Philosophy. We send them for \$1.75 each postpaid.

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Nutrition and Health

Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Fellowship teachings advocate a **SIMPLE, HARMLESS, and PURE LIFE**. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; that meat of all kinds, including fish and fowl, also alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality.

As **CHRISTIANS** we believe it to be our duty to refrain from sacrificing the lives of the animals and birds for food, and so far as lies in our power to refrain from the use of their skins and feathers for wearing apparel. We hold that vivisection is diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer, but we sometimes advise the use of material means to accelerate recovery and bring relief, and to clear the channel for the inflow of higher forces.

Our Motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY.

Different Methods of Healing

BY MARGARET BACHMEYER

"I PROVE all things; hold fast that which is good." These words of St. Paul come to our mind as we study the different methods of healing employed today. In all of them we find something good. It seems that there is a method to suit every stage of unfolding consciousness.

Of the many forms of psychic healing used today psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and Christian Science appear to be the most popular.

The basis of psychotherapy is the curing of the body through the mind. From it we see the great good derived by keeping the mind under control. Psychoanalysis works largely through the subconscious. Christian Science recognizes only good, denying evil or the negative side of spirit. Psychoanalysts claim that the cause of most disorders lies hidden in the subconscious, and that digging it out and facing it constitutes the first step toward conquering this foe. We can imagine that many sensitive, reticent people would prefer to suffer rather than divulge the secrets of their subconscious mind and allow their innermost soul to be probed and investigated by a stranger.

"Dr. Chella Hankin explains that the means through which the exploration of the unconscious is accomplished is allow-

ing it to speak for itself. This, he says, it does in the primal language of consciousness, namely, symbology. The symbolism of dreams is the language of the unconscious."

We know that the symbology found in the great world religions, world myths, folk lore, and fairy tales is also found in each individual's consciousness. The great religions mirror the truths relating to the great Cosmic Consciousness, of which each individual's consciousness is a part and to which it has a perfect correspondence. To correlate universal symbols with our individual ones is a part of the true development of each man and woman. This we should do for ourselves if possible and not have another do it for us, and in most cases one may accomplish it. This is a most subtle and complicated branch of healing.

The universe and the laws which govern it are extremely complicated. The simple statement that "all is good" does not sufficiently satisfy those who have analytical minds. Undoubtedly it does accomplish most wonderful cures, but as a philosophy or religion it is limited, and to many minds unreasonable. Although by the realization of the power of God or the realization of

good one is able in many instances to dispel evil, yet it should always be remembered that much apparent evil is in reality good. This brings us to *the occult side of healing*.

The occult student knows that man has a composite body, made up of several bodies, interpenetrating yet not interblending. Perfect health means perfect harmony in these subtle bodies as well as in the physical. Spirit is dual in its manifestation. There is a life side and a form side to everything. Spirit or life, though omnipotent in itself, limits itself when manifesting through matter or form. In many cases illness and pain are the chosen instruments of the spirit, the tools used to perfect the man. And it is often through the gateway of suffering that he is initiated into the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Disharmonies in the subtle bodies of man work their way out through the physical body. Therefore it is not best for us to build a mental wall around ourselves and drive these inharmonies inward. We should then have to meet them at some future time and in addition dissolve the mental crystallization also. Our troubles are creations of the mind which are not in harmony with the Plan. Let us beware that we do not add to them and thus prevent the full expression of the Higher Self and hinder our evolution. It would be to the detriment of the higher bodies to cure the physical vehicle before the disharmony is fully worked out. By that method we should hinder our progress instead of advancing.

With regard to the subtler bodies of man, which many systems of healing ignore, occult science has much to teach us. It can give us much light on methods for the healing of these bodies. Next to the physical body comes the vital body, built of etheric matter, which though finer than physical matter is only, as it were, one degree removed from it. This body is the vehicle of the solar life force. The manifestations of this body often puzzle the doctors, for instance, the

continuation of pain in an amputated limb. Though the physical limb is removed, the etheric double persists for a time, hence the pain.

After the etheric body comes the desire (astral) body, which is composed of still finer material, viz., desire stuff. It is the seat of the emotions and the vehicle of desire. The desire body becomes gross or fine according to the nature of the desires which the person harbors. This body can produce much inharmony in the physical body if it is uncontrolled or vile in its habits.

Higher than the desire body is the mental body, though in using the word "higher" we do not mean elevated, for these bodies, though separate, interpenetrate. The mental body is composed of substance still finer than that of the desire body, viz., mind stuff. It is by means of this body that the Ego can think and act. We must remember that behind and above and through all these bodies the Ego or real man is working and endeavoring to express himself. As the moral and intellectual growth of a man increases, so the substance of each body becomes finer and more subtle, thereby making more effective vehicles for the Ego.

Each of these finer bodies constitutes an aura surrounding the physical body and extending beyond it. These auras are clearly visible to clairvoyant sight. They have various colors, and by the clearness and radiance of these colors can the physical, moral, and spiritual condition of the patient be seen. The more perfect the man, the more radiant and intense is his aura.

Thus the occult healer is not working in ignorance as to the cause of his patient's condition. He can teach his patient how to transmute his past evil deeds by sitting in judgment on himself. This is the way to clear up one's misdeeds and sins. By the careful analysis of one's own hidden memories and the control of present thought one becomes a self-healer. This is preferable to allow-

ing one's innermost soul to be probed by another.

Back of what is seen in the auric color conditions brought with us at birth. A carefully prepared horoscological life chart will show where we have failed in past lives and the problems which we are to master and the debts we must liquidate in this life. Max Heindel tells us in "The Message of the Stars" that a certain vibratory pitch and magnetic polarity were infused into each of us when the stellar forces surged through our bodies and gave us our planetary baptism at the moment when we drew our first complete breath; also that their initial impulse remains undisturbed throughout life, and therefore the horoscope of birth determines our sympathies and antipathies as well as largely regulating all other matters. Its pronouncements are more reliable than those of our conscious minds. The physical world is the world of effects; the causes are hidden from our sight. Force is all about us, invisible and only known by the effects it produces. Astro-diagnosis enables one to read the causes back of physical effects, and with this knowledge one can better cope with disease. Thus we find that astrology, one of the most ancient and occult of sciences, is becoming a strong factor in healing.

The Western Wisdom School, or as better known, the Rosicrucian Fellowship, makes use of an entirely new factor in healing, namely, the aid of the Invisible Helpers. By their assistance much can be accomplished from the inner planes. The Invisible Helpers work in their etheric bodies, conducting certain manipulations upon and within the body of the patient.

The "Cosmo-Conception" states as follows: "In the Region of Concrete Thought are the archetypal forces which direct the activity of the archetypes. From this region spirit works on matter in a formative manner. From this region, therefore, must some healings take place. There we (between death and rebirth) change conditions in the physical

body that defy all other efforts at correction."

The manifestation of health is often prevented by reason of a lack of control of our various bodies. All of these bodies have certain vital centers as has our physical body, and if these centers are all working in harmony, the life-giving vital force can flow uninterrupted, and radiant health is manifested.

The higher spiritual self of man is ever striving to radiate the strength and perfection inherent in itself to its lower bodies. Man alone interferes with the divine plan by wrong thoughts, words, and acts. "Man's ignorance of cosmic law brought pain and discord." This being the case, it is of vital interest to him that he study this law and learn to work in harmony with it. Thus only can he find perfect health, peace, and happiness.

Electricity is latent in the atmosphere, but serves no recognized purpose to man until it is collected. Its possibilities are unseen until it is harnessed. Similarly is one's motive powerful yet never seen except in the garment of thought. The mind takes on a clothing of thought woven by its governing motive, and thought creates for itself its corresponding conditions. We read, "As a man thinketh, so is he." Wrong desires bring experiences that are painful. The fruit of our desires is given us to eat, but according to the motive will it be bitter or sweet in the mouth.

The life-giving etheric currents which flow to us from the sun are the source of health and vigor for our vital body, which in turn are communicated to the physical body. The latter is sustained by the chemical constituents of the food we give it. Should this not be of the pure material required to maintain health, we have to pay the price in suffering.

Thus we see how religion, material science, and occult science all play a part in this most complex subject of healing. If we wish to progress in the attainment of health, it is necessary that investigation proceed along divers lines.

By sincere purpose and continued ef-

fort on our part we shall eventually find the laws which govern the universe and man, and these will gradually yield up their secrets. But to attempt to find our way through the multiplicity of writings on the different systems of healing ere we understand the complex constitution of man and the laws governing our finer bodies is to find ourselves where Omar Khayyam did when he said, "When I was young I did eagerly frequent doctor and saint and listened to great argument, but ever I came out the same door as in I went."

Some one may say that I leave Christ out of healing. To him I reply: No, Christ is the very essence of all true healing, but to understand this one needs to understand the true meaning of His sacrificial life.

St. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." St. Paul the mystic knew the need of knowledge. All scriptures but illustrate the path of the soul, written in such a way, however, that the real meaning is sometimes concealed. Paul also says: "The natural man cannot know the things of the spirit, because they are spiritually discerned." There can be no real understanding of healing without the knowledge of the Mysteries. Man is inherently a spiritual being, and perfect health (harmony) cannot be obtained until he obeys his Higher Self.

A study of astrology shows us that there is no escape from the results of wrongdoing. It teaches us that all life is governed by immutable laws which if transgressed work for suffering and loss. It shows us that man has the power of choice. The words of Paul in Galatians, sixth chapter, bear this out, for he said, "Every man shall bear his own burden"; and again, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The whole life of the Ego must be planned and lived according to the cosmic laws. If we see the truth in the di-

vine Plan, obedience to that Plan will be our first aim in life, meeting every trial and test willingly, and gladly accepting them as lessons to be learned, lessons that will be of great benefit to the soul in the future.

Rosierucianism combines philosophy, religion, and science, and it recognizes no war between true science and true religion. In its teachings every phase of healing of man's fourfold body is handled. As these teachings become more and more a part of our being, we naturally give ourselves more unreservedly to the work of humanity, and add our bit to the great work of the healing of the nations.

Rosierucian Magazines in Spanish, Portuguese, and French

We are pleased to announce that Senor Carlos Nieto is publishing a Rosierucian magazine in Barcelona, Spain, at Commercial 3, 2o, 3a. The name of his magazine is "La Rosacruz." This is not to be confused with another magazine called "Rosa-Cruz," published by Dr. Krumm Heller in Badalona. Senor Nieto is republishing articles which have previously appeared in "Rays from the Rose Cross." He is one of the members of the Rosierucian Fellowship.

We are also glad to note that Senor Florindo da Costa is publishing a Rosierucian magazine, entitled "A Rosa-I-Cruz," at Rua Infante D. Henrique, 163, Portimao, Portugal. He is reprinting articles from "Rays from the Rose Cross," as well as other Rosierucian Fellowship literature.

The latest Rosierucian publication in a foreign language is that of "*L'Ere Spirituelle*," edited and published by L. Krauss at 15, Rue du Colonel-Moll, Paris. This magazine also is republishing articles from the "Rays" together with original articles by the editor.

Our students in Spain, Portugal, and France will find it to their advantage to acquaint themselves with these magazines.

Vegetarian Menus

—BREAKFAST—

Cantaloupe
Steel Cut Oats
White Toast
Cereal Coffee or Milk

—DINNER—

Bread Soup
Tomato and Nut Roast
Mashed Squash
Entire Wheat Bread
Buttermilk

—SUPPER—

Banana and Celery Salad
Bran Bread
Apple Pie
Diluted Fruit Juice

Recipes

Bread Soup

Break a pound of stale bread into bits and add three large onions, sliced, a small cabbage cut fine, a carrot, a turnip, a head of celery cut fine, a tablespoon of salt, a pinch of thyme, two bay leaves, and a little minced parsley. Boil all together in three quarts of water for two hours. Rub through a sieve and add one pint of whole milk. Serve hot.

Tomato and Nut Roast

Mix two tablespoons of grated onion, two tablespoons of melted butter or oil, one tablespoon of grated cheese, one and one-fourth cups of toasted, crushed bread crumbs, three-fourths of a cup of finely chopped nut meats, one cup of strained tomatoes, one small cup of minced celery, one teaspoon of salt and one-half teaspoon of paprika. Moisten with one lightly beaten egg, and turn into an oiled pan. Cover with oiled paper, bake for thirty-five minutes, then remove the paper, and let brown. Serve with a tomato sauce made of fried onion, green pepper, and a little flour, well cooked. Pour sauce on the platter around the roast.

Squash

Peel and steam till done. Mash, and season with salt and butter.

Banana-Celery Salad

Slice bananas and chop some celery. Mix, and serve on lettuce leaves with Russian dressing made by mixing thoroughly two cups of mayonnaise dressing, cooked or raw, and one-half cup of chili sauce.

Cheerfulness

Give us, O give us, the man who sings at his work! He will do more in the same time—he will do it better—he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts, to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous, a spirit all sunshine, graceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.—*Carlyle*.

A Thought for High Noon

All things I see are but reflections faint
 Of arcane truths; even the glowing Sun
 That looms above me, great reality,
 Is but the shadow of some Hidden One!
 —*Frances Wierman*.

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When you change your address, please leave 4 CENTS with your postmaster for the forwarding of each copy of your "RAYS." Otherwise it will not be forwarded to you as letters are. Moreover, your copy will come back to Headquarters and the Fellowship will have to pay postage to send it to you a second time. You can be of great help to us, both financially and in the matter of relieving our Mailing Department, by attending to this little detail.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Oceanside, California.

The Rosy Cross Healing Circle

PATIENTS' LETTERS

Oceanside, Calif., Aug. 4, 1927.

Dear Friends:

My little boy was crying with the earache the other night when I got home. I asked him if he had written in ink to the Invisible Helpers for relief and he said "No," but that he would. In five minutes after he wrote, he was asleep and did not awaken until morning. He remembered the great help he had received and when discussing it with his younger brother, the question was asked, "Why does David get help so much quicker than I do when I write to the Invisible Helpers?"

I said, "I think it is because David has $\Psi\Delta$ to his Ascendant, \mathfrak{D} , and \mathfrak{S} , and sextile to his \mathfrak{Q} , showing he can respond very quickly to the Invisible Helpers.

How I pray for the day to come when all children may be partakers of this mercy of Christ Jesus, our leader in all the beneficial workings for humanity. I shall always be grateful to you for the great help received.

Lovingly, _____ —B. B. C.

Calgary, Alta., Can., June 4, 1927.

Dear Helpers and Friends:

I wrote for help four days ago when I had a bad spell with my heart and received help in about five minutes. I knew the Invisible Helpers were there to help me, but I was a little late in writing my weekly letter so they could not work with me until I had written. The dear faithful friends had it fixed in about five minutes. I could feel them working but could not see them this time.

Loving and grateful thoughts to you all. Am feeling fine now.

Yours loving patient. —Mrs. H. J. G.

People Who Are Seeking Health

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done entirely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on

the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is conducted on the freewill offering plan. For further information and application blank, address,

*Healing Department,
The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Oceanside, California.*

HEALING DATES

August 2—10—16—22—30

September . . . 6—12—19—26

October 3—10—16—23—31

Healing meetings are held at Headquarters on the above dates at 6:30 P. M. If you would like to join in this work, begin when the clock in *your place of residence* points to 6:30 P. M., or as near that as possible; meditate on health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the healing of all who suffer, particularly those who have applied to us for help.

Wanted at Mt. Ecclesia

A capable cook, either a man or a woman, for our culinary department.

Also a working housekeeper to assist in the care of rooms. For particulars address,

*The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Oceanside, California.*

The Rosicrucian Seal

The Rosicrucian seal is designed for the sealing of letters and also to be placed at the top of a sheet of letter paper, thus transforming it into an attractive letterhead. These seals are sent in packages of 50 at 15 cents a package.

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Echoes From Mt. Ecclesia

Chats with the Editor

WUR Summer School is now in full swing, and every room and tent is occupied. A most interesting group of students have congregated here this year, and they are applying themselves diligently to their studies. In other years there have been a few who craved the social life and voted to have picnics and attend picture shows and socials, but our 1927 group have come to do real work. They realize that two short months are not a long time, and that they must keep busy in order to get much of the Philosophy. They are now preparing the plans for the Commencement exercises and the Annual. The writer has been invited to be ready for the taking of the photograph of the faculty today, truly the hardest task that can be assigned. My! we do so dislike this job, but as it is for the school Annual refusals will not be accepted, so we shall have to put on our grin-and-bear-it smile.

The wedding bells have again pealed on Mt. Ecclesia. On July 28th two of our probationers, Mr. Van McElwain of National City, and Miss Florence White of Santa Ana, were married in the Pro-Ecclesia, the writer officiating.

The students and workers had a most enjoyable moonlight picnic on the beach on the evening of July 14th, where green corn and marshmallows were roasted around a large camp fire. There were about sixty who attended.

One group of our students and workers have a new fad. We can assure you, however, that it is not destined to become very popular. They get up at 5 A. M., dress in their bathing suits covered with a cloak, and walk a mile and a quarter to the ocean for a morning bath, returning afoot. The men have not favored this party with their company, for the

tennis court is too popular, and they find this game a most pleasant pastime.

The writer spent five days in that world-famous moving picture city, Hollywood, last week, and really she was greatly pleased with the way the astrologers staged their first National Convention. The first night, July 21st, the Chamber of Commerce assembly hall where the convention was held was crowded, and at least two hundred persons were turned away. Dr. Lash and the writer each gave a lecture with stereopticon slides. Dr. Lash spoke most interestingly on astro-diagnosis as it is used in our Healing Department at Headquarters. The writer's subject was "Your Child's Horoscope, and the Value of Astrology in the Training of Children." The thermometer registered 91 in the shade at Hollywood, and we can assure you that when we returned to Mt. Ecclesia the delightful climate here made us feel as though we were really touching heaven.

Judge J. Turner Sweatt of Du Quoin, Ill., one of the speakers at the Astrological Convention, was a guest at Mt. Ecclesia recently.

Hitch Your Wagon to a Star

BY RUTH SKEEN

THE conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars led the three wise men to the birthplace of Jesus. The powerful conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter in the sign Aries helped to make the world's first National Astrological Convention a tremendous success.

Uranus must have said something like this to Jupiter:

"This is the convention of MY astrol-

ogers, and being a lover of all that is unique I shall stage it in the most unusual city of the world—Hollywood.”

And Jupiter undoubtedly answered:

“All right, I’m with you. I’ll see that the Hollywood people give you all the help possible. Mind, I say *give*.”

What Hollywood did to help make this convention a success is another story, not to tell here but a mighty interesting one. Without any doubt Jupiter is the special star of Hollywood.

And so it happened. To lovers, students, and leaders of this well beloved but often misunderstood science this convention was like the famous revolutionary shot “heard round the world.” To say that the convention was a success would be putting it mildly. It was overwhelmingly so from every angle. Those devoted persons like Dr. Llewellyn George, Mr. A. S. Hastings, Mrs. Jennie Wilkinson, Mr. Walter A. Coughlin, and others who labored faithfully to make it so, surely received the reward of virtue.

The class of astrologers present, the quality of the addresses given, and the large audience of well dressed, educated men and women who attended every session proved that astrology is attracting the attention of the very best people of this day. If any came to scoff, we are sure they remained to pray. The fact that Mrs. Max Heindel, our beloved leader, who has labored so faithfully for years to keep astrology the pure scientific and spiritual study that it is, stood on the platform was all the moral support needed to prove astrology’s value.

Astrology was ably handled from every angle. Llewellyn George, who has worked with astrology for over twenty-five years as author and publisher of astrological books, Dr. Sheppard, a prominent surgeon of Pasadena, and Dr. Lash, our own lecturer, as well as many others were convincing speakers and endorsed the horoscope as an aid in diagnosis.

Among those who contributed valuable data along the lines of research was Mary Bell, president of the California Astro-

logical Research Society, who gave an admirable address on “Neptune and the Exceptional Child.” Mary Bell is not only an excellent scientific astrologer but a great soul, and her address was a stirring human document. We only wish that every educator might have heard it.

There is not space to tell you of all the good things. It was a complete feast. Nothing was left out. Astrology from the standpoint of salesmanship was well and most humorously treated by Mr. Fred Skinner, who has handled a large territory and placed men as salesmen for years, using astrology to classify them and put them where they could best serve the interests of their firm.

The convention had as its primary object to put astrology on a scientific basis, to take it out of the mire of fortune telling and charlatanism, to elevate it to its proper place, and to prevent cheap and unscrupulous “horoscope” vendors and sidewalk fakirs from handling it in a shady manner.

In the future the astrologer must be a man of some education and have a real knowledge of astrology.

The message was carried all over the country by the delegates who journeyed to Hollywood to get it. State societies will be formed. The day is not far off when astrology will be an open book for the benefit of all. The horoscope will no longer be considered a fantastic fortune-telling toy, a curious novelty for predicting whether we shall make money or get married, but a real spiritual guide to man’s inner nature and a help in the solution of his many problems. To reverently study astrology brings you into touch with the “Great Unknowable Reality.”

To all those wise souls, “star led,” who worked and gave of their time, talents, knowledge, experience, and moral support and influence to make this convention the great success it was, we owe a debt of gratitude which we can only pay by helping to keep spinning along at top speed the work they have started

so well. In other words we must study astrology ourselves, tell our friends about it, and use it for the benefit of others. It is quite time we "hitched our wagon to a star."

Rosicrucian Lecturers

Mr. Philip Grell, Sr., of Sacramento was the speaker at the local Center of the Rosicrucian Fellowship at San Diego, California, on July 24th.

Mr. Reginald Oakley of Headquarters spoke at the National City Center of the Fellowship on July 31st.

Mrs. Max Heindel will give an illustrated address on "The Miracle Play" at the Los Angeles Center of the Fellowship, 213 So. Broadway, on September 4th, at 8:00 P. M. On Sunday, September 11th, at 11 A. M., she will deliver an address in the Church of the People, Trinity Hotel Auditorium, Los Angeles, on the subject: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" This address will deal with capital punishment.

The Parents' Forum

Because of the intelligent interest shown today in the child and its welfare, this magazine has decided to add a new feature which will be known as "THE PARENTS' FORUM." Parents are invited to send us their opinions on any phase of child care and training, including their experiences with their own or other groups of children. Leaders of child study groups may write us for instruction or suggestions as to the best method of organizing groups, how to prepare interesting programs, suggestions as to books to read on the subject, et cetera. From time to time, whenever possible, those in charge of the Forum will visit the various groups to stimulate interest not only in child study but in parental education as well.

This department will be conducted by Mrs. Elois Jenssen, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Ecclesia School for Children and an expert on

child psychology. Mrs. Jenssen is known to our members throughout California and the Northwest, as earlier in the year she made a lecture tour there, speaking on the subject, "The Child of the New Age."

We expect that this new department will render valuable service to our members who are parents. Address all correspondence to,

THE PARENTS' FORUM
*The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Oceanside, California.*

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