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# The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

## The Great Russian Experiment

By JOSEPH DARROW



HE Russian people, now about 170,000,100, are a part of the Aryan Slavonic family and belong to the Indo-European group. The Slavonic family includes the Czechs, Serbs, Bulgarians, and the Baltic and other Slavs. According to Vernadsky in *A History of Russia*, the Russians are divided at present into three branches: the Great Russians of the East and Central part of the Empire with about 65 per cent of the population; the Ukrainians or Little Russians in the Southwest with 25 per cent; and the White Russians in the extreme west with 10 per cent.

Genghis Khan, the so-called "Scourge of God," with his "Golden Horde" invaded the country A.D. 1223, and the Mongolians became the masters of all Russia. The succeeding century of Mongolian rule resulted in the admixture of Mongolian blood with Russian so that even to this day Russians have a strain of the Asiatic in them. Ivan the Terrible was coronated in 1547. With him originated the institution of Czarism; also serfdom in which the peasants became fixed to the land. His reign was marked by wholesale executions, confiscation of property, and the deportation of great numbers to the frontier zones—a veritable reign of terror.

Peter the Great came into power in 1689. He was an empire builder, and inaugurated an intensive campaign to Europeanize Russia. It was his aim to

improve the condition of the people and develop the country along industrial lines. But in his zeal he allowed nothing to stand in his way, and serfdom became slavery, the peasantry being bound not only to the land but also to the land-owners, who could banish them to Siberia if they so chose. The last of the Czars was Nicholas the Second who was assassinated with his family in July, 1918. His reign was associated with much revolutionary activity by the Nihilists in their attempt to overthrow the government.

The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 during the World War was based upon the theories of Karl Marx, modified by Lenin, and was designed to bring about the elevation of the working classes to a position of power as the rulers of the State. It was the most bloody revolution the world has ever known, being literally founded on mass murder in which it is estimated 2,000,000 of the middle and upper classes were "liquidated." The name of the government became the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The movement has evolved to the point where the Communist Party is now virtually the State and the self-appointed rulers of Russia. The Communist Party numbers approximately 1,800,000 or about 10 per cent of the population. Thus Communist rule is anything but democratic, since the other 90 per cent have practically nothing to say about the government.

Lenin died in 1924 and was later succeeded by Stalin. Stalin is partly Asiatic in descent, shrewd, crafty, and utterly ruthless with the Oriental disregard for the individual and individual life. In his youth he was educated for the priesthood but later turned to revolutionary activities. Russia was converted to Christianity by Byzantium in the ninth century, but in the Bolshevik Revolution the greater part of the churches were destroyed, and the doctrine of atheistic materialism became in effect the state religion of Communism.

In 1921-1922 a great famine occurred in which 5,000,000 people starved to death. The peasants had lost interest in the productivity of their land under Bolshevism, and in 1920 production of grain fell to one-third normal. This was followed by the drought of 1921-1922, and the two together produced the famine. Stalin inaugurated his celebrated Five Year Plan, 1928-1932 inclusive, in an effort to mechanize and industrialize Russia. It was characterized by forced labor, hunger, terror, epidemic diseases, and typical Russian inefficiency. According to Eugene Lyons in his *Assignment in Utopia*, the plan was one of the most startling failures in history. And, indeed, nothing else could have been expected. The Russian people have been agriculturists and under serfdom for centuries and naturally could not be converted into a mechanized nation short of generations.

Under the Five Year Plan the land was organized into collective farms. This was resisted by the peasants, and by the kulaks or capitalist farmers, who were consequently "liquidated" in large numbers. Then the government seized for the factory workers most of the grain produced, which led to the famine of 1933, in which 5,500,000 peasants starved to death according to Chamberlain.

The secret police have always been a prominent feature of Soviet government, and are now known as the G. P. U. They spy, arrest, condemn, and execute with-

out warrant. In the beginning of the Soviet experiment the editing and publishing of newspapers, magazines, and books was taken away from experienced editors and transferred to members of the proletariat or working class. This, however, proved not to be a success because the product was so poor that few would read it, which forced them to take back some of the literary men.

The Soviet regime, however, has some highly Utopian aims and ideals designed to improve the condition of the people. As enumerated by John Gunther in *Inside Europe*, these are: Production for use, not profit; each to work according to his ability and receive according to his needs; the land is the property of the State; no man may control the means of production; the power of the capitalistic class is overthrown and replaced by the power of the working class. However, the human values nurtured through the centuries were repudiated, says Lyons, and such liberty as they had was traded for a "mess of slogans."

Economic security was attained it is true, but it turned out to be the economic security of a great concentration camp. But he points out that the Bolshevik Revolution symbolized the end of the divine rights of capital as the French Revolution did the divine rights of kings.

Illiteracy in Russia is prevalent, and schools and colleges limited in number and character. There has always been, however, a thin upper stratum of highly educated Russians at the top, who have produced the literature and music of Russia, and who are the equal of the educated of any country.

Now some of the esoteric aspects of the problem: First, the taint of Mongolian blood in the Russian people is an unfortunate circumstance since from it comes the disregard and contempt for the individual and for human life which has been so much in evidence in the Soviet regime. According to the Rosierucians, there are to be two more races in the

Aryan Epoch following the present Anglo-Saxon-Teutonic fifth race. The first of these will be Slavic and include the Russians of a later incarnation. This sixth Aryan race will reach its prime in the Aquarian Age, which begins in about 700 years. This new Russian race will develop a high degree of spirituality, largely through the instrumentality of music, for on the wings of music the soul may touch spiritual heights which the intellect alone cannot reach. This, however, will be a one-sided development, hence the sixth race will be short-lived, for the law of evolution requires spirituality to evolve through or at least equally with, intellect. This new Slav race, however, will be a joyous one while it lasts.

The Anglo-Saxon-Teutonic or fifth Aryan race is the seed race for the Sixth Epoch, which will come at a much later date in history. This fifth Aryan race corresponds to the fifth race of Atlantis, which was the seed race for the Aryan Epoch. Evolutionary development reaches its peak in the seed race of each Epoch. Only secondary phases of evolution are developed in the sixth and seventh races. Hence the coming sixth Slavic race, or Aquarian Russia, will mainly embody only secondary phases of our general evolutionary plan.

Russia is strongly under its Race Spirit. This is shown by the lack of freedom there, now and during the preceding centuries. *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* says: "In countries where people are most fettered, the Race Spirit is strongest. The more advanced the nation, the more freedom is given the individual. The more in harmony a man is with the law of love, the more he frees himself from the Race Spirit." Democracy and Christianity are the great dual goal of evolution. This is the yardstick by which the evolutionary grade of a nation may be measured, and it shows the Russian grade is not so high.

From all the preceding the conclusion is inescapable that the Rus-

sians are a much overrated people from all angles—social, economic, political, and military. Excepting the literary and educated stratum at the top, Russia still has a serf psychology. The Russian intellect is not highly developed, nor will it be as shown by the fact that the Russians are the forbears of, and preparing for, the coming sixth race in which the emotional-musical elements will be accentuated rather than the intellect. That regime, however, will have some high compensations.

All evidence points to the conclusion that the Russian people are composed quite largely of what the Rosicrucians speak of as the "Sons of Seth," the mystic type. The Anglo-Saxon-Teutonic races are more largely made up of the "Sons of Cain, or Lucifer," the craftsmen and statesmen of the world. The COMMUNIST "Sons of Seth" are great WORLD proselyters, always determined to convert others to their line of religion or politics. They are the makers of inquisitions, for instance, the Spanish Inquisition. As an example of bumptious Bolshevik proselyting, the Communist International has been organized with roots in all countries to promote *world revolution* of the Soviet pattern when the time seems ripe.

What has been the human cost of the Bolshevik experiment? Here are the figures: 2,000,000 killed in the revolution itself; 5,500,000 died in the famine of 1933; 5,000,000 in the famine of 1922, of which at least one-half, or 2,500,000 can be attributed to Bolshevik policies and inefficiency. Total, 10,000,000 human lives or nearly 10 per cent of the population. But, say the Rosicrucians, a backward people is eventually forced to awaken from its evolutionary inertia either by cataclysms of nature or by social cataclysms. In this case it is the latter. The Communist experiment in the end, moreover, will doubtless have served some purpose in creating certain new concepts in man's eternal progress toward Christian democracy and the free will to carve out his own destiny.

# The Mystic Light

## The Rosicrucian Fellowship

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## Instinct or Wisdom?

By C. DUDLEY ROBERTS



WHEN Plato said "The World Spirit is crucified," he had reference to the life currents in the Earth's atmosphere that govern the relationship between man, animal, and plant—a relationship that is represented, symbolically, by the cross.

These life currents vary in direction, nature, and force and come from group-spirits. As the name implies, a group-spirit is a spirit which has charge of a group or species either plant or animal and, as evolution proceeds, influences family, community, tribe, or race as family or race spirit.

Man, of course, is not subject to group-spirit guidance as he is an individualized Ego and works on his vehicles *from within*; the mineral kingdom is also exempt, for, having no individual vital body, it cannot be the vehicle for currents belonging to the higher realms.

Group-spirits direct the life and activities of plants and animals *from without* by means of life currents and suggestion—each group-spirit having authority over a number of animals or plants in the Physical World.

Let us return now to our opening paragraph and the symbolical cross. The soil in which the cross is planted is the mineral kingdom; the horizontal limb of the cross symbolizes the animal kingdom which comes between plant, represented by the lower limb, and man, who is represented by the upper limb of the cross.

Plants are sustained by spiritual currents emanating from the group-spirits located at the center of the Earth; these currents flow in all directions to the periphery of the the Earth passing upward by way of the root and directly through the length of the plant or tree.

On the other hand man is an individual Ego with a vertical spine and his highest spiritual influences come from the Sun, entering the head and flowing downwards.

Still bearing in mind our symbolization that the lower vertical part of the cross represents the plant kingdom and that the upper vertical limb of the cross is symbolical of man you will readily see the opposition of man and plant. The plant takes its food through the root, man takes his through his head; the plant inhales the poisonous carbon dioxide exhaled by man and man in turn has to inhale oxygen which is given off by plants, in order to live.

The animal, symbolized by the horizontal limb of the cross, is between plant and man. It has a horizontal spine through which the currents of the animal group-spirits encircling the Earth play. The spirit of an animal is not yet individualized and self-conscious so animals move and have their being in the group-spirit. It guides all animals in its care in accordance with cosmic law until each virgin spirit becomes capable of acting in harmony with such law and accept-



ing full responsibility for its own actions.

All animals, except the highly domesticated ones, have an internal "picture-consciousness" which is negative and reflective only, consequently all objects and actions presented to an animal's consciousness, unless they are accompanied by a suggestion from the group-spirit, mean little or nothing to it. It is the group-spirit who conveys the impression whether the vision seen is for or against the animal's welfare and it is the group-spirit who suggests to the animal what shall be done about it. "They act according to law and the dictates of the group-spirit (which we call instinct)."

It will be seen, therefore, that it is Wisdom which governs the actions and habits of birds and beasts and not instinctive behavior as the naturalists claim. One of these, Floyd Morgan, summarizes the general characteristics of instinctive behavior as follows:

Instinctive behavior is that which is, on its first occurrence independent of prior experience which tends to the well-being of the individual and the preservation of the race; which is similarly performed by all members of the same more or less restricted group of animals and which may be subject to subsequent modification under the guidance of experience. Such behavior is I conceive a more or less complex organic or biological response to a more or less complex group of stimuli of external and internal origin and it is, as such, wholly dependent on how the organism, and especially the nervous system and brain centers, have been built up through heredity under that mode of racial preparation which we call the biological evolution.

If an animal or insect could build up the complicated mental processes that Floyd Morgan defines as instinctive behavior, and subject them to the test of experience, then that creature would be able to think and each one would, naturally, think and act differently and there would be no reactions or "instinctual behavior" common to any group of animals or insects as we see it expressed today. Each individual man

thinks and acts differently from his fellow man and one cannot predict with any degree of certainty how any human being will react to any circumstance, but in the case of animals one may safely predict that each animal or group will react similarly to all conditions.

If insects and animals do not think and it is proven that "instinct" is not an explanation of their habits and actions, then we must seek our explanation in the occult teachings on group-spirit guidance given by the Rosicrucians and detailed by Max Heindel in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*—a summary of which has just been given in the opening paragraphs of this article.

It would be best that decision be reserved until we shall have had the opportunity to present interesting evidences of group-spirit guidance as indicated by the habits, customs, activities, and social relationships of various creatures in the Physical World—man being excepted, of course.

For the sake of clarity such evidences of group-spirit control are presented under separate headings as follows:

1. The Migratory Impulse.
2. Actions and Habits.
3. The Preservation of the Purity of Species.
4. The Maintenance of a Balance in Nature.
5. Communication.

#### 1. THE MIGRATORY IMPULSE

"Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming." (Jeremiah 8:7.)

Migration of some sort occurs in every division of the animal kingdom though not to the same extent in all, but true migration with which we are concerned at the present may be described as a change of habitat periodically recurring and alternating in direction which tends to secure optimum environmental conditions at all times for those taking part in such movements.

(a) Crustaceans, for example, have a

definite seasonal migration; female crabs have been known to take migratory trips of 80 miles and return again to the same coasts. Every May, during the West Indian rainy season, the land crabs come down from the hills in vast numbers seeking the sea in order that their young may hatch there. During this march to the ocean they allow nothing to interfere with their progress and will even invade dwellings should any be on their route. After the young are hatched the older crabs return from whence they came, leaving their young to follow them later.

Is it instinct that tells the crabs that May is here? Physical conditions or climate cannot be factors, for April, May, and June in the West Indies offer no change in climatic conditions. "The group-spirit works on them all *from the outside.*"

(b) Fishes, or rather most fishes, have great mobility but as their movements are difficult to observe there is no wealth of detailed study from which to draw.

However, it has been noted that for salmon, migrations for spawning involving long journeys are fairly common and the fish have been shown returning to the identical rivers in which they were born.

Both the American and European eels meet in the waters of the southwest part of the North Atlantic, near the Bermuda Islands, and spawn 1000 feet below the surface of the ocean, the larvæ rising to the surface where they live for some time without feeding.

During the next three years the movement of the young eels is continuous and towards their natural coasts, i.e., the eels spawned of American eels going to the American rivers and those of European parentage seeking the rivers of Europe. The eels ascend the rivers and remain there for a long period—several years—until fully grown when they return back to the waters where they were born to breed and eventually die.

Both American and European eels are born in the same area in the Atlantic Ocean but you never find an eel of American parentage traveling to Europe, or

one of European parentage going to America. Why? Is the young eel capable of deciding, or is it guided by its group-spirit?

(c) In the insect world, perhaps owing to their relatively short life, we find very little true migration, although frequent flights, in one direction only, are noted of locusts, butterflies, and dragonflies.

(d) Among animals there is seasonal migration due to lack of food and unsuitable climate but observation, perhaps insufficient and incomplete, has not proven such movements extensive; there are also seasonal movements of vast herds of ungulate mammals of the Great Plains of Central Asia; and in South Africa there are the well known "treks" of animals—the grass eaters and the carnivores traveling together in perfect peace.

Such an annual "trek" was described in June, 1939, by Philip Whitmarsh, mining engineer of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Africa, before the members and guests of the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. He said, "There is no wild animal spectacle in the world to compare with it. Forgotten for the time are the enmities and fear of these great herds of animals. The lion trots alongside the gazelle following the leader. The migration is for food only. They seem to know where to go hundreds of miles away."

Can instinct point the way to food hundreds of miles away? Is it instinct that overcomes the fear of the gazelle and overpowers the preying proclivities of the lion?

(e) It is among birds, however, that migration becomes spectacular with accuracy, regularity, vastness and complexity as its main features—characteristics which have made bird migration a subject of interest from the earliest times.

The paths of migration are not the same for all birds, neither do they follow straight lines for frequently the birds reach their destinations by indirect routes; moreover these paths may cross each other at right angles as the direction of flight is not always from North to

South or vice versa, but, for many birds in Europe, follows an East and West line.

However, in a given area, species depart and arrive annually at almost exactly the same dates, as for example the swallows that live at the San Juan Capistrano Mission here in Southern California; individual birds return accurately to the same summer locality in a subsequent year although they may have traveled halfway across the world and back in the elapsed time.

Science admits that there is nothing fortuitous about migratory plans as the component events recur regularly according to plan but is at a loss to explain how these things come to pass.

Three conceivable theories are proposed by A. Landsborough Thomson, namely—

1. Migration might be the result of intelligent action on the part of the birds.
2. Migration might be the direct effect of recurrent physical forces.
3. Migration might be the expression of an inborn racial custom, transmitted by inheritance.

He proceeds:

Ruling out intelligent reasoned behavior as a sufficient causal explanation and excluding also the possibility that migration is explained by the mere compulsion of external forces, one is left with the alternative that the behavior of migrants is the expression of an inborn racial custom which is transmitted by inheritance.

Thomson goes on to admit that the nature of an *inborn custom* and of its *inheritance* is itself an unsolved riddle and finally decides that the ultimate cause and origin of this racial custom (migration) must be sought in the past history of migratory species—a field in which no more than speculation is possible.

Cathelin believes that the birds act under the compulsion of "great, aerial, electromagnetic equinoctial currents"; others—Kelvin, Viguier, Thauzies—hold that there is a "magnetic sense" in birds and animals which makes them responsive to the variations in the earth's magnetic fields and enables them to detect

changes in (a) the variation of the magnetic needle between true north and the magnetic north pole and (b) the angle of dip of the magnetic needle, i.e., the angle made by a compass needle suspended from a horizontal axis with the horizontal direction.

In support of this theory it is pointed out that sunspot activity which is associated with magnetic storms acts as a deterrent to accurate and speedy "homing" of pigeons; short-wave broadcasting had a similar effect as was noticed at Ocean Gate, New Jersey, recently when the short-wave station was in operation during test flights of homing pigeons. The birds became confused and circled in the air for 15 to 20 minutes before orienting themselves for a flight which then took 48 minutes to complete instead of the usual 20 minutes when the radio station was not in operation.

Along these lines of thought it is significant to note that in September, 1939, a tradition of 150 years standing was broken when the famous swallows of the San Juan Capistrano Mission, in Southern California, departed more than two months ahead of their usual schedule.

Dr. Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., of Monrovia, California, physician and scientist, pointed out in explanation that about the time of the birds' departure there was unusual activity of the aurora borealis; there was also mysterious interference with transcontinental telephone service and that sanatorium patients showed marked nervousness with an increased number of relapses.

It is easy to see that the swallows were confused as they are by radio-broadcasting, by the unusual vibratory influences then prevailing into taking an unprecedentedly early departure.

Birds are always in a state of nervous tension during migratory flights but there is no confusion or lack of orientation such as we find in the birds when they are subject to the vibratory rate of the radio station; a natural deduction to be drawn is that the birds are in tune with the vibratory rate of the group-

spirit but not with the frequency of the radio station.

Science does not accept this explanation of migratory guidance in toto, but to the Rosicrucian student it is evident that the occult teachings of the Rosicrucians on this subject that the group-spirit makes use of the earth's currents in this work, are confirmed by the findings of science.

## 2. ACTIONS AND HABITS

Strange as is the migratory impulse, stranger still appears to be the skill, artistic ability, and protective habits of most insects.

Man requires artificial aids and all sorts of tools to work in wood, mine in the earth, or to manufacture brick, paper, etc., but insect workmen duplicate every art, industry, and phase of human activity and use only their jaws and feet. For example, in the insect world there are aviators, bridge builders, soldiers and sailors, masons and carpenters, weavers and basket-makers, divers, and engravers—to say nothing of insects which keep cattle and others which keep slaves.

Is it sufficient to say that instinct causes a moth or butterfly to know and recognize the particular plant on which to lay her eggs in order that the caterpillars be provided with their proper food? Science says that the tiny cellular structure which serves the moth as a brain retains a memory of her own previous existence as a caterpillar. How can this be possible? During the chrysalis phase as well as during her existence as a caterpillar her whole anatomy was altered twice and if there be a survival of memory of these stages and of food plants then we have a fact which is more remarkable than the instinct which leads the butterfly or moth to the proper plant for her offspring's food.

Is it instinct that tells an insect now newly emerged from a pupa, but one whose previous existence was limited to crawling activity only, just how to spread its newly acquired wings and to fly off without any practice?

Take the newly hatched grub of the Cicada, how does it know that it must leave its home on a twig and bury its naked body in the earth? How does it know that it must remain underground for two winters and only emerge to the surface the second summer?

Who teaches insects the art of camouflage so that they select surroundings and assume attitudes which render them almost invisible to their natural enemies?

It is common for animals and insects, by change in coloring and form, to pretend to be what they are not in order to escape death but it is seldom that we find a group working together to achieve the same ends. However, in Central America there are butterflies whose wings, on the undersides, are black with some scarlet and green mixed while their upper wings are alternately banded with black and gold. These butterflies work not only to produce a resemblance to the leaves in the background but also reproduce, by working together as a team, with their bodies the appearance of foliage on a bare vine.

Do these insects of themselves possess such critical powers of observation that they are capable of reproducing, by group arrangement of their bodies and wings, any background on which they may alight, or must we seek the explanation in group-spirit wisdom?

## 3. THE PRESERVATION OF THE PURITY OF SPECIES

The group-spirit maintains this purity by preventing the mating of vastly different species by simply withholding the fertilizing seed atom, consequently there is no physical offspring. However, where the two animals concerned are nearly of the same nature the group-spirit will permit one of its charges to re-embody but will not allow the hybrid so produced to perpetuate itself.

The mule, that well known hybrid, is a curiosity in the sense that the crossing of the horse and the ass is not one of na-

ture's ideas. Mules, except in very rare cases, do not perpetuate themselves and they would soon die out if man did not continually replace them by new crosses. Fertile mules are extremely rare; in 1936 the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College owned one; another was reported by Dr. C. M. Morgan of Nebraska and we have record of a fertile Abyssinian mule in the *Journal of Heredity*. The *Los Angeles Times* of August 6, 1939, reported the birth of a colt to a mule at Oraibi, Arizona, and added that the Hopi Indians had construed the event, owing to its rarity, as a sure sign that the world was coming to an end.

#### 4. THE MAINTENANCE OF A BALANCE IN NATURE

It is the group-spirits that maintain a balance in nature or the equilibrium of the species; that are responsible for the periodic fluctuations in numbers we see occurring from time to time among animals. Such fluctuations are common among various species of rabbits and mice; every few years an increase of numbers with subsequent reduction in the food supply in a given area, is followed by an epidemic of some bacterial disease which rapidly reduces the population to the lowest point. A subsequent increase is again followed by disease and the cycle so continues.

In the case of the lemmings of Northern Europe large increases in numbers, overflowing the usual boundaries and causing a failure in the food supply, result in movements of these animals over streams and hills towards the sea. Nothing stops their progress, not even road traffic, and when the sea is eventually reached vast numbers swim out many miles from shore and are drowned.

Better known, perhaps, is the rabbit plague in Australia where man took a hand in disturbing the balance of nature by importing from England in 1862 a few rabbits to furnish sport for hunters.

The rabbits, having no natural enemies to keep them in check, multiplied so rapidly that it is now estimated there are

over 3,000,000,000 of them there eating as much as would feed a hundred million sheep.

#### 5. COMMUNICATION

Some scientists have come to accept the belief that insects, as well as other creatures, are able to communicate with each other by means of vibratory waves. Verrill, from his experiments with tropical sawyer beetles, has come to the conclusion that the trick is done by the antennæ, such as butterflies carry on their heads, which send out and receive the signals.

He says that delicate receiving sets have been made which actually pick up and amplify the vibratory waves sent out by insects, although such sounds are meaningless to us; he claims this explanation accounts for an ant's ability to communicate the location of a store of food to his fellow ants and their ability to respond in a very short while to share in the spoils.

Another interesting evidence of communication between insects is given by the female moth which has been known to emerge from her pupa in the closed room of a house miles away from fields or woods, but in a short time, almost immediately as a matter of fact, male moths make their appearance. It is certainly not by vision or scent that the male obtains the information and Verrill's explanation may well be in order if we believe that insects possess sufficient intelligence to send and receive such signals.

But the Rosicrucian student detects here, as in the case of the homing pigeons and migratory birds, the intelligence and wisdom of the group-spirit in actuating and co-ordinating such activities by means of certain spiritual currents.

The writer does not pretend to cover, in this article, every and each directional effort of the group-spirit but he has endeavored to show, on one hand, the fallacy of calling animal behavior instinctive, and on the other, that the real explanation lies in group-spirit guidance as given in the teachings of the Rosicrucians.

## How Are the "Dead" Clothed?

By Max Heindel



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STUDENT much interested in life after death conditions has asked for light on the following subjects: How the so-called dead appear as to outer apparel, how they are clad, if their thought molds the ethereal matter into garments or anything they desire to form, and whether the desire body takes the shape of the dense body immediately after the silver cord is severed.

Yes, it is possible for the so-called dead to form by their thoughts any article of clothing they desire. They usually think of themselves as being clothed in the conventional garb of the country in which they lived prior to their passing into the Desire World and therefore they appear so clothed without any particular effort of thought. But when they desire to obtain something new, or an unusual article of clothing, naturally they have to use their will power to bring it into existence. Such an article of clothing will last as long as the person thinks of himself as being in that apparel.

But this amenability of the desire stuff to the molding power of thought is also used in other directions. Generally speaking, when a person leaves the present world in consequence of an accident he thinks of himself as being disfigured by that accident in a certain manner, perhaps minus a leg or arm or with a hole in the head. This would not inconvenience him at all: he can move about there, of course, just as easily without arms or

legs, but it just shows the tendency of his thought to shape his desire body. At the beginning of the war when such great numbers passed over into the Desire World with lesions of the most horrible nature, the Elder Brothers and their pupils taught these people that merely holding the thought that they were sound of limb and body would cause them to be healed at once of their disfiguring lesions. This of course they immediately did and now all newcomers, when they are able to understand matters over there, are at once healed of their wounds and amputations in that way, so that to look at them nobody would think they had passed over in consequence of an accident in the physical world.

This knowledge became so general that the people who have passed over since the war have availed themselves of this power to mold the desire stuff by the action of thought. They want to change their bodily appearance, so that perhaps those who are very corpulent will appear slim and those who are very thin will appear as if they had more flesh. This change or transformation is not permanently successful, however, on account of the nature of the archetype. It appears that the extra flesh put on a thin person or the quantity taken off one who is corpulent does not stay on or off permanently, but after awhile the man who was originally thin becomes more slender and returns to his original stat-

ure, while the person who tries to take off flesh finds himself putting it on by degrees and then has to go through the process anew. It is the same with people who attempt to mold their features and change them to an appearance that suits them better than their own original ones. In these respects, changes affecting the features are more impermanent, probably because the facial expression there as here is an indication of the nature of the soul. Therefore, whatever is sham is quickly dispersed by the habitual thought of the person.

With regard to the second part of the subject, we may say that during physical life the desire body is shaped more or less like an ovoid cloud surrounding the dense body, and that as soon as the person gains consciousness in the Desire World and begins to think of himself as having the shape of the dense body then the desire body begins to assume that form. This transformation is facilitated by the fact that the soul body, composed of the two upper ethers, the light ether and the reflecting ether, is still with the man, the ego.

To put it more clearly and bring in a helpful comparison we may remember that at the time when the ego is coming down to rebirth the two lower ethers gathered around the seed atom of the vital body are molded into a matrix by the Lords of Destiny—the Recording Angels and their agents—and this matrix is placed in the womb of the mother where the physical particles are embedded in it so that they gradually form the body of the child which is then born. At that time the child has no soul body.

Whatever there may be of the two upper ethers is not assimilated until later in life and is built upon by deeds that are good and true. When this vehicle has reached a certain density it is possible for the person to function in it as an Invisible Helper. During soul flights the desire body molds itself readily into this prepared matrix, and when the individual returns to the body the effort of will whereby he enters the dense body

also automatically dissolves that intimate connection between the desire body and the soul body. However, when later on the life in the physical world has been finished and the two lower ethers discarded with the dense body, the luminous soul body or golden wedding garment still remains with the higher vehicles and into this matrix the desire body is molded at its birth into the invisible world. So, as the body of the child was made in conformity with the matrix of the two lower ethers before coming to rebirth, the birth into the invisible world which follows death in the physical world is attended by a similar process. The matrix formed by the two higher ethers shapes the desire stuff into the vehicle that is to be used in that world.

But the so-called dead are not the only ones who have the power thus to mold the desire stuff into any shape they please. This property is also shared by all the other denizens of that realm, even down to the elementals, and they very often use this power of transformation to frighten or mislead the newcomer, as many a neophyte has found out to his or her consternation when he first entered the Desire World. For these little imps are quick to know when a person is a stranger and not conversant with the nature of things there and they seem to take a special delight in annoying newcomers by transforming themselves into the most grotesque and terrifying monsters. They may feign a ferocious attack on him and it seems to give them the keenest delight in the world if they are able to chase him into a corner and make him cringe with fear while they stand gnashing their teeth as if ready to devour him. But the moment the neophyte learns that in reality there is nothing that can hurt him, that in his finer vehicles he is immune from all danger of being torn to pieces or devoured, and that a quiet laugh at the harmless creatures and a stern command to take themselves off is all that is needed to cause them to turn their attention elsewhere, they soon learn to leave him alone. He

then learns to force them to do his will, for in that world all creatures who have not been individualized are compelled to do the bidding of higher intelligences, and man is among them.

Thus a man may take an elemental and form it into any shape he desires and use it to do his bidding. The being thus created with his life and will power and given a certain mission to do will faithfully obey his orders, and according to the intensity which he puts into that work the thing will last for a longer or a shorter time. In this manner many so-called spooks have been created and

given a mission lasting for centuries after the person who originally started the spell has gone into the higher Heaven World. That is probably the origin of the white lady who warns the Hohenzollerns of impending death. She and kindred apparitions which have given rise to so much speculation have been created by the superlative intensity of the desire of a human being. This desire has been launched into the Desire World under particularly painful or distressing circumstances which have wrought the required magic spell unknown to the person who generated it.



## Silence

*A lonely figure stood  
Tall and straight  
On the top of a mountain;  
It gazed reflectively  
Into the valley below;  
Fragrance of the ages  
Crept softly up,  
Stirring memories  
That flooded its soul  
With song and color.*

—Louisa D. Crews in  
"Wandering Dust"



## Into the Sunset

By EMMA M. COATES

**E**ZRA PETERS had been dying for two years. On three different occasions had occurred what the family and physician called the approaching change, but each time he had rallied and was wont to remark with his slow, gentle smile upon his lips: "I guess they are not ready for me on the other side. Perhaps my dwelling isn't quite finished. Maybe it lacks something—something I've neglected."

"Why, Ezra," Mary Peters would reply in shocked tones. "You shouldn't talk like that. You really should not. What if our minister were to hear you?"

"I really think, mother," and Ezra's reply was given mildly but with an amused quirk of his lips, "that I know fully as much as the minister about some things, every respect to the lad, notwithstanding."

And now, he was down again. He lay with closed eyes, his old body too tired to move, bathed in a strange peace. He seemed to be floating, like some buoyant creature carried along on a smooth current. He had not realized, until now, how tired his old, pain-racked body was.

Often the floating would cease and he would be conscious of lying in bed with Mary sitting close by. Anne, William's wife, was sitting by the window, looking out into the warm darkness.

"You go and get some sleep, William," he had heard Mary say a short time before, "Anne and I will watch."

How uncomfortable the bed had become. He had lain there so long he was tired of it. But it was of Mary he was thinking. If this were the final parting, what of her? He had been sick so long they had only the farm left, but William would manage that for her, he was sure of it, just as he had been doing the past two years. He was leaving Mary in good hands. Both their sons were grown now and fine men. They had married good,

sweet women. They would look after their mother.

He was so tired of lying in bed; he must make an effort to get up. He was going to try but they would probably stop him. No, they hadn't. He slipped out of bed as though endowed with a new strength. Pshaw! After all, they had been worrying for nothing. He would soon be up and about as usual. He should have made the effort before and not tamely submitted to their coddling. A person couldn't accomplish anything without trying. How glad mother would be; why, he felt like a young man once more.

He half turned, expecting to see her looking at him in surprise and delight, then paused as the sound of bitter sobbing came to him. Why, of all things. Wasn't mother glad he was better? Acting like this wasn't at all like her.

At that moment, William, the eldest son, hurried through the doorway. Old Ezra waited for his "Why, father, you're better," but no, he didn't even glance at him, and if he hadn't stepped back the boy would have bumped into him. What could be the reason? Didn't they want him to be up and about? The sobbing continued. Slowly he turned. Mary was sitting by the old-fashioned bed, her face twisting, trying to control herself. She had never liked giving way to her feelings; a fine, well-poised woman.

But what was it all about? William stood with one arm across his mother's shoulders; Anne, William's wife, stood arranging and rearranging the various things on the dresser. He could not see her face but he knew she was fighting back tears. Where were Tom and Edna? Then he remembered. They lived on the adjoining farm and were probably at home. He decided to go there; he felt able to walk miles. Perhaps they will have

a word to say to me, he was thinking, resentfully, even as they came in. But no; they, too, hurried past him and stopped at the foot of the bed. Then Tom began pacing the floor, one hand doubled and striking the palm of the other—a trick of his when upset. Edna, like Anne, was trying to keep back the tears. He really must assert himself. He would not allow them to ignore him in this manner. He stepped briskly back toward the bed—then stopped.

Ezra Peter's gaunt, emaciated form, with chin bandaged, lay stretched on the bed. What did it mean, and who was he? Then he understood; he was what people call dead. Funny; he had never felt better than now and would not re-enter that pain-racked body again even if it were possible. It had carried him about for seventy-seven years and was worn out. But could he make them understand? He must try.

He moved toward them. "Mary, it's all right. Mary, don't you hear me?" He stopped speaking. No, they couldn't hear him. They were so absorbed in their grief that he couldn't get his own well-being and contentment across to them. He would wait for a little, then try again.

He slipped from the room and through the living-room, the outer door of which stood open. He stepped outside and paused on the porch. The headlight of a car glided up from the village and stopped at the gate. Dr. Roberts hurried up the path, almost brushing against Ezra, who watched him disappear through the open doorway with a smile. He was through with his dosing.

He thought of his brother Timothy, and decided to go to him. How nice to be able to stride along once more; his feet seemed scarcely to touch the ground. Often he met others like himself, some of whom he had known in life. Some of them, like himself, were moving briskly along, and others, aimlessly, as though bewildered.

It was still dark when he reached the old home place where Timothy lived. He saw a light shining from the sitting-room windows, and entered. Timothy was

seated by the telephone with elbows on knees, his face buried in his hands. Sarah, his sister-in-law, sat by the table, an old bathrobe over her nightdress.

"He has been sick so long, Timothy," Sarah was saying, "it must have been a happy release."

Good old Sarah! She always understood. Still, it was pleasant to know that the folks were grieving at the separation. Going into the hall, he ascended to the room where Timothy and he had slept in boyhood. He walked about and touched the old familiar furniture, then wandered down and outside. There were many well-loved places he wished to see, he had been shut in so long.

The morning broke with dark scudding clouds shutting out the sunshine. Late in the afternoon, he found himself back home. A wreath of flowers hung from the door knob. Mary and the children, Timothy and Sarah, also some of the neighbors were in the little sitting-room. The folding doors leading into the parlor were closed and the window shades drawn. He turned quickly away. He had no wish to go in there; he was through with that which lay within.

Mrs. Sam White, a near neighbor, was speaking. A person he had never liked, but now, with his clearer vision, he knew that though she dearly loved to gossip and advise, she had a kind heart.

"Mary, you poor soul," she was saying, "what will you do without Ezra?"

Mary was composed once more as he liked to see her. "I have my children," she replied, gently. "I'll miss Ezra, I can't tell you how much; the place will never be quite the same to any of us with him away, but the time had come for him to go. Death isn't dreadful unless we make it so."

Ezra saw the children look at her in loving approval and he was filled with gladness. He could go on now; Mary understood.

As he stepped outside, the clouds rolled back and the light shone all around him. He stood in the full glory of the setting sun. He felt like a wanderer returning after years of exile.

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Parable of the Tares

By JANE TEMPLETON



Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field.

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then ap-

peared the tares also.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.—Matthew 13:24-30.

The original plan of evolution for the human life wave involved no "sin," or action contrary to law, with consequent disease and suffering. A scheme of unfoldment similar to that of the angels was being followed until the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch. At that time man was in a carefree state, extremely limited in consciousness, led and controlled by higher Beings, most of humanity being unaware that they had physical bodies. However, there were pioneers among the women, who sensed the physical world and began to tell man of this dimly perceived physical existence. Max Heindel says of them:

Among the observations made by these seeresses was the fact that at times a man lost his body, and it disintegrated. She saw him just as before in the spiritual world, but he was gone from material existence, and it troubled her.

From the angels she could get no information, but there was a group of strag-

glers from the angelic life wave who assisted her. They were too far advanced to take a physical body, but they could work through a physical brain such as man had. These were the Lucifer Spirits and they manifested to the woman's consciousness by way of the serpentine spinal cord and informed her that man had within himself the creative ability to form new bodies without the mediation of the angels. Thus came about the ignorant and indiscriminate use of the creative force, and the consequent lust, selfishness, greed, etc., which constitute the "tares" among humanity.

By the time of the appearance of Christ Jesus upon the earth, the "tares" had become alarmingly numerous. A large part of humanity had straggled to the point of retrogression, and a powerful impetus was needed to make possible their going forward in evolution. This impetus came through the Christ making the Supreme Sacrifice and entering our earth at the time of the Crucifixion, becoming its indwelling Planetary Spirit. The radiations of the indwelling Christ Spirit have become stronger and stronger with the passing years, and there have been many human beings who have responded and "brought forth fruit."

This "fruit" is the unfoldment of the Christ qualities inherent in every human being, and manifests definitely as the luminous soul body. Those who possess this priceless "wedding garment" will be the "elect" who will be gathered into the "barn" spoken of by Christ Jesus. In other words, they will be the ones who will be prepared for the next great evolutionary change or division in humanity, when some will go forward and some will have to be left behind. "Loving, self-forgetting service to others" constitutes the highway to "the kingdom of heaven."

# The Astral Ray

Astrology is a phase of Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals, and not to be confused with fortunetelling. The educational value of astrology lies in its capacity to reveal the hidden causes at work in our lives. It counsels the adults in regard to vocation, the parents in the guidance of children, the teachers in management of pupils, the judges in executing sentence, the physicians in diagnosing disease, and in similar manner lends aid to each and all in whatever station or enterprise they may find themselves.

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

## Prayers to the Stars

By ELIZABETH HANSEN

**W**E gaze into the depths of the skies on a clear, cool night, and we see myriads of sparkling diamonds upon an expanse of velvet blackness. Heaven is adorning herself with a jewelled crown. We pause and wonder. Then, if we are fortunate, some inner prompting guides us to study these mysterious heavenly bodies, and there gradually awakens to our consciousness the first glimmerings of that star-science known as "astrology."

We learn to know about the signs of the zodiac and the wandering planets and of their influence upon us. Then, gradually, we begin to bring down this knowledge and apply it to our daily living. Oh, yes, if we want to have a tooth extracted, for instance, we pick out a *good* day, making sure the Moon is in a common sign, and the tooth comes out with a minimum of trouble. More and more is our interest excited as we find use for this science in the most practical way—for our problems concerning business, our vocation, our love affairs, our children, our health, and for all relationships with our fellowmen. How blest we are to possess this knowledge and how constructively we can use it, too, in an endless number of ways. BUT, how many of us really give serious thought to the real meaning of the stars themselves? How often do we think of the signs of the zodiac as Spiritual Hierarchies—bathed

in a glory not even dimly sensed by us as yet? How often do we consider the moving planets as Great Intelligences—Great Spirits who are working out the Will of the Creator? Let us pause in the midst of our practical application of the stellar influences, and, hand in hand, go forth into the velvety night and look beyond our own little sphere of activity.

The best understanding of the heavenly mysteries comes from quiet meditation and communion. There are some great souls, who, through diligent effort in many lives, have made themselves stronger and more efficient channels to receive the inspiration and wisdom from above. They have glimpsed beyond the veil and have passed their knowledge on to us, but more than this, some have been definitely instructed by the Great Unseen Leaders of humanity to give out these truths to a hungry, seeking mankind. How difficult it is to crystallize the light of revelation into words and phrases, is something we must all recognize and understand, feeling grateful for any new avenues of thought and inspiration which are opened up to us. The founder of our Rosierucian Fellowship, Max Heindel, has given to the world priceless jewels of astrological value, which take us beyond the limits of materialistic astrology into the real essence of this Divine Science.

"There is one glory of the Moon and

another glory of the Sun, and another glory of the Stars, for one star differeth from another star in glory." This oft-repeated Bible passage is a true inspiration to all sincere students. The Twelve Great Creative Hierarchies, which we know as the Signs of the Zodiac, are co-workers with God. When our human life-wave was but a thought-form in the Mind of the Eternal, the first two celestial hierarchies, Aries and Taurus, gave assistance in the very beginning of our evolutionary pilgrimage. The Lords of these great hierarchies have long ago passed on to liberation.

Gemini, Cancer, and Leo also worked upon us of their own freewill, when we were in a dense, mineral-like stage of evolution. They too have passed to liberation. At the present time, the remaining seven, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces are active now in our present stage of development. So grand and exalted are these Great Hierarchies, that our little finite minds can scarcely comprehend their glory. We will leave them now to those who wish to study them more deeply in silence and solitude, when the gates of inspiration and understanding are more easily opened, and turn our attention to the heavenly planets—the wanderers in space.

Perhaps we shall catch a strain of the music of the spheres, of which Pythagoras spoke so long ago, for did you know that the whole solar system is one vast musical instrument, spoken of in Grecian Mythology as the "seven-stringed lyre of Apollo, the radiant Sun God"? Let us picture the signs of the zodiac as the sounding-board of the Cosmic Harp, with the planets as the strings, and as the marching orbs dance through the various signs, they sing out different sounds and therefore they influence mankind in diverse manners.

The harmony of the spheres is forever

playing, each planet sounding its own keynote in perfect unison. Should the harmony fail for one single moment, should there be the slightest discord in that heavenly band, the whole universe would crumble. One may think that apparent discord does confront us at times, but it is only in an apparent and relative sense. Underneath lies supernal harmony, ever working towards ultimate GOOD.

Do we doubt the existence of this celestial music? In the Bible, John tells us that "in the beginning was the WORD . . . and without it was nothing made that was made." That was the creative fiat which first started the work of creation, and we observe the signs of the zodiac and the planets as Divine Ministers going about their Father's business.

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*And wheresoever, in his rich  
creation,  
Sweet music breathes—in  
wave, or bird, or soul—  
'Tis but the faint and far  
reverberation  
Of that great tune to which  
the planets roll!  
—Frances S. Osgood.*

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We have said that the planets are Great Intelligences; each one is, in fact, the physical vehicle of an exalted Spirit—God's Ambassadors in His Kingdom. Let us not think of planets as dead bodies of matter, revolving somewhere out in space, but let us think of them as living, throbbing and vibrating bodies of the spiritual intelligences which are called in the Christian religion, the Seven Spirits before the Throne. They are: Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Earth, Venus, and Mercury, and each one presides over a certain department of the Kingdom of God, which is our Solar System.

All these planets are inhabited, and they are fields of evolution for different classes of spirits which are in various stages of development. Does this seem a startling statement? Perhaps to some it does, for we have been led to believe that it is doubtful that life can exist on the majority of these planets. Yet that is because we may find it difficult to dissociate Life and Form, and cannot conceive of Form except as something recog-

nizable by our five limited physical senses. But Life can and does exist independently of concrete form, and there are many, many different states of matter and consciousness of which we know not. Life as it exists on our planet Earth cannot be taken as a standard for judging the nature of the evolving life on other planets.

Occult science and spiritual astrology teach us beautiful, satisfying truths, giving us a wonderful picture of the life-impulse which expresses itself as our solar system. On the Sun live the highest evolved beings; the planets nearest the Sun are likewise very highly evolved with the exception of Jupiter, which, though far away, is the home of a very advanced humanity, higher than that of our earth.

At one time all the beings now living on the various planets were contained in the Sun itself; but not all were able to keep up with the terrific vibrations of that central fire and gradually a crystallization took place at the poles. This crystallized matter gravitated towards the equator and was expelled into space, with the spirits dwelling thereon. This first emanation became the planet Uranus. Later on, other classes of beings crystallized a part of the Sun and were expelled, to move in orbits at varying distances, according to the rate of vibrations necessary for the unfoldment of the beings upon them. Thus the planets were born, and the solar system as we know it now, came into existence. We find, therefore, that this is in accord with the nebular hypothesis of modern science, but in a broader degree of understanding.

As Uranus was the first planet thrown off by our Sun, we would naturally think that the beings thereon were of a rather backward nature, since they were the first to crystallize and necessitate expulsion. The question then arises, If this be true, why is Uranus considered such a highly spiritual planet? Why do its forces represent altruism, humanitarianism, intuition, and even govern the science of astrology itself? A moment's reflection will show us that the lower in the scale

of evolution a class of evolving beings may be, the greater and more advanced must be the Spiritual Intelligence which ensouls that planet and becomes its guiding planetary Spirit, for only a very advanced spiritual ray can hope to penetrate the seat of consciousness of a life-wave that is backward and crystallized.

After Uranus, the next planet to be thrown off from the Sun was Saturn, then Jupiter, which we have already explained was an exception—a case where a higher law supersedes a lower one. After Jupiter came Mars, Earth, Venus, and lastly Mercury, the smallest planet of all. The latter two planets, Venus and Mercury, are often called "inferior" planets by the astronomers, because of their close proximity to the Sun, but in reality they are the homes of the most superior inhabitants, the Mercurians being even more highly evolved than the beings on Venus.

Let us bear in mind that a mental concept of the life expressing through these planets, no matter how bewildering it may appear at first, will enable us to realize more keenly the forces working through our individual horoscopes. We will find an unlimited field of inspiration and depth of meaning to draw upon as we blend our consciousness with the intelligences manifesting through the zodiacal signs and the planets.

To illustrate this fact, let us go back to a long-past age, when we were very, very young. Have you ever wondered about those mysterious asteroids or planetoids in our solar system which revolve in an orbit out in space between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter? They are fragments of moons which once encircled the planets Venus and Mercury. The moons of any planet harbor the laggards and stragglers—those who have not been able to keep up with the evolution on the parent planet itself. Even the exalted life-waves on Venus and Mercury had their stragglers, which inhabited the moons encircling these planets. However, even though they were stragglers, these beings were far advanced above our earthly hu-

manity, and as an act of service, to regain their lost estate, these stragglers came to our earth to help and guide our struggling humanity. Through the service they rendered to us, they were able to return to their parent planets, and the moons, which were then of no further use, were expelled into interstellar space, and their fragments are known today as the belt of asteroids or planetoids.

The exalted beings who played such an important part in the evolution of our own earth, were known as the "Lords of Venus" and the "Lords of Mercury." They appeared among men and were looked upon as messengers of the Gods, and right here we have a possible clue as to the true origin of the old Grecian myths which, as we know, are so closely interwoven with the history of astrology itself.

We have all read and enjoyed these beautiful tales of Greek mythology; books upon books have been written on the subject, telling of the influence of the myths upon the art, literature, music, and customs of the peoples. Many authorities have speculated as to the origin of the myths, most of them believing them to be the product of a highly-developed imagination, or merely a symbolic representation of the forces of nature which men observed about them. Possibly both of these speculations are correct in part, but still we wonder—for what is imagination but a contact with *reality* that is beyond our present attainment? It is not unreasonable to think that the myths go far deeper than we realize; that the real beginning of these stories of the Gods and Goddesses and of their dealings with humanity had their real inception in that Golden period when the Lords of Venus and Mercury came to earth to guide and direct infant mankind. Even though these myths have been corrupted and changed considerably through the handing-down from genera-

tion to generation, perhaps the remembrance of the wonder and glory of these teachers from Venus and Mercury was the real beginning of the worship of the Gods, as we know it in our mythology—Gods who were like men, yet far superior to them.

The Lords of Venus were leaders of the masses of the people. They led and guided them, step by step. There was no rebellion against their authority, because men had not then evolved an independent will. But these beings were gradually leading infant humanity to the state where it would be able to manifest both will and judgment.

It was known that these messengers communed with the Gods. They were held in deep reverence and were obeyed without question. When, under the tuition of the Lords of Venus, mankind had reached a certain stage of progress, the most advanced ones were placed under the guidance of the Lords of Mercury, who initiated them into the higher truths for the purpose of making them lead-

ers of the people. These Initiates became kings and were founders of the dynasties of Divine Rulers who were truly kings "by the grace of God," that is, by the grace of the Lords of Venus and Mercury, who were as Gods to infant humanity. While they reigned, all things prospered, and it was indeed a Golden Age.

But the evolution of man could not remain in that state, for man was, and is, to learn to *rule himself*, just as we must learn to rule our individual charts. The heavenly planets are helping us to learn this lesson of self-reliance, and the Lords of Mercury work with us now, even as the Lords of Venus worked upon the masses of a long-past age. These beings are actually assisting us to gain self-mastery—Mercury indicates the Mind, you know, and they are guiding us

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*The sphere of the supernal  
powers  
Impinges on this world of  
ours.  
The low and dark horizon  
lifts  
To light, the scenic terror  
shifts;  
The breath of a diviner air  
Blows down the answer of a  
prayer. —Whittier.*

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towards the Path of Initiation, where we shall attain complete freedom from self. Mercury and its higher octave Neptune, point the way to spiritual attainment.

This brings us to a consideration of Neptune and Pluto, planets which are heavenly visitors to our solar system, not belonging primarily to it. Neptune, we are told, is the embodiment of a Great Spirit from the Creative Hierarchies which normally influence us from the zodiac. This planetary genius works specifically with those preparing for initiation and partially with those who study astrology and put it into practice in their daily lives, for then they are also preparing for the path of attainment.

So, let us awaken to the greater glory of the planetary messengers, realizing they are living, pulsating Spirits working out the Will of the Creator. It is our privilege and right to seek the co-operation of these mighty intelligences; to pray to the planetary spirits direct for wisdom and guidance in matters concerning the department of life over which they have jurisdiction.

Much has been said and written on the beautiful devotional qualities of prayer; let us now consider a scientific, but no less spiritual aspect, for what is prayer, but earnest *concentration*?

As a great nation sends its ambassadors to other nations, so are there also ambassadors from each one of the planetary spirits present upon our earth. The spiritual astrologer, who knows *what* he wants, and desires to work in harmony with the stellar forces, makes his request to the ambassadors of these Star Angels directly. He studies the planetary hours when those stars have rule and also picks the day of the week ruled by that planet. Then, at the most propitious time, he offers his prayer, which, it is well to note, is usually for someone else, or for spiritual illumination and inspiration to be used for the benefit of many.

Before we can wisely use this knowledge, we must first understand that prayer must conform with and be in harmony with the Laws of God. Then the

Divine purpose can manifest through us and our prayers are answered; but if we pray contrary to the Will of God, naturally, such a prayer could not be answered. Our limited vision and understanding is not sufficient to always know what is right and best for us, or what is truly in harmony with Divine Law. Therefore, we must make this qualification of every prayer, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

We, who are so interested in astrology, may wish to pray for a deeper understanding of this Divine Science, or we may wish to work out some particular astrological problem or interpretation. If our desire is to become an efficient *channel* through which to help and guide others through our increased knowledge, then we naturally tend to place ourselves in harmony with the law. We can then turn to the planet Uranus, which, almost all agree, is the prime ruler of Astrology. We find, however, that no day of the week comes under the specific rulership of Uranus, so what do we do? We take the lower octave of this planet—Venus. Venus expresses personal love, but Uranus exemplifies the impersonal, altruistic love. We too must have this humanitarian ideal in our hearts if we are to become good and useful astrologers. We find that Friday is ruled by Venus, so we choose that day; then we find which hours of that day are also under the sway of Lady Venus, and this of course varies with the latitude of your location, and the month of the year. Having dutifully prepared ourselves, we are then privileged to offer a prayer, a petition, or request to the Ambassador from Uranus, the Archangel Ithuriel, asking his aid and guidance in the way we may desire.

The same rule applies to the other planets. Do we desire to learn the depth of the lesson Saturn is giving us, do we wish his power of concentration and thoroughness? Then let us address his ambassador, Cassiel. Do we need to incorporate into our characters the grace of Venus, the generosity and optimism of

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## Astrological Readings for Subscribers' Children

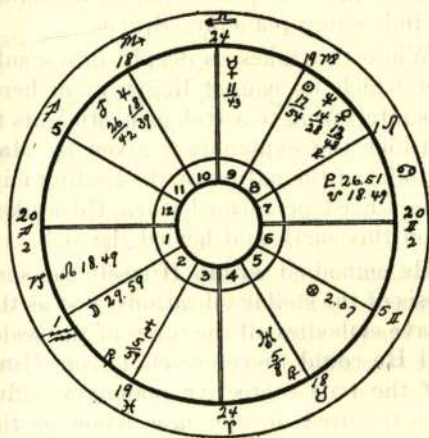
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NAOMI R. C.

Born September 11, 1935, at 2:12 P.M.  
Latitude 52 N. Longitude 0°.



We have the horoscope of a young child with the common and fiery sign Sagittarius on the Ascendant and the cardinal sign Capricorn intercepted in the first house, giving us two rulers, namely, Jupiter and Saturn.

Jupiter is elevated in Scorpio in the eleventh house and is well aspected by a sextile of the Sun, Neptune, and Venus, also a semi-sextile to the Ascendant, which gives this girl a very helpful life ruler and an indication of success in whatever line she directs her efforts. Saturn the secondary ruler is in the second house conjunction the Moon and sextile Uranus from the second to the fourth house. Uranus in the fourth house will, however, make the girl restless in the home; she will be desirous of roaming and drifting unless the parents make the home congenial and keep her interest aroused.

With Mars in its own sign, Scorpio, in the eleventh house, sextile the Sun and trine Pluto, a Mars above the earth and elevated, will give an ambitious nature. Even though the Moon is square to Mars, being under the earth and conjunction Saturn it will not have the same strong influence as will the aspects of the Sun and Pluto. Mars, as well as Jupiter, will attract to this girl helpful and generous friends who will be ever ready to help place her in positions which will be advantageous.

Mercury, the mental planet, is making few and weaker aspects, a semi-sextile to the Sun, Neptune, Venus, and Jupiter; and with the Moon conjunction Saturn the girl's interests will not be along mental lines, but more along the financial. For with Saturn in the house ruling the finances (second) and conjoined by the Moon she will be apt to direct her efforts towards the acquiring of wealth, but while Saturn may bring it he also takes it away again.

Venus, Neptune, and the Sun are conjoined in the sign Virgo and all sextile Jupiter; we would advise the parents to interest this child in, and direct her education towards, acquiring knowledge of the science of nutrition and the values and uses of proper diets. Chemistry of foods, and dietetics would be most attractive to this child.

Her health will be above the average, but with Pluto in the sign Cancer ruling the stomach she may have some strange desires for foods which will not at all times be best for her; digestion may be interfered with on that account. However, the trine aspect from Mars to Pluto will

ever be a help, especially as both the Sun and Mars are elevated, and being in good aspect to each other we may expect her health to be above the average.

Uranus is in the fourth house, the house which indicates the mother, showing also this same restless nature in the home; if therefore the mother will curb her own restless nature for the sake of her love for her daughter, and will interest her in beautifying the home and in preparation of foods, this will help to develop that beautiful aspect of the Sun, Neptune, and Venus in the sign which rules the foods of mankind. These three well placed planets are sextile a strong and well placed Jupiter, which could develop this dietetic and scientific trend and at the same time give her an interest in the home. Thus, there will be satisfaction for the restless natures of both the mother and the daughter. Pluto in Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach, is intercepted in the seventh house, and Pluto being trine Mars in Scorpio, indicates a tendency or a desire to be hospitable and interested in entertaining her friends. Encourage such a tendency in this girl and arouse her pride as hostess in personally preparing foods and decorating the home to entertain her friends. This will be most conducive to developing a home interest, through a desire to learn how to do the things through which she may make her friends happy.

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### PRAYERS TO THE STARS

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Jupiter, the enterprise of Mars or the dexterity of Mercury? Then let us seek the aid of the ambassadors of these Star-Angels, for they preside over definite departments of life which most assuredly affect us.

#### LIST OF PLANETARY AMBASSADORS

Ithuriel is the ambassador from Uranus  
 Cassiel is the ambassador from Saturn  
 Zachariel is the ambassador from Jupiter  
 Samael is the ambassador from Mars  
 Anael is the ambassador from Venus  
 Raphael is the ambassador from Mercury  
 Michael is the ambassador from Sun  
 Gabriel is the ambassador from Moon

The moon is our satellite and is not in the same position as those of the other planets. The ambassador from those planets are Archangels, while Gabriel is an Angel.

And when we consider the planets as Spiritual Intelligences, the question naturally arises, Who is the Spirit of our Earth? for our planet is also one of the Seven Spirits before the Throne. In the Rosicrucian Philosophy, we find a beautiful and satisfying answer to this vital question: it is the Christ Spirit, Who ministered for three years in the body of the Master Jesus, and Who, at the Crucifixion, was liberated from that body and entered into our planet Earth, becoming its indwelling planetary Spirit.

While this takes us deeply into a subject which we cannot linger upon here, it is interesting to astrological students to consider the explanation given by Max Heindel of the nature of the healing miracles Christ performed when He walked upon this earth and healed the sick.

He embodied within Himself the synthesis of the stellar vibrations, just as the octave embodies all the tones of the scale, and He could therefore emit from Himself the true corrective planetary influence required in each case. Knowing the inharmony in the sick person He knew wherewith to offset it, by virtue of His exalted development, and obtained results at once by substituting harmony for the planetary discord which had caused the disease wherewith He was dealing.

To all students of astrology, both beginners and advanced, we say: You are thrice blessed to have contacted the study of this Divine Science. A universe of wonders lies within your grasp and you have only to reach out and take hold of it. Be practical, yes, and use your knowledge constructively for even the little things of life, but do not stop there; open your heart to the friendly handclasp of each of the planetary beings and let them lead you, on wings of inspiration, up to undreamed-of heights of beauty and glory.

# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

*This page is an added service for our readers—whether subscribers or not. Advice is based on the horoscope; therefore we require the following information: sex, place of birth; year, month, day, and hour. Readers are requested to send data for adults, or children over fourteen. As many readings will be given as space permits.—EDITOR.*

## Secretary

**BEATRICE M. C.**—Born April 21, 1925, 9:18 A.M. Lat. 50 N. Long. 113 W. With the elevated Uranus in the 10th house sextile Jupiter, semi-sextile Venus, this girl would prefer a public career, but should she attempt this the square of Mars to Uranus would sometime bring public scandal. Hence, we would advise a secretarial vocation where she uses the hands in transcribing or typing, for Mars in Gemini will give dexterity and speed.

## Teacher, Psychologist

**LEONARD A. S.**—Born February 1, 1906, 4:21 A.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 95 W. We find in this horoscope a young man whose mental capacities are very good. The mental Mercury sextile Mars and trine the well balanced and expansive Jupiter, indicates success as a teacher of literature; or, with Neptune above Ascendant trine Saturn and Saturn sextile Uranus, psychology would be attractive.

## Broker

**ROBERT O.**—Born December 1, 1920, 8:45 P.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 74 W. This young man with the Sun in the 5th house sextile Mars in Aquarius in the 6th house, and trine Neptune in 1st house, would take readily to brokerage and stocks, or other work relating to corporations. Neptune in Leo could indicate the oil industry, but Mercury square Neptune shows danger of drifting into questionable methods. This young man should remember that "honesty is the best policy."

## Home Economics

**GIZELLA P.**—Born June 28, 1914, 11:30 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. With Mercury, Neptune, Sun, and Pluto all in Cancer and in the 10th house, Moon sextile the Sun and Pluto, and both Uranus and Jupiter in the 5th house, we would advise as vocation, teaching home economics, or interior decorating.

## Shipping, Engineering

**JOHN G.**—Born July 24, 1911, 6 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. Saturn, ruler of his 6th house (employment) is elevated in Taurus in the 10th house, and trine Venus, ruler of the 10th house; also Venus, Saturn, and Mars sextile the Moon which is strong in its own sign (Cancer), and Mars in Taurus conjoins the Midheaven: employment with the government in shipping or electrical engineering would be advantageous.

## Business Manager

**WILLIAM E. H.**—Born, May 5, 1916, 7:40 P.M. Lat. 40 N. Long. 80 W. With Scorpio rising and its ruler Mars in Leo in the 9th house close to the Midheaven, and the Sun in Taurus sextile Saturn in Cancer, and Jupiter in the 5th trine Mars, this young man would be an excellent manager of some mercantile or commercial business.

## Publicity, Voice

**MRS. E. M. M.**—Born May 17, 1913, 11:25 A.M. Lat. 51 N. Long. 114 W. Venus, ruler of the Midheaven, is in Aries, semi-sextile the Sun which is conjoined the Midheaven and sextile Pluto in Gemini in the 10th house; Saturn, ruler of the 6th house, is in the 10th house, sextile Mars and trine Uranus. We would feel assured that this young woman is destined for a public career, and it is most likely through the voice.

## Chemistry

**MELLE L.**—Born November 19, 1925, 4:00 A.M. Lat. 37 N. Long. 5 E. In this horoscope we find the ruler of the Ascendant, Venus, conjoined with the ruler of the 6th house, Jupiter, also the ruler of the 10th house, the Moon, is within orb of a conjunction of Venus. With these planets in the sign Capricorn and sextile Saturn we would advise the vocation of chemistry in relation to beauty accessories, such as face creams, cosmetics, etc.

# Worth-While News

## Limber Up Your Imagination

One reason for the dullness that numbs the daily lives of so many of us is the belief that creative imagination is a special possession of genius. "You're either born that way or you're not," we say, and thus fail to use the quality that makes the difference between half success and success, between passable living and full enjoyment. Actually, imagination—the ability to project our minds beyond the circumstances of our immediate lives—is no more essential to the artist than it is to the able housewife or alert businessman.

Dr. F. L. Wells of Harvard selected two groups of 100 men each—the first, those who for six years had not earned over \$35 a week; the second, those who had earned \$100 a week or better. In tests for general intelligence, information, aggressiveness and other business traits, the groups ran neck and neck. But when imagination was tested the high-earning men shot ahead.

Ability to earn money is not the sole measure of success. But whether you want to get ahead or enjoy life to the fullest where you are—you need imagination. The heartening thing is that all of us possess it, and all of us can greatly strengthen it by definite exercises.—Ray Giles, in *Reader's Digest*, July, 1940.

Imagination is the second great power of the triune God, the first power being will, and the third power, activity. It is through the exercise of these three great powers, their various actions and reactions, that all we see about us has come into being.

When the God of our solar system *willed* to create it, He first aroused His second power, *imagination*, to design a plan for a solar system. After this primal force had conceived the *Idea* of a solar system, the third power of His being, *activity*, set the cosmic root substance into varying rates of motion, and this varying vibratory force brought into existence the various divisions or regions of our entire solar system.

According to the foregoing it is evident that there can be no creation without differentiation. Differentiation comes into existence through the power of

imagination. This being a cosmic fact, it is evident that a well-developed imagination is of the utmost importance not only to God, but also to His created beings, if they are also gods in the making as we are told by the Apostle Paul.

In man's present stage of evolution it matters little whether he is aware of the divine necessity of the development of his imagination, for in the fullness of time the imagination itself will reveal its own vital necessity in the evolutionary scheme. It is, however, most encouraging to have a man of the world discover the vast importance which imagination plays in the development of man's faculties, and the furthering of his usefulness both to himself and his fellow men.

## Prohibition Urged for Defense

CHICAGO, Aug. 4. (A.P.)—Advocating prohibition as a preparedness measure, President Ida B. Wise Smith of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union predicted today that the W.C.T.U. would vote at its convention opening here this week to undertake a new "blitzkrieg" on liquor.

Mrs. Smith asserted in an interview that she had learned in Washington that "it's already taken for granted that mobilization for war would, of course, require immediate restrictions on the liquor traffic."

Some 2500 leaders of W.C.T.U.'s 500,000 members will assemble for the 66th annual convention August 9 to 14.—*Los Angeles Times*.

There is some consolation in the fact that out of all evil some good must accrue. If the present world war, terrible as it is, restores manhood to our men and womanhood to our women, truly an inestimable benefit will come to humanity as a result. There is nothing more deteriorating to the human race than alcohol, and the promiscuity with which it is used in the world today is truly alarming. It was bad enough when its use was concealed behind closed doors; but now the old

saloon, shunned by most respectable people, has been brought out of concealment and dressed up in the ultrafashionable guise of cocktail bar and introduced into the home, where children at an early age are becoming familiar with the deadly poison dispensed by it.

Alcohol is a menace to civilization no matter where it is found or how it is dispensed, for it not only ultimately destroys the physical organization, but weakens endurance, the body's ability to resist fatigue. Still worse than that, it ruins the character fibre and demoralizes the moral nature. Once let such a condition overtake any nation and its ultimate destruction is inevitable.

The home is the foundation on which civilization is built, and nothing in the world can so quickly and effectively destroy this God-installed institution as alcohol. It not only affects the parents but even the unborn children, and is therefore perhaps the greatest menace to evolution in the world today. All occult students are aware of the spurious spirit contained in alcohol and its deadly effect on mankind, and so they are eagerly awaiting the day when its manufacture will no longer be tolerated by an enlightened civilization.

## Call of Faith

The bugle call of faith to a doubting, darkened world was sounded yesterday by Dr. Willsie Martin, who, in his sermon at the Wilshire Methodist Church, declared that God, because of His inherent love, wisdom, and power, "will never let men down, nor let them go."

"In this bitter hour when the work of heroes and martyrs is going up in a holocaust of destruction, when vandal hands are destroying the priceless possessions of humanity, when wanton men are putting out the lights of civilization, we need to strengthen our hope and reinforce our faith that the night of fear and horror will pass and that there will be a brighter tomorrow," said Dr. Martin.

"We may despair of man's ability to handle safely the gigantic powers of a modern, close-knit world, but our hope is not in man's puny arm nor in his fragmentary knowledge. Our hope is in the God of the ages, who set the stars in their orbits, who carved, by rain and wind, the canyon of the

Colorado and used glaciers to fashion Yosemite.

"He who made the fierce riding Assyrians His tools to bring to men's minds a nobler concept of truth, who smote the Spanish Armada with hurricane and mired Napoleon's forces at Waterloo with rain—that God takes no vacation. Stars and atoms obey the eternal fiat of His will. This is still His world and it continues because He wills it."—*Los Angeles Times*, August 5, 1940.

Behind all visible manifestation there is a guiding, directing power working which always ultimately brings good out of all apparent evil or chaotic disturbances. However, this power works through human agencies. The more people who are susceptible to divine direction, the easier it is to promote evolution along harmonious lines. Regardless of human reactions to divine guidance, slowly but none the less surely cosmic law will manifest itself and progress proceed.

The more people who live in accordance with the law, the less there is of friction and the more there is of progress, of joy, and of real happiness. But when the masses refuse to live in accordance with the law, then come discord, inharmony, wars, pestilence, and scourges of all sorts, until finally worn out with pain, suffering, and disease, and the continued witnessing of the futility of pillage and bloodshed, the spirit as a last resort turns to God for relief. And He in His infinite wisdom, love, and understanding comes forward and again, through human agencies, sets into motion the proper activities which will resolve chaos into harmonious order and thereby restore equilibrium.

Quite correctly has Dr. Martin stated, "Our hope is in God." Just as soon as a sufficient number of mankind truly believe this and turn to Him for a solution to our present terrible condition, just that soon will a wise process of solving the problem be given, and peace will be restored to our present demoralized, war-torn world. This process, however, will not depend on might overcoming weakness, but upon right triumphing over wrong.

# Question Department



## Doctors' Obligation to Patients

### *Question :*

Are doctors justified in allowing a child to die that is bound to be an idiot and physically helpless when an operation would enable it to live? Does an idiot gain any experience during life? Is the ego within aware of the physical disability of the mind and body during such a life, and does it learn thereby? Can insanity be classed among the hereditary diseases?

### *Answer :*

Suppose a child met with an accident while playing—a blow on the head, for instance, and hence became abnormal, or perhaps was put into a state of coma. No one would hesitate for a moment to have the operation of trepanning performed so that by taking the pressure of the skull from the brain the child might be restored to its normal state of consciousness.

Then why should a newborn child not receive the same care, and have everything done for it that is possible? It would be considered criminal to allow an older child to die for lack of care, and it is just as indefensible in the case of a newborn child; for when the ego has gone through birth in order to gain the experience of this physical life, we are duty bound to support its efforts in every possible manner. Then you ask, is insanity hereditary, and does the ego gain experience by a life of insanity? Yes, it does, for the ego itself is never insane, but it is the improper connection between its various vehicles, the mind, desire body, the vital body, and the dense body which makes insanity. When the connection between the brain centers and the vital body is imperfect, then we have what is called the idiot, often melancholy but

generally perfectly harmless. When the faulty connection is between the desire body and the vital body, the conditions are somewhat similar, but include the class where the muscular control is defective, such as epilepsy, St. Vitus' dance, et cetera. When the connection is broken or faulty between the desire body and the mind we have the raving maniac who is violent and dangerous. And when the connection is defective between the ego and the mind, we have what we might call a soulless man, the most dangerous of all, gifted with a cunning that is usually at some unexpected time put to a most diabolical use.

However, if we consider the body, or the different bodies, as musical instruments upon which the ego is playing, then when every connection is perfect the ego can bring out a more or less beautiful symphony of life, according to its stage in evolution; but when the connections are faulty or broken, the ego is like a musician forced to exercise his talent with an instrument lacking a number of the strings, and therefore unable to bring out anything but discords. To a musician it would be torture to be forced to play upon such a defective instrument, and it is the same with the ego which is immured in an insane body and which for reasons to be sought in past lives is forced to stay in a body that it can not control; so it suffers more or less acutely according to its stage in evolution, and thus it is learning the lessons in the school of life, which are required to make it perfect. It is a sad condition, but though a lifetime appears to be very long, it is in reality but as a fleeting moment in the unending life of the spirit, and we may console ourselves with the knowledge that when the ego comes back to earth it will have a normal body, provided of course the lesson has been learned.

With respect to the third part of your question, is insanity hereditary? We may answer either in the affirmative or the negative, according to which phase of the problem we are considering. From the spiritual point of view, as we have already stated, insanity is not a defect in the ego, but is the result of a twist in its character whereby it cannot build a normal body; hence by association it is drawn to a family that is similarly inclined. Hence if we view the problem of insanity from the *form* side, it may be said that it is hereditary.

Scientists who view the matter entirely from the form side are of the opinion that by limiting the reproduction of defectives they may stamp out the disease; but just as the soft juices which at one time formed the snail's body are gradually sent out and crystallized into the hard and flinty shell it carries upon its back, so it is also the acts of the spirit at some time which gradually crystallize themselves into a body wherein the spirit must dwell until it is worn out and relief will never be obtained by working with and upon the physical body alone any more than operating upon its shell would cure a sick snail. All sickness is caused by breaking the laws of nature. The insane are also in that category, and if we wish to cure them we must apply spiritual means of education, for all other methods are simply palliative and do not reach the source of the disease.

#### THE SOURCE OF LIFE

##### Question :

Will you please tell me what the occult student considers the source of life?

##### Answer :

So far as our solar system is concerned there is but one source of life and that is God. It is differentiated life that has built all the forms that we see in the world. This life uses these forms for a time in order that it may progress thereby; and when the usefulness of the form ceases the ensouling life leaves the form and its atoms disintegrate, returning to their original source.

#### THE REASON FOR GAINING FREEDOM FROM THE BODY

##### Question :

What is the purpose of leaving the physical body consciously and functioning in invisible worlds?

##### Answer :

The purpose of going out of the physical body is to gain a wider knowledge. However, the knowledge gained in itself is only a means to an end, namely, to be of greater service to mankind. Therefore, those who leave their bodies for this purpose, whether consciously or unconsciously, are called Invisible Helpers, and their work is to help both the living here in the physical world and the so-called dead in the invisible worlds, all of which is done according to the ability of the Invisible Helper.

#### INVISIBLE HELPERS

##### Question :

When one who has been working unconsciously as an Invisible Helper leaves the body at death will he recognize those in the Spirit World with whom he has been working at night?

##### Answer :

Max Heindel has replied to this question that the experiences of an Invisible Helper working unconsciously in the invisible planes during sleep may be likened to a dream that is not remembered on awakening. The experiences, however, are stored in the seed-atom and will form part of the panorama of life, so that when he leaves the body at death he will see all that has happened to him, awake or asleep, during the time when he lived in the body. Thus his recollection of what has happened will not be quite the same as if he had gone through it consciously but he will nevertheless obtain from the life-panorama a knowledge and an idea of what has been done, so that though he will not have the same feeling as if he had been going through the experiences *consciously* he will soon adjust himself to believe and understand that what seemed a dream is nevertheless a perfectly true experience.

# Nutrition and Health

## Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a *simple, pure, and harmless life*. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; also that alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality. As CHRISTIANS we believe it to be our duty to avoid sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, also, as far as possible, to refrain from using their skins and feathers for clothing. We hold vivisection to be diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of prayer and concentration, but we also believe in the use of material means to supplement the higher forces.

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

## Green Leafy Vegetables

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WHILE green leafy vegetables contain only a small percentage of solid nourishment, they are rich in alkaline salts, especially soda, lime, and iron, which from a hygienic point of view are highly important. The leaves, consisting of a framework of fibrous tissue, upon which the protoplasmic cells are elaborated, serve principally for the respiration and nutrition of the plant, by exposing the chlorophyll-bearing cells to the air and light. Besides, the leaves contain an appreciable quantity of organic acids and vitamins, which are essential factors in promoting the performance of the physiological functions of the body.

The salts enter the vegetables by their roots in the form of "ions," or electrically charged molecules, and circulate as such through their fluids and tissues. It is here that the great importance of organic salts becomes apparent, as the function of food is not merely to be burned up or oxidized and to furnish calories or heat units, but to supply vital electricity in the form of negatively and positively charged ions. The calories of food are really but of secondary importance. Digestion, assimilation, and



elimination—in fact, all processes of life and growth—depend upon the presence of electrolytes, or electrically charged ions. A constant osmotic pressure between the cells is maintained by the organic salts, which are just as necessary for the life of the cells as are proteins and vitamins.

Owing to their high content of alkaline salts and mild organic acids, fresh vegetable juices, when absorbed, exert a salutary influence on the composition of the blood by increasing its alkalinity. Green leafy vegetables are best consumed raw, for when they are boiled they lose a large amount of soluble nutrients—5 to 10 per cent protein; 30 to 50 per cent of the carbohydrates; and about 50 per cent of the organic salts (if liquid is drained off). Where green vegetables are not relished in their natural state, they should be steamed or baked, or stewed in their own juices in covered vessels at moderate heat, just long enough to soften the cellulose.

The protein in green vegetables is small comparatively, but the smaller and younger the leaves, the richer they are in this good principle. The outstanding varieties will now be briefly described:



*The Artichoke*, which belongs to the thistle family, is cultivated for the sake of its immature flower heads, which are served chiefly either steamed, or cooked in water or milk. When the leaf stalks are blanched by tying them up, the term "chard" is applied to the white and tender leaves.

*Cabbage*: and its varieties, in which may be included broccoli, brussels sprouts, red cabbage, savoy cabbage, cauliflower, chard, kale, and kohlrabi, have been cultivated mostly from the wild cabbage or colewort. They all contain a considerable amount of sulphur, lime, and iron. The chemical analysis shows on an average about 90 per cent water; from 2 to 4 per cent protein; 5 to 10 per cent carbohydrates; 0.5 to 1.5 per cent fiber; and from 0.5 to 2.5 per cent mineral matter. These properties vary greatly in different kinds of soil.

*Celery*: The tender blanching leaf stalks are the result of long years of cultivation. Celery is rich in potash, lime, sulphur, and chlorine, while celeriac (celery root) is especially high in sodium, iron, and chlorine. The green leaves of the celery are more valuable than the stalks; they should not be discarded, but used to flavor soups, or chopped fine and mixed with the salad. Celery and its juice are good tonics for the skin and nerves, and are conducive to sound sleep. They should be used freely by those suffering from an acid condition.

*Dandelion* leaves when young and tender are very valuable for salads on account of their richness in alkaline elements. They are especially recommended by drugless practitioners for cleansing the kidneys. The *Endive*, sometimes called *winter lettuce*, belongs to the same family as does the dandelion. The green tops make excellent salads. *Chicory* is closely related to the endive and dandelion. The leaves are rather bitter, but they may be used in salads. Under cultivation a large root is developed, which is used as a coffee substitute.

*Lettuce* is the most important of the succulent vegetables. There are several

species and about one hundred varieties, of which *cos lettuce* and *cabbage lettuce* are the most widely used. The former has large upright leaves, while the latter has round leaves of a more spreading character, which grow nearer to the ground. The juice of the leaf is milky and possesses mild soporific properties on account of the presence of a small amount of *lactarium*, or lettuce opium. Lettuce contains on an average: water 94.00 per cent, protein 1.30 per cent, fat 0.40 per cent, carbohydrates 2.70 per cent and mineral matter 1.00 per cent. It is strongly alkaline, being especially rich in potash, lime, and iron. A few crisp leaves of lettuce should be eaten daily.

*Mustard Greens*, the leaves of the wild mustard plant, may be used in salads, or cooked alone or in combination with other vegetables. They contain some of the essential oil of mustard, which gives them a pungent taste.

*Parsley* is another herb which is used mostly for flavoring in salads and soups. Eaten raw, it is helpful in maintaining normal action of the adrenal and thyroid glands. It is useful too in counteracting the pungent odors of garlic and onions. The flavor and other properties occurring in parsley are due to the presence of an oil widely diffused throughout the plant.

*Rhubarb* or *Pie Plant* is rich in organic salts and fruit acids, which include about 2.5 per cent oxalic acid. Because of this high oxalic acid content, it is safest to consume rhubarb in moderation. The stems are generally cooked and used for sauces and pies. As a sweetening, honey, raw or remineralized (yellow crystal) sugar, raisins or dates should be used instead of refined sugar.

*Sorrel* is generally used as a salad, in combination with endive, lettuce, and similar vegetables. It contains free acid, especially tartaric and oxalic—of the latter, between three and four per mille, mostly in the form of oxalate of calcium and potassium. It is exceedingly rich in iron.

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*Spinach* is rich in sodium, calcium and iron, and therefore is an excellent blood builder, especially if eaten uncooked as a salad. It is usually boiled in water, but steaming or simply wilting for seven to ten minutes is much to be preferred. Spinach, if grown on well-fertilized soil, is one of the most excellent sources of vitamins and iron. Two varieties of the plant are grown: the winter or perpetual spinach, having small prickly leaves; and the smooth leaf variety, having thick, fleshy and crumpled leaves. *New Zealand Spinach* is a hardy perennial of sup-tropical countries, and is a native of Australia. It is now grown in many parts of the United States and England. It is capable of bearing drought better than is ordinary spinach, often replacing the latter where its growth fails.

*Water Cress* is most important of the cresses. It grows in slowly running fresh water, and is also widely cultivated. The leaves have a moderately pungent taste, and are most valuable for combination salads on account of their anti-scorbutic properties. Water cress contains all the essential vitamins. It is rich in the alkaline elements, especially potassium, calcium, and magnesium; also in sodium and chlorine. The sharp taste of water cress is probably due to the large amount of sulphur found in the leaves.

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### **Patients' Letters**

Illinois, April 18, 1940.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Am so pleased at the rapid progress I am making these days, and know it is the Invisible Helpers who have put me where I am. Just please continue to pray for me.

Am oh so grateful for all you have done for me.

Sincerely,  
—S.M.

Minnesota, April 26, 1940.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Cannot find words to express my gratitude to you for the help you have given me. The very next morning after my letter went to you, my throat was better and continued

to improve, and my foot is almost well. I know the throwing off of this streptococcus poisoning is a slow process but feel sure it is being accomplished.

Your letter with instructions has been helpful and I am trying to live by them as near as I can. Hope some day to have the time to learn more about your philosophy. I have an open mind and what I do know about it brings me much comfort.

Continue to pray for me, that I may be the normal healthy person that my work requires me to be.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

—T.C.

Minnesota, May 12, 1940.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

I have been feeling very fine with the exception of my ears. I have a great difficulty of hearing especially at my place of business around electricity. I do not notice it when I am away from there. I feel I have taken great strides in my esoteric training with the help of healing which helps me to control my emotions. I'm sure I shall be well enough to be taken off the healing list soon. I'm very happy since I have overcome all those dismal thoughts which I recently could not control.

Thank you all for your wonderful spiritual help.

Yours truly,  
—E.C.E.

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### **Healing Dates**

September . . . . 4—10—17—25

October . . . . . 1— 7—14—22—28

November . . . . . 4—11—18—25

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

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### **People Who Are Seeking Health**

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done largely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is supported by freewill offerings. For further information, address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, Calif., U.S.A.

# Children's Department



## Plato Speaks

By MARY C. HANSCOM

(In Two Parts—Conclusion)



DEAR CHILDREN: I'm glad to come back and finish my story. I flattened my nose against that screen-door again to see what was going on in there, and to have a good look at the Cat. I wondered if it could run; I doubted it very much. There it was, snuggled up against my friend's bosom, just as the little girl had held it. Everybody knows that I do not like Cats around here and that I am the *Watchdog* and the only animal that folks here have time to fool with. My heart beat furiously, and I felt weak with jealousy. I could hardly control my emotions, every bit of me trembled. If I could only get at that wreck of a Cat Animal—but shucks, what fun would it be to chase a *sick* Cat? The faces of the three persons in the room were a study to behold, then my friend spoke up. Looking first at the man and then at the other woman, and back again at the man she said half cross-like and half laughingly, "Well, are we not a religious people, as the Child said?" Then under her breath, "that beautiful trusting child"; the other two echoed—"yes, that beautiful, trusting child," but looked fearful-like at the flea bedecked skinny cat creature.

Then my friend looked down at the Cat in her arms in a most critical manner, and bolted straight for the door where I stood, passing me by without the usual pat on the head and no sweet words. As I made a lunge at the Cat she said, "Go on! Leave this cat alone!" On she went, holding the cat high, me after her, jumping at that cat from behind. I followed to the kitchen door. Inside I heard

her call to the cook; she said as I flattened my nose against the door to see all I could, "We need milk." The cook (he was a man) looked at the Cat and the most comical smile flooded his face. He reached over to the stove, on the back of which stood a full pitcher of warm fragrant milk; my! it smelled good! Handing it to her he said simply, "Here, drown it." She looked at the big pitcher of milk and then at the Cat, then she looked snappishly back at the cook again, and said, "Where there's life, there's hope," and took the whole pitcher of milk and left. But I knew that she would not drown it, because we do not do such things.

Now my mouth watered for two reasons, one to get at that cat, and also I *could* use that milk. If there is anything to eat around I always want it, and I generally get it, too.

On she went, me following her, down to the basement of the cottage where she lives. Going in, she shut the door in my face, saying, as before, "Go on! Leave this cat alone!" So I laid myself down right outside the door and waited. Can you imagine the state of my nerves, shut out like that? I sniffed and scratched at the door. My friend made several remarks to the cat about the condition of its fur (it was terrible) and the fleas (there were thousands of them). Finally she said, sort of decided-like, "If Cleopatra kept healthy and beautiful taking milk baths, why shouldn't it be good for you?" Then she giggled under her breath, and mumbled to herself about the generosity of cooks, and what she thought of things in general.

At last she finished whatever she was doing to the Cat and said, "Now, lie still in this warm woolly shawl and sleep like a good little kitty-cat." It sure cut me to the quick to hear that Cat being called nice names after everybody being so un-mindful of me ever since the thing arrived.

I moved away from the door just as she came out and pretended that I was interested in a Gopher hole near by (just to cover up my hurt feelings). Folks generally pat me and talk nice to me and to have my friend who had always taken me riding treat me this way nearly broke my heart. She passed me by and went on to where she worked. I stayed there. Why should I follow her after being ignored on account of a mere Cat?

There wasn't a sound from the direction of the basement where the cat was. I waited and waited there, and finally left in disgust. Such a fuss, and all about a stray Cat, too. Yes, I had more important things to attend to.

Days passed, even weeks, and not a hide or hair did I see of that sickly Cat Animal. Then one day I heard two women folk talking; certain words caught my ear. One said, "We named it Snowdrop, it is the cutest thing." She went on to say, "Do you know, that poor little thing revived from the very jaws of death, like a little snowdrop peeping up from under the snow in the spring time."

I knew what they referred to—that Cat had come to life. I wondered where in the world they had been hiding it all these days and weeks. I had looked into every nook and corner, but not a sign had I seen of it. I kept on looking, but no cat.

Then one day I had the surprise of my life. I had just returned from a trip down the canyon where our gardener takes old cans and trash, and as we passed a guest

house, there, right on the front porch—*sat a Cat!*

It was so proud and handsome that I did not think for a moment that it could be the cat that I had last seen in the basement of my friend's cabin. I jumped off the truck just as soon as it slowed down enough, and ran as fast as my four feet would carry me to where the Cat was sitting, expecting to scare her into the seventh heaven. But just as I opened my mouth to grab her, she sat up on her hind legs and raising both her front paws, she slapped me soundly in the face. I was quite blinded for a moment, and my nose was bleeding where her sharp claws scratched me. As I wiped the blood off on the grass I growled at her saying, "Who are you? don't you know that I am the watchdog around here, and that I do not tolerate cats on the grounds? You are not wanted here."

The Cat just held her ground and straightened up her ruffled fur, washing the paw that had scratched me in the nose, and said, "I am Snowdrop. I'll have you know that I AM wanted around here. I live in this guest house with the nicest lady, who has made me a bed of a great big soft pillow and she combs me each day and feeds me fresh milk with extra cream in it."

Well! I was thunderstruck, because this cat was quite beautiful—as far as cats go. Her fur was thick and of a nice

silky texture, and colored like the grey-blue part of the sky, a sort of blue-grey. Her eyes were blue, too. Not another mark on her except some soft white decorating her face and throat. She looked so innocent that I almost forgot that cats are treacherous and not to be trusted.

Then several people came along, and all of them stopped and talked to the cat who had been named Snowdrop. I went a little apart from them



watching my chance to talk further with that cat. I wasn't going to let her get by with scratching me and hanging around in my territory and getting all the nice things said to her that I was used to having said to me. Up till now I had been used to all the love and attention of the folks on the property I guarded and I intended to hold my own. The idea of their putting extra cream in her milk! Come to think of it, I remembered I had not had a drop of cream or milk for weeks; besides, it was wasteful. The more I thought of it the crosser I got. I was trembling with excitement and resentment.

Just then a great big cream-colored car drove up, and let somebody out. The driver of the car got all excited when she saw the Cat sitting there the center of attraction on the guest-house porch. Also my friend came along at that time and the stranger asked her if that Cat was for sale, to which she answered, "We have been looking for a good home for this kitten for several weeks; it was brought here sick, and now that it is well and turned out so beautiful we feel sure that it would be a great comfort to some nice child. A little girl brought it here for us to nurse back to life."

The woman in the car was delighted and came hurrying over to the cat, picked it up, admiring it, and exclaimed, "Then you will give it to me? This cat looks very promising. I know because I am a cat and dog fancier."

That was a new one on me, but fancier or not, she was surely welcome to the cat as far as I was concerned. Fact is, I was so delighted that I got over being cross and jumped and barked trying to tell everybody how pleased I was that we were at last going to get rid of that Cat Animal.

As the big cream-colored car drove away I heaved a sigh of contentment. My folks seemed pleased too.

Life went on again like a song. I at-

tended strictly to my work and got fed milk again as I used to, and my favorite gardener brought me lovely bones from town every Saturday night. Life was indeed heaven on earth, when, one morning as I lay at the feet of one of the folks who was reading the morning paper on the front porch, he dropped a section of the paper to the ground at his feet where I lay, and would you believe it? there right in the newspaper was a photograph of that Cat!

I looked and wondered, and underneath was written, in big black letters for the whole world to read, these words: "This Cat (Snowdrop) owned by Mrs. B—s of Sunset Hills was judged the handsomest cat in the annual New York pet show."

You see, children, you can never tell by the looks of a Cat in the first place just how it will turn out, and by the picture inserted here you can see for yourself that my story is true. Thank goodness, she has a home where people will keep an eye on her, because I don't want her coming back here and interfering with my plans.

I expect that the little girl who brought the cat here in the first place will see the picture in the paper and be pleased—I am glad that her folks had trained her to be good to animals, and now that the Cat is gone I don't mind so much my folks being good Christians and making it live when I thought it should die. My folks try to teach me to love every living thing and not kill rabbits, cats, and the like. I am learning, but I know that the last thing I learn will be *to like cats*. Aside from that I feel my living with these good people has made me quite an advanced Dog Animal. Even my name (Plato) would indicate that. So, children, good-bye for now, and some day I will tell you some other interesting things which happen around here—but I hope it won't have to be about Cats.

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*Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.—Proverbs.*

# Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia

**I**N order to give an adequate report of Summer School events at Headquarters the space of the Rosierucian News Bureau is given to the Summer School, and some other usual features have been omitted from this issue to allow four pages instead of one for the "Echoes," which cover the highlights of Commencement exercises and Convention activities

*Commencement* took place on August 23. Mrs S. J. Townsend, the class president, expressed the appreciation of the members. Mrs. Max Heindel, in her farewell address to the students, compared the class to the Summer School of 1913, the first to be held at Mt. Ecclesia because their quality of enthusiasm made them kin. In that earlier day in spite of hardships, fellowship and co-operation laid a foundation upon which all subsequent schools have rested. After the long years of struggle, the present accomplishments at times seem unreal. However, as the next need of the Headquarters, Mrs. Heindel bade the class build in thought the archetype of a beautiful auditorium, that still more people might be taught the way to godliness.

In accordance with the program, numbers were rendered by very talented members of the class who have entertained generously during the summer: piano music by Miss Christine Houseman, Mr. Irving Mac Arthur, and Mr. Lynn Vivian; charming original poems by Mrs. Felicia Clem and Mrs. Virginia Pendergast, vocal selections by Mrs. Esther Detwiler, and humorous offerings on the "pipes" (bamboo reeds) by the Pipers' Guild.

At this point, as with the wave of a fairy wand, the program turned to surprise numbers as the chairman added contributions from three passing visitors of rare ability: first, a group of songs by Dr. David Wallace of Los Angeles, a

familiar figure here, whose rich baritone voice is always pleasing; following this, several new poems by the nationally known poet, Angela Morgan, one of which, "International Hymn," set to music, was sung by the assembly. As the last unexpected treat, Mr. Alexander Kulpak, basso of the Chicago Civic Opera Company and the brother of Miss Olga Kulpak, a nurse at Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium, gave ringing selections in Russian, Italian, and English.

*The Convention.* Opening Saturday morning, discussions followed the division of Fellowship work according to the commands of the Christ, to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick. Starting with a restatement of objectives, continuing with the problems of spreading the teachings through the Headquarters and by the students at large, and by Centers and Study Groups, it ended with discussion of the healing work

*Opening Session.* Mrs. Max Heindel, as chairman, announced that in 1940 the Fellowship had entered into a new era. Three full ten-year periods had been completed since the publication of *The Rosierucian Cosmo-Conception* in November, 1909, and the work was now launched on a fourth cycle of ever greater service.

Inspiration for her outline, "The Objectives of the Third Convention," Mrs. Mary Monahan drew from Max Heindel's *Teachings of an Initiate*. In an age suffering from the crystallization induced by centuries of materialism, the Christ had come as indwelling Planetary Spirit to lighten the atmosphere of the earth and to cleanse the blood of its inhabitants in preparation for a New Age of righteousness and love. She traced the part of the Rosierucian Fellowship in the divine plan through the guardianship and dissemination of teachings that, freeing the intellect from the trammels of doubt, would revivify the Christian religion. The func-

tion of the Convention was to establish a stronger bond of fellowship among the members of the organization, that by increased co-operation on every plane they might devise further means of spreading the Gospel and establishing universal brotherhood.

Followed brief talks by workers in the general office at Headquarters. The office manager gave a bird's eye view of the various departments and of the immense amount of detail labor that the monthly expedition of 9,000 to 16,000 pieces of mail entails. In addition to sending out the lessons and letters to the Students and Probationers each month, the work with individuals consists of teaching the Rosierucian Philosophy, Astrology, and the Bible by correspondence, and in helping those in perplexity to solve their problems; with institutions, in furnishing them with The Rosierucian Magazine, the *Cosmo*, and other books; and with Fellowship Centers in giving advice and encouragement, and, when possible, in sending out field workers.

The secretary who handles the lessons in Philosophy and Bible Study drew a word picture of the many details and problems, all of which receive the most careful attention.

As an indication of the tremendous output of printed matter the superintendent of the Fellowship print shop read an impressive list of orders issued during one month, selected at random, for the printing of books, lessons, magazines, and propaganda pamphlets and leaflets, which ran up a yearly total of 1,113,000 pieces of literature requiring many tons of paper, double the quantity needed eight years ago. The assistant editor defined the part of the editorial department in co-ordinating the other spheres of activity connected with issuing our Magazine, books, and other printed matter. She urged the contribution of non-controversial articles and stories in keeping with the Rosierucian teaching from members and friends, and concluded with an account of the growth of the Magazine from a single sheet in

1913, called "Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia," to its present 48 pages.

In taking up the foreign work of the Fellowship one of the Spanish secretaries spoke of all four language departments (French, Dutch, German, Spanish) and mentioned the discretion with which correspondence was handled and of the prayers which surround the many who can no longer communicate regularly, in spite of dire need for comfort. An encouraging report was given of the Spanish department, showing increased activity in the Latin American countries. A much cheaper edition of the *Cosmo* was printed in Chile, and its 3,000 copies so nearly exhausted throughout South America that a new edition is contemplated.

These intimate reports gave visiting members a better idea of the problems facing Headquarters and of the work accomplished.

*The Banquet* Saturday noon offered an opportunity for genial fellowship. Mr. Lynn Vivian, acting as master of ceremonies cleverly likened Mt. Ecclesia to a ship and gave an appropriate title to each speaker, calling for a few words from officers, crew and passengers. As honored guests, members of the Ocean-side City Council and the publisher of the Oceanside Blade-Tribune spoke of the high regard entertained for the Rosierucian Fellowship and its ideals in its home community.

*Study Group and Center Section.* This session took the form of a Round Table discussion by the representatives of the various centers, who recited their experiences for each other's benefit.

Miss Elizabeth McKittrick told of several successful methods used at the Seattle Center, one being field work in nearby towns. Through correspondence, in one instance, they found a person who had been praying that she might receive help in forming a study group, with the result that 8 to 18 students met there regularly last winter.

Representatives of the Los Angeles Center, Mmes. Cooper, Emerick, Monahan, Moiseieff, and Mr. Darrow gave an

account of its noteworthy activities: a new expression class, one in Bible Study, and a research group whose members discuss assigned topics, look up all references to them in Mr. Heindel's works, and set down their findings for use at Headquarters.

Mr. Irving Mac Arthur enumerated the classes held at the Center in Rochester, New York, mentioning particularly the class which chose *Astro-Diagnosis* as its textbook and studied it paragraph by paragraph. In his capacity of lecturer for the Fellowship, as he made his journey across the continent he recorded a better attendance and a greater enthusiasm this year than last.

Mrs. Minnie Mansfield specializes in personal service in the Utica Center, meeting in her home, 11 Clinton Place, to which she invites all those who are interested in the Rosicrucian teachings. She spoke of the yearly eastern Conclave held during the past three years. Convened originally for the benefit of the Centers in New York State, this year it will be called the Atlantic Seaboard Conclave and will include a wider representation.

There followed a discussion of Fellowship group ideals which brought out the opportunity that lay in group work for individuals to correct their weaknesses, and by learning co-operation, to develop spiritual qualities. Friction due to the clash of personalities was the primary obstacle. In this connection Mr. Darrow referred to investigations in the invisible worlds by Swedenborg who found that the prevalent characteristic of Hell, and the cause of its discord, was the raging of one individual against another who would not "favor" him. The test in group work resolved itself into the ability after a snub to keep on working in the same spirit as before, the harmony of groups resting in the ability of its members to hold an impersonal thought, i.e., the welfare of the work before them.

Sr. Pedro Gonzales Milán represented the Center in Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico, at the Summer School and Convention. He advocated the splitting of large

groups into smaller units meeting in members' homes, and also the organization of parties on special occasions to draw crowds together and attract new people to Rosicrucian Christianity.

In collaboration, he and Sr. Miguel Rodríguez, also of Mérida, have begun the second year of "La Revista Rosacruz," the authorized Spanish edition of our Magazine. As the number of subscriptions, though increasing, does not cover expenses, these devoted workers have financed the magazine in their zeal to give out the Rosicrucian teachings. Finding the burden too heavy they were becoming disheartened, when there appeared an unsolicited article in the daily paper of Mérida, *Diario del Yucatan*, speaking of the Revista as a valued force for good not only in Mexico but in the other Spanish-American countries. This has given them new courage, and kindled hope that more subscribers will result. By sending a subscription to the Revista for themselves or as a gift to those who have not the means to pay, interested friends could help in a cause especially worthy in view of the desired rapprochement among countries of the Western Hemisphere.

*Probationer Section.* This group, one of the largest gatherings of its kind that has ever taken place, was notable for its earnestness and devotion and the sincere effort made to find better ways of carrying forward the message of living a spiritual life in the light of the special Probationer teachings, that the individuals might become more efficient visible and Invisible Helpers. Keeping in mind the vow of probationership to submit the human personality to the will of the higher self was suggested as a means of eliminating much inharmony at its source and of building a spiritual character, without which the ideal of universal brotherhood cannot be attained. Daily work rightly and lovingly done was recognized as fundamental to spiritual progress.

*The Healing Work Section.* This consisted of discussion, and several talks of



such general interest that it is hoped to reproduce them in forthcoming issues.

In "Channels of Healing," considering each one as a potential agent for the transmission of the divine healing power, Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen explained how the promise of the Christ might be accomplished. Although the attainment of knowledge was a beginning, greater emphasis was laid on the value of love, because love, being the protective principle of the universe, contains within itself all healing. Practically, results come about through growth in qualities of purity and service under the influence of the sign Virgo, and then, as over a celestial bridge, through Libra, the sign of beauty and harmony, which brings right use of the healing power and through poise gives entry into a mysterious land of healing, represented by Scorpio, the sign of regeneration; for, being an instrument only, the healer must first learn to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

In "Vitamins for Vitality," Edythe F. Ashmore, D.O., announced the very latest method of prescribing not one, but a combination of vitamins in deficiency diseases, no longer in minimum quantities as heretofore, but in saturation amounts, to bring about a greater degree of well being.

Dr. Charles W. Sheppard attempted a scientific approach to his subject of "Ethers in Relation to Health." He began with the dictionary definition of ether and proceeded with Max Heindel's teachings on the evolution and development of the four ethers by those who are progressing spiritually. The vital body underlying every structure of the inert physical body and giving it life is a channel for pure flowing force working principally through the nervous and circulatory systems and through the endocrine glands which pour their hormones into the blood to stimulate action.

Through the use of one of Oscar Bagnall's special screens, which he had succeeded in importing from England, Dr. Sheppard then sketched his plan to con-

tinue at the Sanitarium the research in the human aura already undertaken by scientists.

Two splendid musical recitals were given on Sunday. In the morning under the leadership of Mme. Zinaida Moiseieff, the Fidelio Ensemble of Los Angeles with polished skill played beautiful chamber music, "Crusader" by Grieg, "In the Silence of the Night" by Rachmaninoff, "Cavatina" by Bohm. Of special interest was a group of distinctive compositions by Miss Emma Wendt, of the Ensemble, and a Tarantella by H. T. Lindanger. Mr. George Schwenk rendered several tenor solos comprising both operatic arias and ballads.

The afternoon's program was furnished by the Rosicrucian Spanish-speaking Center of Los Angeles. Headed by their President, Sr. Alberto DeBussy, a delegation of forty arrived for the occasion. The Happy Hour Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Isaac, poured forth stirring Mexican pieces, among them, "Felicidade," "Marcha Zacatecas," and "Rancho Grande." Piano solos and recitations as well as an amusing play, "A Pudding Pan," were given by talented children of the group.

The Sunday Evening Lecture in the Chapel brought the Convention to a close. In considering "Armageddon and the Impending World Crisis" Mr. Joseph Darrow, after assuming that the Aquarian Age, 700 years distant, is to usher in new conditions of universal brotherhood, deduced that the great Battle of Armageddon must come sometime before, to sweep away obstacles lying in the path, such as: war-breeding nationalism, and unjust concentration of the money power into a few hands. It is his belief, however, that the present terrible conflict is not the real Armageddon, which logically might take place several centuries hence. In the meantime, understanding of the divine plan would eradicate fear from the human heart, and aligning oneself with the forces of good would bring peace in the knowledge that each individual was doing his part.

# Summer School of 1940

July 15 to August 23



## President's Address

BY MATTIE ADELE TOWNSEND

*"Out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks."*

Every day of this Summer School,  
As it has slipped away to join its Yesterday,

We have been privileged to drink deep  
from a brimming cup.

From out the profound deeps of spiritual  
insight, there has come to us a message  
of Truth; and we have received this  
message with open hearts and minds.

Sometimes this truth has come to us in  
a flash, illuminating as with a flaming  
torch something within our consciousness  
that we have but half known, or  
dimly seen as through a glass darkly;  
or perhaps, at another time it has come  
through a strain of music, touching  
into life an emotion; awakening us to  
undreamed possibilities for spiritual  
development or opportunity for service.

To us in these swiftly passing days, has  
been vouchsafed vision, understanding,  
and inspiration: vision that has lifted  
us up to the very stars of God in an  
awakened consciousness of Him; understanding  
that the forces playing  
through the Macrocosm are also operative  
in the Microcosm, that the dynamic  
powers of the Triune God are potential  
in His human kind; and inspiration to  
so live, in harmony with Cosmic Law,  
that our potential powers may become  
the dynamic powers of Will, Love-  
Wisdom, and Activity—of the Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit.

We have in these days strengthened  
our faith and renewed our hearts in con-

templation of the great Cosmic Drama of  
the glorious Sun-Spirit, the Christ, as  
He leaves the earth at the Vernal Equinox,  
ascending to the Father, to reach  
His throne at the Summer Solstice, descending  
to earth at the Autumn Equinox, reaching  
the center of the earth at the Winter Solstice,  
to be on the longest and darkest night of  
the year, within our hearts reborn, for—

Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem  
be born,  
And not within thyself, thy soul will be  
forlorn,  
The cross on Golgotha thou lookest to in vain  
Unless within thyself it be set up again.

Re-entering the earth as the Planetary  
Spirit, Christ brings renewed life and  
vigor, to be in the ever recurring cycle  
liberated on Easter Morn. We have felt  
the deepening of our human love to  
divine sympathy and compassion in the  
expanding consciousness of the Christ  
within; in the "recognition of the  
fundamental unity of each with all,  
which is the realization of God."

Tonight as the weeks pass before us  
in retrospection, let us be sure that we  
have, individually, garnered in full  
measure their spiritual essence, and that  
we have incorporated this essence into  
the very fabric of our lives. So shall we  
leave this beautiful place so permeated  
with the vibrations of love, and peace,  
and harmony that—

It is easy now for the heart to be true,  
As for grass to be green or skies to be blue.  
And as we return to our homes—to be  
in the world, but not of it—we may

carry to others the spiritual teachings that have so enriched our lives, and lifted us to a higher plane of living. May these cosmic truths flow through the channel, not of words—but deeds; so that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

To be specific: Can the knowledge of the source and origin of our physical existence as brought to us in the words of the Psalmist—"Marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from Thee when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth"—can this knowledge, expressed by us through lives of purity and godliness bring someone who has not yet realized the unity of man with his Creator into the consciousness that he is the temple of the living God?

Can we bring to those who are ill a message of hope and cheer? Have we grasped the full significance of the fact that disease is of the vital body and that in the measure we develop the Higher Self we gain mastery over the vital body and restore the harmony and rhythm of life which is health? And can we pass this knowledge on to others?

Have familiar Bible truths, lightened and illuminated, through the teachings of the Mystery of the Christian Faith, deepened your understanding and strengthened your faith? And can you, and will you disseminate these spiritual truths which show not only what to do to gain eternal Life, but *how and why* this path leads to spiritual heights of growth and development?

Has the truth that we can *rule* our stars, become a part of our thinking, and that even our 'squares' become to us opportunities for soul growth, and shall we carry on the work of lifting the science of Astrology to the high spiritual plane on which it has been placed by the Rosicrucian Philosophy?

These are searching questions, but are they not pertinent at the close of our Summer School?

As you re-enter the turmoil and strife of the outside world, may you find courage and comfort in the words of the poet seer—

Yet I doubt not through the ages, one increasing purpose runs,  
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns.

And in this:

I heard . . . the world-wide whisper of the south wind rushing warm. . . . Till the war-drums throbbed no longer, and the battleflags were furled. . . . In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the World.

Though a century has passed since Lord Tennyson wrote these words, are we not still conscious of their truth? Are we not still conscious of "God within the shadow keeping watch above His own"?

As you go back to your work in the world, may you through lives of renewed consecration to the high ideals you have received here, build for yourselves the Golden Wedding Garment; may you carry with you the pulsating beat of spiritual fellowship that has enriched your lives here.

And may you hold in memory dear the peace and calm of evening

When from the shadow of the temple in its majestic beauty

You heard the voice of God from out the whispering silence, clear;

When in your meditation you were at One with the Universal Spirit

Brooding in the purple haze of the distant hills,

And in the ocean waves touched to fire in the flaming glory of the sunset sky.

I have known in the swiftly passing weeks, the spirit of co-operation; I have felt the deep underlying current of earnest search for spiritual understanding and know that the spiritual impulse that will go out from this Summer School will be like the circles set in motion from a pebble dropped into a quiet pool, and that these impulses will go on and on in ever widening circles to break at last on eternal shores. And I know that you, who freely have received, will in joyful, loving service—freely give.

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*"Freely ye have received, freely give"*

Class Colors ..... Purple and Gold  
 Class Flower ..... ..Heliotrope

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## Class and Social Activities

By H. T.

The Summer School of the Rosicrucian Fellowship was opened July 15, 8:45 A.M. by Mrs. Max Heindel. A hearty welcome was extended the seventy-odd students, who came from far and near. Canada, Hawaiian Islands, France, and Mexico, as well as many states were represented.

Lectures were given daily on Philosophy, Bible Study, Astrology, Healing, Anatomy, Creative Expression, and Mysteries of the Operas, where the students learned of their mental and moral organisms and how to apply the knowledge to everyday life.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and so the entertainments for the students were many and varied. For a get-together there is nothing like a bonfire. Such a one was held on the evening of July 19th with Mr. Lynn Vivian and Mr. John Scott as masters of ceremony. Good stories and jokes were told as marshmallows were toasted at the fire and watermelon and fruit served.

July 23rd was a Red Letter Day. The birthday of Max Heindel, the beloved founder of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, it was chosen as the wedding day of Miss

Paula Kingston and Mr. John Lewis Burr, both from Canada.

At the close of this day, students and workers paused in the day's occupations to pay tribute to the memory of Max Heindel in an appropriate service.

During the first three weeks, Dr. Bruce Gordon Kingsley, celebrated literary and musical authority, gave a series of lectures on Music and the Drama; Dr. Kingsley's marvelous ability as a musician and his natural dramatic talent coupled with his profound knowledge of the occult enabled him to bring the inner truths of the great music of Operas and of the literature of Shakespeare to his audience with great force.

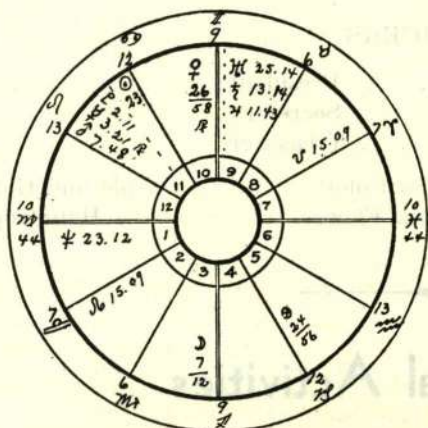
The concert given by Dr. Roderick White of Santa Barbara, noted violinist, with Miss Christine Houseman of Indianapolis as accompanist was a soul-satisfying experience never to be forgotten. Dr. White rendered with exquisite feeling and sympathy Handel's Sonata in A Major, Mendelssohn's On the Wings of Song, Schubert's Ave Maria and many other violin favorites; fortunate in having in

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# Horoscope of 1940 Summer School

By C. E. H.

July 15, 1940, at 8:45 A.M.  
Latitude 34 N. Longitude 117 W.



*"Freely ye have received, freely give."*

The motto of this Summer School is truly indicative of the chart. Virgo rising accents service to others. The Sun in the eleventh house in Cancer, sextile to Neptune in the Ascendant, brings opportunity for the realization of hopes and aspirations of this wonderful class. Neptune rising, in trine to the planet of progress, Uranus, in high position in the ninth house, is outstanding for great inspiration released at this time.

Venus in the Midheaven in Gemini brought to students and guests strongly creative music which had a powerful influence this summer. Great interest in the pioneer work of healing with music and color was active at this time. Mercury conjunct Mars, trine the Moon, coupled with the trine of Neptune and Uranus presages that this work should progress greatly in the next few years.

This summer, during the second trine of Uranus and Neptune, Venus brought the beautiful wedding of Paula Kingston and John Lewis Burt. Neptune, ruler of the seventh house of marriage, so close to the Ascendant, promised this.

Venus in Gemini brought to us a mag-

nificent musician—Dr. Bruce Gordon Kingsley, Sun in Gemini. He inspired us with beautiful music-lectures.

Dr. Roderick White, noted violinist played a beautiful concert. Through his genius, the spiritual quintessence of Neptune trine Uranus poured forth from his Stradivarius.

The Moon in Sagittarius in this chart also brought a talented artist-teacher, Ruth Harwood, with Sun in Sagittarius.

Mercury conjunct Mars, trine the Moon, welcomed greater activity by young people. The Moon in Sagittarius, in the third house, trine Mercury in Leo, brought many teachers from the far corners of the earth. It is interesting to know that this aspect sent to us a Sagittarian teacher, a lady born in Czechoslovakia, a country which is ruled by Sagittarius. Virgo, the Ascendant, sent to us a number of nurses.

The Part of Fortune in Capricorn, the fifth house, again brought creative activities into the spotlight. The great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn trine the Part of Fortune is a powerful influence on this class of 1940. It brings to us tremendous stabilizing force to utilize the power and inspiration promised by the glorious trine of Neptune and Uranus. The students of this Summer School will feel for many years to come the balance and philosophy of living gained under these aspects. The great philosophy of Max Heindel will be carried to far places by the earnest efforts of the teachers and students of this group.

Certainly, during these changing, troubled conditions throughout the world the philosophy carried forth by these people will prove a light in the darkness. The light gleaned from this horoscope of a truly great class, grateful to its inspired teachers, promises:

*"There never was a night so dark, that it put out the stars."*

## CLASS ACTIVITIES

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Miss Houseman that rare genius—a sympathetic, self-effacing accompanist.

Miss Houseman, whose talents received recognition in 1933 at the Century of Progress Exposition when she was asked to give an organ recital in the great Hall of Religion, gave a concert lecture on Music and Healing August 5th. Mastery of her art has enabled her through music improvised to the keynote of her patient to soothe the diseased body and restore to harmony and health. She also makes use of Astrological data in determining the keynote of the patient's chart which gives the clue to the patient's ailment and to the musical treatment to be used.

Miss Ruth Harwood, poet-artist from Utah and California Universities, gave a most interesting series of lectures on Art; reading also several very delightful poems. In her series of pictures depicting the "Universal Spiritual Pilgrimage of Man" the luminous quality in her black and white paintings was ethereal and seemed an expression of her own delightful personality.

The Summer School was most fortunate in having Angela Morgan for a recital on Thursday evening, August 22nd. As she reads her poetry, she makes it come alive and ring passionately through the hearts of her hearers. She was a delight and an inspiration.

Miss Lena Koch has given most inspiring interpretations of the Wagnerian Music Dramas which she illustrated with music and slides.

Mr. Irving Mac Arthur (Mac) regaled us with music at any and all times, music which we always enjoyed and appreciated.

For those coming from a distance, sight-seeing tours in private motor cars were arranged each week. These tours included the old missions—San Luis Rey, San Juan Capistrano, and Pala; The Golden Lotus Temple, an all day trip to the Observatory at Palomar, returning by way of Live Oak Park where a picnic

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supper was served; and the final trip to San Diego where visits were made to the Zoo, to Balboa Park, and to Point Loma.

Friday evenings according to tradition were given over to a 'sing' and to social activities. Committees were appointed by the class President at the opening of the Summer School to arrange entertainment for each week. The Committees vied with each other to provide entertainment resulting in several evenings of enjoyment and good fellowship, from the evening with the Astrology background provoking the comment (with apologies to Abraham Lincoln) 'that the Lord must love the folks with Common signs; he made so many of them,' to the Mother Goose party where the ice cream wagon trundled into the Dining Hall and where Mac got the prize for the best costume character as Little Boy Blue, to the final entertainment when Mollie O presented her players who gave selections from Bach and Beethoven on "pipes" made by the players under her direction.

And the Summer School of the Summer of 1940 was ended.

## Autumnal Solstice

By IRVING MAC ARTHUR

*Now the Autumn Solstice  
Brings the Christ once more  
To His earthly bondage  
'Till the winter's o'er.*

*Self-forgetting service  
Christ will liberate;  
Him, from earthly prison  
We emancipate.*

*Through the sign of Libra,  
Man and Christ descend  
Into earthly darkness,  
Error to transcend.*

*Light forever shineth  
In the heart of man,  
Path to life eternal,  
Through a timeless span.*



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### POEM

Why idly seek from outward things  
 The answer inward silence brings;  
 Why stretch beyond our proper sphere  
 And age, for that which lies so near?  
 Why climb the far-off hills with pain,  
 A nearer view of heaven to gain?  
 In lowliest depths of bosky dells  
 The hermit Contemplation dwells.  
 A fountain's pine-hung slope his seat,  
 And lotus-twined his silent feet,  
 Whence, piercing heaven, with screened  
 sight,  
 He sees at noon the stars, whose light  
 Shall glorify the coming night.

From "Questions of Life"  
 by Whittier.

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