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In Gratitude to Max Heindel

In the issues of our *Rays from the Rose Cross* during this coming year of 1965, which marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Max Heindel, founder of this publication and of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, we shall lovingly endeavor to commemorate his memory and express our lasting gratitude to this man of extraordinary spiritual stature—our revered teacher and leader.

After being tested for sincerity of purpose and desire to aid his fellowmen, Max Heindel was selected by the Brothers of the Rose Cross to give out publicly the Western Wisdom Teachings and thus help prepare humanity for the coming Age of Universal Brotherhood. By means of intense self-discipline and devotion to service he earned the status of a Lay Brother (Initiate) in the Rosicrucian Order.

Under the direction of the Brothers of the Rose Cross, spiritual giants of the human race, Max Heindel wrote *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, an epoch-making book which has now become the Western World's leading textbook on occultism. It gives a logical conception of the World Mystery, explaining many of the hitherto little understood puzzles of life and being, at the same time that it presents a practical formula for living in a truly successful and satisfying manner.

In order more easily to share with all humanity the priceless Western Wisdom Teachings, Max Heindel established The Rosicrucian Fellowship, selecting for its permanent Headquarters a beautiful tract of land near Oceanside, California. From there have gone out, and continue to go out, the lessons, letters, books, etc., which are enabling an ever increasing number of people to gain satisfying answers to the many puzzling questions concerning the mysteries of life—and life after death.

From the tremendous storehouse of knowledge and information gained by his ability to read in and function in the higher worlds, Max Heindel gave out much additional occult information, now available in such books as: *The Rosicrucian Mysteries*, *Christianity Lectures*, *The Web of Destiny*, *Gleanings of a Mystic*, *Teachings of an Initiate*, etc. These books have been translated into various foreign languages and have reached into the farthest corners of the civilized world, carrying new understanding, hope, and comfort to thousands of people.

To all those who wish to express their appreciation of the man who was the instrument through whom were given the priceless Western Wisdom Teachings, and particularly those who knew him personally, we extend a cordial invitation to write to us. We shall print as many of these expressions in our magazine as we can.

—Editors of *Rays from the Rose Cross*

THE Mystic ... LIGHT

Becoming Self-Conscious Channels

(A Talk Given in Our Chapel)

PERL AMELIA WILLIAMS

AS WE complete our two devotional Services in the Chapel at Headquarters on Sundays, and the daily Service in the Temple, we are admonished to strive to become more worthy to be used as self-conscious channels for the use of the Elder Brothers in their beneficent work for humanity. No doubt most of us have given some thought to the meaning and significance of the words "self-conscious channels," trying to realize their meaning fully. If we have not, it is well worth doing, for we can thereby gain a much better understanding of just what is expected of us as aspirants on the Western Wisdom Path.

First of all, we should have clearly in mind that "self-conscious" as used in our admonition does not, of course, mean the self-consciousness commonly associated with timidity or any other manifestation of the personality. The personality, with its selfishness and egotism, must be overcome if we are to be channels for the spiritual work of the Elder Brothers.

The real Self is the Ego, the Spirit within the bodies, and we need to be fully aware of this wonderful fact, conscious of the divinity within, the I-AM spoken of in our Bible. In *Rosicrucian Christianity Lecture No. 15* we find it stated: "When Christ came He abro-

gated the practice of family intermarriage when He said, 'Before Abraham was, I am.' That is to say, I do not care for Abraham, but I glory in the I-AM, the Ego that was long before Abraham was. And He said, 'Who does not leave father and mother, cannot follow me.' "

Also, in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* (p. 352) we are told: "Christ came to prepare the way for the emancipation of humanity from the guidance of the differentiating Race and Family Spirits, and to unite the whole human family in One Universal Brotherhood. He taught that Abraham's seed referred to the bodies only, and called their attention to the fact that before Abraham lived (the) "I"—the Ego—was in existence. The threefold Spirit had its being before all tribes and races and it will remain when they have passed away and even the memory of them is no more. The threefold Spirit in man, the Ego, is the God within, whom the personal or bodily man must learn to follow."

In *Gleanings of a Mystic* it is stated that in the middle of Atlantis "the Sun first shone upon MAN as we know him: there he was first born into the world." Until then he had been under the absolute control of great spiritual Hierarchies, mute, without voice or choice

in matters pertaining to his education, as a child is now under the control of its parents.

“But on the day when he finally emerged from the dense atmosphere of Atlantis; when he first beheld the mountains silhouetted in clear, sharp contours against the azure vault of heaven; when he first saw the beauties of moor and meadow; the moving creatures, birds in the air, and his fellow man; when his vision was undimmed by the partial obscuration of the mist which had previously hampered perception; above all, when he perceived HIMSELF as separate and apart from all others, there burst from his lips the glorious, triumphant cry, ‘I AM.’

“At that point he had acquired faculties which equipped him to enter the school of experience, the phenomenal world, as a free agent to learn the lessons of life, untrammelled save by the laws of Nature, which are his safeguards, and the reaction of his own previous acts, which become destiny.”

Thus we have become *free agents*, individualized, indwelling Spirits with the free will to exercise our right of choice, to decide for ourselves how we will act. In the normal state we are in full control of our vehicles, including the mind, and may use these vehicles, as we wish. The more we become *aware* of our divine origin, of our real Self, the more usable we are for the work of the Elder Brothers in furthering the progress of humanity.

Now someone may ask: Is there not also the possibility that a person may consciously be a tool for the evil forces and work destructively? Yes, there is that possibility, of course, but such a person, we may safely say, is not acting in the awareness of himself as a Divine Spark of the Divine Flame. He is being directed through the personality which has been allowed to become so powerful, largely because of the gratification of base desires, that for the time being it shuts out the voice of the Higher Self. The mind, in league with the desire na-

ture, can cloud our true vision, our true understanding, and dim the voice of intuition. This is, of course, the path that leads to the black magician, the most awful fate that can befall a person.

In view of this, if we realize that every time we allow the personality to direct our words and actions—through destructive criticism, envy, jealousy, etc.—we are walking directly away from true spirituality. The Higher Ones cannot get to those whose auras are filled with the vibrations of hate, intolerance, suspicion, and fear. We shut ourselves off from them when we allow such emotions to enter into our auric atmosphere.

But how can we tell whether it is the personality or the Higher Self which is directing us? How may we become more aware, more fully conscious of the Spirit—very core of our being?

The answer to these questions sounds simple, but it is not so easy to apply, as we all know. The answer is: by living according to the laws of God which govern our life and being. Thus we develop our latent spiritual potentialities and acquire soul power; we develop the heart side of our natures and acquire the radiant, glowing soul body and the faculty of intuition. The personality becomes more amenable to the inner promptings that come directly from the Ego, which through the intuitive faculty is in contact with the universal wisdom of the World of Life Spirit. This Inner Voice can always be recognized by the fact that it is entirely unselfish.

Now the question is: what are the laws of God which we must learn to obey at this particular time in our evolutionary journey?

We are taught in The Rosicrucian Fellowship Teachings that before the coming of Christ, Jehovah gave to humanity what we call the Ten Commandments, so that the desire body might be mastered, or at least a start made in accomplishing this noble task. To judge how far we have come in mastering these

basic laws, we have only to ask ourselves such questions as: Do I revere the one God and abstain from taking His name in vain? Do I honor my father and my mother? Do I kill? Do I steal? Do I covet? Do I bear false witness? Do I love God with my whole heart and mind and soul?

Most sincere spiritual aspirants today have learned to live in accordance with these basic tenets, and have therefore attained a measure of mastery over the desire nature. But with the coming of the Christ Spirit as indwelling Spirit of the Earth, we were given even higher precepts, as enunciated in the incomparable teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. These demand, in their ultimate meaning, complete selflessness, a complete sacrifice of the personality, the lower self, upon the altar of loving, self-forgetting service to others.

As Max Heindel put it: "We must all learn our lessons in service; service to humanity, service to animals, our younger brothers, service everywhere. This alone will bring us out of the 'wilderness' of matter." "It is said that those who were highest in the Temple were those who served, and the Christ said: 'He who would be the greatest among you, let him be the servant of all.'"

"For our sakes Deity manifested the universe. The great creative Hierarchies have all been and some of them still are our servants. The luminous star angels, whose fiery bodies we see whirling through space, have worked with us for ages, and in due time Christ came to bring us the spiritual impetus needed at that time. It is also significant in the extreme that in the parable of the Last Judgment Christ does not say, 'Well done, thou great and erudite philosopher, who knoweth the Bible, the Kabala, the Cosmo, and all other mysterious literature which reveals the intricate working of nature;' but He says, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . .' Not one single word about knowledge; the whole emphasis was

laid upon faithfulness and service."

Then Mr. Heindel goes on to say something we have heard and read many, many times, but which can never be over-emphasized: "There is a deep occult reason for this; service builds the soul body, the glorious Wedding Garment without which no man can enter into the kingdom of heaven, occultly termed *The New Galilee*."

He also points out that "kind and considerate deeds . . . are the warp and woof of which the Golden Wedding Garment is woven . . ." "By loving service we may retrieve the wrongs of the past." "The worth of a man is measured by his service to the community." "Service is the standard of true greatness."

But what is true service? Mr. Heindel says it is the "best use of our talents—the putting of our talents to the best use in each case of immediate need regardless of like or dislike." Putting our talents, both present and potential, to use develops our spiritual powers, and this is justifiable only when "efficiency in service to humanity is the object."

During recent years there has been much said and written about the pursuit of excellence as a goal to be held before both young and old. It is indeed a worthy aspiration, for it presents a challenge to us to do our very best in striving to attain. President Lyndon Johnson said in a public address some time ago:

"In a world that sometimes seems vexed by change and wearied by doubt, there is little need of the next-best, the almost completed, and the nearly as good as. The noblest search of today is the search for excellence . . . In every challenge we face, the very best that we can do is the only thing we must do. For these problems, these challenges, will not go away untended by superior effort . . . In all these challenges our efforts will be fruitful to the degree to which we refuse to accept anything less

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God's Plan for the Animals

ARMAND TOUSSAINT, PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN BELGIUM

ROSICRUCIAN Fellowship students are familiar with the different vehicles of the four life waves (mineral, vegetable, animal, and human), which manifestations fall within the limits of our senses. They know that the animals have, besides the physical body, an etheric body, and a desire body which permits them to feel both pain and joy.

The spirits of the animals are outside of their physical bodies and act according to instinct, or direction by the Group Spirit. Their experiences are registered in the seed of their vehicles, following a process comparable to that of electronic machines.

Granted this, it is evident that all our actions, individual and collective, toward these, our younger brothers, are marked in an indelible way in what may be called the "records both particular and general." Thus it follows that humanity is piling up a gigantic account which must be paid in full sooner or later, an accumulation of a fantastically crushing burden.

There is a divine justice at work, though, which we call Destiny. After one accepts the pre-eminence of the spirit, then one must consider the part of the masses and their leaders, who are often ignorant concerning God's plan for the animals.

In the animal world there is one species that should enlist our special sympathy and friendliness: our winged friends. In our country of "advanced civilization" there is a most barbarous custom: the use of snares. In school as a child one is taught that he ought not to rob or destroy birds' nests, but the law allows the massacre of millions of birds by the most savage methods for the "pleasure" (profit?) of the poor! Some even dare to call it sport! Since

the birds cannot vote, their defenders must energetically oppose with their own votes those of the snarers.

The following is from a remarkable article signed by A.D.H., published last October in the monthly SPCA magazine (43 rue de Veeweyde, Brussels), "Our Best Friend," and titled *When Will There Be a Prohibition Against the Snare?*

In 1902, at the initiative of France, many European countries signed an "International Convention Agreement for the Protection of Birds Useful to Agriculture." But it soon became clear that this convention agreement was wholly inadequate. Several years later numerous organizations, such as the "Committee International for the Preservation of Birds" and the "International Council of the Hunt," studied the problem under all aspects, and finally replaced the first Convention Agreement with a new international one. In Paris on Oct. 18, 1950, there was signed the "International Convention Agreement for the Protection of Birds." Six countries (Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Iceland, and Luxembourg) signed the Convention Agreement, which was put into effect ninety days after the signature of the sixth nation on Jan. 17, 1963. Other countries have indicated their intention of signing signifying that this Convention Agreement is in the way of becoming a true charter that should put an end to the extermination of migratory birds.

Article 5 stipulates that the contracting parties are charged to prohibit the use of means of capturing birds *en masse*, among these instruments being the net, noose, trap, poison grain, and drugs; or to inflict on them useless suffering. The Convention Agreement

condemns equally the establishment of recompense for the capture or the destruction of birds.

However, in spite of the protestations of the neighboring countries, our Minister of Agriculture continued to permit and even to encourage, by means of nets and snares, the capture and massacre of more than 22 million birds between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15. This is the period of migration. This information comes from a study by the Royal Institute of Natural Science of Belgium and the Belgian Section of the International Council for the Preservation of Birds.

Public opinion is also against the snares. The federation of the trappers represents only a minority as opposed to some tens of thousands of the associations for the protection of Nature in general and the birds in particular.

On the other hand, our society, along with many other associations, has sought in vain for some years with the Department of Agriculture to obtain an injunction against the sale of spring traps. The use of these traps, which wound and mutilate the birds, is legally forbidden but their free sale makes the legal prohibition an illusion. It is emphasized that these traps are easily camouflaged, especially in snowy weather.

The second paragraph of Article 5 of the Convention Agreement permits a certain mitigation of the strict prohibition: "In those countries where the above restrictions are actually legally authorized, the contracting parties are pledged to introduce progressively in their legislatures the proper measures to forbid or restrain the usage of them." Without any doubt, none will deny the failure on our part to enforce the terms of the Convention Agreement of Paris which we signed in 1950 and ratified in 1955. For too long a lapse of time has our nation, in contrast to all our neighbors, allowed this barbarous trapping, denounced by the North Countries as a flagrant abuse.

Until October 1, 1963, we vainly hoped to find some order in council restraining the commercialization of the captured birds. But—nothing! It ought to be perfectly clear by now to the eyes of the most optimistic that the Department of Agriculture is going to do nothing to protect the birds, and that there exists a clique of pro-trappers that lobbies successfully in the Ministry.

Over the years we find in the game reports of our journals the statement that the thrushes, blackbirds, and starlings are being sold for exporting. We are not sure just which countries are involved, but it is almost certain that it is those who prohibit the use of the nets and traps. It is then scandalously hypocritical to use the name "game" to cover those birds captured in defiance of the international agreements.

The winter of 1962-63, very severe, multiplied everywhere the many actions of pity and help for our little friends, so beset. The reproach to the trapper and his rights is still more reprehensible. The birds ought to be protected. Each Belgian can but point to the signature which he gave 13 years ago—the law of the International Convention and its ratification.

You now know what remains to be done. But that is only a part of our duties toward our younger brothers, who will in the future Jupiter Period attain to a humanity superior to our own, whether the Ministers wish it or not. In fact, there are still the kill of the hunt, the vivisectionists, and the daily sacrifices in the abattoirs. On this point one must include what the medical vivisector says: "Yes, I practice vivisection on the animals, which are for the most of the time anesthetized. What do those protectors of the animals, who eat meat, then accuse me of? Let them first examine their own consciences."

In truth and in logic, every person should be a vegetarian. For if he is not actually participating in the crime,

he is nevertheless an accomplice. Would that the meat-eating patrons seriously reflect on this!

The question of the superiority of the vegetable diet over that of flesh-eating is not here raised. There are plenty of good books on that subject. One cannot help but smile when he sees posters recommending a product based on meat that will make him "strong as an ox. The naive advertiser certainly has not asked why the ox—and all other large herbivori: elephants, rhinoceri, hippopotami, etc.—are strong and enduring. Why then does one not eat carnivorous animals?

But there is more that is of interest to the mystics and philosophers that justifies our stand. There is no true divine work without abstinence from meat. This is why all theurgical rituals seriously prescribe as a preamble a fast and the baths—to rid the meat-eating participant of the poisons which encumber his organism and which gives him the odor of the "cadaver"—very far from the odor of sanctity desired.

May it be said in passing that the tobacco-users (a most egotistically bad habit) and the drinkers of alcohol are on the same footing. What Angel who, already burdened by the act of manifesting in a milieu more dense than his own, would not retreat further before these emanations so heavy that they cannot be overcome by the fumes of the most precious incense?

Could this not be a reason why materializations are so rare in the magical practices of the present time, in contrast to biblical times? It must be because the best rituals are not sufficiently potent and that the practitioners of the best known methods can only be understood when they "reason" with the desire body and not the mental body. We must all create our own experiences, and often to our sorrow. We have eyes and ears. Do they not see, and do they not hear?

The engineers calculate the strength of a chain by its weakest link. It is the

same for us, collectively speaking. The upliftment of an assemblage can go only as high as the spiritual strength of the least evolved.

In the binary world after the Fall, if we wish to make it again one homogeneous world—a very necessary condition—it is essential that we take a clear look at our monstrous malpractices and begin some parachute discipline in the Army of Christ.

A HOUND DOG'S PRAYER

I'm grateful, God, for the wonderful
years

When my master was young with me;
I was one month old when I came to
him

And as I grew, so did he.

Once, as a pup, I was struck by a car
And my master thought I was dead;
He laid his head in his arms and cried
And wished it was him instead.

Once I was trapped for hours in deep
woods

With my collar snagged to a tree;
Lead from the start, by a prayer in his
heart,

My master came straight to me.

Memories of him at camp, I find,
Are almost more than I can bear
For there are the woods that he romped
with me

And the boat that we loved to share.

And there's the brass bed that I shared
with him

And the black stove that he made glow;
Oh, the way that I loved my master
Only a boy's dog can know!

I know he is thousands of miles from
home,

And an age when a man must roam,
And I must wait, but before it's too
late,

Dear God, send my master home.

—Charlotte O'Brien Harvey

World Watchers

*The Watchers of the world who see
Far, far beyond the surface things,
Know that this warlike age shall pass
When faith into fruition springs.
The faith that lives in great desire
For peace in countless hearts that pray
And ask for guiding help to aid
And speed the coming of that day.
That day when justice for each one
Shall be the rule in every land,
When selfish greed shall be no more,
But men will seek to understand
That brotherhood is not a farce,
That love can every ill relieve,
That good for each means good for all—
The Watchers of the world believe.*

—Della Adams Leitner

TO A LITTLE BLACK ANT

Oh, little brother,
On the bleached white stone,
How many feet upon you trod,
Thoughtlessly?
Not knowing, nor seeming to care
That they step upon
A part of God!

MY PRAYER

*My prayer is not a formal verse
composed of solemn words;
It is more like the litany
of joyous, little birds,
And not unlike the autumn-song,
so melancholy-sweet,
The wind sings on a sunny day
while bending down the wheat.
My heart is not a swinging bell
that rings at twilight time,
Yet singing in its depths are prayers
as golden as their chime.
My heart is filled with hymns that surge
in voiceless minstrelsy
Just as the shell cupped to the ear
sings always of the sea.
The sea and I have sung our prayers
To One who listened well;
For One who cradles in His hand
this small, pain-broken shell.*

—Veda Burnaugh Collins

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Helena and the Hallows

BY ANNE PHILLIPS

THE EMPRESS Helena, mother of Constantine, has been called the first Christian archeologist, in the modern sense. Some say that it was she who converted her son Constantine to Christianity. At any rate, her husband, the Caesar of Gaul and Britain, Constantius Chlorus, though generally thought to have been a pagan, protected the Christians in the Western Empire whenever he could. Roman tales have it that Constantius married a girl out of a brothel; that is, Helena, mother of Constantine. One may perhaps suspect here that a Gnostic myth has somehow gotten mixed up in Catholic legend; for Simon Magus was supposed to have rescued a certain Helen from a brothel and married her, and she became his chief disciple. Again this has a curious echo in Mary Magdalen of the New Testament texts. Mary Magdalene was held in high esteem by many early Christian cults, as hinted also in the New Testament, in John's Gospel particularly, when it is said that she was the first to see the Risen Christ. We have mentioned that her bones are still cherished in a church at Vezelay in France. It may be also that, as in the case of Cleopatra, the Romans misunderstood the situation.

British legend says that Helena was the daughter of a Druid King and High Priest; and that she herself was learned in all the wisdom of the Druids. This lends support to the story that it was she who converted her son to Christianity. Again there is the acknowledged fact that her husband, Constantius Chlorus, as Caesar of Gaul and Britain, protected the Christians when possible. Ancient writers have said that of all religions, none was so like Christianity as Druidism; and it may well be that if human sacrifice—even in the guise of capital punishment—still lingered

among the Druids, the substitution of the Christ Sacrifice to eliminate these other sacrifices would have been all that the Druid cult required to take on the new form. It is very likely that the King Arviragus who granted to Joseph and his band the marshy island of Avalon on which to build a church was really a Druid in religion. Glastonbury, it is well known, had once been a famous Druid center, and an Archdruid still lived somewhere in England in the time of Henry VIII, who had him executed, at the time he destroyed Glastonbury and its abbot. The Glastonbury library, with its precious old books and manuscripts was destroyed, too, though we may hope that some books were saved and may one day be recovered. The karma of Henry VIII is far from enviable.

When Constantine was crowned Caesar of Gaul and Britain in his father's place and managed to eliminate the other local Caesars, becoming Caesar of the whole Empire—therefore "Augustus Caesar"—he continued to surround himself with philosophers. In time, however, he began to proscribe and finally even to persecute, the pagan citizens, and some think it was the resulting antagonism that caused him to move his capital from Rome to Byzantium, which he called New Rome and others called Constantinople in his honor. This left Rome at the mercy of the Northern tribes: Goths, Britons, Teutons, etc., though it was the Christian Justinian whose Italian wars—persecutions of pagan Romans, his own citizens—finally brought about the downfall of Rome, since Italy became too weak to be able to defend herself. But in the intervening centuries Europe was being slowly Christianized by Greek speaking missionaries, many of them exiles, like Arius—the first Unitarian—whom Constantine exiled to Gaul after

the Council of Nicaea when his Unitarianism was branded a heresy. When the hordes of tribesmen finally took Rome, they actually spared the city because of its Christian associations; a fact which St. Augustine has put on record, as something which never happened before in the history of warfare and was directly attributable to the influence of Christ's teaching.

For a long time it was believed throughout Europe that Constantine bequeathed the city of Rome to Pope Sylvester (modern historians say this document was really a forgery), and we find hints of this belief in a number of episodes belonging to the Grail stories. The title "King" Fisherman, in some instances, may refer to the Pope's supposed sovereignty at Rome, although the earliest legends obviously refer to a King-Protector rather than a King-Priest, for Joseph of Arimathea is not called a King. No devout Jew would have set himself up as the Messiah.

No doubt some of these Northern Christians were Catholic, but a great many of them were Arians; that is, followers of Arius, the Unitarian, exiled to Gaul in 325 A.D. after the Council of Nicaea. Note that at first Constantine, with a co-Caesar, had merely established universal religious tolerance in the Empire; in the famous Edict of Milan. Later, having got rid of the sub-Caesars, and ruling alone as Augustus, he became narrow and intolerant, and in his declining years began actively to persecute all non-Catholic cults and religions, as we have said.

We should take note here that the Arians whom Constantine and the Church exiled to Gaul not only were "Unitarians" in the sense that they did not consider Jesus to be equal to God, but that they also held to the "Adoptionist" Theory so-called, namely, that Jesus was not born the Christ but became Christ at the Baptism. In Europe the Arians undoubtedly met the descendants of earlier Christian settlers from

the first century A. D. who held similar beliefs.

HELENA'S VISION

The first set of relics of Christendom date, as we have seen, from Joseph of Arimathea and his party. The second set date from Helena's archeological activities in Jerusalem. The story goes that she was instructed in a dream to dig in a certain spot, and that she would find the tomb of Christ and the timbers of the cross upon which He was crucified. Non-believers have ridiculed this story, but the records of the time seem to show that she proceeded with all due caution, very much in the manner of the modern archeologist. The digging was done with care, the rubble removed and examined, and finally they came to an empty reservoir; and at one corner of this an opening stopped up with a stone. The stone being removed, a cavern or room was disclosed in which were the timbers of three crosses; and upon the taller post of one of them the title-board still clung, on which could still be read the scrawled statement in three ancient languages, "King of the Jews."

In addition to this there were four nails and a triangular block of wood. Helena divided the cross into small portions and distributed them, as relics; while Constantine took the four nails. He put one in the halo of the crown of his statue at Byzantium—the Apollo which bore his own head—as a sun-ray; another he wore in his hat (for protection, perhaps?), and a third he actually had made into a snaffle for his horse, or at least that is the tale that is told.

It is highly significant that Constantine, who was British on his mother's side (says one legend), was not only the first Christian Emperor of Rome. It was under Constantine that Britain saw, for a brief time, a Christian nation; and we believe that this may be important to an understanding of the Grail legends. For as there are many

candidates for the role of "Wicked Priest" in the Dead Sea Scrolls today, so there is more than one candidate for the "Sinner King" of the Grail story. Some think that Arthur himself is the Sinner King and Tintagil the original site of the Castle Grail. Constantine has never been thought of in this connection, but when we learn that his mother Helena claimed descent from Joseph of Arimathea, many strange possibilities come into view, in connection with the House of Constantine, whose dragon banner would, in Britain at least, suggest the line of British Kings known by that name; Pendragon. Whether any such association is historically sound is questionable, but it is easy to see how the popular imagination might create an acceptable tradition.

The Bishop Macarius of the Church at Jerusalem yielded up many relics to Helena, but retained control of the Tomb itself, over which the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built. Historians incline to think that this is indeed the true site of the Tomb, not the Garden Tomb of recent fame, but they may be wrong.

Helena sent various relics out to shrines in Europe and elsewhere in the Empire; the great stones from the stairway of Pilate's palace she sent to Rome; the three skulls of the Magi, which the Jerusalem Church still claimed to have, and may indeed have had, she dispatched to Cologne, where they are kept to this day.

From the Jerusalem Church she took the Crown of Thorns. This, she was told, Mary had picked up on Golgotha and had taken home, then when the Christians retreated to Pella, just before the destruction of Jerusalem, they took the Crown with them; and afterward returned to Jerusalem, still with the Crown in their possession.

Also from the Jerusalem Church Helena and Constantine took the Holy Shroud, the Coat (Seamless Robe so-called) for which the Romans had cast lots, the Spear which had pierced the

side of Christ, and pieces of the True Cross. (Some say, however, that Joseph's party had these relics.)

In the next chapter we will take up the matter of Constantine's vision, and its connection with the Grail legends. We have shown that Perceval's family were the custodians of the relics of the Crucifixion; we learn further that Arthur claimed overlordship of Rome as the successor of Constantine. That is, he claimed more than kingship of all Britain. He claimed the Western Empire.

When the young Galahad (who replaces Perceval in Mallory's *Morte d'Arthur*) comes from the Grail Castle he obviously is demanding that Arthur turn over the throne to him, as the rightful heir.

Does Arthur receive him and allow him to rule in his stead? The legends do not say, except in hints. Perceval's mother in the High History calls herself the Lady of Camelot, and claims that Arthur is neglectful of her interests, and that for this reason her Castle—the Castle Perilous—is falling into decay, and she is in danger of conquest by a neighboring knight, the Knight of Castle Mortal. Yet she and her daughters, the Damsels of the Grail, continue to guard certain holy relics with their lives. These relics are precisely those which Helena found in the Holy Land, including the shroud, as we shall see.

Why was Arthur's Court disrupted at Galahad's appearance? It would certainly seem possible that his knights ranged themselves with Galahad, and sought to restore the ancient Christian capital at the "Castle of the Fisherman King." Tintagil is situated on the rocky coast of Cornwall, and there Arthur was born—miraculously. Merlin has gone to great lengths to prove Arthur's right to the throne; and one wonders now if Arthur was not in reality Regent, rather than true King, until the Heir should come of age; for it is plain that he knew all about Galahad, and was expecting him to come to the Court.

It has been suggested that the name Galahad is really a reading for Gilead, since the name Gilead is found translated as Galahad in certain instances, in the Vatican texts. Perceval, someone has said, is really Perceval Sir Galahad, Galahad being the family name, and Perceval—Parsifal in the German—being a sort of nickname or even a title, meaning the “Pure Fool,” or a pun upon some word having this meaning and also a hidden meaning referring to the Grail Dynasty. This suggests that the question to be asked in the Grail Castle, the Castle Perilous, has something to do with the family name: WHO IS IT THAT IS SERVED OF THE GRAIL? WHAT IS HIS NAME? A theme which recurs once more in the Lohengrin story. We may add, apropos of the Lohengrin tale, that the German poets have declared that it was after the murder of his son Lohengrin that Parsifal at last departed to the East, taking the Grail with him.

SELF-CONSCIOUS CHANNELS

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than excellence. Twenty-four hundred years ago Pericles set forth in his time the high resolves of our time. ‘If,’ he said, ‘Athens shall appear great to you, consider then that her glories were purchased by valiant men, by men who learned their duty.’”

As students of The Rosicrucian Fellowship Teachings, the pioneer teachings of the approaching New Age for the Western World, we are truly privileged. We have the answers to the questions concerning life and being that have puzzled man for eons; we have had indicated to us the way of living which insures our progress on the evolutionary ladder. But along with our wonderful privilege in having this Teaching, we also have a great responsibility, a tremendous duty. And what is it? Is it

not obviously the pursuit of excellence in improving our characters, in unfolding the latent powers of the indwelling Spirit, in loving and serving with all our might, so that we may become ever more efficient self-conscious channels for our Elder Brothers to use in their beneficent work for humanity?

A spiritual fire burns here at Mt. Ecclesia. It was lighted by the Brothers of the Rose Cross and Max Heindel when the International Headquarters was established. During the half century since that momentous event, this spiritual fire has continued to burn, brighter at times than at others. How brightly it is to burn in the immediate future and afterward depends upon you—and me—and every other member of the Fellowship. To the degree that we gain mastery over our lower selves, that we become more efficient self-conscious channels for the Elder Brothers to use, will that fire blaze and send forth ever brighter rays of love and peace to our needy world.

May each and every one of us go forth tonight with a new determination to reach a higher stage of excellence in spiritual progress so that the spiritual vibrations here will reach a new height, possess a greater power, emanate a more far-reaching radiance. Let us go forth, joyously, but with an invincible determination “To lift with all our might, All souls to dwell in harmony in freedom’s perfect light.”

AN ANIMAL LOVER’S PLEA

Oh, do not kill my little friend,
 Let him see the rising sun;
 He loves the sky as you and I—
 Does this helpless little one.
 Look into his eyes, my friend,
 Let your heart see what is true:
 Each life you take, make no mistake,
 Depletes a little part of you.

—Charlotte O’Brien Harvey

The Occult and Scientific Correlations of Religion, Art, and Science

ART TAYLOR

Chapter VII—OCCULT AND SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGY

(Continued)

THE STUDY of vibration with a careful and thoroughly logical application of mental powers should remove any barrier set up as to the separateness of any state of being or existence from any others. The similarity of properties of certain chemical substances in higher function, under the domination of Fire, Air, Water and Earth, indicating an unmistakable attribute of active, preservative, and inert qualifications; the blend of distinct gradations in shades of color; and most forcibly, the complete and satisfying unison in all octaves of tone; the revolution of the spinning disc; distinct demarcations of all twelve-fold combinations of octaves as impressing certain sense perceptions with the limit only lying at their apex of understanding—all these not only substantiate the twelve fold segregations of vibration on all strata and planes, but refute and make illogical any doctrine which would infer that any such monumental structure could, or should, possess any sudden boundary. How could these definite steps upward by doubled impulses be restrained from ascending into more and more attenuated states of matter, though recognizable by the intellect? It would seem far harder to imagine a terminus than to conceive unlimited ascendancy into the beyond.

The testimonies of certain well known and universally conceded Solar, Lunar, and Planetary influences should next be considered. Chief among them is the universal transmission of light and heat throughout inter-stellar and inter-planetary space. The fact that all energy and all work are performed by the dis-

sipation of heat is significant, and it should be noted that all forms of fuel for the purpose are produced by the Sunbeam, whether for the engine or the planet, or even the animal and human machines. Not alone every development of energy, but all life as well, is dependent upon heat originally developed in the Sun.

All plant, animal, and human activities are adjusted to the tropical year, while the march of the Sun through the twelve signs of the zodiac inaugurates the changes of seasons, with their pronounced terrestrial effect.

The Lunar control of the tides and subtle effects upon all vegetation has long been known, and recently carried to a precise degree of understanding by national departments of agriculture, which, by bulletins and tables show the exact time of month to plant the certain natures of sub-terrestrial and super-terrestrial vital substances. Its strong influence over the weather, while a scientific subject of debate in many realms of investigation, has, nevertheless, been conceded by many deeper scholars and proved to the satisfaction of many not prematurely prejudiced, and where a logical scheme lay at the foundation, painstakingly applied, as, for instance, Hershel's Weather Table, reasonably sound but requiring some modification.

The Lunar and Solar influence over the animal could not be doubted, since so many animal instincts respond accurately: mating, migrating, hibernation, and so forth, and the lunar cycle of 28 days controls the female organization in both animal and human kingdoms.

Hospitals for mental cases have long been recognizing unmistakable effects of the phases and lunations upon the various natures of their diseases.

But why would these known conditions be taken with dogmatic materialistic conception? Is it not anomalous to infer that the influence could be such, while the intellect appreciates a spiritual nature?

Reverting to a consideration of the universal transmission of light and heat, and weighing the same with the revelations of the spectroscope and spectrum analysis, wherein every element is accurately charted and exact composition known at great distances, it seems but natural to admit that as each element absorbs its own ray, and reflects the balance, that the plant, animal, and human compositions, which are material but made up of these same elements, would be likewise affected. Further, as certain food-stuffs are designed for the nourishment of form, life, animation, and thought, the association of material and spiritual influences must be apparent.

A prevalent conception has always prevailed that astrology lacks popular acceptance chiefly because of its lack of scientific foundation, in part, correct, because of certain lamentable tangential, hallucinatory beliefs and doctrines unfortunately fomented by too mystical a turn of mind.

But when properly conceived and logically studied by the intellect which has served its apprenticeship in scientific study, it is readily appreciated that it is as scientific, logical, and accurate as any mathematical formula.

The difficulty lies solely in proper presentation, accurate correlation with known astronomical conditions, and the temporary acceptance by the neophyte upon faith, until the individual development has proven conclusively the extreme logic and science of its existence.

With a comprehensive realization of the principles of preceding chapters covering the classification of elements,

soils, and metals under active preservative, and inert, fire, air, water, and earth; the known association physiologically, polarity, the seven-fold and twelve-fold constitution, vibration, etc., a logical foundation will be undertaken.

If there might be any such thing as crucial points in the celestial sphere, these would naturally fall at the eastern and western horizons, at the meridian and its nadir, and these are existent as the purely convenient pivotal places of the daily time measure, while possessing a real significance in nature in the effects of insolation upon the plant, the tidal range, and so forth.

These places of great astronomical importance are truly cardinal, in the fullest sense of the word, and occupy a most pronounced and important place in the horoscope. As there are four kingdoms, mineral, plant, animal, and human, so are there four cardinal points, commonly designated as the cardinal cross.

As each sunrise calls forth the awakening to renewed physical activities, this eastern horizon, on the macrocosmic scale, represents the "Ascendant," the point controlling the personality of the physical form, stamping it with those general characteristics so easily recognizable with a little study, and determined by the zodiacal sign occupying that place at birth.

As each meridian passage marks the turning point from the morning to the afternoon, the apex of the conscious period of daily pursuits, this point marks the height of the celestial attainments of the native, commonly known as the "Mid-heaven" and stamping the spiritual or idealistic nature with the characteristics and ambitions of the zodiacal sign occupying that place at birth.

As the western horizon marks the decline of day, so is it indicative of the submergence of physical individuality in the horoscope, determining the relationships of the native with the rest of the world.

The Nadir, likewise, indicates the complete withdrawal from the external, the repose, the refuge of the home.

The Cardinal Cross, therefore, reveals the stamp of the four fundamental influences of the four kingdoms upon the human life, the composite of all, the mineral inertia, the plant preservation, the animal animation, the human aspiration.

Remembering that a three-fold spiritual force is working in a three-fold expression of all phenomenal formations in inertia, preservation, and action, it is obvious that lying between the arms of the cardinal cross would be found the other two states in inertia, or fixity and preservation, or the neutrality.

It has been seen that each combination of activity with inertia produces the state of preservation found in soil, water, salt, oil, fat, and so forth, and true to this principle, adjacent to the cardinal signs are the fixed, or inert, while the common or preserved sign follows. There are thus produced the "Fixed Cross" and the "Common Cross," and a general disregarding for the present of the many other characteristics of the signs, a twelve-fold expression, in harmony with the principles already mastered, viz:—an active, preservative, and inert expression of fire, air, water, and earth, or some form of aspiration, animation, unification and specialization according to intellectual, animal, plant, or mineral propensities.

The next step to consider is the duality of expression found in man, the higher nature and the lower; the idealistic and the sensual, or the spiritual and the material, and herein lies the distinction between the twelve zodiacal signs themselves, the celestial and the twelve segments of the planetary sphere in counterpart, the terrestrial.

They may be likened to two concentric wheels with twelve spokes each, the one motionless (the terrestrial, the other in a state of revolution (the celestial) with a period equalling the sidereal day, or two successive right

ascensions of the same star. These twelve zodiacal forces impinge upon the twelve manifesting functions found germinated upon any plane and thereby give outward material expression through material instrumentalities, the phenomenal nature of which is determined by the state of vibration arrested. As twelve zodiacal forces sift down through the octaves of vibration, they come to rest in the chemical elements, insofar as the four kingdoms are concerned, and the status of outward material expression through material instrumentalities is controlled by the extent to which these chemical elements are utilized in organization, whereas the spiritual nature of the forces is appropriated directly as essence into the superphysical aural vehicles.

Each element, soil, and metal on the mineral plane can but interpret the in-



dividual characteristic of the zodiacal force which emanated it as a certain property, for the mineral kingdom possesses no organization, and whatever amalgamation of these properties is found produces the phenomena of nature in the laboratory in both beneficial and inimical combinations.

The plant kingdom, however, is in a higher state of development, and organizes the chemical elements of the zodiacal forces as vital compounds in methodical array for certain purposes. This is done by the invisible and higher functions of the plant which intercept the sifting vibrations on the ethereal plane above, incorporating that essence which carries the organization to such perfection.

The animal kingdom in still higher development assimilates the organized chemical forces, and by expending them attains a state of animation. As in the plant kingdom, the higher functions in-

tercept the sifting vibrations on the ethereal plane of the plant and the still higher color currents of the animative region of the invisible worlds, incorporating the essence which carries the dissipation of forces to such perfection.

The human kingdom working self-consciously in thought controls all separate factors directly from the region of archetypal force-matter which incorporates the essences that give man such a domination over the works of the other three. More explicitly, man does not express a higher plane of development in the same manner as do the mineral, plant, and animal successively, but commences the selfconscious utilization of the focusing medium of the mental plane, through which the sifting vibrations are mirrored, for the direct application of the spiritual principles, and the consequent gradual enlightenment in scientific understanding of the causes and effects of phenomena in life and being.

As man's enlightenment is furthered, he communes with still higher and higher octaves of vibration above, with continually expanding consciousness of deeper and deeper truths.

Therefore in building a scientific structure of the horoscope, the figure should never be thought of as confined to the human adaptation, for as God is everywhere, everything is part of God, and the twelve-fold expression of the zodiacal hierarchies descends to the very nadir of form. The principle of relative vibration furnishes the master-key for understanding occult and scientific astrology and its absolute control of all form, life, animation, thought, and aspiration, as expressed successively by mineral, plant, animal, human, and spiritual degrees of consciousness.

Commencing with the mineral kingdom as a whole, and considering only that portion of it which is utilized in the forms of plant, animal, and human beings, there are found just the twelve already studied, viz: a cardinal cross

of four elements: fiery phosphorus, airy lithium, watery chlorine and earthy fluorine; a fixed cross of four metals: fiery potassium, airy sulphur, watery sodium, and earthy calcium; and a common cross of four soils, fiery magnesium, airy iron, watery aluminum, and earthy silicon. According to their characteristics, general properties, and interpretations in phenomena, plant life, animal animation, and mental application they are ruled appropriately by the cardinal cross: Aries, Libra, Cancer and Capricorn; by the fixed cross, Leo, Aquarius, Scorpio, and Taurus; and by the common cross: Sagittarius, Gemini, Pisces, and Virgo. The work of the twelve signs is herein limited to the mere selection of twelve fitting substances to serve as a mineral kingdom foundation for those in higher developments. Being the mineral kingdom, only, just one cycle of them is found.

The plant kingdom, on the other hand is in the second stage of unfoldment, and as a foundation in the mineral, will organize these same substances in vital compound and in addition utilize the real dynamic higher materials of the etheric region. In other words, being in the second stage requires the fundamental utilization of the materials of the first region, and in addition, two cycles for the active expression of the second—the first cycle, a recapitulation of the minerals in vital compounds. In the Cardinal Cross are found starch, sugar, cellulose and lignin, for the four carbohydrates corresponding to the four elements of Aries, Libra, Cancer, and Capricorn. Likewise, in the fixed cross are located albumen, syntonin gelatin, and fibrin, the four proteids corresponding to the four metals and ruled by Leo, Aquarius, Scorpio and Taurus. Further, in the common cross are found the four fats corresponding to the four soils, or, stearin, palmitin, olein, and glycerin, under Sagittarius, Gemini, Pisces and Virgo. It might bear repetition, that this cycle of the plant is the recapitulation of the mineral state in

vital organization. The real dynamic work of the plant kingdom lies in the second cycle, and here is found the cardinal cross of the four ethers so well known to all occult philosophies, and corresponding to the four elements and the four carbohydrates; the four essential elements of the laboratory forming the fixed cross under oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, and nitrogen, and corresponding to the metals and proteids; and lastly, the common cross of electron, helium, coronium, and the cosmic atom, corresponding to the soils and fats.

Applying the correlation analysis of the foregoing to the animal kingdom, it will be noted that as this is the third expression of unfoldment, so must there be three cycles, two of which will but recapitulate the mineral and plant kingdoms on the animative plane.

Consequently, the foundation will possess the active principles of the laboratory corresponding to the cardinal cross of fire, air, water, and earth, viz: heat, compression, condensation, and contraction, and all animative expression, both animal and human kingdoms of these natures, are ruled by the cardinal cross, Aries, Libra, Cancer, and Capricorn, and upon careful investigation the formation and organization of the appropriate substances below in plant and mineral will be found to obey these characteristic properties. The fixed cross of active phenomena in the laboratory consists of incandescence, diffusion, evaporation, and expansion, and all animative expressions in both animal and human kingdoms of these natures are ruled accordingly by Leo, Aquarius, Scorpio, and Taurus. The common cross of active phenomena in the laboratory consists of fusion, electricity, density, and inertia, and all animative expressions of these natives in both animal and human kingdoms are ruled accordingly by Sagittarius, Gemini, Pisces, and Virgo. All these are mineral recapitulations.

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MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

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ANCIENT AND MODERN INITIATION

Christian Mystic Initiation



FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT

Mystic Rite of Baptism

(Continued)

A STORY is told of an Ottoman king who declared war on a neighboring nation, fought a number of battles against it with varying success, but was finally conquered and taken captive to the palace of the victor, where he was compelled to work in the most menial capacity as a slave. After many years fortune favored him, and he escaped to a far country, where by hard work he acquired a small estate, married, and had a number of children, who grew up around him. Finally he found himself upon his deathbed at a very ripe old age, and in the exertion of drawing his last breath he raised himself upon his pillow and looked about him, but there were no sons and daughters there. He was not in the place which he had regarded as home for so many years, but in his own palace which he thought he had left in his youth, and he was as young as when he left it. There he found himself sitting in a chair with a basin of water close to his chin and a servant engaged in washing his hair and beard. He had just immersed his face in the water when the dream of going to war had started, and a lifetime had been lived in dreamland during the few seconds it took until he raised his face.

There are thousands of other instances to show that outside the physical world time is nonexistent and the happenings of millennia are easily inspected in a few moments.

It is also well known that when people are under water and in the act of drowning, their whole preceding life is reenacted before their eyes with crystal clarity, even the minutest details which have been forgotten during the passing years standing out sharply. Thus there must be and is a storehouse of events which may be contacted under certain conditions when the senses are stilled and we are near sleep or death.

To make this last sentence clear it should be understood and borne in mind that man is a composite being, having finer vehicles which interpenetrate the physical body, usually regarded as the whole man. During death and sleep this dense body is unconscious on account of a complete separation between it and the finer vehicles; but this separation is only partial during dream-filled sleep and prior to drowning. This condition enables the Spirit to impress events upon the brain with more or less accuracy according to circumstances, particularly those incidents which are connected with itself. In the light of these things we shall understand what really constitutes the rite of Baptism.

According to the Nebular Theory, that which is now the Earth was at one time a luminous fire-mist, which

gradually cooled by contact with the cold of space. This meeting of heat with cold generated moisture, which evaporated and rose from the heated center, until the cold condensed it and it fell again as moisture upon the heated world. The surface of the Earth being thus subjected to alternate liquidation and evaporation for ages, it finally crystallized into a shell which perfectly covered the fiery center. This soft moisture-laden shell naturally generated a mist, which surrounded the planet as an atmosphere, and this was the cradle of everything that has its being upon the earth: man, animal and plant.

The Bible describes this condition in the second chapter of Genesis, where we are told that at the time of the first man a mist went up from the earth, "for it had not yet rained." This condition evidently continued until the Flood, when the moisture finally descended and left the atmosphere clear so that the rainbow was seen for the first time, the darkness was dispelled, and the *Age of Alternation*, day and night, summer and winter, commenced.

By a study of the cosmology and the pictorial account of evolution given in the Northern Eddas, treasured among the sages of Scandinavia before the Christian Era, we may learn more of this period in the Earth's history and the bearing which it has upon our subject. As we teach our children, by means of stories and pictures, truths that they could not intellectually grasp, so the divine Leaders of mankind went to teach the infant souls in their charge by pictures and allegories, through these preparing them for a higher and nobler teaching of a later day. The great epic poem which is called *The Lay of the Niebelung*, gives us the story of which we are in search, the cosmic origin of the rite of Baptism and why it is necessarily the preliminary step in the spiritual unfoldment of the Christian Mystic.

The cosmogony of the Eddas is sim-

ilar to that of the Bible in some respects, and in others gives points which bear out the theory of Laplace. We quote from the poetical version of Oehlenschlaeger:

"In Being's earliest Dawn
All was one dark abyss,
Nor heaven nor earth was known.
Chill noxious fogs and ice,
North from murk Niflheim's hole,
Piled up in mountains lay;
From Muspel's radiant pole,
Southwards fire held the sway.

"Then after ages passed,
Mid in the chaos met
A warm breath, Niflheim's blast,
Cold with prolific heat.
Hence pregnant drops were formed,
Which by the parent air
From Muspel's region warmed,
Produced great Aurgelmer."

Thus by the action of heat and cold Aurgelmer, or as he is also called, the Giant Ymer, was first formed. This was the pregnant seed ground whence came the spiritual Hierarchies, the spirits of the earth, air and water, and finally man. At the same time the All-Father created the Cow Audumla, from whose four teats issued four streams of milk, which nourished all beings. These are the four ethers, one of which now sustains the mineral, two feed the plant, three the animal, and all four the human kingdom. In the Bible they are the four rivers which went forth out of Eden.

Eventually, as postulated by science, a crust must have been formed by the continued boiling of the water, and from this drying crust a mist must have ascended, as taught in the second chapter of Genesis. By degrees the mist must have cooled and condensed, shutting out the light of the Sun, so that it would have been impossible for early mankind to perceive the body even had they possessed the physical vision.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

The Worlds

Q. To what may we liken the building of a Cosmos?

A. We might use a homely instance to illustrate the building of a Cosmos. Suppose a man wants to establish a home in which to live. He first selects a suitable location and then proceeds to build a house, dividing it into various rooms, bedrooms, and bath room, and furnishes them all to suit the special purpose they are intended to serve.

Q. What procedures does God follow?

A. When God desires to create He seeks out an appropriate place in space, which He fills with His aura, permeating every atom of the Cosmic Root-substance of that particular portion of space with His Life, thus awakening the activity latent within every in-separate atom.

Q. What is Cosmic Root-substance?

A. This Cosmic Root-substance is an expression of the negative pole of the Universal Spirit, while the great Creative Being we call God (of whom we, as Spirits, are part), is an expression of the positive energy of the same Universal Absolute Spirit.

Q. How do these two "poles" of the one Spirit manifest in the Physical World?

A. From the work of one upon the other, all that we see about us in the Physical World has resulted. The oceans, the earth, everything we see manifesting as mineral, plant, animal, and human forms—all are crystallized space, emanated from this negative Spirit-substance, which alone existed at the dawn of Being. As sure as the hard and flinty house of the snail is the solidified juices of its own body, so surely

all forms are crystallizations around the negative pole of the spirit.

Q. How does God make use of Cosmic Root-substance?

A. God draws from the Cosmic Root-substance outside His immediate sphere; thus the substance within the nascent cosmos becomes denser than it is in Universal Space, between solar systems.

Q. What does God do with this denser Cosmic substance?

A. When God has thus prepared the material for His habitation, He next sets it in order. Every part of the system is pervaded by His consciousness, but a different modification of that consciousness exists in each part or division. The Cosmic Root-substance is set in varying rates of vibration and is therefore differently constituted in its various divisions, or regions.

Q. Does this manner of creation apply to all seven worlds?

A. This is the manner in which all worlds come into being and are fitted to serve different purposes in the evolutionary scheme, the same as the various rooms in the house are fitted to serve the purposes of everyday life in the Physical World.

Q. Are the worlds created instantaneously?

A. These worlds are not instantaneously created at the beginning of a day of Manifestation, nor do they last until the end; but as a spider spins its web thread by thread, so God differentiates one after another of the worlds within Himself, as the necessity arises for new conditions in the scheme of evolution in which He is engaged.

(Reference: *Cosmo*, pages 186-188)

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

THE TREE OF LIFE



And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servant shall serve him.

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

—*Revelation 22:1-5*

God, the architect of our solar system, is triune, His attributes being Will, Wisdom, and Activity. The Wisdom Aspect is that with which the highest Initiate of the Sun Period (the Cosmic Christ) became united. A Ray from the Cosmic Christ entered our Earth as its indwelling Spirit, thenceforth impelling man toward the Christ consciousness. Christ ordinarily uses the Life Spirit as lowest vehicle, functioning consciously in the World of Life Spirit, the first of the universal worlds. This world is reflected in the Etheric Region, as the Life Spirit is reflected in the vital body of man.

It was to the Christ realm and consciousness that St. John referred in speaking of a "pure river of water of life," and which Christ Jesus spoke of in John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of

water springing up into everlasting life," and in John 7:37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

The tree of life is "the faculty for generating vital force," and "is made possible by means of the new wine cup mentioned as an ideal for the future epoch, the New Galilee—an etheric organ built within the head and throat by the unspent sex force, which to the spiritual sight appears as the stem of a flower ascending from the lower part of the trunk. This calix, or seed cup, is truly a creative organ, capable of speaking the word of life and power.

"The present word is generated by clumsy muscular motion which adjusts the larynx, tongue, and lips, so that the air passing from the lungs makes certain sounds, but air is a heavy medium, difficult to move in comparison with Nature's finer forces like electricity which move in the ether. When this new organ has been evolved it will have the power to speak the word of life, to infuse vitality in substances that were hitherto inert . . . At the present time those who drink from the cup of self-abnegation that they may use their force in the service of others, are building that organ, together with the soul body which is the wedding garment. They are learning to use it in a small way as Invisible helpers when they are out of their bodies at night, for then they are taught to speak the word of power which removes disease and builds in health tissue." (Max Heindel)

In the New Galilee humanity will live in the air in their luminous soul bodies, on the Earth made of ether. Love and brotherhood will prevail, and the Returned Christ will reign as King and priest.



The Golden Rule

E. B

"DO UNTO others what you would that they do unto you."

This great Commandment was given as a directive for conduct so that humanity could become aware of the action of the universal Law of Cause and Effect in its experiences, relationships, and affairs. By adherence to it, the self-preservative impulse is appealed to in such a way that consideration of the well-being, happiness, and success of other people is stimulated, and the natural, normal desires for fulfillment of the individual are extended into the higher octave of fulfillment for the self *and* for the "other self"—which means "all people."

In considering the "self and the other self," let us re-word the Commandment slightly into: "I do unto others; so do they unto me," and combine this phase with the following simple mandala: a circle with the horizontal diameter; the symbol for the sign Aries at the point which corresponds to the Ascendant; the symbol for the sign Libra at the point corresponding to the seventh cusp.

Place the point of a pencil on the Aries cusp as you say "I do;" as you say "unto," let the pencil-point travel around the circumference of the wheel passing (what would be) the cusps of the second, third, fourth, fifth, and the sixth houses, arriving at the seventh cusp as you say "others;" let it remain there as you say "so do they;" let it

travel over the upper semi-circle—the cusps of the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth houses—as you say "unto" and arrive back at the Ascendant when you say "me." Repeat this action several times to alert your consciousness to a greater realization of the continual, rhythmic functioning of the Law of Cause and Effect in human evolution; in short you are performing a motion-picture of the Golden Rule.

The horizontal diameter of the horoscope-wheel is one of the most important phases of astrological symbology because it is the "arch-symbol" of such as: the occult essence of the opposition aspect; the picturing of the *self and the other selves*; the picture of *action and reaction, force and counter-force*; marriage as fusion of male and female qualities and expressions in love-relationship; marriage as the magnetic attraction between the individual and *any* or *all* complementary relationship-patterns, whether single or collective; the challenge to the *separative self* by the vibratory forces which seek to decrystallize the *separativeness* into the larger Life and Consciousness through *union, exchange* and blending, the mirroring of the individual through his feeling-reaction to those who complement him, either unregeneratively or regeneratively; it is the astrological picture of the physical Law which is started: *every force automatically sets up an equal op-*

posite force; this, in physical terms, is Life's way of establishing equilibriums after stress and tension.

Since planets are the active focuses of principles, and planetary positions and aspects depict our individual consciousness of principles, then it is clearly shown that every planetary focus has its counterpart in the zodiacal degree opposite to its position in the natal horoscope. Give this careful attention—it will help you to understand much more clearly why some people who may not be *specifically* identified by your seventh-house patterns may appear—in your feeling-reactions—as your counterparts; something in their charts may oppose a point of one of your planetary arrangements. In other words, the other person's planet may serve to mirror the counterpart of something in your own chart. He is then, in part, a reflection of yourself, either to pull you down further into your congestions—through reactions of temptation, friction and enmity—or, by his regenerate quality, to lift you out of your congestions—into love and ideality.

Since I AM and I DO comprise the “song of the individualized self” as illustrated by the Ascendant of the abstract horoscope, the Golden Rule refers specifically to humanity's “being and doing.” It is the start of travel around the wheel through experience-patterns and development-levels. The Rule says, in effect: life is to be lived; I show you how it can be lived in terms of neutralizing inner frictions and establishing harmonies and integrations each step of the way. Let us see how the mandala can be amplified to illustrate the Rule *throughout* the wheel.

Add the other diameters, thus picturing the twelve houses; add the symbols appropriate to the house-cusps (Aries through Pisces); perform the “ritual” of reciting the Rule—as we did with the Aries-Libra diameter — starting with each cusp in turn. For example, when you “start the motion-picture” with Taurus you are impressing your con-

sciousness with the value of the Rule as an underlying basis of conduct in all of your experiences pertaining to material stewardship and financial exchange and toward all people who are involved in your life through these experiences. So it is with all of the other houses and signs; the Rule directs your conduct in relationship to *all people* who figure as “vibratory expressions” in your experience-patterns—past, present, and future.

Since every zodiacal point in the first six signs of the abstract horoscope is counter-parted by the opposite point, the following is suggested as an exercise for becoming more fluently acquainted with the “opposition pattern;” place the pencil-point on the cusp of the first house and draw it along the horizontal diameter, saying: “Aries is counter-parted by Libra;” then turn the wheel so that Libra is on the Ascendant, draw the diameter again saying: “Libra is counter-parted by Aries.” Follow out this procedure with each pair of counter-parted signs until each pair is established in mind as “two parts of the same thing” rather than as “two different things.”

Each of the twelve signs is then seen to be a potential *starting point* for a journey around the wheel. The cusps of the twelve houses—as the horoscope is constructed—form what appears to be *six* diameters; actually the cyclic action of the “life within the wheel” indicates *twelve diameters* representing the polarity-action of the horoscope as a picture of the Law of Cause and Effect in action throughout humanity's evolution. These diameters are not complete in themselves until the return is made, since each is simply a short cut between one zodiacal point and its opposite; the two opposites form a structural segment on which the complete circle is built. So, from Aries to Libra and back to Aries—via the diameter—is the short-cut picture of traveling around the wheel from Aries through Libra and back to Aries on the circumference of

the horoscope. Cyclic action is implied by both.

Because we put astrological knowledge to work for a certain specific enlightening or regenerative objective, we must learn how to apply to the individual horoscope these picturings of "zodiacal points and their counterparts." In other words, we must always seek to make our philosophical conclusions *practical*—in astrological interpretation or in living.

We must learn to recognize our patterns of consciousness by identifying our *reactions* to other people and synchronize these conclusions with the picturings in our horoscopes. When—if ever—this is accomplished we have put our astrological knowledge to constructive, practical use toward lifting reactions of envy, hatred, jealousy, fear, and the like from our minds and hearts. We cannot love our neighbor (humanity) as long as such qualities remain in our "inner." Not loving (the Light in) our neighbor means not fulfilling. Your Light is his light also and the dark congestions of down-pulling reaction must be dissipated if the Light in yourself and in him is to become a living reality in your consciousness. So, let us study our natal charts from this basis of "counterpart" and come into a clearer realization of the fact that our reactions to others form the vibratory barometer of our consciousness; we will approach this study by renewing our realization that planets are expressions of principles; therefore they are the "goodness of Life is action;" it is our Life-purpose to learn how to live these principles as unfoldment of divine potentials.

Life gives us many opportunities to deal with each planetary pattern and these opportunities are presented to us through our contact with other people whose planetary arrangements synchronize with ours in different ways. We are now concerned with "problems" so we will deal with the "counterparting" of the opposition aspects.

Until such time as you recognize that

your Light is one with humanity's Light you tend to "classify" other people in three principle ways: (1) the bad—those who stimulate your unregeneracies; (2) the bad-good—those who stimulate both your unregeneracies and your regeneracies; (3) the good—those you love because they stimulate only your best in consciousness. The "envelope" doesn't matter—relationship, sex, age,—we are now considering the "other fellow" only as a vibratory mechanism, expressing in human incarnation, as a factor in your vibratory experience.

Recognize that every opposition aspect between planets in your chart forms an active polarity-pattern; until those elements in consciousness are harmonized by regenerating each factor, a condition of inner tug-of-war prevails. Any person who comes into your life in a significant way whose ruler—planet ruling the Ascendant sign is conjunct one of your opposed planets is personally identified by that planetary vibration in your consciousness and fits into your life in one of the three above-

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mentioned classifications. Any person who has any other planet but the chart-ruler conjunct one of your opposed planets might be called a secondary identification or variation of that vibration. Regardless of how the other person is identified, his being in your life is to give you an opportunity to regenerate your expression of the two opposed planets; stimulation of one automatically stimulates the other. If his planet is unregenerate in quality the lesson is clear: you must use the spiritual principle represented by that planet in order successfully to harmonize and fulfill the relationship. If his planet is "bad-good" in quality then you must express the best of both your opposed planets—in other words, you must fuse the best elements of both planets in order to establish greater harmony with all of his planetary conditions represented by that particular planet. If his planet is entirely regenerate, then he is an "agency" for making you aware of the best of the particular planet in your pattern with which he is identified, and he helps you to express the best of the other planet of your opposition. His planet being regenerate, he is your "friend" because his quality stimulates you to express your Light; if otherwise, he is your "tempter."

Therefore, since the opposition-aspect seems to pit one planet against another, the solution is not "working on one planet at the expense of the other;" it is found in translating or transposing the quality of planetary expression into a higher octave, thus redeeming the weakness implied by congestion and friction from darkness into a greater expression of Light. This can be done by different approaches: (1) using the regenerate quality of a third planet which favorably—by trine and sextile—aspects the two opposed planets; (2) using the regenerate quality of the planets which disposit—rule the signs of placement of—the two opposed planets; (3) direct translation—by applying the Golden Rule—of the quality of the two

opposed planets. This is a direct philosophical discipline, since the quality of the two planets is dynamically projected from your "Light-center."

In the illustration above, the alleviating planet which helps the opposition may be congested by square aspect from a fourth planet. If such is the case, pay careful attention to the zodiacal point which is opposite to the alleviating planet. Any person in your life whose ruler is within orb of that point will stand, through his regenerate qualities, as a living symbol of the "higher Self" of the alleviating planet. Study that person with great care. Why do you love that person? How does he "lift" you? Why do you feel that you need him? The answer is clearly shown astrologically and can be perceived in personal relations; the best of that person is the higher self of the planet that makes possible a regeneracy of your two opposed planets. That person is personally identified as one of your principal "Light-showers" in this incarnation. Don't waste a moment of your time in envy of that person; seek to emulate his good as much as possible. So doing, you will be learning from your own higher self. Assiduously cultivate every quality in your own nature that inspires that person with feelings of love and respect for you; in that way his Light and your Light blend into an "inner-plane-marriage" and the fused Light of both adds to the Light-expression of humanity.

The person whose primary (chart-ruler) or secondary planet squares your opposed planets is also your teacher, but from a different "level." If his planetary quality is negative his effect on you is to ignite or frictionalize the negative quality of your opposed planets. Such a person gives you a stiff examination of your ability to regenerate your opposition; his negatives tend to "take hands with your opposed planets and pull them in his own down-going direction." Since this person's planets can square your opposition from

two points — the signs which square your opposition—is it not feasible that the planets in your own chart which rule the *squaring signs* may be the vibratory power by which you can free yourself from the “effect” of this person’s down-pulling effect on you? In other words, by using regenerate expressions of these two planets in your own chart you release yourself from his patterns and you establish your own regenerate counterparting. He no longer appears as your enemy because you have raised into a higher octave of expression the vibratory quality which you have in common with him and in so doing, you make yourself—if the relationship-pattern is a close one—a “Light” for the regeneracy of his planet. You established “uplift” for yourself but you also extend the up-lift to your neighbor and the regenerating process is seen to form a “complete circle”—it includes him—it doesn’t just stop at your own regenerating. The person whose uncongested ruler or planet squares your opposition has the effect of “brakes” on you; his vibratory quality serves to try to protect you from continuing in your frictional or down-going path. He, consciously or unconsciously, serves to show you the error of your ways. Since you are two people, that planet in your own chart being expressed regeneratively is the way your Light “takes hand with his Light.” In other words, his unafflicted planetary vibration alerts you to that which in your own nature regeneratively counterparts your opposition. Let yourself open, in consciousness, to the good in that person; he is your friend, your teacher, your guide, your way-shower; he is not—as you may subconsciously tend to feel—your enemy or your antagonist. Take hands with this person in willingness to learn from him, and his power will be seen as an agency of raising your opposition planets into a higher octave of expression.

Another form of “counterpart” is seen when you contact a person who has

two planets in trine aspect which you have in square or opposition. This might be called “counterpart of aspect-quality;” he “counterparts” you in representing a regenerate fulfillment of something in your consciousness which needs regenerating. He, then, foreshadows the fulfillment you are to make, sooner or later. Particularly if one of his trined planets is opposition one of your squared ones he will stand as a personification of your own Higher Self; he then by aspect-quality and polarity-pattern counterparts you in a higher level of expression. If he has any trined planets opposition a squared planet in your chart that planet, in its regenerate quality, is counterpart of your aspect. Pay attention to that planet in your own chart and provide, from within your own chart and your own consciousness, the redemption and regeneration of your square aspect.

Let us meditate more and more on the great principle of polarity, not from the standpoint of ourselves being “versus” everyone else, but that we are all reflections of each other. The worst and the best of each is counterparted by the best and worst of others; the established recognition, in consciousness, of our joint participation in the one WHITE LIGHT is the goal of all.

CHILDREN OF CAPRICORN

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and health likely to be theirs.

Mercury sexiles Saturn from January 10 to 17, giving the mind a seriousness, depth, and concentration of inestimable value in life. There is good reasoning ability, caution, diplomacy, and persistence, all traits which lead to responsible positions in church and government affairs. Honest and fair-minded, they also make excellent judges.



The Children of Capricorn, 1964-65

MOUNTAIN TOPS, both material and spiritual, beckon to the natives of Capricorn, the pictorial symbol of which is the goat, thus indicating the dominant characteristic of the Capricornians: ambition. Being the tenth house sign, earthy and cardinal, this sign indicates for its natives an inner urge to constant activity toward worldly achievement. The more evolved types are transmuting their desire for worldly fame into the longing for spiritual unfoldment.

Saturn, planet of obstruction and stability, rules Capricorn, and therefore these children are sometimes possessed of low physical vitality, but able to cling to life with such an amazing tenacity that they frequently live to be very old. They are often timid and bashful upon first acquaintance, but may become extremely domineering upon closer association.

Jealousy and suspicion of the motives of others are sometimes strong in the Capricorn natives, and these traits, along with a natural seriousness, may result in a gloomy, pessimistic, and irritable disposition, especially if they are thwarted in their efforts. Such an attitude clouds the whole life, prevent-

ing the constructive forces from coming into the aura. Thus these natives need to cultivate optimism, cheerfulness, and a trust in their fellow men. They should seek outdoor amusement, read humorous stories, and otherwise try to establish a happy outlook on life.

Persistence and determination to reach a set goal serve the Capricornians well in attaining success. Detective work appeals to them, as does government and other public work, and they can be highly successful in these fields, having an innate executive and organizing ability. However, they are not apt to attract the support of their colleagues on account of personal popularity, but rather because of their integrity and other dependable qualities. They are capable leaders but may not be able to inspire cooperation from the democratically inclined.

The planet Uranus in Virgo conjuncts Pluto all this solar month, trines Jupiter in Taurus and sextiles Neptune in Scorpio. These powerful vibrations mark all the children born during this period with such Uranian traits as independence, originality, intuition, and progressiveness. The nature is broad, humane, and benevolent, and

there is a strong inclination to delve into the occult sciences. Dreams and visions of a prophetic nature are probable, and there is an inner urge to explore the inner realms. The will is strong and there are likely to be many influential friends.

The opposition of Jupiter in Taurus to Neptune in Scorpio also lasts all the solar month. This vibration suggests a sensitiveness to undesirable psychic influences, and those born during this period should be given specific training in positive methods of spiritual unfolding.

From December 22 to 31, the Sun sextiles Saturn, giving foresight, method, and organizing ability, along with the moral ability to carry projects to a desired conclusion. Success in political, agricultural, and mining fields is favored.

Venus squares Saturn on December 22, 23, and 24, suggesting that these children should be taught the undesirable effects of jealousy, selfishness, and underhanded methods. Generosity and wisdom in the handling of money should also be emphasized in training these natives.

From December 22 to January 15, Mercury squares Mars, making the native quick-witted, sharp and alert, as well as impulsive and excitable. Poise, truthfulness, and tolerance should all be stressed in bringing up these children.

Mars trines Jupiter from December 22 to 28, and sextiles Neptune during this same period and on until January 5, pointing toward enthusiasm and the ability to influence others with the same feelings. The nature is noble, sincere, honest, and straightforward, and financial prosperity is favored. There is much constructive ingenuity, a love for travel and out-door sports, as well as a strong leaning toward the study and practice of occultism.

From December 24 to January 3, Mercury squares Uranus, warning the parents of these children to stress mod-

eration and poise in teaching them.

Consideration for others should also have top priority in their training.

Venus squares Uranus from December 26 to January 14, suggesting lessons to be learned in unselfishness and loyalty through partnerships. Balance and poise should be cultivated.

From December 27 to January 12 the Sun trines Uranus, emphasizing the innate originality, independence, intuitiveness, and progressiveness of those born on these days.

Venus and Mercury are in conjunction from December 29 to January 20, making the person cheerful and companionable, good natured and persuasive. There is ability for music and poetry.

From December 30 to January 14 the Sun trines Jupiter, giving abundant vitality and a jovial friendly disposition. There is generosity, trustworthiness, and good judgment, so that many friends are attracted and positions of honor and responsibility filled with credit.

The Sun sextiles Neptune from January 2 to 17, intensifying the spiritual vibrations of the aura and accentuating interest and ability in the occult arts.

From January 3 to 14, Venus squares Mars, suggesting that children born during this period should be given special training in control of the emotions, as well as in economy and wise spending.

The Sun trines Mars from January 7 to 20, bestowing a super-abundance of vital energy, along with much determination and courage. The disposition is frank and open, perhaps too blunt at times, but these natives are among the real doers in the world, their enterprise and energy moving the world's affairs.

From January 9 to 20, Venus sextiles Saturn, making the native faithful and true, just and methodical. Simple in taste and having unimpeachable morals, these natives merit the honor, esteem,

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Readings for Subscribers' Children

DAWN C.

Born November 11, 1954, 2:05 A. M.

Latitude 42 N., Longitude 74 W.

Signs on cusps of houses: ASC, Virgo 24.01; 2nd, Libra 20, 3rd, Scorpio 18; 4th, Sagittarius 23; 5th, Capricorn 27; 6th, Aquarius 28.

Positions of the planets: Neptune, 26.38 Libra in 2nd; Mercury, 29.57 Libra in 2nd; Saturn, 12.52 Scorpio in 2nd; Sun, 18.22 Scorpio in 2nd; Venus, 24.49 Scorpio in 3rd; Dragon's Head, 8.06 Capricorn in 4th; Mars, 13.51 Aquarius in 5th; Part of Fortune, 3.53 Aries in 7th; Moon, 28.14 Taurus in 9th; Uranus, 27.41 Cancer in 11th; Jupiter, 29.54 Cancer in 11th; Pluto, 26.42 Leo in 11th.

This little girl has the Sun in the fixed-water sign Scorpio, giving her a basic energy and courage common to the natives of this powerful sign. The solar orb is posited in the 3rd house, in conjunction with Saturn and Venus, sextile the ASC, square Mars in Aquarius and Pluto in Leo, and opposition (ten degrees) the Moon. Hence we see that this child should be given special training in keeping a balanced, poised manner, along with consideration for others and proper respect for authority. She has a faculty for leadership, but should be taught the responsibility incurred by leadership and the need for directing her activities in a way that will be for the general welfare.

The Moon in Taurus inclines one toward a gentle, self-reliant, and determined disposition, with a fondness for pleasure, art, and music. In the 9th house, the lunar orb suggests a serious, religious trend to the mind, and the probability of much travel for both

pleasure and profit. Its sextile to Jupiter and Uranus inclines toward friendliness, generosity, optimism, originality, and intuitiveness. There is a vivid imagination, as well as good reasoning faculties and a tendency toward dreams and visions. However, the Moon opposes Venus, so that Dawn should be taught to be very circumspect in her public behavior, avoiding impulsiveness and questionable conduct.

The trine of Venus in Scorpio to Uranus and Jupiter in Cancer in the 11th, gives much personal magnetism, intuitive perception, and a love for art, music, and poetry. The nature is optimistic, generous, and hospitable, and a happy marriage is favored.

Mercury in the last degree of Libra also takes on some of the influence of Scorpio, sharpening the mentality and giving an interest in the hidden side of life. The planet of the concrete mind conjuncts Neptune, which shows a natural interest in and understanding of the superphysical. However, Mercury and Neptune square Jupiter and Uranus in Cancer in the 11th, so that Dawn should be taught moderation and poise in her thinking, as well as decisiveness in action. There are apt to be opportunities for learning these lessons through her friends, particularly men. Her friends among women should be of a more desirable, helpful type.

The common-earth sign Virgo on the ASC, and the common-air sign Gemini on the MC, both ruled by Mercury, accentuate the mental side of the nature as expressed through the personality and the vocational activities. By cultivating a kindly attitude toward everyone, and trying to see life with a broader vision, Dawn can do much to enlarge her consciousness. She could use her talents well in secretarial or other office work, in dentistry, or in insurance work.

H. THOMAS G.

Born June 7, 1952, 5:20 P.M.

Latitude 39 N., Longitude 77 W.

Signs on cusps of houses: ASC, Scorpio 21.08; 2nd, Sagittarius 22; 3rd, Capricorn 26; Aquarius intercepted in 3rd; 4th, Pisces 2; 5th, Aries 4; 6th, Taurus 0.

Positions of the planets: Moon, 13.15 Sagittarius in 1st; Dragon's Head, 25.03 Aquarius in 3rd; Jupiter, 9.04 Taurus in 6th; Part of Fortune, 17.18 Taurus in 6th;; Venus, 12.27 Gemini in 7th; Mercury, 15.38 Gemini in 7th; Sun, 17.04 Gemini in 7th; Uranus, 12.30 Cancer in 8th; Pluto, 19.24 Leo in 9th; Saturn, 8.13 R. Libra in 11th; Neptune, 19.04 Libra in 11th; Mars, 1.12 R. Scorpio in 12th.

The Sun, Mercury, and Venus are all in the mental sign Gemini in the 7th house in this chart, showing that the individuality will be expressed largely through mental channels. This grouping of stellar bodies sextiles Pluto and trines Neptune, but opposes the Moon. Thomas is basically quick-witted and mentally alert, inquiring and able to learn rapidly, versatile, and interested in all literary and scientific pursuits. He has an innate interest in the occult which should be encouraged and made the basis of his way of life.

Mercury in Gemini makes a person fond of change and travel. Practically anything new will appeal to this boy. The trine of Mercury to Neptune and Saturn indicates a mind peculiarly adapted to the occult art and able to reason and think deeply. Its conjunction with Venus adds the beauty of Venus with the mercurial ability to express, so that Thomas will be able to choose his words with singular facility and infuse them with a rhythm which is like music to the listener. Therefore, he has poetic ability, and a refined mind. However, the opposition of Mer-

cury and Venus to the Moon suggests the need for this boy to be given memory exercises and taught the wisdom of decisive action through faith in God.

The Moon in Sagittarius in the 1st house, although it opposes Sun, Mercury, and Venus, tending toward indolence and self-indulgence, makes a sextile to Saturn and Neptune, thus providing an avenue through which to express tact, thrift, patience, and trustworthiness. There is a superlative imagination, and the disposition is kindly and sympathetic, with a leaning toward the occult. Thomas will be likely to enjoy walking, riding, and other forms of exercise, to love travel, to be fond of animals, and have an interest in religion and law.

Jupiter, the great benefic, in Taurus in the 6th, sextile to Uranus in Cancer in the 8th, and ruling the 2nd house, is pointing toward financial affluence for this boy, good health, faithful servants, success in the care and cure of the sick, and the respect and esteem of those he contacts in his occupation. There is a strong love for home and family, and the nature is honest, sincere, and sociable. There is the possibility of legacies, but they may be involved with legal entanglements.

Scorpio on the ASC of this figure gives a martial note to Thomas' personality, ready to stand up for his rights, never submitting to imposition by others. Courage and heroism are attributes of the Scorpio nature, and the power of this fixed sign gives stability, needed by the Gemini native. Mars is strongly placed in Scorpio, adding to the keenness of the mind and giving ingenuity and mechanical ability. In the 12th, and unafflicted, it suggests benefit from hospitals, charitable institutions, and detective work.

Since Mercury rules the Virgo MC, and is strongly placed in Gemini in the 7th, we look to this planet as chief indicator of the vocation. This boy could use his natural talents in fine service as a secretary, writer, lawyer, or dentist.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

This page is a free service for readers. Since advice is based on the horoscope, we can give a reading ONLY if supplied with the following information: full name, sex,

place of birth, year, day of month, hour. No reading given except in this Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 to 40 YEARS OF AGE.—EDITOR.

Photographer, Stenographer

JUDITH M. N.—Born April 6, 1950, 5:45 A. M. Latitude 38 N., Longitude 122 W. With the fiery, aggressive Aries rising, the Sun and Dragon's Head in this sign and in the 1st house in conjunction with the ASC, and Mercury also in Aries in the 1st, this native has plenty of initiative and energy. Also, the Sun trines the Moon in Sagittarius in the 9th, indicating a rise in life because of innate ability, and general success in life. However, the opposition of the Sun to Neptune in Libra in the 7th suggests the need to strive for positive spiritual living, exercising strictest honesty in all partnerships and legal matters. The sextile of Neptune to the Moon brings out the better qualities of Neptune: imagination, authentic dreams, and ability in the occult arts. Mercury sextiles Jupiter and Venus in Aquarius, as well as Uranus in Cancer, indicating a mentality that is suave, persuasive, tolerant, humane, and capable of reasoning correctly. There is strong inventiveness and intuition, along with an interest in advanced literary and scientific studies. Mars, ruler of the Aries ASC, intercepted in Virgo in the 6th, and square Uranus, points toward a need to cultivate poise and consideration for others in dealing with co-workers. Saturn, ruler of the MC, intercepted in Virgo in the 6th and square the Moon, suggests lessons in cheerfulness, unselfishness, and consideration for others to be learned in vocational associations. As a photographer, stenographer, literary critic, information bureau manager, or dealer in ready-to-wear, this native could make good use of her talents.

Musician, Salesman

JOHN G. Z.—Born February 25, 1921, 10 P. M. Latitude 52 N., Longitude 4.30 E. This chart shows Neptune in Leo in the 10th house in conjunction with the MC, and trine to Mars in Aries in the 6th, indicating that this native's vocational activities are apt to be basically spiritual. The Sun is in the sign ruled by Neptune, Pisces, in the 4th house, in conjunction with Uranus and Mercury, trine Pluto, opposing Jupiter, giving a rather retiring disposition and favoring success in occupations removed from the public gaze, such as prisons, hospitals, institutions for the poor, etc. This native is also apt to be moody and sensitive to the mental atmosphere about him, as well as psychic and mediumistic. He may be too flexible and easily influenced for his own good, so should constantly exercise his will power in eating properly and doing his own thinking. Mercury opposes both Jupiter and Saturn, accentuating the need to use wisdom in dealing with superphysical forces, striving always to use his independence and will power. The imagination is quite strong, but there may be periods of melancholy which should be mastered by faith and trust in God. The Moon in Libra in the 12th, in conjunction with the Dragon's head and ASC, and opposing Venus, indicates a personality that is pleasing, and sympathetic, but extremely impressionable. There is a love for art and music. This native should persistently seek surroundings and friends that are wholesome and beneficial. He could probably best serve through music, as a salesman for footwear, or hospital work, and the movies.

Daily Thought and Guide

These daily meditations are based partly on the planetary hours of the day, daily aspects and vibrations.

FRIDAY—January 1

Mixed planetary vibrations usher in the New Year and promise opportunity for much experience, which brings growth. "Faith is the force of life."—*Tolstoy*.

SATURDAY—January 2

A fine day when many accomplishments are possible. The planets help with harmonious aspects and we feel strongly the truth of the Brotherhood of Man. "Love thy neighbor."

SUNDAY—January 3

This day of the Lord should be a joyous one. Let us do our best while the planets smile on us to bring a little heaven to earth and to our fellowman. "God is good."

MONDAY—January 4

A quiet day when head and heart unite and when we can realize with Carlyle that "Of a truth, men are mystically united, a mystic brotherhood makes all men one."

TUESDAY—January 5

This may be an active day when much good can be done, but let us try to be calm and not rush into things. "Be still and know."

WEDNESDAY—January 6

Many aspects are active today, and mind and heart work well together. There may be a tendency to see things on the gloomy side, but let us remember that "God's in His Heaven," and all is well.

THURSDAY—January 7

Experience along many different lines is likely to come to us today, but if we are quick tempered it will be well to remember that: "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

FRIDAY—January 8

Many planets are sending us their benevolent rays today and also some

that are not so good. But Jupiter will help us to solve all our problems and "the Lord is mindful of His own."

SATURDAY—January 9

It will be well to be careful with our shopping today. It is a time for winding up many unfinished tasks of the week and then relax and be refreshed in mind and heart.

SUNDAY—January 10

Today we will have to use a measure of self-control, but if we are about our Father's business we will know what to do. It could be a day of self-examination and quiet contemplation.

MONDAY—January 11

This should be a happy and eventful day, but still there is a need for self-control. "It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested."—*Lowell*.

TUESDAY—January 12

On this active Mars day the planets stand by to shed their glory on our earth. Originality and inventiveness come to the fore. "This is the day the Lord has made."

WEDNESDAY—January 13

A good aspect between Sun and Moon signifies harmony between Spirit and personality. A good day for inner searching. "Human improvement is from within outward."

THURSDAY—January 14

This day promises much good activity. But let us heed Paul's words: "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

FRIDAY—January 15

Many plans made today may come to fruition if they are carried out efficiently, for Saturn will deepen the mind and Mars will supply the energy. New ways of doing things are in the offing.

SATURDAY—January 16

Work and play, both will have their inning today. Let us use our abundant energy wisely and much good can be accomplished.

SUNDAY—January 17

A good day for observing the deeper things of life. However, at the same time we must take care to direct the abundant Mars energy into the right channels.

MONDAY—January 18

Head and heart will work well together, and this will bless us with greater understanding. Yet we must control our temper and rule possible questionable desires.

TUESDAY—January 19

On this Mars day with mixed rays it would be well to go at a little slower pace. Let us not be weary of well-doing and follow Paul's advice: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

WEDNESDAY—January 20

Mercury will give us the right answers, and work along electrical lines may have a good start today. "Science is organized knowledge."—*Spencer*.

THURSDAY—January 21

All daily duties, quietly performed, are in order. A calm day when thoughtful contemplation bears good fruit. Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father.

FRIDAY—January 22

A fine day when music and the arts should receive attention. "Art, as far as it is able, follows nature, as a pupil imitates his master; thus your art must be, as it were, God's grandchild."—*Dante*.

SATURDAY—January 23

On this wonderfully constructive day let us enjoy both work and recreation. "Let us improve the golden moment of opportunity."

SUNDAY—January 24

On this day of the Sun may we

realize the presence of God and know His ever present goodness. It is a time for spiritual unfoldment and high endeavor.

MONDAY—January 25

Most progress is made by experience, and today will be very helpful in gaining this. There are many planetary rays and most of them are benevolent. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

TUESDAY—January 26

This again is a day when we should exert ourselves in order to make use of all the gifts our Heavenly Father bestows upon us; may we do our work to the glory of God.

WEDNESDAY—January 27

This is a good day, all around. Mental and artistic endeavors are again favored. "All are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is and God the Soul."—*Pope*.

THURSDAY—January 28

"If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once a week; for perhaps the parts of my brain now atrophied would thus have been kept active by use."—*Darwin*.

FRIDAY—January 29

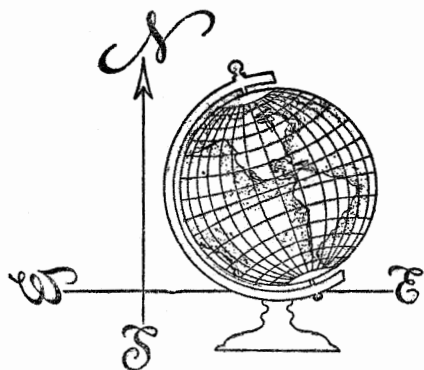
Configurations of the planets are harmonious today, so let us respond and work with an open mind. Give thanks to our heavenly Father and use this power for the good of all.

SATURDAY—January 30

This is another wonderfully exalted day. "There is in the minds of men a certain presage of future existence and it takes its deepest roots in the most exalted souls."—*Cicero*.

SUNDAY—January 31

So we leave the month of January on this quiet Sunday with prayer, music, and study. We revitalize body and spirit knowing that "God is mindful of His own."



MONTHLY

News
INTERPRETED

Lateritic Soils

Laterite is a mineral-rich earth that, when exposed to air, turns into a brick-like form of rock (its name comes from the Latin word for brick). It has been an important building material since prehistoric times. Ancient roads were constructed of laterite, and it is still used for highways in parts of southeast Asia and Africa. In modern Thailand many public buildings are built at least in part of laterite. And many communities in India and Africa still rely on laterite, as early man did, as a source of iron.

Paradoxically this interesting and useful material may have been one of the principal reasons for the disappearance of the Khmer civilization that built the city of Angkor Thom. Laterites and lateritic soils are disastrous handicaps to agriculture. Today they are known to be major obstacles to the development of many of the underdeveloped countries. Because of laterite, attempts to grow more food in the Tropics may turn much of that region of the earth into wasteland. Laterite is a grave danger to projects such as the flood-control program for the Mekong Valley of southeast Asia. Unless the laterite problem is dealt with, flood control might actually reduce, instead of improve, the food productivity of such areas.

—*Scientific American*, Nov., 1964

Whether you are passionately interested in the subject of soils or not, this little article carries several aspects that point up the Rosicrucian Teachings. First, these lateritic sections of our planet are found to be almost entirely limited to the high-rainfall Tropics and even there are held in check by protective vegetation: Central America, most of Brazil, the Congo, Liberia, Volta, Nigeria, East India, all of Indo-China and the Malay Peninsula, with the Dutch

East Indies and parts of Australia. Since these are the great underprivileged areas of the world, those people incarnating in that area must have earned that fate from indolent past lives. This is not to condemn them personally, because our own soul growth is almost completely commensurate with our attitude and willingness to help in whatever way we can that is compatible with the Lords of Destiny. These soils are spoken of as being "fossil soils," soils that have crystallized beyond further use as soils and are now regarded as "vast deposits of bauxite, manganese, and iron." If it were not for the protective vegetation, our scientists tell us "the earth's atmosphere would soon be denuded of oxygen. All the oxygen in the atmosphere would soon be used up if only a small percentage of the ferrous iron estimated to be in the earth's rocks were oxidized to ferric iron."

Another point that touches the Rosicrucian Philosophy is today's application of that old medieval maxim that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread"—however well meaning those unscientific fools may be. Miss McNeil writes: "At Iata, an equatorial wonderland in the heart of the Amazon basin, the Brazilian government set up an agricultural colony. Earthmoving machinery wrenched a clearing from the forest and crops were planted. From the beginning there were ominous signs of the presence of laterite. Blocks of

ironstone stood out on the surface in some places; in others nodules of the laterite lay just below a thin layer of soil. What had appeared to be a rich soil, with a promising cover of humus, disintegrated after the first or second planting. Under the equatorial sun the iron-rich soil began to bake into brick. In less than five years the cleared fields became virtually pavements of rock. Today Iata is a drab, despairing colony that testifies eloquently to the formidable problem laterite presents throughout the tropics."

We would repeat Max Heindel's statement that there is no sin but ignorance and no salvation but applied knowledge.

Education

It is not generally realized how far the U. S. has gone in the transition from a production-oriented system to a science-based or idea-oriented, economy. Education now generates at least one-fifth of the U. S. growth rate.

The 'knowledge industry' accounts for nearly one-third of the entire economy, and is growing twice as fast.

U. S. business spends \$17 billion yearly to educate its personnel, or one-third as much as is spent on the nation's public and private school system.

More than one-fourth of the nation is engaged in education (51 million students and 2 million teachers).

Investment in education has increased the output of the economy and the income of those educated equal to a return on investment of about 10%, according to the Chase Manhattan Bank.

—*News Front*, April, 1964

The figures quoted above are very heartening. We are reminded of Max Heindel's statement: "There is no sin but ignorance; and no salvation except through applied knowledge."

Man's evolution is speeding forward with ever-increasing acceleration. It took thousands upon thousands of years for man to outgrow the nomadic life and settle down to stable agrarian economy, and more thousands of years for him to become an industrialist, developing a world wide system of commerce. Now within a few short decades we

have a glimpse of the next step: an idea-oriented society.

News Front states further: "The Knowledge Revolution is also changing the economic geography of the nation. The dominant 'growth' institutions, of the future will be, not the factories, but the nation's intellectual organizations—the research corporations, industrial laboratories, experimental stations and universities.

"These, in turn, attract industry. This is clearly shown by one of the nation's most research-oriented industries—defense. Three states, California, New York, and Massachusetts, have been able to claim nearly 60% of all military contracts, because, according to Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric, they are also 'centers of learning.'"

We cannot leave our readers basking in the rosy glow of these accomplishments too long: we would remind them that grave responsibilities to the world parallels this advance. We have earned the privilege of living at this exciting time; let us continue to exert ourselves to the utmost in making our highest ideals come to materiality.

Healing the Lepers

Lepers today are no longer burned or shot, but popular notions about leprosy have changed very little from what they were in the earliest times. Leprosy is still regarded as more of a curse than an illness; most people would still react in blind horror and superstition if informed that a leper was about to enter a room.

Even in medicine, where the scientific method is a basic law, knowledge of leprosy has lagged far behind the understanding of other diseases. Indeed, some of the same elements that have gone into the making of popular fallacies about lepers have not been altogether absent from some medical discussions or opinions about the disease.

Leprosy—in the middle of the twentieth century—has 14,000,000 sufferers throughout the world. It accounts for more cripples than all the diseases put together.

Paul Brand, whose work on leprosy may give him a place among history's most honored names in medicine, is a forty-nine-year-old English orthopedic surgeon,

recognized throughout world medical circles for his work in restoring crippled or paralyzed hands to productive use. His principal work now is as Director of Orthopedic Surgery, Christian Medical College at Vellore, India.

—*Saturday Review*, October 3, 1964

This dedicated man has uncovered many facts that are rapidly clearing away the legendary curse of leprosy. It has been known for a century and a half that the disease was caused by a bacillus somewhat similar to the organism that causes tuberculosis. As in the case of tuberculosis, the *bacillus leprae* produces tubercles which vary in size from a small pea to a large olive. They appear on the face, ears and bodily extremities. It was commonly thought that these bacilli were responsible for the dropping off of fingers and toes and even of hands and feet. Yet nothing was done until Dr. Brand began his researches.

The first thing he ascertained: the bacillus leprae killed the nerve endings but the flesh itself remained normal. So some other explanation had to be found for the sores, the ulcerations, and the eventual loss of fingers and toes. Since the nerve ends did not respond to the stimulus of pain, Dr. Brand reasoned that in the course of the ordinary day's activities the leper might be subjecting himself to serious physical damage. Actual observation proved this to be so and he provided the lepers with gloves to protect their hands; and he set up daily examinations so that injuries would not lead to ulceration and to disfigurement. Almost miraculously, the incidence of new injuries was sharply reduced.

But what of the missing fingers and toes? "Paul Brand thought about the problem. Then suddenly the answer flashed through his mind. It had to be rats. And it would happen at night while the lepers were asleep. Since the hands of the lepers were desensitized, they wouldn't know they were being attacked and so would put up no resistance.

"Paul Brand set up observation posts at night in the huts and wards. It was just as he had thought. The rats climbed the beds of lepers, sniffed carefully, and, when they encountered no resistance, went to work on fingers and toes. The fingers hadn't been 'dropping off': they were being eaten. This didn't mean that all 'lost' fingers had disappeared in this way. They could be knocked off through accidents and then carried off by rats or other animals before they might be observed. But a major cause of the disappearance had now been identified."

The loss of noses turned out to be caused by an abnormal shrinkage of the delicate membranes within the nose as the lesions of the tubercles healed. So Dr. Brand added another skill to that of repairing the "clawed" tendons of the hands: that of reconstructing a nose. Blindness proved to be a by-product, too, rather than a direct result of the bacillus. Dr. Brand and his equally dedicated surgeon wife, Dr. Margaret Brand, solved this problem too. Cataracts, lack of vitamin A and ulcerations were sources of blindness.

Norman Cousins, who wrote the article for the *Saturday Review* that is quoted here, writes, "Gradually, as the result of research at Vellore and other leper centers throughout the world, the terrible black superstition about leprosy is receding. Contrary to popular superstition it is not highly contagious. In fact it is virtually impossible to transmit leprosy to a healthy person.

"Basically, leprosy is the product of filth, poverty, and malnutrition."

We have had a leprosy patient on our healing list for four years, and his letters the past month have told of returning sensations in his fingers although he still drags a foot. We have no scientific certificates to prove that our help has been efficacious in this healing. But the patient says, with the blind man of John 9:25: "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see," "whereas I had leprosy, now I am healed."



BOOK REVIEWS

Literature Plays
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"The Lost Years of Jesus Revealed"

FRANCES SMITH

The Lost Years of Jesus Revealed, Rev. Dr. Charles Francis Potter, Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. 1962, 1958. 160 p. 50c.

The chief object of this book is to prod the biblical scientists into revealing what they have found in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Chenoboskion Gnostic manuscripts uncovered some 15 years ago in Israel and Egypt. For 1600 years the lay members of Christianity have been taught that there had been no new religious developments in the then civilized world from 300 B. C. until the birth of Jesus. The spiritual condition of the world was in such a state that it was necessary for God to send His Only (alone) Begotten Son into the world in order to save it from total destruction.

Now Dr. Potter argues that the Dead Sea Scrolls, written in the century before the birth of Jesus, contain many of the teachings of the New Testament, even using many of the same phrases and words that are found in the Gospels. Our theologians are loath to have to admit that many of the dogmas of the Roman Church formulated at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. were not to be found in the religious literature of the first century A. D. when the teachings of Christ Jesus were freshest. The earthly power of the might of the Roman Empire succeeded in destroying all records of the opposition.

The discovery of these hidden manuscripts preserved for more than 2,000 years gives us a totally different pic-

ture of those forgotten 600 years from 300 B.C. — 325 A.D. This period suddenly appears as an era of great religious and spiritual searching—of a tremendous outpouring of divine inspiration, when each could know for himself, and was not compelled to accept a dogma first and then have to rebel before he could arrive at his own evaluations.

The library of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in the immediate area in which Jesus the man is supposed to have been raised, gives us a clue as to his education. He emerges as a man of greater mental stature, more profound wisdom, and wider experience than our traditions would have us believe. Those men interested in giving us a world saviour, a "Christology," would give us a typically *nature* man, born perfect in all capacities, from a virgin, as all pagan deities had been before him.

To quote from Dr. Potter: "The New Jesus appearing at last out of the various 'clouds of unknowing,' is surprising even to those who have long hoped for some such Second Coming of the Son of Man. Careful study of the Essene Scrolls from the caves by the Salty Sea, confirmed by the Egyptian Gnostic codices from Nag-Hammadi, reveals him not only to have been well-versed in the knowledge and culture of Rome, Persia, Athens and Alexandria, a wide traveler and a great teacher, but also an original independent thinker and a

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Readers' QUESTIONS

Sex Education

Question:

There seem to be valid arguments for sex education in the schools, and it appears that more and more of our schools are including such instruction in their courses of study. Do you think this is advisable?

Answer:

This question is hardly answerable with an arbitrary "yes" or "no." The problem of sex education, dealing as it does with such a fundamental (and inadequately understood) part of the complex human nature, involves many factors which should be considered if it is to be satisfactorily solved. However, we would say, in partial answer to your question, that, in our opinion, *where* the instruction takes place is of much lesser importance than the nature of the information given and the manner in which it is imparted.

There is probably no other subject about which humanity in general needs to be accurately informed and educated. Until people learn that the creative function is not only a primary biological urge, but is also sacred—a phase of the Holy Spirit—and that we are destined to transmute the whole of the creative energy into mental and spiritual channels, they can hardly realize how serious an error (and how productive of future suffering) is the all-too-prevalent casual and deplorable attitude toward marriage and sex—as tragically evidenced in many of our movies, radio and television programs, newspapers, books, and magazines, as well as in the conduct of too numerous adults and adolescents.

First of all, there should be proper parent education. There is no greater career than that of parent and home-maker, and the sooner we give this fact due consideration in arranging the courses of instruction given in our high schools, colleges, and universities, the sooner will we get at the root of youth delinquency, sex crimes, etc. Fortunately, there is an increasing recognition of this need, and many of our schools are offering helpful courses dealing with marriage, parenthood, and home-making.

However, to approach the subject of sex education from the purely biological angle in these courses is not sufficient. Both parents and children should be taught that they are divine, made in the spiritual image of their Creator, God, and that the creative force within them is also of divine origin. Since children learn chiefly by imitation, it is obvious that they must have desirable examples set for them if they are to be encouraged to heed the spiritual urge of the higher self and live the moral life.

Parents who are properly informed concerning the true nature and function of the creative energy (students of the occult) are in a position to answer in a reverent way the natural questions a child asks. Unfortunately, many parents are not equipped with either the necessary information or the proper attitude, and in such cases it is obviously much better for the child to get wholesome instruction from a prepared teacher in school. Given the necessary instruction and imbued with a reverent attitude, a child is fortified to handle the temptations of puberty and later life with understanding and

the aspiration to follow high moral standards. It is the duty of all parents to see that their children are given this life preparation, and they themselves can become better prepared for parental duties by studying such teachings as the following:

“According to the Bible, mankind was male-female before it was separated into two distinct sexes as man and woman. We still have with us hermaphrodites who have this, as we think today, abnormal formation to prove the truth of this biblical assertion; and physiologically the opposite organ of either sex is latent in all. During the period when man was thus constituted fertilization must have occurred within himself, nor is this any stranger than that many plants are so fertilized today.

“Let us now see from the Bible what was the effect of self-fertilization in the early days. There are two prime facts that stand out: One is that there were giants on the earth in those days; the other that the patriarchs lived for centuries; and these two characteristics, great growth and longevity, are possessed by many plants today. The great size of trees and the length of their life is wonderful; they live centuries where man lives only a few score years.

“It is well known to horticulturists that plants are stunted in their growth when they bloom too prolifically. A rose may bloom to such an extent that it dies; therefore the wise gardener prunes the buds from the plant so that the strength may go partly into growth instead of the blossom. Thus *by keeping the seed within itself* it attains the strength required for growth and longevity.

“That the creative essence in the seed is a spiritual substance is evident when we compare the dauntlessness and impatience at restraint of the stallion or the bull, with the docility of the steer and the gelding. Moreover, we know that the confirmed libertine and the degenerate become sterile and emaciated. When these facts have sunk into our consciousness it will not be difficult to

conceive of the truth of the Bible assertion that the fruit of the flesh, which brings us under the law of sin and death, is first and foremost fornication, whereas the fruits of the spirit which make for immortality, as shown in the same book, are said to be principally continence and chastity.

“Consider also the child and how the creative force *used within and for the child itself* causes an enormous growth during the early years, but at the age of puberty the birth of passion commences to check growth; the vital force then produces seed in order to find growth and expression elsewhere, and thenceforth growth is stunted. If we continued to grow during life as we grow during childhood, we should be giants as were the divine hermaphrodites of long ago.

“The spiritual force generated from the time of puberty and all through life may be used for three purposes: generation, degeneration, or regeneration. It depends upon ourselves which of the three methods we choose; but the choice that we make will have an important bearing upon our whole life, for the use of this force is not confined in its effect to the time or occasion upon which it is thus used. It overshadows every single moment of our existence, and determines our attitude in each and every single phase of life among our fellow men; whether we are able to grasp our opportunities or let them slip by; whether we are healthy or sick; and whether we live our life according to a satisfactory purpose; all of this depends upon the way we use the vital force.

“If instead of wasting our substance we live chastely and send the creative force upward for regeneration, we thereby etherealize and refine our physical bodies at the same time that we strengthen our soul bodies. In this manner we may materially lengthen life and so increase our opportunities for soul growth and advancement upon the Path in a very marked degree.”



Meat Eating vs. Vegetarianism

A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THIS PROBLEM OFTEN
CONFRONTING THE ASPIRANT

Part V

Dear Friends:

I must start my letter with some very heartening news. My husband read one of your letters dealing with your answer to my request for efficient proteins as a substitute for the meat at our meals. To my surprise he asked to read any others on the subject which I had received. I gave them to him without comment, and he has since told me that he has no objection to my substituting vegetable proteins occasionally for meat and himself suggested we use one of your recipes on alternate days for awhile, and try this as an experiment. I shall do my best to make our meals on those days tasty and nutritious and hope for the best! His cooperation in this will go a long way with the children.

By the way I made up a batch of health candy and it is truly delicious. It does seem to me that the children are not so voracious as usual. Maybe it is the high protein content of the candy which is responsible. The whole family liked it . . . The tiny electric grinder which I purchased in the health food store grinds any of the seeds or nuts to a veritable powder. I am greatly heartened by the turn of events so far. Thank you all so very much. With all good wishes,

A Patient

Dear Friend:

Your letter regarding your husband's willingness to cooperate with you in your new venture pleased us greatly. It is wise to make the changeover gradually as it requires considerable hydrochloric acid in the stomach to digest meat, and the body accommodates itself to this need when meat is used habitually. When meat is withdrawn slowly from the diet, the hydrochloric acid is also gradually diminished, and thus any digestive upset is avoided.

In our last letter to you we gave you an analysis of several very valuable adjuncts to every vegetarian's diet. We would like to emphasize to you that if one of these is included in the daily dietary of your family, you will have gone a long way to insuring for them adequate nutrition, especially for your growing children. One of these suggested, eaten with fresh fruit, makes an ideal after-school "snack," and that is why the protein candy is so valuable an addition to the daily intake of food. The ground sesame seeds or the pumpkin seeds can be used alternately with the sunflower seeds as the basis of the candy recipe. But remember that these must be used raw and unsalted for one to receive their maximum benefit.

The average family is accustomed to

sitting down to the orthodox meal containing meat, potatoes, a token salad, canned vegetable, bread, dessert, pasteurized milk and coffee, and so it becomes necessary to provide a hearty main dish, with a large tasty salad, two fresh, *short-cooked* vegetables, and a simple dessert, such as a baked apple stuffed with dates.

Unfortunately, refined carbohydrates form a large part of the average dietary: therefore the following recipes contain a very minimum of starch, as it is best to avoid mixing starches with proteins. As is generally known, starches begin their digestion in the mouth by means of the ptyalin contained in the saliva. The carbohydrates then pass through the stomach practically untouched and their digestion is completed in the upper intestine. On the other hand, proteins are digested in the stomach, almost entirely, and this is interfered with when the starches pass through the stomach at the same time, and is often the cause of flatulence.

Occasionally, a very tasty omelet, plain or made with mushrooms, can form the entree, accompanied by a large salad and two vegetables, one yellow and one green leafy. As eggs are even more acid-forming in the body than meat, one should be sure that at such a meal, the alkaline-base-forming fruits or vegetables are eaten in abundance.

Besides being a source of all the amino acids now thought to be essential in protein metabolism, the amazing soy bean is, at the same time, so infinitesimal in cost as compared to the animal proteins that it deserves the consideration of all interested in proper nutrition at a nominal cost. It is over twice as rich in protein as the finest beefsteak, is far richer in calcium than milk, and also contains far more lecithin than eggs. Because it contains such a high percentage of protein, it must be eaten in moderate amounts.

Soy beans require LONG slow cooking because of their high protein content which makes them very hard. It is

best to use the soy grits for loaves, etc., for the obvious reason that they require less cooking time. They should be soaked overnight, then cooked in the same water in which they were soaked. In the morning add 2 tbsp. soy oil, a bay leaf and the juice of one lemon for each pound of soy beans, bring to a boil and simmer until tender. When the beans are soft pour off any remaining water, conserving it and adding to loaf later. Then put the beans through a food press, sieve, or mash thoroughly. Store in refrigerator and use as needed.

Soy Loaf

Soy bean curd (see above) 4 cups
 Whole hul'd millet-CEREAL (cooked) 1/2 cup
 Carrots, finely grated 1 cup
 Celery leaves finely chopped 1 cup
 Parsley finely chopped 1/2 cup
 Beets finely-grated 1 cup
 Onion finely chopped 1/2 cup
 Paprika 2 tbsp.
 Cumin seed powder 1/4 teasp.
 Soy oil 3 tbsp.
 Mix thoroughly and bake 30 min., 375 F.

Soy Patties

Eggs 2
 Soy curd 2 cups
 Celery and leaves 1/2 cup
 Onion 1/2 cup
 Parsley 4 tbsp.
 Vegetable Salt 1 teasp.
 Millet bread crumbs 1/2 cup
 Cumin pdr. (optional) 1/2 teasp.
 Put onion, celery, parsley through chopper. Saute in 2 tbsp. soy oil, add soy curd, seasoning, slightly beaten egg, bread crumbs, mixing thoroughly. Form into patties, brush with soy butter and brown in oven, 375 F.

Garbanzos are next to soy beans in protein content and are high in calcium, phosphorus and magnesium, therefore good bone builders. They also must be cooked slowly and long. They can be substituted for the soy beans in loaf recipe. Also they are delicious when cold, added to a vegetable salad. They should be well drained, always saving the liquid, as it is nutritionally valuable, and can be added to soups.

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Therapeutic Basis of Light, Color, and Sound

(Conclusion)

OUR supercilious smiles of bygone days when listening to the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho are no longer in place. The sound of the ram's horn undoubtedly struck the keynote of those walls which had been sensitized by the rhythmic tramp of his army in preparation for this final climax. The rhythmic tramp of many feet will destroy any bridge, and therefore soldiers are instructed to break step when crossing a bridge.

Thus we may say that every planet gives out a keynote which is the sum total of all the noises upon it, blended and harmonized by the indwelling Planetary Spirit. The invisible sound vibrations have great power over concrete matter. They both build and destroy. If a small quantity of very fine powder is placed upon a brass or glass plate, and a violin bow drawn across the edge, the vibrations will cause the powder to assume beautiful geometrical figures. The human voice is also capable of producing these figures; always the same figure for the same tone.

If one note or chord after another be sounded upon a musical instrument—a piano, or preferably a violin, for from it more gradations of tone can be obtained—a tone will finally be reached which will cause the hearer to feel a

distinct vibration in the back of the lower part of the head. Each time that note is struck, the vibration will be felt. That note is the keynote of the person whom it so affects. If it be sounded in a dominant way, loud and long enough, it will kill as surely as a bullet from a pistol. If, on the other hand, it is struck slowly and soothingly it will build and rest the body, tone the nerves, and restore health.

Visible Helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held every evening in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:45 P.M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

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FROM OUR PATIENTS

Canada—Your wonderful letter filled me with joy and reassurance. How well you understand, and how wisely you guide! I have often thought that having a “grand Cross” in fixed signs, I must have been quite difficult to help over the years, but you at Mt. Ecclesia have been so patient — really marvelous. Through all future time it is my desire to help others as you have helped me.

California—I am finding out more and more about what service is, and what is meant by *living the life*. It really is a wonderful world. God’s creation really is good! It seems to take an expanded viewpoint of the whole thing to see it, though. Most profound thanks.

California—My first week of healing from the Invisible Helpers has been a good one, as I already find some improvement in my condition. I was also helped spiritually, for which I am very thankful.

Minnesota—It is remarkable to think and *know* that there is a tie by means of my pen and writing with such a magnificent influence. Thank you for your part in promoting well-being.

Illinois—I hope I have not lost contact with the Invisible Helpers because of my negligence in sending in my weekly letters. I am improving steadily and look forward to the time when I will have regained my former vigor and health. So much has been done for me by your help and prayers, and the faithful work of the Invisible Helpers! May God bless you all, and please forgive me for not writing.

Minnesota—Thank you for helping me to attain a much better attitude toward living. I realize that what is being done for me is two-fold. The outer, or objective, must coincide with the inner. We know the Christ is within us seeking to “call the Twelve”—the spiritual centers, whereby we may attain perfection of the “whole man.” Truly, that is my real motive in seeking perfect health.



Tom, the Water Baby

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Part XIX

TOM told him he did not know general information, nor any officers in the army, only that he had a friend once that went for a drummer but he could tell him a great many strange things which he had seen in his travels. He told him prettily enough while the poor turnip listened very carefully. The more he listened the more he forgot and the more water ran out of him.

Tom thought he was crying but it was only his poor brains running away from being worked so hard. As Tom talked, the unhappy turnip streamed down all over with juice and spit and shrank till nothing was left of him but rind and water. Then Tom ran away in a fright for he thought he might be taken up for killing the turnip.

But, on the contrary, the turnip's parents were highly delighted and considered him a saint and a martyr. They put a long inscription over his tomb about his wonderful talents, early development and unparalleled precocity. Were they not a foolish couple? But there was a still more foolish couple next to them who were beating a wretched little radish, no bigger than my thumb, for sullenness and obstinacy

and wilful stupidity. They never knew the reason it couldn't learn or hardly even speak was that there was a great worm inside eating out all its brains. Even they are no more foolish than some hundred score of papas and mammas who fetch the rod when they ought to fetch a new toy or send to the dark cupboard instead of to the doctor.

Tom was so puzzled and frightened with all he saw that he was longing to ask the meaning of it. At last he stumbled over a respectable old stick lying half covered with earth. But a very stout and worthy stick it was, for it belonged to good Roger Aseham* in old time.

"You see," said the stick, "they were as pretty little children once as you could wish to see and might have been so still if they had only been left to grow up like human beings and then handed over to me. But their foolish fathers and mothers, instead of letting them pick flowers and make dirt pies and get birds' nests and dance round the gooseberry bush as little children should, kept them always at lessons, workin, workin, working, learning week-

*a scholar in 16th century England

day lessons all week-days and Sunday lessons all Sunday. Weekly examinations every Saturday and monthly examinations every month, and yearly examinations every year. Everything seven times over as if once was not enough and enough as good as a feast—till their brains grew big and their bodies grew small. They were all changed into turnips with little but water inside. Their foolish parents actually pick the leaves off them as fast as they grow lest they should have anything green about them."

"Ah," said Tom, "if dear Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby knew of it she would send them a lot of tops and balls and marbles and ninepins and make them as jolly as sand-boys."

"It would be no use," replied the stick. "They can't play now if they tried. Don't you see how their legs have turned to roots and grown into the ground by never taking any exercise but sapping and moping always in the same place?"

"Here comes the Examiner-of-all-Examiners. So you had better get away, I warn you. Or he will examine you and your dog too, and set him to examine all other dogs and you to examine all other water babies. There is no escaping from him for his nose is nine thousand miles long and can go down chimneys, through keyholes, upstairs, downstairs, in my lady's chamber, examining all little boys, and the little boys' tutors. But when he is thrashed—so Mrs. Bedonebyasyoudid has promised me—I shall have the thrashing of him. If I don't lay it on with a will, it's a pity."

Tom went off rather slowly and surly. He was somewhat minded to face this same Examiner-of-all-Examiners who came striding among the poor turnips, binding heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, laying them on little children's shoulders like the Scribes and Pharisees of old, and not touching them with one of his fingers for he had plenty of money and a fine house to live

in—which was more than the poor little turnips had.

Next he came to Oldwivesfabledom where the folks were all heathens and worshipped a howling ape. There he found a little boy sitting in the middle of the road and crying bitterly. "What are you crying for?" asked Tom.

"Because I am not so frightened as I could wish to be."

"Not frightened? You are a queer little chap. If you want to be frightened, here goes—Boo'"

"That is very kind of you," said the little boy. "But I don't feel it has made any impression."

Tom offered to upset him, punch him, stamp on him, fettle him over the head with a brick, or anything else that could give him the slightest comfort. He only thanked Tom, very civilly, in fine long words which he had heard other folk use and which he thought were fit and proper to use himself. He cried on till his papa and mamma came.

Then Tom came to a very quiet place called Leaveheavenalone. There the sun was drawing water out of the sea to make threads and the wind was twisting them up to make cloud patterns till they had worked between them the loveliest wedding veil of Chantilly lace, and hung it up in their own Crystal Palace for anyone to buy who could afford it. The good old sea never grudged, for she knew they would pay her back honestly. So the sun spun, and the wind wove, and all went well with the great steam loom. This is likely, considering — and considering — and considering—.

At last, after innumerable adventures, each more wonderful than the last, Tom saw before him a huge building. He walked toward it, wondering what it was and having a strange fancy that he might find Mr. Grimes inside it, till he saw running toward him, shouting 'Stop!' three or four people. When they came nearer, he found they were nothing else than policemen's truncheons, running along without legs or arms.

Tom was astonished. He was long past that. Neither was he frightened, for he had been doing no harm. So he stopped. When the foremost truncheon came up and asked his business, he showed Mother Carey's pass. The truncheon looked at it in the oddest fashion for he had one eye in the middle of his upper end, so that when he looked at anything, being quite stiff, he had to slope himself and poke himself until it was a wonder he did not tumble over. Being quite full of the spirit of justice (as all policemen and their truncheons ought to be) he was always in a position of stable equilibrium whichever way he put himself.

"All right—pass on," said he at last. Then he added, "I had better go with you, young man." Tom had no objection, for such company was both respectable and safe. The truncheon coiled its thong neatly round its handle to prevent tripping itself, for the thong had got loose in running—and marched on by Tom's side.

"Why have you no policeman to carry you?" asked Tom after a while.

"Because we are not like those clumsy-made truncheons in the land world. They cannot go without having a whole man to carry them about. We do our own work for ourselves. We do it very well, though I say it who should not."

"Then why have you a thong to your handle?" asked Tom.

"To hang ourselves up by, of course, when we are off duty."

Tom had got his answer and had no more to say. Then they came up to a great iron door of the prison. There the truncheon knocked twice, with its own head. A wicket in the door opened and out looked a tremendous old brass blunderbuss charged up to the muzzle with slugs. This was the porter. Tom started back a little at the sight of him.

"What case is this?" he asked in a deep voice out of his broad bell mouth.

"If you please, sir, it is no case. Only a young gentleman from her ladyship

who wants to see Grimes, the master sweep."

"Grimes?" said the blunderbuss. And he pulled in his muzzle, perhaps to look over his prison lists. "Grimes is up chimney No. 345," he said from inside. "So the young gentleman had better go to the roof."

Tom looked up at the enormous wall which seemed at least ninety miles high and wondered how he should ever get up. When he hinted that to the truncheon it settled the matter in a moment. It whisked around and gave him such a shove behind as sent him up to the roof in no time with his little dog under his arm.

There he walked along the leads, till he met another truncheon and told him his errand.

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