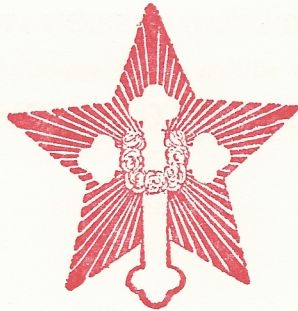


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## Biography of Max Heindel

### Part IX

It was on a Sunday morning that Mr. and Mrs. Heindel reached Oceanside by train. Mrs. Heindel has told us that:

“We were greeted by a small freckle faced boy about ten years of age. Not another soul was in sight. ‘Hello, what ye want?’ was the smiling greeting. Max Heindel answered by telling him that he wanted to buy some land, asking this lad if he could sell them some. The surprising answer was a finger pointing to a gray haired man coming across a vacant lot, and the statement, ‘There comes the man who can sell you some.’

“The outcome was that Mr. Chauncey Hayes was the only real estate agent in the little village. When told what we wanted, he waved his hand to a man standing at the door of a livery stable a short distance away, and as the man approached, Mr. Hayes directed him to take us to the reservoir land. In a short time this man appeared with two lively horses hitched to a two-seated surrey, and in about twenty minutes we arrived at the edge of a hill.

“The view over the San Luis Rey Valley was wonderful. We stood on a barren bean field of forty acres; not a green sprig was to be seen. The tops of two unsightly reservoirs were noticeable off to the north. These reservoirs supplied Oceanside with its water. In spite of the unsightliness at hand, afar there was a view which was awe inspiring, with mountains to the northeast and the ocean to the southwest—just as Max Heindel had described the instructions he received from the Teacher—and he at once exclaimed, ‘OH, THIS IS THE PLACE!’ ”

Thus it came about that the site for the World Headquarters of The Rosicrucian Fellowship was acquired, the first thousand-dollar payment on the forty acres being paid by William Patterson. The balance of the purchase price, \$4,000.00, was to be paid in yearly installments.

As Max Heindel has related in his Letter to Students for November, 1911, ground was broken for the first building on Mt. Ecclesia on October 28, at 12:40 P.M. “The day of the ceremony was an ideal California day; the sun shone in a cloudless sky. Wherever we looked from Mt. Ecclesia, ocean, valleys, and mountains seemed to smile. Both the workers and visiting members were enraptured with the incomparable beauty of the Headquarters site.” Nine people were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Heindel.

“At the appointed time,” Mr. Heindel continues, “I broke ground for the building. All helped to excavate for the cross, which was set by William Patterson. Mrs. Heindel planted the rose, which was then watered by all present.”

World Headquarters now being established, Mr. and Mrs. Heindel, with a few devoted helpers, settled down to further strenuous pioneer work in transforming the “barren bean field” into a garden of beauty and of promulgating the Western Wisdom Teachings by means of monthly Letters and Lessons, books, magazine, and literature.

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THE  
*Mystic* ..  
  
 LIGHT

## My Tribute to Max Heindel

CORINNE HELINE

*Given at the banquet held at Mt. Ecclesia on July 23, 1965,  
 in commemoration of the centennial of Max Heindel's birth.*

**D**EAR friends, my heart is singing today for being able to be with you on this occasion and give my little tribute to our beloved Max Heindel.

I would like to tell you about the first day that I met this remarkable man, and in order to do this I shall have to touch briefly upon my own personal life. I trust you will pardon me for this.

Perhaps you already know from my voice that I was born and reared in the deep South. I was an only child, and my early years were filled with adoration for my lovely mother. She was always my beautiful fairy princess. However, she was very frail, and my childhood days were filled with the fear that some day I would have to give her up. So I made up my mind in those early days that if she was taken from me, I would take my own life and go with her.

You see, I knew nothing in those days of Rebirth and the Law of Causation. I was born looking for light, for answers to questions I could not formulate. I did not really know just what I was searching for. Consequently I had no idea where to find it. And as you all know the South is deeply orthodox and conservative. But one thing I did know, and that was that somewhere there must

be a more adequate answer to problems of life and death than orthodoxy gave, and I was determined to find that answer.

In the meantime my mother grew ever more delicate, and I was persistently filled with a fear of losing her. A few months before her final illness, a dear friend called me on the phone and said she had found a wonderful new book that she was sure was exactly what I was looking for. That very afternoon I went to her home, and you may surmise that the book was the *Cosmo*.

When I saw the picture of the Rose Cross and read that by our own personal lives we were to learn how to transmute the red roses into the white, I knew that at last I had found my own. That night, before I went to sleep, my order was in the mailbox on its way to Oceanside for that priceless book. I counted the days until it arrived, and just about the time it did come the doctor said that my mother had to undergo a very serious operation.

So I lived every day with this book. I slept with it under my pillow, for in some strange way it seemed to hold the only solace for me that the entire world could give. After my mother's operation the doctor said there was no hope, that

she had only a few months to live.

I still held to my blessed book. Then suddenly one day a strange new thought came to me. Should I take my life and go with my mother as I had always planned, or should I go to Ocean-side and give my life to the work of Max Heindel? The question held the answer. My mind was made up, and ten days after my mother left me, I was on the train, the *Cosmo* under my arm, on the way to California and Max Heindel. He seemed to me to be the only succor for my grief that the world could give.

Oh, I wish I could describe him fittingly to you that first day I saw him here at Mt. Ecclesia! He came to meet me with both hands outstretched, and his sweet face was illumined with tenderness, sympathy, and compassion. Now, understand, I had had no personal contact with him. I knew him only through his book, and you may imagine something of my surprise and amazement when he took my hands in his and said so tenderly, "My child, I have been with you often both day and night during this terrible ordeal through which you have just passed. I knew that when it was over you would come to me. Now you belong always to my work!"

That, dear friends, was a momentous day in my life. That was the day I dedicated myself completely to the spiritual life and to the Rosicrucian Philosophy.

For five wonderful years I was privileged to know this wise man and to study and be trained under his guidance and supervision. I've always considered those five years as being the most beautiful and the most spiritually fruitful of my entire life. I wish I were able to describe this wonderful man to you in the way that I came to know him. When I think of his many admirable characteristics, perhaps the quality I loved most deeply about him was his exquisitely beautiful humility. While he was always eager to be of help and serve

wherever possible, he was always firm in keeping the personality of Max Heindel in the background. As I often studied his complete dedication to the simple life, I thought many times of the words of our dear Lord, the Christ: "Of myself I am nothing. It is the Father who doeth the works."

I think, dear friends, that Max Heindel demonstrated the most perfect blending of the mystical and the practical that I have ever known. He was so simple and so humble. The most menial, the most simple services he performed so graciously and so gladly. He would go down to the barn and milk the cow if necessary, for you know in those days we had both a barn and a cow here at Mt. Ecclesia. He would hive the bees, for we had bees too. He would climb the telephone poles and mend a broken wire; he would plant trees in the grounds, dig and hoe in the garden, and gather vegetables; he would do all the simple things with the same earnestness and enthusiasm with which he would go to the office, classroom or lecture hall, there to give forth so freely of his great wisdom, or perhaps to meet with the Teacher who guided him in this great work.

On Saturday evenings it was generally his custom to hold a question and answer session in the library. There was a long table that extended the entire length of the room, and the students would gather about that table with Mr. Heindel standing at the head to answer the questions. Each student was permitted to ask one question, and it had to be in writing. Then Mr. Heindel would collect the questions and answer them one by one. In noticing him carefully, I found that he always seemed to know intuitively to whom each question belonged, and hence he always addressed that individual from whom the question had come. In the many times that I attended these memorable sessions, he never once made a mistake in

the identity of the questioner. He was always so careful and painstaking, and would never leave a question until he was sure that the individual who asked it had been completely satisfied with the answer.

It was during these wonderfully enlightening sessions that I gained my first understanding of the important place that color and music will occupy in preparing the world for the incoming New Age. Mr. Heindel would announce that an hour was to be devoted in these sessions of questions and answers. However, more often than not that hour extended into two or two and one-half or even three hours. They were such stimulating periods that time seemed to fly by on wings of enchantment.

Dear friends, I wish I were able to tell you what Mt. Ecclesia meant to Mr. Heindel as I knew him. How he loved this place! He knew the high destiny that was in store for the work it was founded to do.

In his day there was a bench underneath the illumined Rose Cross that stands in the grounds. There it was his custom each evening before retiring to sit for some minutes or perhaps an hour in prayer and meditation, broadcasting love and blessing in benediction over this holy ground and on all those who were living here and serving the work so faithfully.

I wish I might describe to you the illumination on his dear face as he would look with such deep reverence and devotion at that illumined Rose Cross which meant so much to him. He never tired of telling us of the wonderful things in store for Mt. Ecclesia. He would talk often of the Panacea, the formula for which the Brothers of the Rose Cross are custodians, and which worthy disciples will some day be permitted to use in the healing and solace of multitudes who will come from all over the world to this sacred shrine.

He would tell us of his dream of a beautiful Grecian theatre envisioned to

be built in the canyon below the Chapel and in which performances would be given of plays with a spiritual message and occult truths such as the great dramas of Shakespeare and other inspired classics. He also saw the time when Mt. Ecclesia would have its own splendid orchestra composed of permanent students, and that it would also perform in the theatre works of master composers, particularly those of Beethoven and Wagner whom he knew to be high musical Initiates. He said also that some time there would be classes in initiatory music taught here.

Mr. Heindel liked to talk of the Elder Brothers and how they, in their study of the Memory of Nature, had been able to look down through the ages and see the condition that the world is in today. It was for this reason, as you know, that they gave the Rosicrucian Philosophy to the world when they did.

Dear friends, the soul of the world today is sick, is filled with sorrow, filled with searching and questions. There is no answer in the world for these questions. What the world is truly seeking is a more spiritualized science and a more scientific religion. The Rosicrucian Philosophy holds the answer to both of these quests. This Philosophy is but a continuation of the great work which our Lord, the Christ, brought to Earth and gave to the immortal Twelve. It contains the priceless gift which the Christ brought, namely, the Christ Initiations which hold the very heart of the religion of the incoming Aquarian Age. Mr. Heindel well understood this. He well knew the great destiny that awaits this work. Therefore he never let disappointment or difficulties deter him. He always kept his eyes fixed on the stars.

Dear friends, ours is a very special privilege to be the custodians here of this Great Work, and of this dedicated place which was set aside by the Great Ones as a particular training ground

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# The World of God and Vision of the Messiah

ANN BARKHURST

**A**ND NOW let us read correlative passages from the Ethiopic Enoch (Dr. Charles' version) :

And the vision was showed to me thus: Behold in the vision clouds invited me and a mist summoned me, and the course of the stars and the lightnings sped and hastened me, and the winds in the vision caused me to fly and lifted me upward, and bore me into heaven. And I went in till I drew nigh to a wall which is built of crystals and surrounded by tongues of fire; and it began to affright me. And I went into the tongues of fire and drew nigh to a large house which was built of crystals, and the walls of the house were like a tessellated floor made of crystals, and its groundwork was crystal. Its ceiling was like the path of the stars and the lightnings, and between them were fiery cherubim, and their heaven was (clear as) water. A flaming fire surrounded the walls, and its portals blazed with fire. And I entered into that house, and it was hot as fire and cold as ice: there were no delights of life therein: fear covered me, and trembling got hold upon me. And as I quaked and trembled, I fell upon my face. And I beheld a vision, and lo, there was a second house . . . and it was built of flames of fire. And in every respect it excelled in splendor and magnificence and extent that I cannot describe to you its splendor and extent. And its floor was of fire, and above it were lightnings and the path of stars, and its ceiling also was flaming fire. And I looked and saw therein a lofty throne: its appearance was as crystal, and the wheels thereof as the shining sun, and there was the vision of cherubim. And from underneath the throne came streams of flaming fire so that I could not look thereon. And the Great Glory sat thereon, and His raiment shone more brightly than the sun and was whiter than snow. None of the angels could enter and could behold His face by reason of the magnificence and glory, and no flesh could behold Him. The flaming fire was round about Him, and a great fire stood before Him, and none around could draw nigh Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him, yet He needed no counsellor . . . And until then I had been prostrate on my face, trembling: and the Lord called me with His own mouth, and said to me: Come hither, Enoch, and hear my word. And one of the holy ones came to me and waked me, and He made me raise up and approach

the door; and I bowed my face downwards . . . and I heard His voice: Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous man and scribe of righteousness: approach hither and hear my voice.

—*Enoch* XIV 8-25; XV:1

In the apocryphal Esdras where the Voice of God speaks to the Scribe in Ardath from out of the burning bush, it is said that it is God speaking, yet He says: "I will come forth, I will descend;" and it is plain that we have here the same sort of change that occurs in Exodus, where it is said "God" or Jehovah spoke to Moses from the bush, while in other places it is said "an Archangel" spoke. The change is made to accommodate newer and more philosophical ideas, when people realized that the Supreme Being of the Universe would not speak as a Voice out of a bush, and therefore they said the voice was that of an Archangel, God's representative. Originally, of course, the "god" was the one who spoke; not the Most High, but simply the tribal god, who is in fact the Archangel Michael. This was understood by all learned Hebrews in the time of Christ.

As in Esdras the "Voice" of God out of the bush is an Archangel; so in Enoch the Voice from the Throne of God may be taken to be the Voice of the Word Himself—that is, the Cosmic Messiah who would descend through all the seven worlds or heavens to incarnate in, or overshadow, the Messiah of Israel.

We find numerous references to "Son of Man" in the Book of Enoch. Bible scholars, both Hebrew and Christian, long agreed in saying that these references were "Christian interpolations," because it was not known until the Dead Sea discovery of 1945-47 that an Essene Master had appeared in the interim dur-



ing which this Book, and others like it, were written—or at least given a final editing, and published. In one passage the Angel addresses Enoch himself as “Thou Son of Man;” which some students took to mean that Enoch was Messiah; and if an Essene Teacher did appear in this period, or even as late as the time of the Roman Pompey, as Dr. A. Dupont-Sommer thinks possible, the term “Son of Man” in this special sense might well have been applied to him.

But it is plain from other passages in Enoch that Enoch is speaking “of” the Son of Man, not “as” the Son of Man, and when he is addressed as such himself it may refer simply to the fact that he, a human being, has found his way into heaven among the angels, where he saw the Messiah. The name Enoch, which means the Illumined One, may well have been a title for some such teacher as Jesus ben Pandira who appeared about 100 B. C., or later. Catholic tradition traces the Messiah back to Seth, as “the Great Seth” who is an Archangel, or to the patriarch, who is reborn in Jesus of Nazareth, as Messiah. But Enoch is an Enlightened One, a Man Full of Light, whether he is traced in the line of Cain or of Seth.

1.

And there I saw One who had a Head of Days,  
And His head was white as wool,  
And with Him was another being whose countenance had the appearance of a man,  
And His face was full of graciousness,  
like one of the holy angels.

2.

And I asked the angel who went with me and showed me all the hidden things, concerning the Son of Man, who he was, whence he was, and why he went with the Head of Days?

3.

And he answered and said unto me: This is the Son of Man who hath righteousness,  
With whom dwelleth righteousness,  
And who revealeth all the treasures of that which is hidden,

Because the Lord of Spirits hath chosen him,  
And whose lot hath the pre-eminence before the Lord of Spirits in uprightness forever.

4.

And this Son of Man whom thou hast seen Shall raise up the kings and mighty from their seats,  
(And the strong men from their thrones),  
And shall loosen the reins of the strong,  
And break the teeth of the sinners;

5.

And he shall put down the kings from their thrones and kingdoms  
Because they do not extol and praise him.  
Nor humbly acknowledge whence the kingdom was bestowed upon them.

—*Enoch* XLVI: 1-5

The point to be observed in the preceding verses is that the Messiah is hid in the Glory of God's Throne, in the highest heaven; and that he has been with God from the beginning. Enoch sees him there, and is told that he will soon be descending to the earth to conquer evil and wickedness and establish his eternal kingdom over all the earth. But he occupies his position of pre-eminence in the universe because of his own righteousness: “This is the Son of Man who hath righteousness.” He will reveal all the divine Mysteries, and he will put down the mighty kings from their thrones, and all shall bow the knee to him. It is such statements as these that make Hebrew Messianism a revolutionist movement, for there is no question at all that the prophecies were taken as referring to a perfectly real or physical King of the Jewish nation, who should lead the armies to conquest of the entire world. Rome knew this very well, and so did the Jews and Christians themselves in the nascent years of Christianity and rabbinic Judaism. History has proved it: the revolts against Rome which began before the birth of Christ continued into the second century A. D.—the three “peaks” of the continuous state of warfare were 70 A. D., when the Temple was destroyed; 115-118 A. D. when Jewish colonists rose in sudden rebellion under the Emperors Trajan

and Hadrian; and 132-135 A.D., when (under Hadrian) Simon Bar Kokhba, the entire Jewish nation and its colonists abroad, took arms against Rome, the nation was destroyed, and its people dispersed throughout the Gentile world. (A word of caution: we get a false picture if we think that only the Jews were rebelling against Rome. Revolt was continually simmering somewhere in the Empire, in Europe as well as in Asia.)

But a spiritual interpretation of Messianism runs side by side with the political and revolutionist elements:

1.  
And in that place I saw the fountain of  
righteousness  
Which was inexhaustible:  
And around it were many fountains of  
wisdom;  
And all the thirsty drank of them,  
And were filled with wisdom,  
And their dwellings were with the right-  
eous and holy and elect.
2.  
And at that hour the Son of Man was  
named  
In the presence of the Lord of Spirits,  
And his name before the Head of Days;
3.  
Yea, before the sun and the signs were  
created,  
Before the stars of the heaven were made,  
His name was named before the Lord of  
Spirits.
4.  
He shall be a staff to the righteous where-  
on to stay themselves and not fall,  
And he shall be the light of the Gentiles,  
And the hope of those who are troubled  
of heart.
5.  
All who dwell on earth shall fall down and  
worship before him,  
And will praise and bless and celebrate  
with song the Lord of Spirits.
6.  
And for this reason hath he been chosen  
and hidden before Him,  
Before the creation of the world and for-  
evermore.
7.  
And the wisdom of the Lord of Spirits has  
revealed him to the holy and right-  
eous;  
For he hath preserved the lot of the right-  
eous;  
Because they have hated and despised this  
world of unrighteousness,

And have hated all its works and ways in  
the name of the Lord of Spirits;  
For in His name they are saved.

—*Enoch*, XLVIII:1-7

The element which caused confusion in the nineteenth century was that Enoch seemed at times to be speaking of *One who had already come*. Jewish scholars pointed to Jesus ben Pandira as being just such a Righteous One as Enoch describes; or rejecting this, they and Christian scholars alike said that the passages were “interpolations” which dated from after the death of Christ Jesus, or from at least the first century A. D.

The Book of Enoch is stratified; the “newest” strata date to the Hasmonean priest-kings, and as some scholars believe, even down to the Roman intervention about 63 B. C. But though these are references to the Hasmonean priest-kings, there may also be references to just such a Master as mentioned in the Dead Sea Commentaries (Habbakuk and Micah Commentaries). Enoch does more than predict. He says in so many words:

1.  
*That Son of Man has appeared,  
And has seated himself on the throne of  
his glory,  
And all evil shall pass away before his  
face,  
And the word of that Son of Man shall go  
forth  
And be strong before the Lord of Spirits.*  
—*Enoch* LXIX:29

“That Son of Man *has appeared*, and *has seated himself on his throne of glory*.” This is not prediction, it is a statement of fact, or seems to be such; and taken in connection with passages from other apocrypha surely suggests that a Davidic Prince did return to claim his throne in the Hasmonean period as Jesus did in the Herodian. Then this Prince was killed, his High Priestly supporter was killed, and some great Teacher killed along with them. The whole movement must have been wiped out. By whom? By the reigning royalist house—the Hasmonean priest-kings.

If we do not take these passages as "Christian interpolations" then they must show that a Teacher, and perhaps a Prince also as we have suggested, did appear in the Hasmonean period, and that he is expected to come back at some future time, just as Christians have said about Jesus:

2.  
Let not your spirit be troubled on account  
of the times;  
For the Holy and Great One has appointed  
days for all things.

3.  
And the Righteous One shall arise from  
sleep,  
Shall arise and walk in the paths of  
righteousness,  
And all his path and conversation shall be  
in eternal goodness and grace.

—*Enoch* XCII:2:3

Anyone reading such verses as these would take them as referring to Jesus of Nazareth, and written after the Gos-

pel period; yet early Christians knew that the Books of Enoch antedated Christianity, and could therefore not easily refer to Jesus and the Christian Church, and so the Book was rejected from the canon of Scripture. That is: the new Judaism which rose with Christianity rejected these passages because they seemed to refer to Jesus; while Christianity rejected them because they could not be taken as referring to Jesus. Thus the statement of St. Augustine that the book of Enoch must be rejected because of its "too great antiquity" is given a fresh explanation.

No wonder that Dr. Charles could say:

"The influence of Enoch on the New Testament has been greater than that of all other apocryphal and pseudepigraphical books taken together."

## Strange Journey

MARIE TRANSUE

Dusk grayed to light ebon as the stars slowly embroidered their ageless, sequin pattern and a thin silver crescent, balanced on one point, was stitched into the east corner above a geometrically designed hem of ridges. I was walking down a road singing a happy, wordless tune.

Storm banners glided silently over the picture, and soon I could hear the distant drum-roll of thunder that followed zigzagging lances of lightning. The storm advanced in quickening speed and I felt the first misty warmth of gently falling rain. As the tempo increased, little rivulets of mud-streaked water began running down the sides of the mountains into a ditch that bordered each side of the road.

Faster and faster I walked. Louder and louder I sang. As the deluge continued, softly muted organ-tones from

some secret source seemed to blend in with the song and the storm—a sound so majestic, resonant, and beautiful as to defy description. As the torrent increased, I could feel layer after layer of *self* sloughing off and flowing down into the ditches to be carried away with the rest of the dark, muddy, debris, until at last I was striding along the broadening road free and unencumbered—a diaphanous shade in tune with everything around me, filled with and a part of the whole universe.

Now everything was becoming clearer and lighter from a soft, shining radiance that seemed to emanate from the heavens. The storm clouds slowly began breaking away, showing white, cloud-soft patches stretching away to meet, at last, the far end of the long, wide road I was traveling marred only by one

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## Summary and Modern Survivals

ANNE PHILLIPS

### THE RELICS

CHRISTIAN archeology deals largely, as we have shown, with the holy places, holy persons, and holy relics of the first one or two centuries after Christ. We have shown that four well-known "Mounts" contend as sites for the Castle of the Grail: Montserrat, in Spain; Montsegur, in Southern France; Glastonbury and Tintagil, in England. Other places are mentioned, such as Lyonesse, which lies sunken under the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Cup from which Christ drank at the Last Supper, the bones of the sacred band who brought the Cup to England (and some legends say the Cup was really a skull, or half a skull), were powerful talismans to an age which believed in magic. A beautiful head was among the Arimathean relics, supposedly that of John the Baptist. Most of the early relics were claimed by the Church at Jerusalem; a few were claimed by the British Christians as dating from Joseph of Arimathea or his son Josephus, including Joseph's Gauntlet, blood-stained from use when he took the sacred body down from the Cross. Some British accounts claim the Lance also, which pierced the sacred body, and since it was believed that Joseph's son was in the party, or led the party, to Britain, and this son was the Decurion who had charge of the Crucifixion, it would have been natural for him to take the Lance along. Eventually this is known only as the Lance Head, the shaft of the spear being lost. However, the Jerusalem Church claimed this relic also.

Queen Helena discovered the True

Cross and the Sepulcher of Christ, and gathered up the other relics preserved by the Church at Jerusalem, which included: the Lance, or Lance Head; the Sword of John the Baptist's decapitation; the Crown of Thorns, the Seamless Robe or Coat; perhaps also a scarlet Mantle, the Tyrian royal purple, which is really red; Veronica's kerchief; the Shroud; the Nails; and the great stones from the steps of the palace of Pilate down which Christ went to the Way of the Cross.

Helena distributed the relics to various shrines throughout Christendom, allowing some to remain at Jerusalem, though many were also kept at Constantinople, Constantine's "New Rome." The stone steps she sent to the Pope at Rome, and in Rome they stayed, and are there still.

In the fifth, sixth, and seventh centuries, legends of the Holy Grail show all relics (except the stones) in the keeping of Perceval's family at the Castle Perilous, guarded by the Widow Lady, his mother, and his sister, the Damsel of the Grail. Helena had claimed to be a descendant of Joseph of Arimathea, who, dying, had drawn a cross in blood upon a white shield. Helena's son, the Emperor Constantine, saw a vision of a "flaming cross" and created an Order of the Red Cross Knights; and in the High History of the Holy Grail, the existing manuscript of which dates from the thirteenth century, just such an Order guards the Castle of the Holy Grail, where the wounded and suffering "Sinner King" still lives.

King Arthur claims the title of United England and more, of the West-

ern Empire, as Constantine's successor. The legend says that he is crowned Emperor by the Pope at Rome, but after he has united Britain his Knights go out to seek the Grail, and his empire falls into ruin. One of his men "in a dream" has stolen the Sacred Candlestick from the Castle Perilous, and the Knights Balan and Balin stole the Sacred Lance. When Galahad appears, wearing red clothing and bearing a white shield with a Red cross, Arthur's Knights follow him, seeking to restore the Grail Kingdom. They follow Galahad in search of the Grail; that is, they turn their backs on Arthur and return to the citadel of the Grail (or try to) and to the Celtic Christianity it represents, and Arthur is killed in the ensuing civil war. His kingdom vanishes. The Grail also vanishes, however, and its dynasty is not restored; the evil has gone too far. Perceval takes the Cup to Sarras (the East) but before he goes he, like Helena, distributes all of the other relics to various shrines, "in the lands and in the isles." Yet, as a hope of the future, *Galahad's heart* is returned to Britain.

The Lance Head (of the spear of Longinus) is later found at Rome where it is preserved in St. Peter's Basilica. The story goes that this Lance Head, together with his Gauntlet, bloody with the dried blood of the sacred body, Joseph inclosed in a double-lead tube and hid it in a fig tree, which, being cut down and cast into the sea floated to Fecamp, a valley on the shore of France,—which would be an obvious poetic allegory referring to a sailing ship, of which Joseph of Arimathea had many, being a ship-owner and builder. The reference to the fig tree reminds us of Nathaneal, whom Christ saw under a fig tree; and who, with Joseph of Arimathea, had charge of the crucified body. Both were men of authority and perhaps friends of Pontius Pilate. Again it is said that it was the De-

curion, Joseph's son, who asked Pilate for the body, to bury it. It was "all in the family," in either case.

Fecamp claimed other relics besides the Lance Head; and said the monks of Glastonbury stole the Lance from them. Cassiodorus claimed that the Lance Head was still in Jerusalem in the fifth century.

We have shown how Helena and Constantine gathered up the relics supposedly preserved in the Christian Church at Jerusalem, and how these were distributed to various shrines. Later, when Charlemagne founded the Holy Roman Empire in the eighth and early ninth centuries (he was Emperor 800-814 A. D.), using his forces to establish the Pope of his choice firmly on the ecclesiastical throne—the Romans were in rebellion against the Pope at this time—and forcing Catholic Christianity on the various European tribes at the point of the sword, he naturally became interested in his turn in gathering up Christian relics, while destroying all pagan or heretic relics.

For example, it is a turning point in European religious history when Charlemagne destroyed the Irminsul, the column which the Teutonic tribes thought supported the world; and a few years later the Teutonic leader Wedukind submitted to Baptism. He had no choice. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that the pagan religions went under cover but continued to flourish, as shown in the Tannhauser story, when his horse bolts and carries him to a clearing deep in the forest or to a cave, where Venus presides at her sacred revels. Medieval records show again and again that most of the nobility in these areas attended the pagan revels in secret and hidden places, and a surprising number of the rest of the population with them. The "devil" at these revels was often the Prince himself; like the Knight Tannhauser, whose ancestral Castle stood on that very mountain

peak where now the Castle Neuschwanstein stands, while across the valley is the peak on which the Castle of the Swan Knights traditionally stood.

Centuries of persecution by the dominant orthodoxy finally resulted in wiping out and massacring thousands of innocent people, whose only crime was that they held private religious beliefs of which Rome did not approve. Some of them were actually Christians, though not Catholic Christians. The massacre of the Albigensians in the south of France was but one facet of the Church's age-long warfare against the old religions of Europe, and against the non-conformist elements of Christianity as well.

Charlemagne's campaigns against the Moors of Spain have come down to us in heroic legend; and some of the Grail traditions have been influenced from this source, particularly in the Swan Knight legends, which actually in some instances try to trace the Swan Knight lineage back, through Charlemagne to Julius Caesar, who in his turn traced his lineage to Venus. There is also a "Roger the Spaniard" in later time who is distinctly titled "The Swan Knight." Roger was, however, an Englishman who held land in Spain, and whose descendants are counted among the English nobility and the House of Stafford. One of Roger's descendants, the Princess Godehild, married Baldwin II, brother of Godfrey, first king of Jerusalem. Godfrey also was called a Swan Knight and said to be descended from Lohengrin.

In the Crusades proper the ancient relics appear, disappear, are stolen, restored, lost, found. Virtually all of the European tribes had incorporated Christianity into their ancient religious systems in one way or another; and this again is reflected in the Grail circles.

But the age was not completely gullible. The soldiers and noblemen were capable of skepticism, as a story of the

recovery of the Sacred Lance shows:

At Antioch, June 3, 1098, a Lance was discovered by a poor visionary, Peter Bartholomew, which he claimed was the Sacred Lance which had pierced the side of Christ; it had been revealed to him, he claimed, in a vision, by St. Andrew. In this vision St. Andrew had conducted him into Antioch, and shown him the Lance in the Church of St. Peter. Count Raymond was at first inclined to believe in him, and the search was ordered. After digging had gone on all day, he sent Peter himself down into the hole to see if he could find the lance—and of course, he found it! Later, Peter willingly ran the gamut of a great fire as a test of his honesty, but died of the after effects, and the army of the Crusaders concluded that the whole thing was a hoax. Immediately thereafter, the Bishop Adhemar led Count Raymond's men against hopeless odds of the enemy, and as if by a miracle, they won the battle of Antioch. Nevertheless, the army had no faith in the lance; only Count Raymond himself continued to venerate the Lance after it had (as it seemed) brought victory at Antioch. It was then that the army found the way open to the conquest of Jerusalem, which fell to the Crusaders—led by Raymond of Toulouse, Godfrey of Bouillon, Robert of Flanders, Robert the Norman, and Tancred of Sicily on July 15, 1099. For a century they maintained power there, with the aid of the Templars, but Jerusalem fell to Saladin in 1187.

Baldwin II (King of Jerusalem) had pledged the Lance Head to Venice, and St. Louis of France eventually got it and brought it to Paris. We are now in the thirteenth century, 1226-1270, the century which saw the destruction of the heretics in the South of France, and elsewhere in Europe, as Rome and Roman Catholic Kings fought for supremacy. By this time the Grail cycle had been completed by a circle of Grail

poets, Gallic and British. At long last the Spear settled down in St. Peter's Basilica at Rome, and St. John's Lateran claims the Table of the Last Supper. Portions of the True Cross are claimed by various shrines throughout the Catholic countries of Europe.

The year 1313 was marked by two significant events—the founding of the order of the Rose Cross by CRC, and the death of the brilliant young Emperor Henry VII, so bitterly lamented by Dante; concurrent with the destruction of the Templars and death of Jacques de Molay—all important to modern Masonry.

Another Table Round existing in our times is the famous Table of Winchester Castle, dating from 1486. This Table belongs to the period which saw the printing of Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*. Henry Tudor came to the throne of England as Henry VII in 1485, at the conclusion of the Wars of the Roses. He was of Welsh descent on his father's side, and he wanted to conciliate all parties in the nation. He claimed that he was descended from Arthur, and he named his oldest son Arthur, in order to fulfill Merlin's prophecy of Arthur's return. The Table of Winchester Castle, it is said, was decorated in its present style to honor the Prince's birth in 1486, at Winchester. It was mentioned in 1450, and is thought to have been used at some tournament feast, such as were called Round Tables, because they resembled Arthur's table. The Winchester Table has twenty-four sections, alternating green and white, with a Tudor Rose in the center, which combines the white rose of York and the Red Rose of Lancaster. There is also a painting of King Arthur in one compartment, while in the others are the names of twenty-four knights, most of whom are mentioned in the *Morte d'Arthur*. Around the central rose runs a band which reads: "Thys is the rownde table of Kyng Arthur with xxiiii of hys

namyde knyghttes."

Most of the existing relics have gravitated to Rome, or at least to Italy. The Shroud we have mentioned as being now at Turin in Italy. The Kerchief of Veronica is now preserved in the Church of Santi Apostoli at Rome. Actually, there are four Veils, attributed to Veronica, which is not her name, nor any proper name at all. Veronica means the Vera Icon, or True Image. The woman's name is not known, but she is called Seraphia, and again she is said to have been Bernice, the niece of King Herod. She may have been a virgin, as one story recounts it, or she may have been the wife of Zaccheus. The story is that she lived not far away from the palace of Pontius Pilate, and was standing beside the Way of Sorrow where Christ carried His cross, and that she gave Him her handkerchief to wipe the blood from His face. For the moment, the story goes, Christ gave the cross to Simon of Cyrene to hold, while He wiped His face with the kerchief and His features were imprinted upon it.

Of the four existing copies, each is claimed as the original. The four are still kept, the one in Rome, another in Paris, another in Laon, and a fourth at Xaen, in Andalusia, where a stone column marks the boundary between La Mancha and Andalusia.

It is only in the Grand Saant Graal that the bloody cross is described in the Procession of the Holy Grail; seen as a vision, along with a scourge and loin cloth, all scarlet from Christ's blood. It has nothing to do with Helena's "True Cross" which was cut up for relics. Note that this is a vision, this Procession of the Grail in the Grand Saant Graal. That is why only Parsifal sees it. We find the Red Cross again in the High History, and we suggest a possible connection with the House of Constantine, not excluding the "Apostate" Julian, and the Constantian Order of

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

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## Chapter IX—THE SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION OF THE NEBULAE HYPOTHESIS

(Continued)

**T**HE CONDENSATION of the particles is productive of surcharge with varying capacities of positive and negative qualities, absorbed from the electrostatic induction introduced by the next successive hierarchial influence, Sagittarius. This action provides the first expression of valency, later to become such a striking property of the atom.

The next property to manifest as an outcome of the processes gone through will be the coalescence of the root-substances: first a gradual blend and intermingling, followed by a union of the whole, not by separate combinations, but in its entirety, the coming together of all condensed root-substances in a very loose and unstable state of centralization, merely the vague indication of gregarious tendency.

The next influence brought to bear emanates from Libra in the compression of the hazy orb, a closer confinement of its constituent particles. There have now been brought to bear seven forces in septenary clockwise direction which have resulted in a definite shaping of the mass. There will now be exerted a five-fold array of counter-clockwise forces which will refine and conclude the work of that cycle.

Subsequent to the shaping of the mass, will come a relative compacting of the particles through plastic kneading processes under the control of Pisces. There will finally be produced a state definable as actual density, the first evidence of a mold of form.

The growing system is by this time

ready for the impulses of Leo to vivify the matter into a coma, now tangible as a visible, cloudy, sphere of faintest nebulosity, the initial expression of self-luminosity.

As the coma grows brighter and brighter, the interaction of its particles, coupled with the concentration of its internal forces at work brings to bear the fundamental Capricorn attribute of contraction, the gradual shrinkage of the mass through the drawing together of the particles.

The various factors have now been actively at work with continuous action and re-action, inter-play, so to speak, without much of special accomplishment in any one direction, except the centralization of the mass into something of concise limitation.

The next attribute developed is the property of elasticity, under the control of Gemini. This state of resiliency enables the mass to endure strains, depressions, and upheavals, through the intensity of forces now beginning to manifest, and permits of their ultimate accomplishments without open rupture, prematurely.

The last attribute furthered upon the first cycle of the twelve zodiacal principles is the expulsion of the portions which can no longer benefit, or be benefited by association with the central orb. They are not cast off into space, but set aside appropriately for continued applications of the forces at work in a higher spiral of expression. This elimination is under the control of Scorpio, which completes the first cycle.

The second cycle commences again with Aries, and with the segregation of



different masses and densities within the central orb, the transmission of heat now begins.

The septenary cycle of progression carries the revolving mass into the domain of Virgo again and the original inert nucleus has become nebulosity.

While in the first cycle the Aquarian influence was in mere radiation, it now accomplishes diffusion for there is a state of consistency which distinguishes the circulation and distribution of the reacting particles from mere dissipation and random. They now have a set purpose of permeation.

With the inauguration of the next Cancer influence the nebula's condensations will have assumed the proportions of cosmic mist, distinctly visible, decidedly foggy in appearance.

While the first cycle of Sagittarian induction expressed the valency of the particles, there is now introduced electric polarity, the manifestation of the positive and negative electrodes, instilling those properties which can excite the particles to union which otherwise might remain dormant through lacking the intensity of impelling forces.

The next Taurian influence will manifest as cohesion, the union of harmonious factors, as a sort of dependence for mutual support, the first elements of contingency.

These improved applications of the second cycle will be summed up in the Libra attribute of affinity, the basic impression of kin, definite relationship, through likeness, similitude, attraction, correspondence, etc. The alliances formed among the root-materials will be most profitable in strengthening the properties through parallelism of purpose, co-operative intent.

The counter-clockwise five-fold revolution will bring the Pisces attribute of viscosity to the mass. In the first cycle the possibilities of molding the mass depended upon its reaching some degree of density from whence the coma was formed. The viscosity now reached will

provide some permanence to the works of the hierarchies in the shaping of the matrices for the patterning of designs to be furthered.

As the Leo attribute of the first cycle gave coma to the density of the nebulous formation, in the second cycle the now viscous state is made to glow, not with the giving off of light, but the incipient brightening of the substances preparatory to the actual incandescence.

The Capricorn property of segmentation is now manifested. The contraction of the first cycle was general, all-inclusive, while with developments as they now are, the forces operate to increase the apportionment of particles which by admixture may strengthen certain designs, consequently the appearance of segmented sections of the mass.

With the consistent progress of the foregoing processes the next Gemini attribute, that of porosity, will be furthered, enabling those forces working toward the specialization of powers through segregation to permeate the innermost portions with their influences and to inoculate the various segmented states with the qualities to complete this work, and to convey the necessary essences to their very cores.

The final outcome of the above will be the severance into separate nuclei of those sections which are to serve as foundations for the separate realms of future planetary spheres, under the control of Scorpio. These nuclei mark the inceptions of the planets.

With the commencement of the third cycle, the central mass is now free to carry on actual combustion. The heat radiations will now become intense and, penetrating to the confines of the system, lay the foundation for the co-ordinating elements of life-organization upon the other spheres.

The processes of combustion will reduce the coarser particles, which were found under the applications of the first

and second cycles, into cosmic dust, presided over by the next attribute of the Virgo hierarchy.

With the reduction to ash, in the combustions which formed the cosmic dust, the next Aquarian influence is developed in levitating gas, the liberation of which creates another pronounced change within the orbs which are beginning to assume the familiar aspects of phenomena studied in the laboratory.

The accentuated condensation, together with the expulsions going on, introduce the acid-gases under the domination of Cancer. Their mission is to further the processes of condensation among the more highly differentiated substances, a surface searing in preparation for the later coating of liquids which will bound the spheres.

The next element developed will be that of fusion emanated from Sagittarius. This will result in amalgamation, in a homogeneous inter-mixture, the commingling of harmonious substances in a measure similar to the liquefaction by heat of the later phenomenal matters.

The Taurus attribute succeeding this will create the cosmic ash, not in the sense of cinders of combustion, but the burial of the heavier substances in matrices similar to those areas which develop the metals with their protective coverings today to preserve them for future utilization.

The processes of the third cycle will be summed up in the seventh attribute, that of Libra, which creates the gravitating gas. The forces of Libra upon the first cycle accomplished the compression of the mass as a whole in the second, the higher expression in affinity by attractions of mutual relationship, and now in the third cycle the compression of elements of correspondence collectively as gravitating gases.

From this point, the five-fold cycle of counter-clockwise procession begins with the manifestation of oil, giving the

nebula a plastic consistency somewhat as refined putty, capable of being easily moulded.

The determined application of the various forces possess the added instrumentality of spontaneous combustibility, as well as the more thorough and complete concentration of internal pressures through the oily permeation of the mass, and the exertions of the Leo impulses display light, the self-luminosity of the nebula now reaching a state of brilliance.

With the emanation of light and greatly increased temperature, the contrasts become stronger between the portions serving in the elevation of vibration and those un-aroused inertias acting as stabilizers, especially the particles out-lying in contact with the cold of space, so the succeeding Capricorn attribute will cause definite congelation of the latter, the product of the fundamental contraction with the segmentation of the second cycle.

Prior to the severance of the congealed portions, the next Gemini attribute of capillarity will assemble them in concentric strata, becoming more and more extended, until the elasticity, the porosity, and the properties of capillarity become strained to the point of no longer serving to convey the rapid impulses of the higher vibrations along these slender filaments, and the disruption of the sphere into concentric rings ensues.

Therefore, the culmination of the three cycles in which the properties, more or less tangible and possible of interpretation in the laboratory, are developed, ends with the divisibility of Scorpio, whereby the fundamental trait of expulsion with the subsequent establishment of nuclei in the second cycle now accomplish the formation of the separate masses to become the planetary cores.

With the setting aside of the planetary cores, all of the original principles accompany them in some form or other,

possessing their same properties, although retarded in their functions through the preponderance of the heavy inertias. Thenceforth, their accomplishments upon the planetary spheres will be directly in proportion to the response in lower octaves of vibration to the impulses in the sunbeam.

Carefully tracing the form side, the physical proofs of compressions for gases, condensations for liquids, and final crystallizations for solids bring clearly to mind the verity of the apparent bewildering paradox that "something can be made from nothing." When it is realized that consciousness increases as the kingdoms crystallize the forms from the play of fire to earth, to air, to water, with subsequent encrustation, it also becomes apparent, with the application of the Hermetic Axiom, that while man is only cognizant of the four-fold phenomena of fire, air, earth, and water, nevertheless the spiritual forces are furthering the crystallization of the seventy-seven elements (the others are allotropic) under the instrumentalities of the four for the perfection of form. Subsequently, the perfection of the form causes the expansion of the cognition into the arousing of keener sentiments and enhanced comprehension.

Recapitulating slightly, let it be remembered that the spiritual forces will create through thought, animation, organization, and finally architectural formation, while the growth of the form side of evolution, more explicitly the evolution of form, through the involution of spirit, is first the definite assemblage of elements to comprise the form; second, the organization of the form into life; third, its animation through motion and action prompted by some sentiment, and finally, the self-conscious comprehension of the form.

Therefore, having seen the macrocosmic labors of the hierarchies in the creation of the nebula, their works will now be traced in the same methodical

order to see how the forms respond to their impulses in orderly progression, as the form crystallizes into mineral, the life into plant, and the animation into animal kingdoms. It should be emphasized that the co-ordination of spiritual powers upon the part of a self-conscious entity will arise through the perfection of the form by these successive steps up through the kingdoms. The conception of the nebular creation must be two-fold, the materials to serve as the foundations of the form are being more and more crystallized throughout the involutory period, while some of the struggling Spirits are in each period, each epoch, and cycle of each day expanding the materials as they existed at that particular time, into life forms, and into animative forms, and may find themselves becoming self-conscious in any state of density, thereby ceasing a further increase of density, and working forthwith from that point upwards. This helps in the realization that the higher states were created first and that upon any one stratum all necessary principles will be found available, but, only as they apply to that plane.

The nebula has been traced down to the segregation of the planetary cores with a rather mystical conception of those effects upon the part of the twelve principles which have performed their works along the distinct lines which harmonize with the properties of the zodiacal signs in natural phenomena and physiological function as known to occult science.

All of these processes up to the final segregation of the planetary sphere, might, in general, be conceived as an all inclusive development of the macrocosmic animative impulses presiding over the second day and carrying the thought-forms into action. As the animative is the third state of improvement of the forms, three cycles are required to bring the nebula to the consistency described.

Following the animation of the sys-

tem macrocosmically comes the organization, as it increases in density. The organization belongs to the second state of improvement of the form (again considered from the individual standpoint), consequently two cycles are required in the condensation of the ethers and the cosmic atoms.

The same orderly progression will ensue: first, the creation under Aries of the focusing ether, followed by that of the atomic inception under Virgo, and then the incipient hydrogen under Aquarius. These three manifestations provide the requirements of first formation. They are followed by the condensation of the vital ether under Cancer, the subsequent differentiation of electrons under Sagittarius, and then the production of nitrogen under Taurus. These three provide the requirements of first organization. They are followed by the compression of aural ether under Libra, the coronium gas under Pisces, and then the familiar oxygen under Leo. These three provide the requirements of first animation. They are succeeded by the chemical ether under Capricorn, the helium gas under Gemini, and the final formation of the element carbon in Scorpio. In this last discussion it must be realized that the purpose is to awaken the consciousness in the densest substances of the plane, and not in those which focus the powers of comprehension. More plainly, if the consciousness itself were obtained in focusing ether there would be oblivion to the physical phenomena later created by the elements themselves. The two processes must be continually visualized together, opposed to each other, struggling to pass, so to speak, the spiritual forces sifting down from thought, animation, organization to form while the form is struggling, groping, upward through the current, from form to life, to animation, to thought.

The vitalization of the spheres will begin with the starch under Aries, the glycerin under Virgo, and the syntonin

of Aquarius, again formative, the cellulose of Cancer, the stearin of Sagittarius, and the fibrin of Taurus, again constitutional; the sugar of Libra, the olein of Pisces, the albumen of Leo, again animative; and the lignin of Capricorn, the palmitin of Gemini and the gelatin of Scorpio being formed as the particular entities of that plane reach co-ordination.

Following the organization of the system macrocosmically comes the formation of the chemical elements, soils, and metals to serve as the very foundation of form in which man finds his conscious co-ordination and cognition. As this is the cycle of form, the first, there will be found only one differentiation to the zodiacal signs, these twelve comprising all those functioning in the physiological processes.

Phosphorus was the first created, under the impulses of Aries. It was contained within the thought-form prior to the animative emanation of calefaction.

Silicon was next created under the impulse of Virgo. It was contained within the thought-form prior to the animative establishment of the inert nucleus.

Sulphur was the next created, under the impulses of Aquarius, and likewise existed in thought-form prior to the first animative radiations.

Chlorine was next developed, under the impulses of Cancer, and existed in thought-form prior to the first condensation of the nebula.

Then came magnetism under Sagittarius, the thought-form preceding any valency.

Calcium was next developed, likewise being contained within the thought-forms before coalescence was expressed.

The lithium of Libra was the next succeeding element to form, existing in thought-form prior to any early animative compressions.

The remaining five, the Piscean aluminum, the potassium of Leo, the Capricorn fluorine, the iron of Gemini, and the sodium of Scorpio followed, and

were all conceived in thought-form before any of the respective animative phenomena appeared.

Reverting now to rather a generalization of the astro-physics of the study, it might be said that a sort of gaseous state existed as the first evidence of phenomena. That is, in speaking of thought formations, sentiments, and the like, there is not much of concrete visualization, while the descriptions of the generation of a gas mantle to envelop the electron, at once awakens a definite conception of the thought conveyed.

Thought is the basis of all manifestation, and is powerless except by application. Electrical surcharge is the direct result of thought-forms and is powerless except by polarity. The electrons are the product of electrical polarizations and are powerless without application to the cosmic atoms.

The selection of the appropriate atom is magnetic, and the generation of the gas mantle follows, nicely evidenced by the so-called but little understood "electric smell." The electron obeys the Universal Law of gravitation and after union with the cosmic atom, the centripetal force is pronounced, while the generation of the gas mantle develops the centrifugal force. Rotation of the heavenly spheres is likewise accomplished by the centripetal force, while the animative roving properties of gas are correlated with the centrifugal.

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### STRANGE JOURNEY

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gigantic black cloud from which, at regular intervals, lanced long swift strokes of lightning.

Although the storm seemed to be passing, the volume of my song and the glorious organ tones kept increasing. With uplifted arms I was almost running now, and as I neared the end of the road I could see that the light-

ning stroke was not lightning at all but a giant, golden arm of dazzling brilliance marking the tremendous down-beat rhythm of the organ . . . and I could hear the words of my song. "All my sins are washed away," I sang, and I was encompassed with a beautiful inner sense of peace and fulfillment. I remember thinking, "Just one more step to perfection," when suddenly from the ditch beside the road a monstrous wolf arose, crawled up over the bank, and squatted down on the road directly in front of me. I screamed. And as the echo of my scream died, the clouds, arm, and music began to fade farther and farther into the distance, and I started crying, "No, no, no! Let me go on! "But the wolf just sat there and stared.

NO-NO-no-oo-o . . . then I realised that my husband was shaking me; trying to get me to wake up. I'm awake now, but I'll never forget the sweetness, glory, and beauty of that precious music.

### SUMMARY AND MODERN SURVIVALS

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Red Cross Knights; and a further connection with the dynasty of Crusader Kings of the Kingdom of Jerusalem, where a Leper King once sat on the throne. These matters will bear research.

We have suggested that as some students of the Grail mythology name Arthur as Sinner King, it is possible that Constantine is another; in view of the legend that Helena, his mother, claimed descent from Joseph of Arimathea, and that this Joseph—or his son—inscribed with his life's blood a red cross on a white shield, which became the insignia of Galahad. Did Constantine and his mother, in going over to

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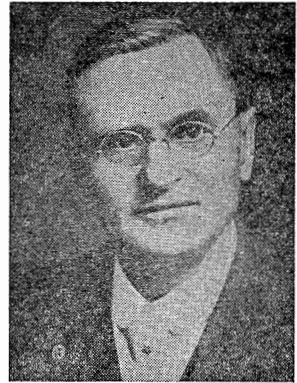
# MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

*Taken from His Writings*

## ANCIENT AND MODERN INITIATION

TWENTY-FIFTH INSTALLMENT

### The Christian Mystic Initiation



The Stigmata and the Crucifixion  
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**B**UT AS Initiation involves the liberation of the *real man* from the body of sin and death that he may soar into the subtler spheres at will and return to the body at his pleasure, it is obvious that before that can be accomplished, before the object of Initiation can be attained, the interlocking grip of the physical body and the etheric vehicle, which is so strong and rigid in ordinary humanity, must be dissolved. As they are most closely bound together in the palms of the hands, the arches of the feet, and the head, the occult schools concentrate their efforts upon severing the connection at these points, and produce the stigmata invisibly.

The Christian Mystic lacks knowledge of how to perform the act without producing an exterior manifestation. The *stigmata* develop in him spontaneously by constant contemplation of Christ and unceasing efforts to imitate Him in all things. These exterior *stigmata* comprise not only the wounds in the hands and feet and that in the side but also those impressed by the crown of thorns and by the scourging. The most remarkable example of stigmatization is that said to have occurred in 1224 to Francis of Assisi on the mountain of Alverno. Being absorbed in contemplation of the Passion he saw a seraph approaching, blazing with fire and having

between its wings the figure of the Crucified. St. Francis became aware that in hands, feet, and side he had received externally the marks of crucifixion. These marks continued during the two years until his death, and are claimed to have been seen by many eye witnesses, including Pope Alexander the Fourth.

The Dominicans disputed the fact, but at length made the same claim for Catherine of Sienna, whose *stigmata* were explained as having at her own request been made invisible to others. The Franciscans appealed to Sixtus the Fourth who forbade representation of St. Catherine to be made with the *stigmata*. Still the fact of the stigmata is recorded in the Breviary Office, and Benedict the 13th granted the Dominicans a Feast in commemoration of it. Others, especially women who have the positive vital body, are claimed to have received some or all of the *stigmata*.

But whether the *stigmata* are visible or invisible the effect is the same. The spiritual currents generated in the vital body of such a person are so powerful that the body is scourged by them as it were, particularly in the region of the head, where they produce a feeling akin to that of the crown of thorns. Thus there finally dawns upon the person a full realization that the physical body is a cross which he is bearing, a prison and not the real man. This brings him to the next step in his Initiation, viz., the crucifixion, which is experienced by

the development of the other centers in his hands and feet where the vital body is thus being severed from the dense vehicle.

We are told in the Gospel story that Pilate placed a sign reading, *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judaeorum* on Jesus' cross, and this is translated in the authorized version to mean: "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." But the initials INRI placed upon the cross represent the names of the four elements in Hebrew: *Iam*, water; *Nour*, fire; *Ruach*, spirit or vital air; and *Iabeshah*, earth. This is the occult key to the mystery of crucifixion, for it symbolizes in the first place the salt, sulphur, mercury and azoth which were used by the ancient alchemists to make the Philosopher's Stone, the universal solvent, the elixir-vitae. The two "I's" (*Iam* and *Iabeshah*) represent the saline lunar water: *a*, in a fluidic state holding salt in solution, and *b*, the coagulated extract of this water, the "salt of the earth;" in other words, the finer fluidic vehicles of man and his dense body. N (*Nour*) in Hebrew stands for fire and the combustible elements, chief among which are *sulphur* and *phosphorus* so necessary to oxidation, without which warm blood would be an impossibility. The Ego under this condition could not function in the body nor could thought find a material expression. R (*Ruach*) is the Hebrew equivalent for the spirit, *Azoth*, functioning in the *mercurial* mind. Thus the four letters INRI placed over the cross of Christ according to the Gospel story represent composite man, the Thinker, at the point in his spiritual development where he is getting ready for liberation from the cross of his dense vehicle.

Proceeding further along the same line of elucidation we may note that INRI is the symbol of the crucified candidate for the following additional reasons:

*Iam* is the Hebrew word signifying water, the fluidic *lunar*, moon element

which forms the principal part of the human body (about 87 per cent). This word is also the symbol of the finer fluidic vehicles of desire and emotion.

*Nour*, the Hebrew word signifying fire, is a symbolic representation of the heat-producing red blood laden with martial Mars iron, fire and energy, which the occultist sees coursing as a gas through the veins and arteries of the human body infusing it with energy and ambition without which there could be neither material nor spiritual progress. It also represents the sulphur and phosphorus necessary for the material manifestation of thought as already mentioned.

*Ruach*, the Hebrew word for spirit or vital air, is an excellent symbol of the Ego clothed in the mercurial Mercury mind, which makes man *man* and enables him to control and direct his bodily vehicles and activities in a rational manner.

*Iabeshah* is the Hebrew word for earth, representing the solid fleshy part which makes up the *cruciform earthy body* crystallized within the finer vehicles at birth and severed from them in the ordinary course of things at death, or in the extraordinary event that we learn to die the mystic death and ascend to the glories of the higher spheres for a time.

This stage of the Christian Mystic's spiritual development therefore involves a reversal of the creative force from its ordinary downward course where it is wasted in generation to satisfy the passions, to an upward course through the tripartite spinal cord, whose three segments are ruled by the Moon, Mars and Mercury respectively, and where the rays of Neptune then lights *the regenerative spinal Spirit Fire!* This mounting upward sets the pituitary body and the pineal gland into vibration, opening up the spiritual sight; and striking the frontal sinus, it starts the *crown of thorns* throbbing

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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.*

## Race Religions

Q. What is the source of Race Religions?

A. All Race Religions are of the Holy Ghost. They are insufficient because they are based on law which makes for sin and brings death, pain and sorrow.

Q. Are the Race Spirits aware of this?

A. All Race Spirits know this and realize that their religions are merely steps to something better. This is shown by the fact that all Race Religions without exception, point to One who is *to come*.

Q. What examples might be cited?

A. The old Norse Gods foresaw the approach of "The Twilight of the Gods," when Surt, the bright Sun Spirit should supersede them and a new and fairer order be established. The Egyptians waited for Horus, the new-born Sun. Mithras of the Persians, and Tam-muz of the Chaldeans are also symbolized as solar orbs and all the principal Temples were built facing the East that the rays of the rising Sun might shine directly through the open doors; even Saint Peter's at Rome is so placed.

Q. What do these facts indicate?

A. All these facts show that it was generally known that the One who was to come was a Sun Spirit and was to save humanity from the separative influences necessarily contained in all Race Religions.

Q. Why were these religions given to man?

A. These religions were steps which it was necessary for mankind to take to

prepare for the advent of Christ, the Sun Spirit, and the embodiment of unifying and universal Love.

Q. How did these steps prepare humanity?

A. Man must cultivate a "self" before he can become really *unselfish* and understand the higher phase of Universal Brotherhood (unity of purpose and interest) for which Christ laid the foundation at His first coming and which He will make living realities when He returns.

Q. How does this relate to the Race Religions?

A. As the fundamental principle of a Race Religion is separation, inculcating self-seeking at the expense of other men and nations, it is evident that if the principle is carried to its ultimate conclusion it must necessarily have an increasingly destructive tendency and finally frustrate evolution unless succeeded by a more constructive religion.

Q. How is this established?

A. The Separative religions of the Holy Spirit must give place to the unifying religion of the Son which is the Christian religion. Law must give place to Love and the separate Races and Nations be united in one Universal Brotherhood with Christ as the Eldest Brother.

Q. Has this objective been achieved?

A. The Christian religion has not yet had time to accomplish this great object. Man is still in the toils of the dominant Race Spirit and the ideals of Christianity are yet too high for him.

—Reference: *Cosmo* 383-384



# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## The Gospels

CORINNE HELINE

### *The Visitation*

**A**NOTHER feminine Initiate of the Essenian Order who had also advanced far upon the path of soul attainment was Elizabeth, wife of the high priest Zacharias and a cousin to the blessed Virgin. Both Zacharias and Elizabeth, like Joseph and Mary, were Essenes, and received an angelic annunciation and were agents of an immaculate conception and holy birth through which that Ego described by the Master as the "greatest born of woman" returned to earth, in the person of John the Baptist.

Both Mary and Elizabeth knew their sons before their incarnation, while as yet they were among the Angels of heaven, and it was the soul-call of these two great Masters which awakened the latent spiritual powers of the women destined to be their mothers in the flesh. Elizabeth's visit with Mary, the memorable weeks which they spent together companioned by Angels in the solemn sanctity of the hill country, was a high adventure of spirit which is emblazoned upon the cosmic records for the emulation of all prospective mothers for all time.

If the Gospel of Luke is read carefully it will be observed that the Ego who was to bear the name of John the Baptist was at this time already working with his mother Elizabeth in the preparation of his physical vehicle, and that he, as a Spirit, recognized the coming of Mary and greeted her with joy.

To such exalted beings there are no barriers between the inner and outer planes; nor between life and so-called death. They function always in the

sublime state of conscious and continuous being and becoming.

Elizabeth and John were alike benefitted by the visit with Mary. The story of their communion together, these two holy women and the Master-egos who were to be their sons, amid the silence of the secluded hill country, is one of the most beautiful of all biblical gems and will serve as an inspiration for every New Age mother.

Every prospective mother is influenced by the Spirit that is incarnating through her during the months of ecstasy. The holy Mary was particularly susceptible to the tremendous spiritual forces of the high master Jesus. She walked with a new beauty and grace; her words possessed an ever greater wisdom than formerly and the radiations of light that surrounded her were dazzling to ordinary vision.

The moment Mary entered the garden of Elizabeth, the latter was suffused with the power of the spirit and she greeted Mary as the mother of heaven's anointed. Mary, too, was lifted into an exaltation of consciousness wherein she saw the role that Elizabeth would assume in the life of Jesus. In gladness and thanksgiving she sang the beautiful words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

During the visitation Mary occupied Elizabeth's shrine or prayer room and many were the ecstatic hours of spiritual communion that these two prospective mothers spent together in that room and in the lovely, quiet garden. This was, indeed, a passing of the three most important months of the prenatal epoch in the hill country of physical beauty and also in the hill country of the heights of spiritual knowing.



## Astro-Philosophy Discusses Architecture

E. B.

**A**RCHITECTURE is in essence, a manifestive art as expression of man's consciousness of cosmic protectiveness.

Whatever man builds, through his expressions in this art, is a symbol of his instinctive desire to enclose, enfold, and protect that which he cherishes. This art differs from the other three-dimensional arts—dance, sculpture, and drama—in that it fills and encloses space. There is a certain utility in the essential nature of this art which also differentiates it from the other arts. Buildings, to fulfill their reason-for-being, must be occupied by something or lived in by someone. Hence, of all the arts, architecture is the least abstract, the most useful, and it is the one that is most basic to the needs of humanity.

An analogy—the blue of sky and the brown of earth are ceiling and floor of man's habitation on this planet, the vast house of our physical living provided as creative expression of God. Because all share this ceiling and floor man, as an individualization of consciousness and as a "spark of Divine Fire," must microcosmically reproduce this pattern as an expression of his God-hood. So, he builds "ceiling and floor" to enclose the heart of his creativities (home and work) and that of his reverence, the church. Since home

and church symbolize the core of man's awareness of relationship to humankind and to God, these "buildings" from time immemorial have stood as the two essentials of architectural endeavor.

The Godhood of humankind is the permanent seed atom which endures throughout the cycle of incarnations. The first house that is built for it is within the maternal body prior to birth. The maternal body is the enclosure of protectiveness and nurture for the incarnating Ego. The etheric matrix is the "outer body" in which we live during incarnation and our physical flesh-body has the enclosures of skin, skeletal, and organic structures in which the seed atom is enshrined. The male parent functions in correspondence to his mate by providing the enclosure of home to protect his two "most beloveds" and the home is a specification of space in which the relationship-life of persons magnetized to each other by specific vibratory requirements is perpetuated. All of these "buildings" (the etheric matrix, the womb, the physical enveloping, and the home) are the "humanity" of that which is "architecture" in manifestive art. Man has never built for himself alone—he has always built, as God builds, as an expression of his octave of Cosmic Protectiveness. As water and, subsequently, air were the original

“homes” in which we lived as physical involutions so great “sea of electrical magnetism” is the “home” of our relationship consciousness and “home” is the individualized chemical expression of man’s consciousness of focalized relationship on the generative octave of being. During incarnation, man abides, or can abide, in many houses but relationship with other humans is the “home-life” of his consciousness. We feel “at home” (and this is not just a figure of speech) with those we love, we feel “out of (our rightful) place” with those we dislike. With those we love we “build easily” the fulfillments of relationship—on whatever octave of experience or consciousness. To build beautifully is to express love. To “build unbeautifully” is to emphasize (pile up the congestions in consciousness of desire-ignorance; the resultant buildings are “shrines to ugliness.” Man expresses his “architectural best” when he builds (anything) as an expression of his heart’s and mind’s highest and best. The soaring spires of temples and cathedrals are designs which symbolize man’s spiritual aspirations toward his “lost Eden”—toward which he returns on the upward spirals of evolutionary progress. These spires are variations of the basic design of the pyramid, which we will discuss in this discourse.

That which is intimately external to us is the outer reflection of inner building. Consciousness—and nothing else—is the material we use to build anything, in whatever octave, cycle, or dimension. The result of material building is the effect from the way the man has imposed his mind, talents, and abilities on malleable substances; and mind, talent, and ability all are octaves of consciousness. He imposes his consciousness on the “stuffs of art” to embody his concepts of archetypes in manifestive artistry; he imposes his consciousness on the “stuffs of relationship” as his “embodiments of relationship-consciousness” to enfold, protect,

and perpetuate that which is unregenerate or regenerate in human relationships. We can build “caves for jackals and dens for thieves” just as we can build “homes for the beloved and shrines for the adored.” All of these, in their myriads of expressions, are building with the materials of consciousness.

Since each human is an individualized consciousness, we are the builders of everything that is manifested in our lives. By incarnating, we serve to build a new identity for our parents as they were instrumental in building a vehicle for us. Each child in a family contributes relationship material and relationship-experience to the “building” of his parents as individuals and as a couple. He expresses his consciousness, they react; they express, he reacts to them in the years of his development and for as long as his relationship to each parent, or both, endures. The child was magnetized to his parents by law and he built the particular quality of parentage-consciousness by his exercises as father and as mother in past incarnations. In other words, his parents are a chemicalized expression of his consciousness of “parents;” they, in a sense, and in relationship to him, are something he himself has built. Each human being is, therefore, the architect of his own parentage. Concretely this is pictured in the horoscope by the vertical diameter of the cusps of the fourth and tenth houses. The “parentage” of the archetype humanity, is the zodiacal diameter of Capricorn-Cancer focalized by the planetary architects, Moon and Saturn, the “form-builders” of our vibratory archetype. This diameter is, of course, complemented by that of Aries-Libra as the vertical diameter of a horoscope is complemented by the horizontal diameter of the Ascendant and seventh cusp. Further astrological illustration: we can think of the chart as the blue-print of an edifice, so architectural are the symbols:

A circle with vertical and horizontal diameters; the symbols for the cardinal signs at the structure-points, Aries as Ascendant-sign. Connect the structure-points with straight lines forming a square. The four right angles are the "enclosures" of the angles made at the center by the diameters of the mid-points of the fixed houses (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius); the right angles of the fixed sign square are the enclosures of the central angles made by the vertical and horizontal diameters. The sides of the two squares are the same in length. The cardinal points bisect four semi-circles; the fixed points bisect four quadrants.

The circle is, at one and the same time, the perfect idea "Humanity" in Divine Mind, the perfect manifestation of that idea in form, the perfect objectifications of all the potentials inherent in the Central Point; by the perfection of its beauty it is the archetypal symbol of the Golden Wedding Garment which will be worn by the archetype humanity at the dawn of liberation from this manifestation, or which is worn by each individual at the timing of his liberation. The Golden Wedding Garment is the perfected habitation of the seed atom; all humans have an etheric matrix, but not all humans wear a beautiful matrix; it is the perfect beautification and purity of this matrix that identifies the Golden Garment, the result of all of our building in incarnation.

Previous reference has been made to the author's conviction that the circle which circumscribes the cardinal square and its "lines of force" (the Cardinal Cross), in combination with the Central Point, is a "bird's eye view" (looked down upon from above) of a pyramid. The archetype humanity involves from innocence—the state of Virgin Spirit—to the utmost of chemicalization by a spiralic process downward from the point in ever-widening (separative) circular windings. The essential perfect potential remains throughout but man,

incarnated and new to this plane, sees only the chemicality of life and of his own nature. He does not know his unity with life and only dimly senses it in his feelings of instinctive togetherness with other humans with whom he is closely associated by ties of blood-relationship or clan-affiliations. For the most part he is aware of the differences between himself and his father, mother, and other people: stronger and weaker, older and younger, male and female, etc., but his similarities to other people, regardless of outer appearance, are not recognized until evolutionary processes have been in effect. To know relationship is to be aware of the "inner" of human life, and that awareness is the beginning of wisdom. The consciousness of involving humanity is not aware of the circular essential shape of the beam of light on which they are traveling; it is always circular but when it "strikes the screen of materiality" the undeveloped human consciousness sees only square—the sharp differentiations between people not the unity by which all are affiliated in spirit.

The two representations of the symmetrical square in our mandala symbolize the structure of the human family and the material from which that structure is built. The family is outwardly the male and female of human generative manifestation; inwardly it is the masculine and feminine of generic consciousness. The structure points of the fixed-sign square symbolizes the focalizations of the diameters of desire-love which is the food-substance of the total of our human relationship-life—the equipment we use to build each home of relationship-exchange. The cardinal structure-points are the four focalizations of human identity—mature and immature of male and of female—Father, Mother, Son, and Daughter; also the male and female as causer and reactor to the effects of causes. From this Cross of the Polarity of Identity, fed by the desire-love resources of

the fixed sign diameters which are distributed by the structurally unsymmetrical diameters of the wisdom octaves of the mutable cross, the upward spiral of evolution starts. As long as a human being must incarnate he participates in these three crosses; but to the degree that separative identity is transmuted into unity, desire into love, and ignorance into wisdom, will the Squares get smaller and smaller, continually approaching resemblance to the circle which, in turn, is the perfect out-picturing of the smallest of all circles, the point. You can get a picture of this disappearance of the square by drawing a fairly large circle enclosing the cardinal square. Within the square draw a circle, within that circle another square, and so forth until the figures get so small you can't draw any smaller. Remember that "square" is an archetypal design; "cardinal square," "fixed square," and "mutable square" are three variations of one design; fixed and mutable are sub-archetypes of the cardinal as archetypal design of human identity and relationship. So, in drawing these smaller and smaller squares within smaller and smaller circles, you are really picturing, in essence, all three forms of the square on all evolving octaves. When you drew the first circle for this illustration (and the enclosed cardinal square) you pictured humanity ready to evolve; each successive smaller square and circle, in pairs, represents one higher octave—like the stories of a building that is pyramidal in shape. If you can draw or imagine a pyramid being cut by horizontal planes one above the other you will get the essence of how each spiralic level of the circle-and-cross is analogous to the floors of a building, each floor having many rooms in which different activities take place—or in which different expressions of Consciousness take place. In this drawing indicate "primitive" at the first level, and designate the different levels of the pyramid, cut by planes, as

representing different periods in history in which men made noticeable evolutionary progress. On each level the cardinal cross of human relationship-exchange, the fixed cross of desire-love resource, and the mutable cross of wisdom-distillment are found in conjunction, or synchronization, with the eternal ideal that enfolds and interpenetrates them. With approach to the top point (the center point of the astrological wheel as we know it) love and wisdom become more and more fused, and the four identities lose their separative quality and merge more and more into the relationship ideal of fraternity, which is what our relationship to each other really is. We are all fraternal to each other because we are the "sons and daughters" of Father-Mother God; our "sonship" and "daughtership" is our bi-polar essential nature—"male and female" pertain to our nature only when we are incarnate, and in the upper octaves of being it does not even apply to our physical generative state

### Horoscope for Subscribers' Children

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but to our spiritual generative state and the powers of bi-polarity are fused when the perfected awareness of the "one love" is attained. We are aware of "loves" while we are on the lower levels of the upward spiral—we identify the existence of love with the existence, in our lives and experiences, of other people. Actually, love is one aspect of the circle and is omnipresent in perfect purity on all levels of being. As the top of the pyramid is approached the "separateness of loves" is transcended and the point at the top of the pyramid—the end of the upward spiral—is the perfect consciousness of the "one-ity" of love as Divine Attribute. As wisdom is distilled from experiences on the spiral, the congestions of fear and hatred (hatred is a feeling of unlovingness toward that which is un-understood—it is twin-brother to fear) are dissipated by the light of reason and understanding, which, in turn, are the illuminations of the mind by the power of love and the inspiration of beauty.

Make a copy of a twelve-housed wheel, connect the cusp-points in sequence by straight lines creating twelve isosceles triangles. Each one of these triangles is half of an equilateral triangle, the arms of which are alternate house-cusps. There are two sets of these equilaterals: those of the fire and air trines and those of the earth and water trines. Think of the "Aries equilateral" as being: "masculine Aries and feminine Taurus" and so forth around the wheel. These equilaterals, three of each generic element, having polarity by division into two equal parts, are the real basic houses of the wheel as far as generic consciousness is concerned. Because each of the twelve mundane houses focalizes the principles of one of the zodiacal signs we recognize that they are specializations of the two-fold generic sections of each trine. Get this picture by drawing four wheels and "black in" (in each one) the three signs of an element and the succeeding

sign. (There is much food for thought in this representation of houses as generic divisions of experience.) The regular appearance of the twelve houses pictures a much more objective representation of cycle-experience during the years of incarnation. They are, in whatever form, rooms on a particular floor of your life-building. To the degree that the vibratory elements of your chart are congested will you be seen to be "living on a lower floor in your life-building."

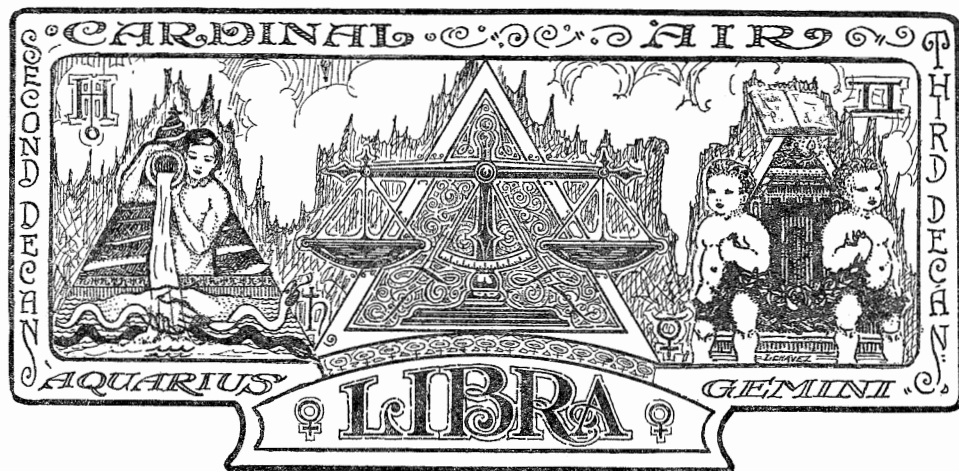
Think of your horoscope as a floor-plan blue-print of the evolutionary mansion (building) that you are now inhabiting. Your chart symbolically represents your potential for being a spiritual architect; the contents of your wheel represent the soul-materials you are using to build your pyramid—your Golden Garment—the composite of the best of your consciousness distilled from all previous levels of experience and realization. Become more aware than ever before of the beauty of architectural art—let yourself appreciate the esthetic values of fine buildings and, philosophically, let yourself become more than ever aware of their significance to human experience.

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#### WHEN AQUARIAN AGE BEGINS

A letter from the Royal Greenwich Observatory, dated Dec. 12, 1960, tells us:

"The precession of the equinoxes is approximately 50 seconds of arc a year and it therefore takes about 70 years for the equinox to move through one degree. I am not able to make any definite statement about the *signs*, but I say that the 1930 revision of the constellations has resulted in Pisces covering about 37° (from longitude 351° to longitude 28°) of the ecliptic. It will be approximately 600 years before the equinox retrogrades into the constellation Aquarius."



## The Children of Libra, 1965

*Birthdays: September 23 to October 24*

**P**EOPLE born with the Sun in the sign Libra usually have an innate sense of beauty, of what constitutes rightness in conduct, proportion, form, time, etc. Good taste, refinement, pleasant manners, sociability, perspective and facility in making comparisons are characteristic of Librans. Appreciation of all expressions of Divine Beauty stimulates an interest in music, drama, poetry, painting, and other arts. Affability, calm and steady views, a serene and seemingly happy temperament create an aura that soothes and attracts.

Personal charm is part of the Libra native's heritage. Although somewhat reserved and aloof, they take their social obligations seriously and manifest an earnest, respectful, courteous, and pleasant mein that wins confidence. Being natural judges of relative values in all things the Librans are constantly appraising others although usually with gentleness and mercy, for there is a tenderness about these people not always easily perceived. Love is vitally important, something to be sought and prized above all other things, both as an art and as an ultimate need. Many seem to spend much of their life in the

full enjoyment of a happy marriage or in a frustrated search for the ideal mate.

The typical Libra native has a distaste for the drab, ugly, and irksome, along with a tendency to shun difficult, sordid work, unattractive situations and people. "Walking out" of what they dislike is common of the less developed Librans, who may throw themselves ardently into a project of a group activity, only to withdraw unexpectedly as their interest wanes and make an eager start elsewhere. Persistence and an equilibrium not subject to ever-changing moods are often much needed.

Landscaping, architecture, interior decorating, diplomatic or secretarial work, the designing or selling of quality goods are vocations appealing to Librans. Their mission is apt to be harmonization, furthering the interests of love, peace, and beauty in the world.

All during this solar month Uranus and Pluto are in sextile aspect to Neptune, giving all the children born during this period an inclination toward the occult or mystical side of life. The intuition is highly developed, and there are apt to be dreams and visions of a prophetic and inspirational nature.

There is a love for travel and exploration of the physical world as well as Nature's finer realms. Also, the will is strong, and the executive and organizing powers excellent.

The Sun is squaring Jupiter as the solar month opens, and this vibration lasts until October 1, giving the native a tendency to form bad habits. Special training in self-restraint, thrift, and honesty should be given these children.

From September 23 to October 8 the Sun conjuncts Mercury, favoring the memory and mentality on the days when the orb of aspect is three or more degrees.

Venus trines Saturn from September 23 to 29, making the native faithful and true, just and methodical, dependable friends and advisers. The tastes are simple and the moral principles high.

From September 23 to October 3 Venus sextiles Uranus and Pluto, indicating an alert mentality, quick intuitive perception, and a magnetic personality. Many friends are attracted, and there is a love for music, art, and poetry. A happy marriage is favored.

Mercury squares Jupiter from September 23 to 28, suggesting that these children should be taught positive, decisive thinking, along with responsibility in fulfilling agreements.

From September 23 to October 17 Saturn opposes Uranus and Pluto, a stellar pattern that requires conscious practice of honesty, dependability, and industry for its transmutation. Impulsiveness and a violent temper also need to be overcome.

During a part of this period, from September 23 to October 1, Saturn sextiles Neptune, favoring success in worldly affairs for it brings out the saturnine virtues: honor, self-reliance, determination, etc., by which the person gains the confidence and esteem of others. For those able to respond to the higher side of this aspect it gives the ability to delve deeply into occult and mystical subjects, and to become pro-

ficient in the art and practice of them.

Mars conjuncts Neptune from September 23 to 26, suggesting that children born during this period be given special training in refinement, self-control, and respect for law and order.

From September 24 to October 4 Venus conjuncts Neptune, intensifying the imagination and tending toward musical ability.

Venus conjuncts Mars from October 4 to 24, a vibratory pattern to be interpreted in the lights of other related aspects.

From October 10 to 17 Mercury trines Jupiter, giving a cheerful, optimistic disposition. The mind is broad, versatile, and able to reason correctly, and success in law and literature is favored.

Mercury trines Saturn from October 16 to 24, indicating depth of mind and power of concentration. Patient persistence, caution, and diplomacy also result from this aspect. Honest and fair-minded, they make the finest judges obtainable.

From October 19 to 24 Venus squares Uranus and Pluto, a planetary pattern requiring much conscious effort toward balance of nature for its transmutation. Opportunities to learn needed lessons are apt to come through relations with the opposite sex.

Mercury sextiles Uranus from October 20 to 24, giving an original, independent, and progressive mind, along with a strong intuition. This is the hallmark of the pioneer in thought and invention. Many friends are attracted and success in scientific and literary pursuits is favored.

From October 20 to 24 Mars squares Uranus, so that children born during this period should be given special training in self-control, tolerance, respect for proper authority, and high moral standards.

Mercury conjuncts Neptune from October 21 to 24, giving a mind peculiarly adapted to the occult art. Magnetic healing power may be evidenced.



## Readings for Subscribers' Children

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Latitude 41 N., Longitude 74 W.

Signs on the cusps of the houses: ASC, Aquarius 1; 2nd, Pisces 18; 3rd, Aries 27; 4th, Taurus 24; 5th, Gemini 16; 6th, Cancer 7.

Positions of the planets: Mercury, 11.04 Aries in 2nd; Sun, 29.38 Aries in 3rd; Venus, 19.26 Taurus in 3rd; Jupiter, 23.20 Gemini in 5th; Dragon's Tail, 18.57 Cancer in 6th; Uranus, 19.15 Cancer in 6th; Pluto, 22.48 R. Leo in 7th; Part of Fortune, 23.12 Leo in 7th; Neptune, 24.23 R. Libra in 8th; Saturn, 6.30 R. Scorpio in 9th; Moon, 21.51 Scorpio in 9th; Mars, 2.38 Capricorn in 11th.

In this little girl's chart the Sun is posited in the last degree of the cardinal-fire sign Aries in the 3rd house, carrying over its influence into the fixed-earth sign Taurus. The solar orb sextiles Jupiter in Gemini in the 5th, trines Mars in Capricorn in the 11th, opposes Neptune and Saturn in Libra and Scorpio and the 8th and 9th houses.

Ruth has much vitality, a wonderful fund of energy, splendid recuperative powers, ambition, enthusiasm, a strong will, determination, persistence and perseverance that are bound to overcome all obstacles. Her innate nature is sunny and jovial, dependable and generous. However, since the Sun opposes Saturn and Neptune, this child should be taught to love and serve so she will become more unselfish, to be faithful and dependable in her personal relationships, and to take care of her health. She should also be taught to follow the positive path of spiritual unfoldment: psychic independence, mental control, and consideration for others.

The Moon in conjunction with the

MC suggests prominence before the public, and in the 9th, probability of travel and a tendency toward dreams and visions. The trine of the lunar orb to Uranus in Cancer indicates much originality and independence, a quick and intuitive mentality, a vivid imagination, a magnetic personality, and the ability to study and practice astrology. However, the Moon opposes Venus in Taurus in the 4th, indicating that Ruth should be taught dependability and faithfulness in personal relations, the wisdom of a pure and chaste life, the need of eating and exercising wisely to safeguard her health. She is apt to be quick-tempered and stubborn at times, not to be coerced by threats but singularly amenable to kindness.

Mentally, Ruth tends to be quick and argumentative, fond of repartee and disputes, and at times prone to exaggerate. However, her learning will come more through the intuitive faculties than through the intellect.

The sextile of Mars to Saturn indicates a capable, determined, and energetic nature, able to give intense and sustained action. This aspect insures a certain amount of accomplishment, but it should be in full recognition of the rights and interests of others. Unselfishness needs to be stressed strongly in this child's training.

Jupiter in Gemini in the 5th indicates some literary ability and favors relations with children. There is teaching ability, and the trine of Jupiter to Neptune suggests that the teaching is apt to be directed spiritually, so that pupils are fortunate to have a teacher with this mystical, inspirational aspect.

Aquarius on the ASC gives a rather deliberate, retiring personality, but a loyalty to the Native's many friends, a sympathetic and aspiring nature. The love nature is strong but not as demonstrative as that of the Leos.

## JIMMY N.

Born August 17, 1960, 8:46 A. M.

Latitude 46 N., Longitude 108 W.

Signs on cusps of houses: ASC, Libra 3:15; 2nd, Libra 29; 3rd, Scorpio 29; Sagittarius intercepted in 3rd; 4th, Capricorn 4; 5th, Aquarius 9; 6th, Pisces 9.

Positions of the planets: Neptune, 6:37 Scorpio in 2nd; Jupiter, 23.49 R. Sagittarius intercepted in 3rd; Saturn, 12.30 R. Capricorn in 4th; Dragon's Tail, 16.34 Pisces in 6th; Mars, 10.02 Gemini intercepted in 9th; Moon, 2.30 Cancer in 9th; Part of Fortune, 11.03 Leo in 11th; Mercury 11.21 Leo in 11th; Uranus, 21.27 Leo in 11th; Sun, 24.42 Leo in 11th; Pluto, 5.08 Virgo in 11th; Venus, 10.07 Virgo in 12th.

This little boy has come into his present life-day well equipped for rendering a high type of service and making much spiritual progress thereby.

We find the Sun, Uranus, Mercury, and Part of Fortune in the fixed-fire sign Leo in the 11th house, so Jimmy is strongly imbued with the leonine qualities of leadership, ambition, stamina, persistence, aspiration, and will to succeed. The Sun is in conjunction with Uranus, sextile the Moon in Cancer in the 9th and trine to Jupiter in Sagittarius in the 3rd. Thus we see that this child had so lived in past lives as to merit in this incarnation a considerable degree of general success, health, material plenty, many faithful friends, and the esteem of the community in which he lives. He has an abundance of vitality and recuperative power, along with good judgment and executive ability; his nature is kindly and jovial, sympathetic and trustworthy. The Sun and Uranus in conjunction, however, suggests a need to guard against impulsiveness at times, as well as against

a tendency to disregard the proper conventions.

The Moon in the feminine, emotional sign Cancer, indicates a less positive side to the nature, a psychic sensitivity, and a tendency to passiveness at times. However, the lunar orb is unafflicted, and besides its sextile to the Sun, it sextiles Venus and trines Neptune. Jimmy has a very fertile and vivid imagination, is prone to prophetic dreams and visions, which will bring him into contact with the inhabitants of the invisible worlds. He has a love for home, but will travel much, for both pleasure and profit. The position of the Moon in conjunction with the MC will bring him into the limelight of publicity through his vocation.

Mercury in Leo sextiles Mars in Gemini in the 9th, giving a keen, resourceful mentality, interested in many things and fond of debate and argument. The aspirations are strong and high, there is considerable organizing and executive ability, and there is remarkable dexterity along with the ability to do many things well and quickly. Literature and the mechanical arts have a special appeal.

Libra on the ASC indicates a strong conjugal affection, and this fortified by the ardent love and loyalty of Leo Sun, stamps Jimmy as one to be depended upon in personal relationships. The Venus-ruled Libra portrays a pleasant, sociable and adaptable personality, though there may be a tendency to change moods quickly. Since Venus sextiles Moon and Neptune, and trines Saturn, her higher traits are apt to manifest, but the square of Mars to Venus sounds a warning to keep watch over the emotions and train them to respond to the Saturn-trine-Venus qualities of faithfulness, dependability, frugality, and high morality.

This boy is likely to be attracted to such pursuits as shipping, construction work (homes in particular), catering, and dealing in curios and antiques.

# 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.*

## Contractor, Organist

LESLIE N. L.—Born August 2, 1946, 10:56 P. M. Longitude 122 W., Latitude 48 W. With all of the planets beneath the horizon, this native will live much more subjectively than objectively. Saturn, Sun, Mercury, and Pluto are all in the fixed-fire sign Leo in the 4th house. The Sun, Mercury, and Pluto are combust, and besides the square to the ASC, make only the one aspect of sextile to Neptune in Libra in the 6th. The Moon in Libra conjuncts Jupiter, and trines Uranus in the 2nd, but squares Saturn. Uranus squares Mars and Venus, suggesting rather spasmodic earning and unwise expenditure at times. Taurus rising accentuates interest in material things, including land. Since Saturn rules Capricorn, which is the sign on the MC, and is posited in the first degree of Leo in the 4th, the building of homes, managing of a hotel, or dealing in real estate should attract this native as a vocation. He should have some musical talent also, so that he could serve as an organist or in a band.

## Writer, Translator

DONALD K. L.—Born June 1, 1949, 7:35 P. M., Latitude 41 N., Longitude 75 W. This boy has Sun, Venus, Mercury, and Uranus all in the mental air-sign Gemini in the 7th house. This in itself points toward a strongly mental nature and an interest in many things, particularly science and literature. Since Mercury rules the sign on the

10th house, Virgo, we look particularly to Mercury as the chief indicator of vocational probabilities. However, Neptune is in the 10th house, in Libra, and sextiles the Moon (in Leo) and Pluto, and trines the Sun and Mercury. Thus there will be a strong tendency toward the study and practice of the occult. The Sagittarius ASC sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in the 2nd house adds to the interest in religion and law. This native could give fine service as a lawyer, writer, translator, or as a New Age minister. There is the probability of his being an occult teacher during the later years of his life.

## Druggist, Critic

PETER M.—Born August 30, 1947, 12:08 P. M., Latitude 53 N., Longitude 3 W. With Venus, Sun, and Mercury all near the MC, this native will undoubtedly be much before the public in his life's work. The solar orb is in Virgo and in conjunction (combust) with Venus and Mercury, sextile Mars in Cancer in the 8th. The Moon in Aquarius trines Uranus in Gemini in the 8th, but squares Jupiter in Scorpio on the ASC in the 1st, and opposes Moon intercepted in Leo in 9th. Although the combust position of Sun, Venus, and Mercury, lessens the power of the two planets involved, the strong Virgo influence points toward a vocation governed by that sign and the planets therein. As a druggist, newspaper critic, technician, or printer this native could use his talents well.

# Daily Thought and Guide

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

FRIDAY—October 1

Today is the day of Venus, a rather quiet day. Listen to the inner voice and in meditation you may receive long wished for answers.

SATURDAY—October 2

This should be a fine active day. Intuition will help, while the mind may not function too well. Knowledge from the higher spheres will reach us if we are ready to receive it.

SUNDAY—October 3

Today let us praise the Lord and rest in Him, remembering the inspiring words of the Psalmist: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

MONDAY—October 4

On this very quiet day we try to perform our daily duties well and take time for meditation on the worthwhile things of life. "Great thoughts reduced to practice become great acts."

—*Hazlitt*

TUESDAY—October 5

The aspects of Sun and Moon are harmonious today and this is advantageous for the beginning of new undertakings. "Every man's work shall be made manifest."—1 *Cor.* 3:13.

WEDNESDAY—October 6

Another quiet day with some mixed aspects. It bestows activity to the mind. "The power of thought—the magic of the mind."—*Byron.*

THURSDAY—October 7

Today we will have time to think and meditate, a good chance to consider our past actions and to try to judge whether

we lived up to our highest possibilities. "He who knows others is clever; he who knows himself is enlightened."—*Lao-Tse.*

FRIDAY—October 8

Much value can be accomplished today if we listen quietly to the voice within and follow it's advice carefully. Neptune the awakener is strong and helpful today.

SATURDAY—October 9

Today is a fine day for finishing left over duties and then spending some time in rest and recreation. Spiritual efforts crave attention also. "Let us walk in the Light."

SUNDAY—October 10

Today we should try earnestly to find the inner communion which will bring the realization of our oneness with God, and let us make religion a living factor in our lives.

MONDAY—October 11

On this somewhat uneventful day, Neptune and Jupiter encourage us to follow our highest aspirations. "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing."—*Gal.* 4:18.

TUESDAY—October 12

Thoughtful consideration will bear good fruit today. "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life."—*Matt.* 7:14.

WEDNESDAY—October 13

Mixed aspects will give us the chance for new experiences, but first we will have to think things over carefully and let reason have it's way. Then all will be well.

## THURSDAY—October 14

Today let us guard our emotions, let us use our feeling of generosity to understand and help others and help where help is needed.

## FRIDAY—October 15

On this fine Venus day with many fine aspects we should have a happy healthy outlook on life. With Socrates we can say: "O God, I pray thee, that I may be beautiful within."

## SATURDAY—October 16

Mental endeavors will bring good results today. Music and poetry may be enjoyed. "Human progress is from within outwards."—*Froude*.

## SUNDAY—October 17

"He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit entering into living peace."—*Ruskin*.

## MONDAY—October 18

Paying close attention to self discipling will bring good results today. Good action and sacrifice of self interest will register in the higher realms.

## TUESDAY—October 19

Today may be a busy one with much action and reaction, much knowledge can be gathered thus. "The goal of yesterday will be the starting point of tomorrow."—*Carlyle*.

## WEDNESDAY—October 20

Today the mind will be able to penetrate deeply and problems of long standing may be solved easily. "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."—*Tennyson*

## THURSDAY—October 21

Many aspects make this day an active one. Our disposition will tend to be more optimistic and generous than usual, our friends and associates may benefit by this.

## FRIDAY—October 22

Many planetary vibrations are active today and our minds will be more helpful than our feelings in expressing poise, resulting in peace. In the words of the poet: "Peace rules where the mind rules."

## SATURDAY—October 23

Today again the aspects are active and mixed. Let us always keep in mind that: "All things work together for good to him who walks uprightly."

## SUNDAY—October 24

This should be a blessed Sunday, a day of worship and rest. Let us plan diligently for the welfare of others, if we do our part God will do the rest.

## MONDAY—October 25

On this busy day let us take some time out for quiet meditation, then we can say with the psalmist: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight."

## TUESDAY—October 26

Another active day when many duties must be performed and needful services rendered. Nature planted in us a mutual love, we were born for the good of the whole.

## WEDNESDAY—October 27

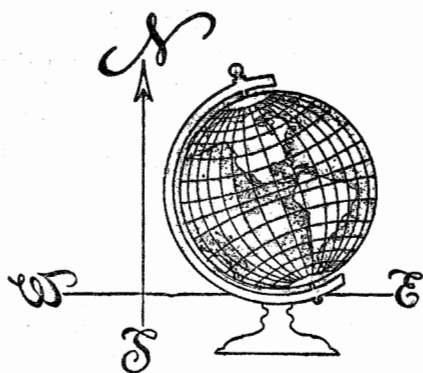
If our emotions conflict with today's routine, prayer and concentration on our daily work will make all turn out well.

## THURSDAY—October 28

Let us not be easily provoked today, for we may be tried and we should not be found wanting. Equipoise will help us to gain the best from these experiences.

## FRIDAY—October 29

After many active days this one promises to be more quiet. Let us become  
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MONTHLY

# News

INTERPRETED

## Too Much Surgery?

**TONSILS MAY BE USEFUL.** Human tonsils, once regarded as useless, may have important functions in developing the individual's immune defense system, said Dr. Robert A. Good of the University of Minnesota. Twenty years ago tonsils were almost always removed. Enthusiasm for tonsillectomies has declined in recent years. Now Dr. Good suggests that tonsils should never be removed unless tonsil tissue is involved in a severe disease problem such as cancer.

—*Science Digest*, June, 1965

It may seem contradictory at first sight to declare that people who are interested in the most advanced aspects of science are at the same time dedicated conservatists of sacred antiquities, including the idea that the human body should not be cut out of and cut into except in dire emergency. Health food diets are preferred to surgery by all occult students; and psychiatric clinics are also avoided where the mental processes are equally cut out and cut into by the practitioners. It is frequently found by spiritual healers, and by those who make use of the so-called "Invisible Helper" system of Rosicrucianism, that good food, sleep, and interesting activities allow Nature to correct many ills. We are glad to observe this "newest" trend in surgery which corroborates the viewpoint of the occult scientist. We believe also that the surgical craze for cutting out and altering the generative systems of both men and

women, especially as a birth control measure, is definitely questionable, and may have repercussions which endanger the whole human race—not merely in the matter of possible population famines but in the health of its individual members, both physical and mental.

## Life Is Still a Secret

What is the Secret of Life? . . . There are two possibilities. One is that life is a property so complicated that it can only be owned by a whole corporation of molecules, and that the property is destroyed if the board of directors (the most important molecules in the cell) fail to work together properly.

The other is that life is a property simple enough to belong to a single complex molecule which has the right chemical and physical properties.

In the first view, life is essentially happenings: the actions of the board of directors. The properties of the individual molecules are important, but only in that each must mesh with the action at the proper moment.

In the second view, life is essentially the shape of the molecule: the sum of its chemical, physical, and biological properties. The events simply follow from the shape.

It is on this point that the controversy turns: is life fundamentally a shape, or is it happenings? Science can't say. Scientists have talked as though the secret of life were hidden in the shape of the molecules of a substance called deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) . . . Many biochemists equate this process roughly to the ordinary reproduction of living creatures. Thus the DNA theory implies that DNA molecules, in a crude sense, are alive. At the very least, that their shape is the basis of life.

So much for the theory. Here are some facts:

1. Evidence supports the idea of a DNA "code," but there is almost no detailed evidence of how it operates in the cell.

2. Strong evidences indicate that activities of DNA are strictly regulated by the cell. "Control" is a two-way street.

3. DNA "replication" has been observed only in test tubes which contain other life substances, and only imperfectly.

4. Circumstantial evidence exists for the template idea of DNA self-copying, but does not exclude other possibilities.

On such bases, the skeptics insist, facts do not support the theory . . . The nuclear scientists still have not unlocked the "secret of matter" supposedly hidden in the atom's core. There is nothing to suggest that the "secret of life" will be revealed any more easily.

—*Catholic Digest*, April, 1965

During the year of 1964 and the first half of the current year 1965, nuclear physicists have made further advances into the secrets of the atomic core. The latest declaration is that all reactions, INCLUDING THOSE OF LIVING MATTER, are related to the atomic nucleus. This is a reasonable deduction, for it is chiefly in the nucleus of the atom that matter and energy are interchangeable, and energy is the vehicle of life—though, the spiritual scientist would suggest, energy as it operates through matter is not life in its pure quintessential reality. Life, as understood in spiritual science, is more than mere energy. In common speech we equate "energy" with "life;" but it still may be said that life uses the energy of Nature in order to express its designs of evolution in atoms. "God geometrizes"—Life geometrizes—creating living patterns throughout the universe; but those patterns have many dimensions beyond the physical, as physicists themselves, as well as biologists, are beginning to realize.

Behind both energy and form is Ideation, the Divine Idea, or Logos, of the Godhead.

## New Burn Treatment

For many years, silver nitrate was applied to the eyes of newborn babies to kill germs that might promote blindness. With

the introduction of antibiotics, silver nitrate was largely supplanted.

Now Dr. Carl A. Moyer, professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, has revived silver nitrate as a treatment for burns.

Dressings soaked in a solution of silver nitrate appear to provide a barrier against the entrance of germs. They also serve to reduce seepage of body fluids from the burned areas. Dr. Moyer finds the therapy has virtually eliminated the problem of staphylococcus infection, often encountered in burn victims.

Under conventional therapeutic approaches to burns, half the people who have 50 percent or more of their skin burned away will die.

—*Science Digest*, June, 1965

Much experimentation has been done of recent years in the matter of finding cures for serious burns. The news item given here does not tell how the discovery was made that silver nitrate is helpful for burns. It is to be hoped that animal vivisection was not used in the process. Some readers will ask, "But then how can new discoveries be made, if animal vivisection is excluded?" It is surprising how many discoveries are the result of human intuition in science, or of a kind of inspired "accident." When the human being attunes his consciousness to Divine Wisdom, a new "instinct" begins to operate in his worldly affairs which is similar to animal instinct, such as the cat's instinctive desire for catnip, which is to him a medicine. Spiritual practitioners have often observed that when a patient has become mentally tranquil and receptive to celestial influence, he begins to "discover" or to "crave" exactly what is good for him in all aspects of his life. We may mention one individual who was able to lay aside glasses. This person was led step by step, through spiritual meditation, to do certain things, which resulted in an improvement in vision. Years later he discovered that he had followed the "Bate's Method" of curing the eyes, which relies chiefly upon eye relaxation though some physical exercises are also used. Yet all of these were intuitively approximated by this

patient simply through and in spiritual meditation.

Occult students also have often said that they were "guided" or "led" to healers who supplied them with what they needed. At our present stage of growth mankind has a limited life-span, which is set by the archetype created in the heaven world before the individual Ego descends to each new rebirth. However, the "clock" of the archetype can be "re-wound" (to some extent) so that the life-span is lengthened, and it can also be terminated—the "spring



broken"—if the life-experience runs into a blind alley. For when the Lords of Destiny see that the Ego can learn nothing more in this incarnation, they terminate the life, even though the life pattern had in the beginning called for a longer span.

Spiritual healers have reported many cases of wonderful cures through prayer and spiritual meditation on God alone. The Rosierucian Method uses all types of healing which do not involve torture and suffering of other living creatures.

## Lunar Tides Affect Rainfall

The moon's changing faces and varying places in the sky are linked to the amount of rainfall. The tides the moon causes in the atmosphere, resembling those seen on ocean shores around the world, appear to affect heavy rainfall at certain times of the day and year. Glenn W. Brier, of U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., found the link between moon-caused atmospheric tides and precipitation while trying to determine the reason that rainfall and snowfall are much heavier than usual during the week following the new moon and full moon. The twice-monthly variation was reported by Mr. Brier and his colleagues in 1962. Since then, Mr. Brier has been taking a closer look at possible reasons for the association between precipitation and the lunar month.

Because the sun and moon are known to cause tidal changes in the atmosphere as

well as the oceans, Mr. Brier examined atmospheric tides as a possible explanation.

All evidence so far supports the atmospheric tidal theory . . . but this does not mean that gravitational forces resulting in the tides are the actual cause of heavy rainfall. The average amount of precipitation over the United States is 20 percent higher at certain times than at others. These times occur two days after, but not two days before, the moon, earth and sun are lined up, when the moon is closest and also in the plane of the earth's orbit, during its travels through the sky. Such conditions occur at the time of a total lunar eclipse. . . . The line-up of moon, earth and sun involves three different periods of the moon entering into tidal theory.

When the three objects are exactly in line and the two other conditions are met, Mr. Brier found that rainfall variation is three times greater than the average. Since tidal forces are greatest at this time, there is "strong evidence" that tidal effects in the atmosphere affect rainfall.

—*Science News Letter*, Jan. 9, 1965

We are sorry that the above news item is curtailed to the point where it is something less than clear to the layman. However, it is likely that additional data can be obtained by writing to the U. S. Weather Bureau at Washington, and a full reading of Mr. Brier's data would be more informative. Mr. Brier's report was made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

It is interesting that modern investigation now finds a basis for the old folk belief in the influence of the Moon on the weather. There is a trend today to listen with more respect than formerly to beliefs and traditions which have been used by the people of the world over many centuries. Even if the theories set forth to account for certain conditions may be fantastic, the conditions themselves may be true. Apropos of which, Lin Yutang once commented that Chinese medicine was remarkably good, despite the peculiar theories which accompanied the application of the medicine. Like folk weather science, folk medicine is often a very good basis for a civilized healing art. Many physicians are beginning to realize this.



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# Readers' QUESTIONS

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## The Etheric Matrix and Test Tube Babies

### Question:

Can you help me on the question of human reproduction? The occult teaching is that no baby will develop in the womb unless the etheric matrix has been placed there and the seed atom of the physical body placed in the sperm of the male. This is very difficult to believe for anyone brought up to understand the reproduction processes of flowers, lower and higher animals, and so on to the human race, with the natural deduction that the human population will increase indefinitely unless checked by birth control or disasters of nature. The "test tube babies" such as mentioned in the article on "Goethe the Alchemist" poses the same question.

### Answer:

It is not always easy to correlate occult terminology with scientific statements. However, there are millions of seeds of plants and animals which never do live and mature, and similarly there are many thousands of the spermatozoa specialized by the human male which never produce any effects, since they must die if they do not find reception in an ovum.

Chemically speaking all spermatozoa and ova have the same composition. But if at any time an impregnation occurs, then this is the sign that an etheric matrix has been placed in the uterus. So also, in the plant and animal kingdom, without the etheric matrix, no plant or animal can develop.

There are said to be about 60 billion Virgin Spirits belonging to our earth humanity and the humanity of other planets; there are more of these Virgin Spirits in incarnation at some times than at others. Usually most of them are out of incarnation, abiding in the heaven worlds awaiting an opportunity for rebirth.

But sometimes conditions of human evolution warrant an expansion of population. Max Heindel mentions that he discovered a "law of infant mortality" according to which the death of many persons in warfare or other catastrophes would make it necessary for the Egos to be reborn as children, and then to die as children, so that they can receive extra help in the First Heaven.

Occultists generally believe, therefore, that when there is a sudden "population explosion" there is almost certain to be a catastrophe of some kind; usually a plague or epidemic, which carries off millions of children. But, these children came to the earth in order to reap just this karma.

On the other hand, when evolution demands an expansion into a wider territory, again many Egos come to birth. Today it is evident that both conditions are present. Thousands of soldiers killed in the wars of the twentieth century have come back quickly to rebirth; and some of them, at least, will be taken out of the body before the age of twenty-one. Others are being prepared for the expansion into Space, or for special work on earth, to ensure that the race will survive.

As to the embryo in the test tube, there again, there can be no life and growth without the etheric matrix; and

if the child develops, then that in itself indicates the presence of the matrix, which in this case is implanted in and about the test tube, since that stands in the place of the mother. The matrix belongs to the incarnating Ego—not to its mother; and so also the seed-atom of the physical body which is placed in the sperm of the father, that, too, belongs to the incarnating Ego — not to the father. The matrix is evidently connected with the ovum, or its equivalent.

### Desire World Color

#### Question:

Will you kindly explain to me the difference in the color of the Desire World and that of our Physical World? Or are they very much the same?

#### Answer:

The various colors seen in the Desire World are not at all the same colors which we see here in our Physical World, chiefly for the reason that physical color is caused by the reflection of the Sun's rays. It is not really a property of the object with which it is associated except in the sense that the object consists of a substance which reflects the light in such a way as to produce a specific color.

On the other hand, in the Desire World *light is a property of matter itself*. One might almost say that from the viewpoint of that world the desire stuff is light, or conversely, that light is desire stuff. Everything there *consists* of light, in a sense, unlike material objects which have no color to the physical vision when there is no light for them to reflect.

Another difference between Physical World color and Desire World color is that the latter has a *living* quality which is absent in its physical counterpart. Physical colors, even in the form of light, are inert compared with the

light and color of the Desire World which seem actually instinct with a kind of life. This is why the colors of that world impinge upon the consciousness with a healing power, according to their nature—red, vivifying; yellow, mental, electrical; green (depending upon its hue), soothing and at the same time intellectual, partly because it relaxes the physical tension which interferes with pure intellection: violet, the protective principle of spiritual love; etc.

These colors as seen in the Desire World by one who possesses spiritual vision (clairvoyance) are superlatively bright, and the darkest of the colors there are brighter than the brightest sunlight here. Many of the colors and shades there we can recognize, but there are others which are indescribable in earthly language.

To the spiritual sight, this desire stuff interpenetrates all of the etheric region and every physical form; and the dark—almost black—chemical ether seems almost inseparable from the lowest grade of desire stuff. They are so dense that they seem nearly gaseous, and they are frequently visible even to the uncultivated sight of those in whom the higher faculties are just beginning to stir.

It is interesting to note that the First Heaven (the higher part of the Desire World) is a place of particular delight for the painter, for here he has constant access to the everchanging color combinations. "He soon learns that his thought blends and shapes these colors at will. His creations glow and scintillate with a life impossible of attainment to one who works with the dull pigments of Earth. He is, at it were, painting with living, glowing materials and able to execute his designs with a facility which fills his soul with delight."

The light-substance of the Desire World is actually *emotion, life, made visible*, in terms of living color.



## Alterative Herbs

*For the following material we are indebted to Mrs. C. F. Leyel, who wrote the book, HEARTS-EASE, from which it was taken. Published by Faber and Faber Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London, England. 21s.*

**A**LTERATIVE herbs are herbs that change the character of the blood and improve the processes of nutrition and repair when these are disordered.

The knowledge that herbs could remove obstructions from the viscera has been professed by herbalists for centuries. They have also claimed that particular herbs could influence the spleen when drugs were impotent to effect any change in this organ of the body.

In the light of modern discovery, it may well be that these herbs perform their work through their action on the ductless glands — particularly the spleen, which is the gland, according to medical theory, responsible for blood changes.

The alterative herbs, probably through the medium of their hormones and catalyzing enzymes, control in a very subtle way the symptoms of scrofulous complaints, and of chronic and severe cutaneous diseases, without leaving any other mark of their activity.

On the other hand alterative drugs, such as mercury, arsenic, iodine and

iron, have a very definite action which can easily be diagnosed; they also produce marked symptoms of their own which make their prolonged use dangerous. Poisoning from mercury and arsenic are recognized pathological conditions.

It is impossible for the system to be poisoned by any of the alterative herbs, the prolonged use of which helps or stimulates all the processes of nature. Many of them contain minerals which are used as alterative drugs, but these have been absorbed by plant life and so can be properly assimilated by the human body.

The most important of these herbs are Burdock, Blue Flag (one of the Irises), Phytolacca, Echinacea, Queen's Delight, Sarsaparilla, Red Clover, Figwort, Yellow Dock, Mountain Laurel, Mountain Grape, Bladderwrack, Snake Root, Pipsissewa, Wintergreen, Calotropis, Tree of Heaven, and Wild Indigo. These are all direct alteratives, but as some of them have an influence on specific ductless glands I have placed these in another chapter.

There are other herbs such as Arbor Vitae, Marigold, Mullein, Witch Hazel, and Pitcher Plant which have an alterative effect on specific organs, as for instance Mullein on the ears, and Saxifrage on the eyes.

Burdock is so safe that it can be used indefinitely for children or adults, and as a simple blood purifier it is unsurpassed. Every part of the plant partakes of the same properties. It belongs to the great family of thistles and is very common in waste places and by roadsides throughout England, though it is rare in Scotland. It is a rough-looking plant rather like a thistle, with wavy heart-shaped leaves, those near its root being larger than the leaves of any other native plant except the butterbur. The purple flowers grow in round heads which are enclosed in a globular involucre of stiff scales which are often interwoven with a white cottony substance. In the autumn, when the plant seeds, the involucre becomes prickly burs which stick to anything with which they come in contact.

The yellow curled dock, though allied to all the other docks, is not actually related to them. It contains, in common with them, a peculiar and a very active principle called rumicin. The root of the yellow dock also contains chrysarobin, a substance used to cure skin diseases; the leaves contain oxalic acid. The Yellow Dock is said to grow best in soil which contains iron. As an alterative it is valuable because of its restorative power and its influence on the skin and on mucous surfaces.

The Sarsaparillas from America, India, and Jamaica have always been praised by herbalists. They have been a popular remedy for disorders of the blood ever since the introduction of the different varieties in the sixteenth century. The Jamaican Sarsaparilla is generally considered the best, probably because it has been proved the longest, but it is usually combined with other alterative herbs. The plant contains saponin and salts of sodium and potassium, which are used as alterative drugs. Soapwort also contains saponin and is used in the same way.

Pipsissewa (*Chimophila unbellata*) is allied to the wintergreen plant and both

have alterative properties. The Pipsissewa is found in Europe as well as in America. It is a good remedy in some cases of dropsy, especially when associated with enlarged glands.

The wintergreen shrub is particularly called for in symptoms of pelvic congestion, and in an engorged condition of the veins.

Red Clover and the knotted Figwort are two very common English herbs much advocated by herbalists. Red Clover is sometimes given when a cancerous diathesis is suspected, and the figwort also. Enlarged glands are a symptom which calls for the knotted Figwort.

Calotropis has been used in India for elephantiasis and leprosy; and Bloodwort, as its name suggests, acts on the blood and alters it.

Tree of Heaven is prescribed when there is an entire loss of vital powers and a pronounced septic condition. Like Echinacea and Wild Indigo it is a powerful antiseptic.

The lymphatic glands are particularly influenced by *Phytolacca*, and the *Arbor Vitae* exerts its peculiar influence on abnormal growths, warts, and tumors. It is a cure for degeneration of tissue. For diseases of fermentation the pitcher plant is peculiarly adapted.

Echinacea and Wild Indigo will be found in my book on wounds, called *Compassionate Herbs*, because though they have powerful alterative properties, they are primarily disinfectants.

All these are the natural remedies for overcoming diseases which if neglected work havoc on the nervous system and eventually on the whole body.

#### BLACK ALDER

The Black Alder is a decorative deciduous holly, growing from six to ten feet high, with white flowers, which are followed by very large scarlet berries. These are gathered for medicinal purposes before the first frost, as is also the bark. The berries are used for con-

stipation and are anthelmintic; they are not a substitute for the bark, which is given in the form of a decoction for malaria, jaundice, and dropsy. This remedy was used extensively by the red Indians from whom its properties were learned.

### BLOOD ROOT

This plant is first mentioned in a European Herbal by Cornutis, whose *Historia Canadensum Plantarum* was published in Paris in 1655. Here it appears as *Chelidonium maximum Canadense aucion*. Cornutis saw it growing in gardens in Paris after its introduction by French travellers in Canada. Five years later Parkinson writes of it as the Great Canadian Celandine in his *Theatrum Botanicum*, but his description of the plant is inaccurate, and the first satisfactory description and illustration appear in the *Hortus Elthamensis* of Dillenius where it is given the name which it still bears of *Sanguinaria Canadensis* was added later by Linnaeus. In 1664 Pierre Boucher described it from personal observation with other plants he had seen growing in Canada. It is found as far eastward as Labrador and to the north of Saskatchewan, on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. The odor of the root is peculiar, and it causes sneezing when it is handled. Blood root has an alterative effect upon the blood, a stimulating effect on the glands, and an action on the bronchial membranes.

### BURDOCK

The Burdock, of which there are five species in England, is rarely found in Scotland. The name of the genus, *arctium*, is derived from the Greek word for a bear in reference to the roughness of its burs. In England it grows freely in waste places, by the roadside and near dwellings. It is a biennial, rough-looking plant with large leaves and purple flower-heads arranged in terminal panicles; the involucre consisting

of imbricated scales with hooked extremities which form a bur. This bur attaches itself to everything with which it comes in contact. Medicinally every part of the plant has a beneficial action on the blood, and for skin diseases it is one of the most useful agents because it is so safe. Its prolonged use produces no ill effects. The plant yields its properties to alcohol and partly to water. The seeds are particularly recommended for skin complaints because of the oil they contain. They cure a dry skin as well as a disfigured one.

Burdock is much used in hair lotions; it prevents hair from falling out. It is cultivated in parts of France as a vegetable, and in Philadelphia the peeled stems are eaten like radishes.

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### DAILY THOUGHT AND GUIDE

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conscious of the fact that the whole universe is pervaded by the power of our Creator.

#### SATURDAY—October 30

This should be a happy day of rest and relaxation. The planets bestow their blessings upon us and we can experience the brotherhood of man.

#### SUNDAY—October 31

Today we may go to the church of our choice and then enjoy all the good things of life: Nature, music, and fine books.

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The Rosicrucians advocate a vegetarian diet as superior, physically and spiritually, to a diet containing meat. They regard alcohol, tobacco, and stimulants as injurious to the body and a detriment to the Spirit. They believe in the power of prayer and the creative power of thought through concentration in bringing about the healing of mind and body. They hold, however, that physical means can often be used to advantage to supplement spiritual and mental means.

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*Illinois*—My son, age 5, is now making good progress in his rehabilitation program, and we are giving him all the new, fresh, raw vegetables he will eat. His diet is held to strictly, and we daily thank God for his progress. The work of the Invisible Helpers is so wonderful that we pray that the medical profession will be enlightened in due time so more of humanity can be served. May God bless you.

*New York*—This letter shall be a happy conveyor of my gratitude to you, especially to those of you who are closely associated with the healing work. I have been afflicted with painful bursitis off and on for over 20 years, and no M. D. or hospital treatments, so very expensive during all these years, were very successful or of any permanent value. In fact, about two and one-half months ago the bursitis appeared again in my right shoulder blade, robbing me of any possible peaceful slumber. Well, that very night an unsuspected miracle happened! I saw myself, as an intelligent observer in a large factory-like room, with laundry machines in action, each one containing a vital body instrument of someone, and mine was also being washed for treatment. Then I, *indeed*, saw from a distance a materialized husky arm and hand go to my machine and remove from my sick shoulder—the bursa—and ordered me to start moving my arm, shoulder, and hands. So I lost no time jumping out of bed—and behold!—the pain was gone. I spent quite some time swinging my healed arm in great wonderment in all directions. It was 2:30 A.M., and the grateful joy I felt I shall never forget! May I mention though that I saw no face or body of the performing healer, just the *hand and arm*, and the removal of the bursa. In a few more weeks I shall have reached my 78th year, and I surely feel blessed and happy and healthy! May the roses bloom upon your cross to the glory of our Rosicrucian Fellowship and Brotherhood!



## Cooperation Needed for Healing

**A**LL OF US require healing of one sort or another. None of us is balanced between spiritual harmony and perfect health. Our goal, whether we realize it or not, is the spiritualization of all our vehicles, and greater spiritual development.

We have to accept the fact that too few persons are really interested in either part of the goal. Usually the attention is focused entirely on the ordinary satisfactions of daily living. If these were the *right* things for us, why do our physical bodies break down under the strain of indulgence? Eating the wrong foods, eating too much, permitting our emotions to rule us, and thinking thoughts which are not a credit to us are symptoms of our inner disharmony.

There are two ways in which we can prepare ourselves for spiritual healing. One is by faith alone, and the other is by knowledge. Healing can be achieved by faith, but how long can it last if the patient goes back to living the same old way?

Knowledge not used is no good at all. In fact the more knowledge we have the more responsibility we accept, because we have a key which, if used, will open doors to undreamed of spiritual wealth. The way to good health, essential for the *unhindered* activity of the Spirit is known, and not to use this knowledge proves the dominance of

poor emotional and mental adjustment.

There are a few exceptions to the above. For instance, there are some who are ill because they are spiritually matured enough to take on additional pain and sorrow in an effort to wipe out destiny engendered in previous lives. Such courage is possessed by few; most of us complain bitterly about suffering caused by learning one major lesson in a life time.

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Visible helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a higher 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 Healing Temple at 6:30, and in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:45 P. M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

### HEALING DATES

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Relax, close your eyes, and make a mental picture of the pure white rose in the center of the Rosierucian Emblem on the west wall of our Pro-Ecclesia, and concentrate on *Divine Love and Healing*.

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## MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

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with pain as the bond with the physical body is burned by the sacred Spirit Fire, which wakes this center from its age-long sleep to a throbbing, pulsating life sweeping onward to the other centers in the *five-pointed stigmatic star*. They are also vitalized, and the whole vehicle becomes aglow with a golden glory. Then with a final wrench the great vortex of the desire body located in the liver is liberated, and the martial energy contained in that vehicle propels upward the *sidereal vehicle* (so-called because the *stigmata* in the head, hands and feet are located in the same positions relative to one another as the points in a five-pointed star), which ascends through the *skull* (Golgotha), while the *crucified Christian* utters his triumphant cry, "Consummatum est" (it has been accomplished), and soars into the subtler spheres to seek Jesus whose life he has imitated with such success and from whom he is thenceforth inseparable. Jesus is his Teacher and his guide to the kingdom of Christ, where all shall be united in one body to learn and to practice the *Religion of the Father*, to whom the kingdom will eventually revert that He may be All in All.

## SUMMARY AND MODERN SURVIVALS

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the Roman contingent, arouse the anger of their British—especially their Welsh—subjects? Perhaps Arthur's crowning at Rome, and turning Catholic, constituted in their eyes a sin of treachery against his own people and the native Celtic Christianity. The Catholic Kings of England, down to Henry VIII, used the Pope's command, or blessing, as an



excuse and a help in conquering various territories. Henry II invaded Ireland with the Pope's blessing, provided that he would drive out the Druids there. Probably the old forgery was believed according to which Constantine had given Rome to the Pope.

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THE EDITOR SHARES A LETTER

Dear Friend:

When Mr. Heindel first started to publish the *Rays*, he sent out a circular letter to all his students saying that if any of us had written anything for publication, he'd like us to send it in for him to see, as he would like the new magazine made up of material furnished by his students. It had always been my dream to write, and having a number of "scribbles" on hand, I immediately sent him one. You will find it in *Magic Gardens* under the title *A Symphony in Lilies*. I hardly hoped that he would accept it, so you can imagine my surprise and delight when I received a letter written by his own dear hand saying that he would not only publish this one, but that he wanted me to send him a flower legend every month for the *Rays*. After that, if anything ever prevented my sending one each month, he would write me and say, "Where is the Legend from my Flower Girl?" So that is how *Magic Gardens* came to be and why I've always loved it so much. When Mr. Heindel was gone, I had but the one thought: to gather the Legends all into a little book and dedicate it to him. It was a real sorrow to me when it went out of print, but I felt the money should be used first to put out the Bible Interpretation books, the Music and Color Books, etc. I wish I had kept all the letters about *Magic Gardens* which came from all over the world. We continue to have many calls for it—and a new edition will be a joy for many.

—Corinne Heline

MY TRIBUTE TO MAX HEINDEL

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for those who can pass the severe tests that will make them worthy to be numbered among the pioneers of the incoming New Age.

So my dear friends, let us follow in the footsteps of Max Heindel. Let us be so united in peace, harmony and love that we may do our part in carrying out the mission to which our beloved leader devoted and eventually sacrificed his very life. So let us together lift our eyes to the stars as he did. Let us face this world with new light and new power and new hope, because it is only in this way that we shall be faithful to our quest and see the glorious destiny of this Great Work fulfilled. It is truly the religion that will be the very heart and very keystone of the new Aquarian Age. May God bless you, each and every one, as you go forward in your quest for the Light Eternal.

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