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AN AQUARIAN MOVEMENT

There was a time, even at late as Greece, when *Religion*, *Art*, and *Science* were taught unitedly in the Mystery Temples. But it was necessary for the better development of each that they should separate for a time.

Religion held sole sway in the so-called "dark ages." During that time it bound both *Science* and *Art* hand and foot. Then came the period of the Renaissance, and *Art* came to the fore in all its branches. *Religion* was strong as yet, however, and *Art* was only too often prostituted in the service of *Religion*. Last came the wave of modern *Science*, and with iron hand it has subjugated *Religion*.

It was a detriment to the world when *Religion* shackled *Science*. *Ignorance* and *Superstition* caused untold woe, nevertheless man cherished a lofty spiritual ideal then; he hoped for a higher and better life. It is infinitely more disastrous that *Science* is killing *Religion*, for now even *Hope*, the only gift of the gods left in Pandora's box, may vanish before *Materialism* and *Agnosticism*.

Such a state cannot continue. Reaction must set in. If it does not, anarchy will rend the cosmos. To avert a calamity *Religion*, *Science*, and *Art* must reunite in a higher expression of the *Good*, the *True*, and the *Beautiful* than obtained before the separation.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and when the Great Leaders of humanity saw the tendency towards ultra-materialism which is now rampant in the Western World they took certain steps to counteract and transmute it at the auspicious time. They did not wish to kill the budding *Science* as the latter had strangled *Religion*, for they saw the ultimate good which will result when an advanced *Science* has again become a co-worker with *Religion*.

A spiritual *Religion*, however, cannot blend with a materialistic *Science* any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore steps were taken to spiritualize *Science* and make *Religion* scientific.

Centuries have rolled by since a high spiritual teacher, having the symbolical name Christian Rosenkreuz—Christian Rose Cross—appeared in Europe to commence this work. He founded the mysterious Order of Rosicrucians with the object of throwing occult light upon the misunderstood Christian *Religion* and to explain the mystery of *Life* and *Being* from the scientific standpoint in harmony with *Religion*.

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The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

The Anxiety Complex and World Destiny

By JOSEPH DARROW



WHAT is a complex and what relation does it have to karma? In modern psychology a complex is a term signifying an inner conflict between the subconsciousness and the conscious mind which more or less destroys poise and power, depending upon its nature and intensity. Practical psychology has various means of releasing complexes and restoring peace of mind. The Rosicrucians also have much data on man's inner constitution and the factors that may be employed in counteracting and overcoming such conditions as a mental or emotional complex.

An anxiety complex is one which is characterized by anxiety or fear of some sort, even though it may not always be

known just what is causing the fear. In any case, however, the inner conflict signified by a complex results only when there has

been a violation of cosmic law or the rules of right living in some way or other. Complexes may be individual, or in extreme cases, world-wide, involving a very large portion of the inhabitants of the entire globe. Reformation and a return to the correct principles of living will in all cases eventually eliminate the inner conflict. The Fellowship is now issuing a new correspondence course on "The Mastery of Fear," and some of the outstanding facts of that course will be brought out in this article for the general public.

War is the greatest possible agent of world discord, and therefore it also creates or intensifies the psychological complexes of individuals. This is especially true of the present World War, which is the most widespread conflict in all history. Every person in the world feels some of the effects of it and is tensed up by it, even though he may be 5000 miles away from any actual military activity. The reason for this is that the psychic atmosphere of the earth penetrates the aura of the individual and affects him accordingly, whether he knows anything about it or not.

The world is in a really serious condition at the present time, due to the war, which has been caused by the materialism and materialistic tendencies of the majority of

man-
kind, who have forgotten that there is a God of our universe, that He created that universe,

and that we are under obligations to follow the laws and precepts which He has decreed. When the world becomes excessively materialistic, as at present, it gives the Dark Forces a big advantage, and they utilize this to its fullest capacity. Materialism in extreme cases, either individualistic or national, leads to cruelty, barbarism, and delusions of grandeur, in which the common good is lost sight of and the determination to exalt the self or the nation, as the case may be, at the expense of others excludes all other considerations.

We are in danger of a return of the Dark Ages if the Forces of Light should lose out in the present conflict. The conditions now are similar to those of 1918, although more extreme. Regarding the former, we will quote from Max Heindel's writings, showing the seriousness of the situation. He said, regarding the conditions at that time:

"The world is actually becoming hysteric, and unless commensurate efforts are made to restore the state of equilibrium, it will end in an actual cosmic cataclysm, a burning up of the earth in the fires of fervent frenzy. This is not meant as merely a phrase; it is to be taken literally. It was the combined thought of the inhabitants of our earth constructively used in the Second Heaven, the Region of Concrete Thought, which built the earth as it now exists, and their combined thoughts of destruction can also disintegrate it. . . . But Mother Earth can teach us a great deal more than we know now, and it is therefore necessary that she remain intact till our education here is finished. To destroy her prematurely would, as a matter of actual fact, be to commit cosmic suicide, and the consequences of such a calamity can better be imagined than described.

"Therefore let us endeavor to pour oil on the troubled waters by our conversation, attitude, and demeanor, especially where the present war is being discussed. Instead of dwelling on the 'awful' side of it, let us voice our firm conviction that God is omnipotent, that He could have prevented this war, and therefore there must be a divine purpose in it. Consequently, that which we sense as evil is only good in the making. Realizing our own shortsightedness, we ought to resign ourselves to the existing conditions in perfect faith and trust that our Father in Heaven will eventually bring about a more glorious

condition than has ever existed before. . . . If each of us can show these truths to a few and get them to take this view, we shall have helped materially to restore equilibrium, and if we can get them to preach this gospel to others and send them out to do likewise, we shall have started an endless chain which will hasten the day of universal friendship, for 'Thoughts are Things,' more powerful than all else."

The Rosicrucian student knows the fact of the creative power of thought and that *the thinker is a creator*. Therefore we see the necessity of controlling and directing our thoughts, our conversation, and our general attitude in this world crisis. But after all, dependence upon God and that He will bring about a perfect result in the end even though that time is long

THE THINKER in coming is the most IS A CREATOR important factor which we should take into account. God is in us and we are in Him; therefore all human affairs must eventually conform to the Divine pattern.

Now as to the connection between the individual's anxiety complex and his personal karma, there are many occult facts bearing on the subject. Karma, as we have stated many times before, is a term signifying destiny which comes as the result of the working out of the Law of Consequence. In other words, we create our own destiny through the operation of this law. Moreover, the destiny which we create for ourselves has much to do with our poise or lack of it and with such anxiety complexes as we may individually develop. Some of the most important facts relative to this subject were set forth remarkably well in an article by William Arbert, an authority on mystical and occult subjects, published in this magazine years ago, the outstanding points of which we will repeat for the benefit of our present readers. He said:

"Evil destiny comes to us through a

tangle of forces setting up conflict when we are out of alignment with cosmic law or force. Our good destiny is given to us through that part of our temperament which is aligned with the cosmic force of good. If a man changes his character, a change in his destiny or karma will follow. When we set out to work off our karma, it is character, wholly and solely, that we work upon. . . . It may seem a hard thing to many, but the fact must be faced that *karma is a thing to be accepted, not eluded*. This is the key to the whole matter; karma must not only be accepted as inevitable, it must be actually welcomed as a *scholarship in the School of Life*. When we have arrived at this attitude towards our karma, its working out has begun. This does not mean, however, that it will set us no more problems, submit us to no more tests. We do not evade karma by setting to work on it; we come to the end of it by getting through it.

"It is the unreserved acceptance of our fate as the particular lesson we need for our spiritual development which is ACCEPTED IS the KEY that unlocks HALF OVERCOME the gate of our karmic bondage. When

karma is accepted, it is more than half overcome. We should make it our immediate aim to achieve *serenity*, under whatever circumstances the Lords of Karma may elect to send us. When they see we have achieved serenity, they will say, 'This lesson is learned, it need not be repeated.' The aim of karma is *to make us, not to break us*. We need never fear that karma will be piled on karma until we are broken; if we are broken, it is because we have broken ourselves against it. There is no mystery about the password with which we must answer the Dark Angel of Affliction. It was uttered by the Master Jesus at Gethsemane: 'Not my will but Thine

be done.' When we utter these mightiest of all Words of Power, we come automatically into line with cosmic force."

When we have learned to accept and master our destiny along the lines indicated above, we have aligned ourselves with cosmic law and cosmic force, and our anxiety complexes, if we have any, will gradually fade away. Then if we will also trust in God, knowing that He is running our lives and directing them into the channels that will lead eventually to a perfect result, we shall certainly arrive comparatively soon at the stage of peace, poise and power. Also if we accept and start to work on our unpleasant karma instead of trying to elude it, we shall be "grasping our nettles," which Max Heindel has indicated as the most effective means of mastering our problems. He says:

"If we are wise, we will learn the lesson of 'grasping our nettles' firmly and thus deprive them GRASP YOUR of the power to sting. If "NETTLES" we see sorrow, trouble, FIRMLY and suffering ahead and recognize that it is our own and that it therefore must be met some time, instead of trying to put it off we should look it fearlessly in the face, and its terror will soon vanish. By praying for fortitude to meet our troubles and an open mind to learn their lesson, we are 'grasping our nettles' and depriving them of the power to sting."

The present war will precipitate world karma and open the way for the return of humanity to trust in God instead of thinking that they are doing it all themselves. Righteousness will then gradually prevail in preparation for the coming Aquarian Age. Then after the war is finished, the present multitude of individual anxiety complexes will rapidly diminish, and in due time the whole world will return to a state of normalcy.

The Mystic Light

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Life's Challenge

By ETHEL P. HILL



WE are far advanced in many arts and sciences. We have schools well equipped to teach every subject of passing interest and value to the race. Only one thing we ignore . . . we do not teach the Science of Living!

By exact laws we demonstrate mathematical equations. By laboratory tests we elucidate the mysteries of chemistry. By ponderous and exhaustive treatises we expound the intricacies of judicial processes. With painstaking accuracy we compute the statistical legends of the heavens above us. Are our youths gods, that they require no instruction in the causes and results of certain modes of living and thinking? At what period in Man's existence is he to learn how to think . . . how to live?

Basic facts precede logical deductions. With no knowledge of the purpose of his life, how may a youth wisely formulate his personal response to the inevitable challenge of Life? How may he correlate his instincts and desires with the diversity of influences and interests about him?

Without a compass a mariner is lost. Without a knowledge of the constructive principles by which to chart his course in life, a youth is adrift. You say, there are churches! Where are the youths who might fill them?

Yet, the course we commend for introduction into college curriculums is not "religious" save as all animate life is subject to the will of its Creator. Eliminate all forms, rituals, creeds, and doctrines from this course of instruction. *Present it as a factual, historical survey of the whole field of constructive achievement.* By the aid of innumerable examples in every field of endeavor build up in the minds of our youth an ineradicable picture of the only way in which any person in any walk of life may justify his existence.

Carry this intensive study through the spiritual or character building phase of life on into the mental, and from there to its countless manifestations in the substantial superstructure of constructive enterprises. Trace the working of this constructive principle in actual operation in the lives of all the great men of history . . . in their personal lives, their families, the community, in national and international affairs.

By way of contrast, throw on the screen of the student's mind the destructive agencies. Demonstrate with clarity how unerring is the action of any destructive force to bring disaster to those who use it.

There are a thousand differences with regard to religious dogmas. But what

sane, thinking person could resent having his child taught the one great principle which is the driving force of the whole scheme of existence? What makes a mother teach a mere infant the fact that fire is at once dangerous and useful?

Of all the imbecile and criminal acts of which we are guilty, there is none less pardonable than this neglect to instruct our youth in the *principles* which lie back of all action. Let the youth make his own decisions . . . Yes! . . . but acquaint him with the facts concerning the inevitable results of those decisions.

Once thoroughly grounded in the theory of the use of his creative energy in every avenue of his personal life, in a constructive manner, he is then ready to put these principles into action wherever he may be or whatever his occupation. With this positive foundation on which to build, he may then choose his own personal objectives. They will be based on broad, solid, unshakable principles operating with equal precision in the playing of a ball game, the running of a business, the founding of a home or the prosecution of a war.

What youth with eyes wide open to the truth would deliberately choose to destroy his own character, his own mind, his own part in the world's freedom and progress, when through this course of applied science in constructive thinking he could create new physical strength, new brilliance of mental achievement and a character which would lift him into a class with the truly great men of all time?

Thus equipped he can enter the arena of his country's future progress ready and competent to shoulder his responsibilities and fulfill his obligations with intelligence because he will know *why* certain methods can be counted on to produce certain results. *By such a common-sense course in PRIMARY CAUSES underlying all national complications, a new generation of thinkers would presently arise to use intelligently the tool which the democratic form of govern-*

ment puts in their hands . . . the ballot!

As a means of combating the inflow of pernicious and misleading propaganda introducing distinctly disruptive and disintegrating ideas and codes of behavior, American educators must provide a definite, convincing antidote to prevent the poison from spreading to every vulnerable spot. We make education compulsory. What subject is of such stupendous importance to America today as a clear understanding of the destructive nature of degenerate thinking . . . and the positive progress and consequent happiness to be achieved through constructive and creative effort?

At the time we enter our earthly temple for a short sojourn among material symbols, we are purposely disassociated from our previous life history in order that our ego may express itself with perfect freedom.

We may the better comprehend the reason for this measure as we watch the different reactions of a group of individuals to the same set of circumstances. Outwardly the members of the group appear quite similar in appearance, intelligence, and training; yet one woman, by the pure quality of her spirit, will create, literally, an atmosphere of hope, courage, and efficient management of necessary activities; or one man will take over the leadership and calmly control a situation to the best interest of all; while others prove themselves cowards or simply incapable of assuming responsibility.

Man's reaction to physical necessity for decisions and subsequent action determines his exact point of progress in the evolution of his soul. Viewing this life as a testing ground for spiritual perceptions and qualifications, one loses the confusing concept of earthly existence as a life complete in itself. We would not minimize the importance of our brief stay upon this plane of conscious experimentation with visible evidences of invisible forces. By the creation of these outward symbols we dem-

onstrate our ability to manipulate those inner forces which cause them to assume their various outward forms.

Poor mortals! How often with blundering fingers we seek to re-fashion abnormal objects about us . . . seek to hide their inefficiency, their wrong construction, their positive repulsiveness by draping them in concealing raiment of clever design and calling them by deceptive names. But this sort of childish subterfuge renders futile the correction of prevailing customs of a deterrent nature.

But regarded as a test of our fitness for advancement on higher planes of expression, our life on earth assumes its actual position of importance as indicating precisely the measure of our stability of character and brilliance of spiritual enlightenment.

We might liken it to the student who is called upon to demonstrate certain mathematical deductions by standing in front of the class and chalk in hand, tracing visibly upon the blackboard the intricate steps by which the problem is carried through to a successful solution. Now, the answer may be ten or it may run into tens of millions, as you well know. The pupil is not judged by the numerical contents of his correct solution but simply by the accuracy with which he dissects the puzzling factors entering into the equation and the correctness of his application of the principles of mathematics to that specific problem.

Each ego temporarily residing upon this earth is given a somewhat difficult problem to solve, both as regards his own environment and vocation and, also, their effect on his co-students in this severe spiritual training school. Were all to solve their problems in accord with rules they know or could learn, then their earth lives would be productive of untold benefit to them-

selves and a tremendous uplift for the entire student body now undergoing this testing process.

What an absurd standard we set up when we judge any human being's success in life by the number of his possessions or the amount of public applause he has elicited. Only one thing is of the slightest consequence! Has he found the true and correct solution to his own problem according to the spiritual laws governing its solving?

Even with the applause of his fellow students still ringing in his ears, he will awaken to a long period of shame and humiliation if he has allowed the desire for earthly success (so-called) to blind his eyes to the true solution of his Life Problem. Better far he should be ac-

counted a dullard and his entire life a complete failure, if, when he awakens from his earth-dream he finds himself the recipient of a Diploma of Honor from his Heavenly Alma Mater.

Some people have no conception of pleasures other than material. They have no idea of a perfectly normal and beautiful existence which has nothing to do with gross, material objects and conditions. No wonder much which transpires on earth does not conform to the principles given for the guidance of those upon every plane of expression. When the preponderance of effort on our part is for purposes of self-gratification, then the result necessarily falls far short of the perfect original model.

Here is a man counted "successful." Is he noble? Perhaps he is, but often we look for self-denial and find . . . covetousness. We look for service and find . . . slavery of those in his power. We look for brotherly love and find . . . grasping avarice, thrusting aside the claims of others, insisting on his own selfish desires. Does he excel in wisdom?—we make him a politician. Does

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but to do noble and true things,
and vindicate himself under
God's heaven as a God-made
man, that the poorest son of
Adam dimly longs.—Carlyle.*

he possess great talent?—it is bought and sold. In all ways we are prone to reduce every spiritual attainment to terms of material gain. We measure a man's worth by what he possesses or may earn of money value.

A new memory must be awakened in mankind, a memory of an existence independent of physical environment. We have such a memory hidden or rather submerged by the insistent claims of the senses to be gratified by material things.

Yet there are many times when our hearts cry aloud for beauty, for knowledge, for a thousand longings of the spirit to be satisfied. When these yearnings become too acute to be borne with composure, many of us resort to stimulants, to feverish excitement, to excesses of every sort to still the wild demands of our true selves which refuse to be quieted.

When will men throw off their bondage to the body and let their spirits try their wings? They have been waiting

their chance to prove their power to outwit the dull, stupid and uninspired bodily man and bring forth a new, spiritualized being with new ideals, new capacities, new strength and new beauty. The time is near when the spirit of Man will dominate and control the body, instead of allowing the body and its senses to overcome the spirit and make it subservient to its demands.

We often stumble and grow confused in our quest for Truth on account of the multitudes who follow after strange doctrines which are not truth but deceptive flashes of false teachings put forth to trap us and prevent us from coming to the Fount of all true Wisdom. By all manner of appeals to our selfish desires these false teachers seek to lead us on dangerous trails where the momentary pleasures of the senses lure us from those lasting treasures to be found only on the more difficult pathways.

Consider well our Master's words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

All that is given to a selfish person for his own exclusive satisfaction might be likened to a deadly poison which tastes sweet in the mouth but when it is swallowed there enters the veins a strange languor and all feeling leaves the body. So our spirit suffers paralysis when sensual comforts and pleasures are the only aim of our lives. Yet these same comforts and pleasures are ours in fullest abundance when our hearts and minds are set on sharing them with others, forgetting our own selfish desires in the joy of caring for those sent of the Father within the circle of our orbit of service. None may progress who refuse to render a continuous service to their fellow men.

The type of service is determined by the talents each possesses. A rose gives forth beauty and perfume. A bird gives song. A grain of

wheat gives nourishment. One man gives his strength to plow and plant. Another gives of his mind to devise machinery which performs wonders. A musician pours forth joyous melody and a teacher purveys knowledge. Not the money paid them but their contribution to the happiness and welfare of the world is the true measure of their value and importance in the intricate system of physical life as a factor in spiritual development.

Well may we pause and consider before lending our sanction to any system of self-exploitation which has as its chief object the enhancement of the outer or purely material fabric of our lives at the expense of its very life-blood, which is the service we are bound to give in return for our tutoring in this School of Experience in the physical expression of truth; truth as taught to mankind

It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.—George Eliot.

by the greatest Teacher of all the ages.

Do you say this is a poor bargain? That the price you must pay is too far in excess of your personal profit? Yet, just here is the paradox so few can see! When the selfish person has gathered together his baubles of idle amusement and glittering trumpery at the expense of his true calling, it has been proved over and over again that he has forfeited his power to enjoy these material blessings. Thus he has frustrated the entire object of his pilgrimage through the sphere of earthly experience. His spirit is numbed and shriveled. His mind is embittered and dulled. His physical body, which he has pampered beyond all reason, is deprived of all healthy reaction to the pleasing sights and sounds about him. Even the grosser physical pleasures in which he has overindulged no longer appeal to his jaded senses.

Yet, how completely is the picture reversed when we pay our just debt to God and perform our divinely appointed task in the world. Note this well, for it is the crux of the whole philosophy whereby we are kept from fatal error in our search for true riches. By our willing acceptance of the challenge Life holds for us . . . to give of our best efforts in the service to which we are called (whether it is making boots, writing poems, tilling the soil or governing a nation!) we throw the responsibility for our welfare upon those who sent us on this excursion into the flesh.

What a ludicrous sight to see a man neglecting all his higher obligations to snatch at the petty trifles which consume priceless time and energy given him for a most serious purpose!

But suppose him to be true to his God-given opportunities to apply himself to his true work in the world . . . what then is his reward? Ah, here enters the mystery and the magic of the paradoxical statement made by the Great

Teacher of all time: "He that loseth his life shall find it!" Were you to substitute the word "spendeth" for "loseth" you would, perhaps, come closer to a correct interpretation of the Master's meaning.

What, then, is the reward for such adherence to the true object of your life on earth? It is this! A soul-satisfying knowledge that you have honorably discharged your obligations to Him who allowed you to test your powers of sublimation in the laboratory of earth's dense vibrations, where great skill and concentrated effort are necessary to transform each circumstance and condition through which you pass into a glorious channel of helpfulness to all about you.

You think this a small reward? Yet, full many a man, missing this gratifying sense of work well done, a life well lived, has taken his own life in utter despair at its failure to yield the slightest satisfaction to his real self.

There are other rewards (or results) which are the natural consequences of such action. With such a conscious determination to carry out the pre-arranged program of his existence, Man realizes the necessity for a perfect physical equipment. His body will receive intelligent care; hence, the natural, healthful sense-pleasures of a normal vigorous body will be his in fullest measure. He will find endless delight in such simple pleasures as Nature affords.

One thus occupied in pursuing his heaven-blest work in the world will realize the advantages of a well-trained, well-stored mind. Therefore, he will provide himself with a fund of knowledge of inestimable value to him both spiritually and in a material way. His mind will be keen, forceful; reinforced with a power which comes all unbidden and often unrecognized through association with those invisible inspirers who aid and abet all high effort on the part of those who are for a time im-

mersed in the murky atmosphere of the earth.

But, of all the advantages to be gained through such an intelligent use of our earthly opportunities, the most important is the inevitable and prodigious growth and expansion of every spiritual attribute of everlasting significance. Of course, this last is self-evident to all but its importance can never be fully realized by any mortal until he casts off the disguise of mortal flesh and stands forth in his true beauty as spirit.

Oh, that we might realize the indescribable joy of such a spirit, freed from the shackles of flesh and newly awakened to the glories of a world impossible for us to comprehend except through the purifying and illuminating experiences of an earth life lived, not for self but for the honor and glory of our Creator! A Creator who planned a marvelous existence for us during our sojourn upon this earth. How sad that so often His perfect plan is twisted and

distorted out of all semblance to its original beauty by our stupid and wicked refusal to comply with the very laws which hold that plan in operation.

Yet the great Creator's plan stands ever ready for our acceptance! A basic education such as advocated in this article would make possible an honest change of ideas in those who now willfully deride and defy such a Plan. God will pour out His richest blessings, temporal as well as spiritual, upon those who subscribe to His unalterable Law of Progress through Service. Then the land will be filled with the fruits of Man's loving efforts to bring happiness and prosperity to all.

No one has even dreamed of the marvels to be achieved for Man's enjoyment and edification during his life on earth, when he identifies himself with God's All-wise Plan for his life both here and hereafter. For there is no real dividing line. All is one continuous progression toward perfection! [End]

God Is Seeking

By DELLA ADAMS LEITNER

*We seek for God but God is seeking too;
He longs to find the way into our hearts.
With patient care unending He imparts
His love for us in ways both old and new.
Around, above in Nature's realm we view
His evidence and every seed that starts
Shows his providing care. Not all the arts
Or sciences of man bear proof so true.*

*God seeks for us to understand His plans,
His perfect laws producing only good;
He seeks to use our talents, and He would
Be partner in our efforts as He stands
In readiness with love that does not dim
To work with us when we will work with Him.*

Service to Others During the New Year

By MAX HEINDEL



IT is cold in the Northern Hemisphere—old Boreas holds land and sea in his icy grip—but at no other time of the year are the hearts of men so warm. “A merry Christmas” and “A happy New Year” are salutations and expressions of good will which greet us everywhere. To most people they are only a breath flung to the breeze, but nevertheless they leave an atmosphere of kindness which is more important than is usually realized. The world would be richer if such cordial greetings were common all the year instead of being confined to this season. But, “if wishes were horses, beggars could ride” says the proverb; and unless our acts are directed towards the realization of our wishes, the benefit is nil. A certain sulphuric region is said to be paved with good intentions such as “well-meaning men” cherish, but the world needs works more than wishes.

Last month I asked you to join me in prayer for the efficiency of the Rosicrucian Fellowship in uplifting the world, and many letters have been received assuring me that the workers at Headquarters have the constant prayers of students. We know the power of prayer; without that grateful support we could never have endured the physical and mental strain incident to our phenomenal growth. But a few thousand are only as drops in a bucket compared to the millions who are seeking the light.

NOTE: This is Mr. Heindel's New Year letter of January 1913. It is reprinted from the book *Letters to Students*.

Christ said: “*Let him who would be the greatest among you be the servant of all.*” The worth of a man is measured by his services to the community. The same is true of an association; but, being a composite body, its efficiency as a whole depends upon the interest and enthusiasm of individual members. We are all under obligation to the Elder Brothers for the light we have received.

It is our sacred duty to let that light shine so that others may share our great privilege (not disregarding other duties), and I therefore solicit your personal aid in making a systematic campaign to promulgate the Rosicrucian teachings more widely during the coming year.

This campaign should be carried on with discretion, however. Let us beware of disturbing those of contented mind, but if you know of any one seeking for a solution of the Mystery of Life, please send us his or her name and we will send literature. Your name will not be mentioned unless you give permission.

We shall also be pleased to furnish you slips with information about the Rosicrucian Fellowship, as printed on the back of our postcards, if you will write for them. In this way you may interest your friends and open the way for further inquiry, and thus between us we may succeed in bringing the seeker *light* to his everlasting benefit. In helping your brother in his growth you are also helping yourself.

May spiritual prosperity and abundance of soul growth mark every day of your New Year.

A Bridge of Violets

By ELIZABETH HANSEN

“WE might as well get a divorce!”

David’s cruel, hard words echoed and re-echoed in Martha’s troubled mind as she sped her car swiftly over the white highway. Words that left her warm throbbing heart a dead lump in her breast, blinding her to the hurt and wounded look in her husband’s eyes.

Ever since the death of Bonnie May, their small daughter, nearly a year ago, things had grown steadily worse between the Hortons. Intense grief at the loss of their only child, instead of drawing them closer together, had broadened a small, petty gap into a vast chasm of turbulent emotions—a chasm filled with resentments, bitterness and irritations which had finally caused the frayed nerves to snap completely.

“If only *he* had been kinder, more tolerant; if only *I* could have been less sensitive and irritable.” Martha choked back a sob. “It’s all over now,” she thought miserably, “a marriage which started more beautifully than a story-book romance and which had everything in life to look forward to!”

When Bonnie was born, their happiness seemed to swell out of the bounds of earth itself; but now Bonnie was gone, and David was, well, practically gone from her life too!

A roadside flower-stand loomed up on the highway before her, and under the impulse of a deep-seated, sentimental whim, she stopped her coupe.

“A bunch of those violets, please.” The hurt stood out in her enormous dark eyes although her voice was low and steady. The kindly old vendor picked out the largest bouquet of fresh, dewy violets, twined them with tinfoil

and placed them tenderly in her hand. She paid him hastily and resumed her solitary flight.

Nestled in her lap, the flowers gave forth an exquisite fragrance, and all the old, sweet memories welled up within her. Violets had played such an important role in her past happiness. She mused over their courtship days—the jaunts to the countryside—the first kiss over the handful of violet blooms.

Each lovely experience she and David had shared together had been punctuated with violets—the symbol of their love. Even their winter anniversary had found violets on the table—shipped by plane from a famous floral center. But now the flowers in her lap were shared only with her loneliness, and the irony of her plight brought back the bitterness and despair, as tears clouded her vision.

The road curved sharply to the right. A small, barefoot lad followed by an awkward puppy was trudging down the highway. As her glance took them in, the baby animal veered suddenly into the pathway of her fast-moving machine. Automatically she jammed on the brakes and swung her wheel around. The car crossed the road and she saw the massive tree trunk before her; a sickening screech, a crash, and then—blackness.

The blackness gave way to a glowing, spiral mist and almost immediately she found herself lying in a beautiful, flower-strewn meadow, mellow with a golden light. Her thoughts were not clear but the loveliness and tranquility of her surroundings flooded her being with peace and comfort.

Rising slowly to her feet she walked

along quietly for awhile, not bothering to wonder where she was or how she had arrived there—wherever it was. In the distance she could see a group of children playing and she heard the happy ring of their laughter.

Leisurely she glided towards them. A little girl in blue, golden curls flying, saw her approaching and broke away from the group. As the child came running towards her, Martha froze into sudden surprise and disbelief.

"Mummy," cried the child, "you're back so soon!"

Then she was down on her knees, arms around the little figure, and crying with joy and relief.

"Bonnie, my precious, you're alive and well! I've waited so long to see you, darling!"

The little body was warm and throbbing, not at all like the cold, waxen figure that had lain so quietly in the little casket months ago. She hugged and kissed her baby and then held her off at arms' length to gaze rapturously into the delicate, flower-like face.

Bonnie returned her look a bit wonderingly. "But Mummy, you come to see me all the time, and so does Daddy. Don't you remember?"

It was past Martha's ability to figure it all out, but she was too happy to care. "Bonnie, you say that Daddy has been here too?"

Bonnie nodded vigorously, "Miriam says you both go to sleep and then you wake up here."

"Who is Miriam?" Martha asked, bewildered.

"She's our teacher," Bonnie answered as if her mother should know all about it; then childlike, changed the subject. "Look, Mummy, Daddy gave me these to give to you." She held out a bunch of violets in her little hand and Martha took them, wonderingly.

"It's almost time to go," a soft voice spoke behind her, and Martha looked up into the eyes of a tall, serenely beautiful young woman.

"You must be Miriam!" she exclaimed. The girl nodded in assent, and Martha continued eagerly, "Please, can you tell me where I am or what has happened to me? Am I—dead?"

Slowly and steadily came the girl's answer: "No, you have not left your physical body permanently. You have, however, been temporarily forced out of it through the shock of the accident that occurred, and the Great Ones have permitted you this glimpse of the Children's Heaven where your little daughter is happily and busily learning valuable lessons, resting, playing, and preparing for her next return to earth life."

"The Children's Heaven! What a paradise!" Martha gazed around her at the beautiful flower-fields, the living colors that danced in the atmosphere, and listened to strains of gay, happy music mingled with the children's laughter. "Is this where all children who die come to—to *live*? And did you say Bonnie May would return again to earth life?" Martha stood in rapt awe and expectancy.

"Yes," continued Miriam. "When children under the age of 14 die on earth, they come to this Heaven-world where they are loved, cared for and taught, by means of object-lessons, many important things which better fit them for another dip into earthly, physical existence. If you parents on earth could see how happy the children are here and the wonderful training they receive, you would soon cease grieving for them. Then, in the space of from one to twenty-one years, they again are born on earth—frequently in the same family in which they died! But I can tell you no more now, except that in your sleep, when free from your body, you oftentimes come here, though unconsciously." Miriam paused a moment, then added, "You must go back now. Look for a person named 'Hazel'—she will help you."

Even as she spoke, Martha felt strangely dizzy and felt herself sinking

helplessly downward. She glimpsed Bonnie May waving to her, then the flower-field seemed to dissolve into fine mists as darkness descended upon her.

Martha lay quietly as a strong hospital odor, mingled with the unmistakable fragrance of violets, assailed her nostrils. Opening her eyes wearily she saw a sweet-faced nurse standing over her. She could feel bandages on her arms and head, and her body was painfully sore and unnaturally heavy, tired and cumbersome.

"You've not been hurt badly, Mrs. Horton." The nurse's voice seemed to come from a great distance. "The ambulance brought you here unconscious, and you went right into a deep sleep."

Remembrance swept over Martha in waves. She had been clutching the violets Bonnie had given her when the dark mists swirled over her. Now her eyes turned instinctively to the stand at the side of her bed and she was relieved to see they were there—purple and velvety.

"Has my husband been here?" She voiced the question tremulously, hopefully.

"He's on his way," soothed the nurse, "we called him at once and he should be here any moment."

As she spoke, the door opened and David—her David, looking wretchedly frightened, relieved, and remorseful all at once, hurried to her side.

"My dearest, thank God you're safe!" His voice came brokenly, almost incoherently. "I've searched frantically for you all afternoon. You left so suddenly; after that fool thing I said this morning. Please forgive me, honey, I love you so and want you always—and to think you might have been killed!" He bent over and kissed her tenderly. In his big, masculine hand was gripped a bunch of violets, wilted and crushed. "See," he smiled a bit shakily, "I've carried these around with me all day, for you."

Martha's smile, the glow in her eyes, carried all the words David needed to reassure him.

"You must let her rest now." The nurse was firm, but polite.

David kissed her again. "I'll be back soon, darling," he whispered. "Rest good and get well. I'll never let you out of my sight again!"

Martha felt new life surging through her tired body. She turned again to look at the perfect violets Bonnie had given her. They were gone! Mysteriously and completely vanished! In their place rested a crushed, fragile heap of wilted flowers—David's "peace offering"—but still an unearthly fragrance lingered.

Martha turned her head in rather dazed bewilderment to the nurse and found she too was gazing intently at the violets. "What—what happened to the violets? Did you see them before?"

As the nurse started to answer, the door opened and another nurse called to her, "Hazel, I need your help for a moment. Can you come?"

"You'll be all right, Mrs. Horton," said Hazel, "I'll be back shortly."

She hurried out and Martha, with a puzzled frown, whispered to herself, "Hazel—Hazel? Why, that's the name that strange girl in my dream told me to watch for! But was it a dream? It all seemed so real, and now my very own nurse turns out to be a Hazel."

In her mind, Martha retraced every bit of the beautiful experience she had had. Tears came to her eyes as she thought of Bonnie May—tears, and then hope when she remembered that Miriam had told her that children who died often came back and were born again into the same family. Could she hope that some day Bonnie might come back to her and David in a new little body?

For a long time she mused over this possibility and of other things the girl Miriam had said to her, until restful sleep once more overtook her.

It was another day when Martha

awoke to see the long rays of an afternoon sun tracing patterns on the hospital floor. Already she felt better—stronger, as if a new cycle were beginning in her life. David's wilted violets had been replaced with a resplendent bouquet of red roses, and her room looked cheerful, bright.

Martha was eager to talk with nurse Hazel, but first there were the physical wants to attend to, the doctor's visit, change of dressings, food to be taken, and the usual hospital routine to go through. At last, however, she had her opportunity.

"Hazel, I want to talk with you," Martha looked at the nurse beseechingly.

The nurse smiled understandingly, "Yes, dear, let me help you if I can."

Martha was grateful and hopeful. "I've had the most peculiar experience and I hardly know what to make of it, but I think you can help me and I want to tell you all about it."

The words came tumbling out as Martha recounted her strange adventure in the Children's Heaven.

"And I was told to look for a 'Hazel' who would help me. Are you that 'Hazel'? And those violets, did you see how fresh and perfect they were at first? and then when I looked again, they were gone—and only David's wilted ones were there?"

As Martha concluded, the nurse spoke slowly and softly. "Yes, there was a reason for our meeting. I have been a student and a seeker after occult truths for many years, and in my work as a nurse, I find abundant opportunities to help and serve others who are also beginning to tread the Path of Enlightenment. You, Mrs. Horton, although quite unaware of it, are a very sensitive person—one who can easily develop spiritual faculties to a high degree of efficiency. However, it took the tragedy of your daughter's death and your near-separation from your husband to awaken you to the spiritual values of life, and at the same time, these experiences have

given you all the opportunity to cancel certain debts of destiny so that you may be free to go on to greater achievement and more abundant living."

As Hazel paused, Martha said eagerly, "Oh, there are so many things about life I have always wanted to know, and I have had so many strong urges—sort of from within me—towards the very things of which you speak. Please, tell me more!"

"I am going to give you a book to study, Mrs. Horton, which will answer all your questions and instruct you in a positive method of awakening your spiritual perceptions. I'll bring it tomorrow, but now I'm still a nurse, you know, and I'm going to insist on your resting!"

As Hazel turned to go, she paused and looked back. "About the violets, they were *etheric* flowers, Mrs. Horton, and as you were still in the 'borderline' so to speak, of the invisible and material worlds, you were able to see them for a time."

"You saw them, Hazel?"

"Yes, I did," smiled the nurse and then she was gone.

Martha felt happier and more peaceful than she had for many months. She could hardly wait to tell David, who, though a bit skeptical, did not wish to upset her by showing it.

The next day Hazel placed in Martha's hands a thick, green-covered book. She looked at the title, *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, and the word "Rosicrucian" struck a familiar chord somewhere within her being. As she turned the pages and commenced to read, Martha felt as though at last she had found the key to the mysteries of that strange thing called 'Life.'

In the days that followed—days of convalescence and of new-found happiness with David, a new world unfolded for her. The green book was constantly by her side and in its pages Martha found, as Hazel had promised, "the answer to everything."

To please her, David also studied with her, and, to her delight, he took an especial interest in the science of astrology. As the days winged by, he progressed rapidly in his study of the heavenly planets and their influences, and together they found their life growing richer and fuller than it had ever been before.

In her heart Martha kept always the hope of again being permitted to see Bonnie May. With her body completely recovered from the effects of the accident, once more strong and healthy, she told David of her hopes to provide, through parenthood, a strong, healthy body for the little girl waiting in the Children's Heaven for rebirth.

"David," implored Martha, "we've learned so much this past year—since meeting Hazel—we've so much more to offer now. Please, let's try to make this an ideal conception. I want to furnish the very best conditions possible for some little Ego, and perhaps it will even be Bonnie May!"

"Honey, we'll do the best we can," promised David, "and let's pray your wish comes true!"

It was not long before Martha's hopes were fulfilled. While it seemed she was

for the present denied any more conscious experiences upon the Invisible Planes, she was filled with peace and contentment, and busied herself with absorbing all she could of beauty and learning. She frequently saw nurse Hazel who gave her splendid advice as to diet and physical care, and Martha found she had no trouble at all in following a simple, natural, flesh-free diet.

It was a bright Spring morning when Martha knew it was going to be her day. She had, upon awaking, glimpsed a heavenly scene which filled her with indescribable joy.

"David, wake up! I've just seen Bonnie—she was coming to me surrounded by little angel faces, and it seemed as though she was walking over a bridge of flowers! Oh, David, it is going to be Bonnie, after all!"

A few hours later, Martha's physician delivered a baby girl, a baby with deep, blue-violet eyes. Nurse Hazel, assisting, glanced at the clock and recorded the exact moment of the baby's first cry.

"Strange," remarked the physician afterwards to Hazel, "I could swear I kept smelling violets in that delivery room!"

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"They Shall Be Filled"

By IRENE STANLEY

*There is a craving in the human heart,
An aching hunger nothing can appease
While worldly things comprise the
major part
Of man's possessions. What can give
him ease
While thoughts of profiting and pleasure
tease
His hours of leisure and his wakeful
night?—
A stranger to himself until he sees*

*His inner darkness pierced with inner
light,
A dawn ten thousand times as golden-
bright
As that of eastern sky lines! What can
slake
Man's thirst, what satisfy his appetite
For more than bread and drink, but to
partake
Of living water, manna from above,
To grow in likeness to the Lord of Love?*

A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

The Third Heaven

Q. When is the Spirit of the "deceased" ready to enter the third heaven?

A. Having assimilated all the fruits of his last life and altered the appearance of the Earth in such a manner as to afford him the necessary environment for his next step toward perfection; having also learned by work on the bodies of others, to build a suitable body through which to express himself in the Physical World, and having at last resolved the mind into the essence which builds the threefold spirit, the naked individual spirit ascends into the higher Region of the World of Thought—the third heaven.

Q. What is the spirit's occupation in this high region?

A. Here it absorbs the effect of the ineffable harmony of this higher world and so is strengthened for its next dip into matter.

Q. What determines the occasion of "its next dip into matter"?

A. The desire of the spirit itself for new experience, when it contemplates a new birth. This conjures up a series of pictures before the vision of the spirit—a panorama of the new life in store for it. This panorama, however, contains only the principal events. The spirit has free will as to detail. It is as if a man going to a distant city had a time-limit ticket, with initial choice of route. He may stop over in as many places as he wishes, within his time limit, but he cannot go back. Thus as he proceeds on his journey, he becomes more and more limited by his past choice. If he has chosen a steam road, using soft coal, he must expect to be soiled and dusty. Had he chosen a road burning anthracite or using electricity he would have been

cleaner. So with the man in a new life. He may have to live a hard life, but he is free to choose whether he will live it cleanly or wallow in the mire. Other conditions are also within his control, subject to the limits of his past choices and acts.

Q. Why should we be reborn into this life of little happiness and much misery?

A. To gain experience. *The purpose of life is not happiness, but experience.* Sorrow and pain are our most benevolent teachers, while the joys of life are but fleeting. Experience is "knowledge of the effects which follow acts." This knowledge is the object of life, together with the development of "Will," which is the force whereby we apply the results of experience.

Q. Does not this imply that sorrow and pain must dominate our lives leaving no room for free will?

A. No. Experience must be gained, but we have the choice whether we gain it by the hard path of personal experience or by observation of other people's acts, reasoning and reflecting thereon, guided by the light of whatever experience we have already had. This is the method by which the occult student should learn, instead of requiring the lash of adversity and pain. The more willing we are to learn that way, the less we shall feel the stinging thorns of "the path of pain" and the more quickly shall we gain "the path of peace."

The choice is ours, but so long as we have not learned all there is to learn in this world, we must come back to it. We cannot stay permanently in the higher worlds, and learn there, until we have mastered the lessons of earth life.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



"The Kingdom of God"



And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Luke 17:20-21)

The Kingdom of God is within you. These words should mean a great deal to us. Struggling as we all are, through the vicissitudes of this changing life, we know the need for something dependable to stabilize ourselves and our affairs. Here, then, is our hope—the Kingdom of Heaven—not after we die, not far off beyond our reach, but here and now—*within us*.

This is a spiritual and a scientific fact. Few people now believe, as many once did, that God is far off and apart from His children. We now know that in the stillness of our own souls we can touch Him, *feel* Him when we withdraw from the distractions of the external—and *listen*. Then He speaks, in silent peace and beauty unspeakable; then our fears and worries fade away, and we *know* how near He really is.

Here is the Center in which we must *root* ourselves if we would engineer our lives serenely and victoriously. Until we do we are never secure—up today and down tomorrow—the sport of circumstances. But once we make our way to the Kingdom within; touch its steady-*ing* Peace and Power, we find that the adversities of existence begin to loose their grip. Soon weaker souls begin to sense our inner security and look to us for help; and we know at last the blessed sweetness of Service.

In *Questions and Answers* Max Heindel says that the heaven world penetrates every part of our planet, from center to circumference, but that "the First Heaven itself, the place where the spirits who have been liberated usually dwell, is beyond our atmosphere. The Second Heaven may also be truly said to be *within*, for the material of which it is constituted is here, and the spirits who are there might visit us."

So, scientifically too, the Kingdom of God is within us. The very atoms which constitute it are passing through our bodies continually for our use. But we use too little of this heavenly matter because the nature of our habitual thoughts, desires, and feelings is such as to require the grosser substances for their expression. When we purify ourselves we change the atomic constituency of each of our vehicles, throwing out the coarser and building in the purer, the stuff of which the Kingdom is made. This purification should be a systematic, constant procedure. *Try* again, and always again. With each successful effort we break down certain obstructions and new powers begin to express, God-powers that make us peculiarly happy—courage; peace; mastery.

In the seemingly casual words of the Christ is concealed the Way Out of human bondage into the liberation every one craves. All we need is here. When we *will* to change ourselves and persistently endeavor to do so, a miracle occurs within us. We discover that "whosoever will" includes us, that the least of us may take heaven by storm and enter into the joy of our Lord Who is within us. So may we be increasingly blessed ourselves and so may we become a blessing to every life we touch.

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, and in perfect accord with divine justice.

Four Great Celestials

By EVE M. BACON

*“On the East, three Gates;
On the North, three Gates;
On the South, three Gates;
And on the West, three Gates.”*

—Revelation 21:13.

(IN TWO PARTS—PART ONE)



THROUGH each of these twelve gates the celestial planets pass again and again in their mighty revolutions through the zodiac, touching your lives and influencing your actions according to your evolutionary heritage. Some of these heavenly signifiers move swiftly, playing upon your moods and inclinations from day to day and pass like so many shadows into the night. You may find yourself rising in the morning feeling depressed and gloomy, but before evening your spirits begin to lift and your outlook becomes optimistic and gay. When this happens you may know you are feeling a change of aspects between these racers through the heavenly cycle.

But there are four great planets which in their eternal pilgrimage move more slowly through the twelve rooms of your mundane dwelling: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

Jupiter, the Great Benefic of the Universe, swings around the heavenly circle

once in twelve years. Consequently, you benefit from his magnanimous ray approximately one year in each of the twelve houses of your chart in this cycle. Jupiter entered the royal sign of Leo in July 1943, and is slowly passing through it until it reaches Virgo in July of 1944. If you are a child of Leo, this surely is your year for favor, for Jupiter passing through your sun sign brings happiness and success and a cheerful outlook on life. In fact Jupiter in Leo will inspire in all of us a generous, forward-looking, more confident attitude toward our future.

But Jupiter's expression will change in relation to the position Leo holds in your individual horoscope. Should its cheerful ray be felt on the ascendant, you will find yourself bubbling over with good spirits and health. You will radiate good nature and probably forget you have an enemy in the world. You will want to sit back now and enjoy the fruits of past labors. Pleasure-seeking and a desire for travel will hold the spotlight rather than an inclination to work.

In the Second House: Good fortune should smile upon you now and you may expect a loosening up of your purse-strings if they have necessarily been drawn tight in the past. A good time to

ask for a raise or look for a better position. But don't let your heart run away with your head. Jupiter in Leo in the Second can be extravagant to the point of folly if your heart is involved! Don't tempt Dame Fortune too far just because she smiles upon you for the moment.

In the Third House: Jupiter brings you opportunity for travel for pleasure, and a larger social life. Your mental outlook will be more tolerant. This would be a good time for social service work; to become interested in your fellow man and to work for the uplifting of the unfortunate. You should strive to make the true "Brotherhood of Man" a reality rather than a theory.

In the Fourth House: You will have opportunity now to plant some good seed for security in later life. No better time than now to buy a home or to make some good investment for old age. Home life should claim your attentions and you may well rejoice in having your feet on your own hearth and your loved ones around you.

In the Fifth House: Far fields may look greener this year, but remember they seldom are! If it is romance, be sure it is the real thing before you become too involved. Go in for some educational work while you have this aspect; it's a splendid time for study. You might do well to help the thousands of needy children of this war-torn world. You could not be too big hearted this year to give to their needs.

In the Sixth House: Jupiter in this second of the cadent houses promises health for you this year and you might well use it to give voluntary service wherever you are most needed. Opportunity for service will come to you and you should willingly respond. Perhaps increased responsibilities in your work may appear, but commensurate honors and preferment will come with it.

In the Seventh House: Partnerships, whether marriage or business will favor you now. Public preference is for you

too. If you have any differences to settle, now is the year to gather up the loose ends and tie them tightly. When Jupiter is for you, no one can really be against you!

In the Eighth House: Perhaps gain may come to you this year through your marriage partner or through a legacy from a loved one. But the Eighth House is Scorpio's natural house, and even Leo's influence cannot always soften Jupiter's temptation to be dictatorial when the influence of the Scorpion is felt. Don't try to bluff anything or any one this year; you may carry your point but you won't fool anyone but yourself.

In the Ninth House: A year to press forward in the spiritual life. Through leadership in Church circles you could command a tremendous influence for good. Mentally and spiritually you should be uplifted, and so lift others with you. Radiate your influence to a large circle and don't hide your light under a bushel. Travel too, if you have the opportunity.

In the Tenth House: Honor and social preferment should be yours with Jupiter abiding in your Tenth house. Your best chances now to obtain your life's ambition. Success will be deserved and those in authority will show you favor.

In the Eleventh House: Preferment will come to you through friends and influential people if Jupiter is in your Eleventh this year. You will widen your influence and immediate circle of friends and have ample opportunity for social life.

In the Twelfth House: Perhaps you are working quietly and secretly for good with Jupiter in your Twelfth, with few people knowing just what you are doing. Man does not live by bread alone; you understand this if you are delving into the secret sciences or working for charitable causes. No public acclaim will be yours but your heart and soul will know its own true worth.

Saturn is the next of the slow moving planets that has changed its sphere of

action from earthy Taurus into the mental sign of Gemini. Saturn has well been called the "Celestial Schoolmaster," for where Jupiter will give you the green light to go ahead, Saturn will invariably signal a full red stop, or at best, a yellow caution light. Gemini is mutable air; air that moves restlessly about. If you are a native of this mental sign you will probably find your best-laid plans for this year will "gang aft a-gley." This pessimistic planet spends approximately thirty years in swinging through the circle of Heaven so you may expect his worrisome presence felt for about two and one-half years in each house of your chart. But it is good to remember that the stars never rule you; man still has free will to command his destiny and through patience and persistence you can outride the adverse tides by accepting Saturn's warning wherever he may be placed in your chart.

Should you find Saturn transiting your Ascendant until June of 1944, you should guard against your outlook becoming pessimistic. Self-esteem suffers with Saturn here and you may be tempted to withdraw into your shell. However, if you undertake some particular work, Saturn well aspected will give you the persistence to see it through. You should guard against mental strain and worry; just remember tomorrow is another day.

In the Second House: A year to practice economy and farsightedness in financial affairs. If Saturn is well aspected you could make a sound investment, but if afflicted you will find money close and hard to get. Don't do anything to lose your job while Saturn transits your Second; another one might be hard to get—though not impossible, Saturn means lessons to learn, not fatalism.

In the Third House: Gemini is in its own house here and you may find your mental horizons widening and your

thoughts taking on a serious and scientific color. With Saturn here, delve into the sciences if you wish, but don't travel, or quarrel with your family.

In the Fourth House: If you are tempted to be an old cross-patch at home, with Saturn in your Fourth, just forget it. You might lay plans now for future security, but in all probability you will not be able to carry them out quite as you plan.

In the Fifth House: You will not be too popular with the opposite sex right now, chiefly because you can't express your best side. It may be that you are just not interested. You will feel this restraint if you are a social person. Be very careful about children with Saturn in your Fifth House.

In the Sixth House: Guard your health well with this malefic transiting your sixth. Especially beware of colds. You may find yourself working too hard or be irritated by difficulties that beset your path where your work is concerned.

In the Seventh House: If you find some difficulty has grown up between you and your life partner it is probably only in your mind. Don't be suspicious! And unless Saturn is extremely well fortified, don't get involved in a court of law.

In the Eighth House: If you are interested in the occult now is a good time for searching out its secrets. But beware of accidents; especially to the upper limbs.

In the Ninth House: You can reach new depths of thought with this aspect in your chart. If you are inclined toward law, philosophy, and kindred subjects you should make your mark in the world now. Just be careful not to get into a rut in your mental outlook. Any roving tendencies you may have will be subdued for the present.

In the Tenth House: No matter how you strive for social honor this year you may find Saturn's restrictions wherever you turn. You may deserve

credit and acclaim and be extremely ambitious for it, but you are not likely to receive it with Saturn transiting your Tenth House—at least not in full measure.

In the Eleventh House: Your hopes, desires and ambitions may be strong now, and you resent the obstacles that hold you back. Older people may influence you for good or bad, according to Saturn's aspects. Know your own mind.

In the Twelfth House: Now don't turn recluse just because things don't go your way. If you want to be alone, try doing a worth-while work, though it be in some secluded place for a charitable institution. Try to keep your mental outlook as cheerful as you can, even if it is hard work. Saturn may be a Taskmaster but his rewards are substantial. Work for them cheerfully.
(*To be concluded*)

The Children of Capricorn

Birthdays: December 22 to January 20.



APRICORN, tenth sign of the zodiac, and basic ruler of the tenth house of the horoscope, occupies the highest place in the chart—the Midheaven. The natives of this sign, whatever their station in life, feel very definitely that their rightful place is indeed "tops." They are ambitious and anxious to have their services recognized by others; and they do have splendid executive ability because of the unusual qualities of forethought and concentration conferred by Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn.

As children, their vitality is usually low and they are difficult to raise, but once infancy or early childhood is passed, the Saturn quality of persistence makes itself felt and they cling to life with great tenacity so that they often become very old. They are much subject to colds and their principal source of danger is falls and bruises. Paradoxically, these children are often bashful and timid with strangers until they have become used to them, when the domineering nature of these 'top of the world' natives shows itself plainly in efforts to make everyone around them conform to their will.

Born leaders and organizers, they chafe under restrictions and dislike to take orders from others. Placed in sub-

ordinate positions where they cannot have their own way they become gloomy, pessimistic, moody, irritable, and given to worry.

The Sun is in Capricorn each year from December 22 to January 20, and when well aspected in this position it indicates that the person will rise in life by the aid of the good-will of people higher up than himself; it shows that he will merit their trust, it makes him careful, honest, faithful and prudent. Judges with the Sun in Capricorn cannot be bought, but will administer justice as they see it, to all comers.

The Sun well aspected in Capricorn strengthens the favorable Saturn qualities of this sign, namely: caution, administration, diplomacy, labor, organization, leadership, economy, persistence. Badly aspected, the Capricorn Sun brings out adverse qualities, such as: restrictions, delays, obstacles, laziness, suspicion. The Sun rising in Capricorn often makes captains of industry.

Mercury, planet of reason, also in Capricorn in 1943, gives these natives a critical and penetrating mind. They make able spies and detectives, for they do not give up until they attain their object. This position of Mercury gives a love of science, especially chemistry. These people are much attracted to the occult, yet are practical.

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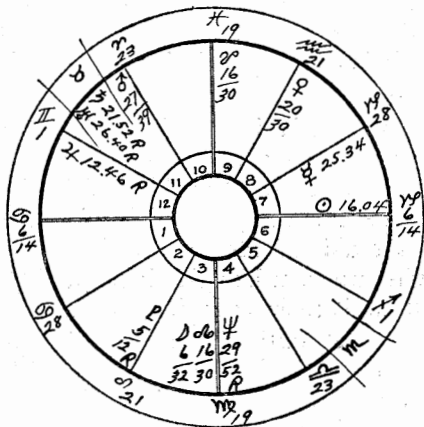
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KAREN T.

Born January 6, 1942, 4:09 P.M.

Latitude 34 N. Longitude 118 W.



Cancer on the Ascendant shows a home body, one who loves the home and its comforts. A quiet, reserved nature was easily adapts herself to conditions. Although there are indications of temper (Saturn conjunct Uranus square Venus), anger is short-lived and no malice is held. Cancer people though they lack physical prowess are no hypocrites, but always have the courage of their convictions which they defend.

This is a fairly well balanced chart. Three planets and the Ascendant are in cardinal signs, four in fixed, and three in common, in addition to the Midheaven and Dragon's Head and Tail. There is enough stability to keep the native from being too flexible, while Mars, Sun, and Mercury give the proper ac-

tivity, incentive, and zest to life.

The Sun in the seventh house in Capricorn sextile Midheaven and trine Saturn is fortunate in attracting the right kind of a partner whether in business or marriage. There is a love of fair play which will win the respect and esteem of others. Carefulness, prudence, faithfulness and honesty are indicated and conducive to a position of trust and responsibility. There is also shown method, foresight, organizing and executive ability with moral stamina to carry any undertaking to a successful conclusion with quiet determination and persistence.

The Moon in the third house in Virgo sextile the Ascendant gives a fertile imagination and a strong liking for mental and scientific occupations with a retentive memory, a love of chemistry, and the ambition to excel in whatever is undertaken.

Mercury in the seventh house favors popularity in literary and scientific circles, also public speaking or any mercurial activity of a public nature. In Capricorn gives a thoughtful, diplomatic disposition and a love of science and chemistry. The trines of Mercury in Capricorn to Saturn and Uranus in Taurus, and Neptune in Virgo, denote seriousness of purpose, depth of mind and power of concentration, foresight, profound reasoning faculties, patience, persistence. An original, independent nature, impatient of restraint and con-

ventions. Would do well in government work. The trine of Mercury and Uranus has been called the hall-mark of the genius. There is also a strong leaning to the occult arts.

Neptune in the fourth house shows that the atmosphere of the home is spiritual with unusual conditions for soul growth there. Neptune in Virgo trine Mercury gives a good mentality, devotion to high ideals, and adds gentleness and sympathy to the cold Mercury.

Mars in Aries is apt to be impulsive and aggressive, with a desire for adventures. Gives an abundance of energy and vitality, enthusiasm, and a love of sports and muscular exercise. In the eleventh house would indicate a leader in the immediate circle of her friends, who would be of the martial and athletic type. The faults shown by Uranus in Taurus are a tendency to be self-willed, stubborn, suspicious; and the conjunction of Saturn and Uranus square Venus somewhat dishonest and Mars square Mercury given to falsehoods. In the eleventh house care must be taken to choose the right companions as there is danger of older associates taking advantage of her.

As to the occupations or vocations best suited to her: the majority of her planets are in earthy signs, with a grand trine between Saturn and Uranus in Taurus, Neptune in Virgo, and Sun and Mercury in Capricorn. She could be successful in agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, farming on a large and scientific scale; catering in homes, hotels, or other institutions. Dealing in clothing, jewelry or foods. Working for large corporations in the capacity of executive, organizer or promoter, especially featuring real estate, mining or oil. Literary and mechanical ability is also shown. Her difficulty, or that of her parents, will be in making a choice of vocations. She should plan against becoming a dabbler or Jack of all trades, but her educational background should be broad.

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place of birth; year, day of month, and hour; full name. No readings given except in the Magazine and ONLY FOR PERSONS 14 to 45 YEARS OF AGE.—EDITOR.



Surgeon. Engineer

WILLIAM F. T.—Born June 18, 1927, 3 A.M. (D.S.T.) Lat. 46 N. Long. 74 W. With six planets in fiery signs, a profession which would give much satisfaction to this young man is that of brain surgeon or heart specialist. Teaching ability is shown by Venus, Neptune and Mars in Leo and Neptune in the 5th house; and looking ahead, he might be a medical college lecturer in post-graduate work. Engineering is another vocation that could be seriously considered.

Reporter. Engineer

RODOLFO A. D.—Born May 1, 1919, 7 P.M. Lat. 22 N. Long. 105 W. There is a wide choice of occupations for this young man. Newspaper work for one, as Venus and Moon in Gemini in the 7th house give facility for expressing himself. A well-aspected Saturn shows ability to hold a responsible position possibly for the Government as assayer. Sun in the 6th house, Pluto trine Uranus and sextile the Sun and Mars conjunct Jupiter indicate chemical engineering in all its branches: radio, motion-picture, oil, mining, etc.

Realtor. Manager

HELEN L.—Born November 14, 1:30 P.M. Lat. 57 N. Long. 14 E. If previous education and experience warrant it, success is possible as administratrix of estates for deceased persons (4 planets in 8th house in Scorpio). Indications are also that success can be had dealing in real estate (Mars in 4th house trine Saturn, Sun and Uranus), or as a manager in an establishment where liquid

refreshments are served, five planets in watery signs. Executive ability is shown, but one occupation or line of work must be decided upon and adhered to if success is to be won.

Catering. Home Economics

BETTYE D.—Born July 20, 1910, 7:30 A.M. Lat. 35 N. Long. 90 W. A vocation that should prove successful is that of catering in homes, hotels, or other institutions, indicated by Sun, Neptune, Mercury in Cancer. Also teaching Home Economics is shown by Moon and Uranus in Capricorn in the 5th house, Moon trine Saturn. Ability to write children's stories is indicated by Taurus on the Midheaven, Venus conjunct Pluto in Gemini and sextile Mars.

Telegraphy. Agency

FRANCES G. G.—Born August 5, 1917, 12:05 A.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 75 W. Here is a versatile person, and many vocations are open to her: telegrapher, manager of an employment agency, with Moon in the 10th house trine Mars; accountant. Teaching in a business college and literary ability are shown by Neptune in the 3rd house, and three planets in Leo. Mercury in Virgo shows strong indications of success with sciences, and with Sun sextile Jupiter she would make a good executive.

Designer. Reader

EDWARD L. G.—Born November 12, 1904, 11:30 P.M. Lat. 43 N. Long. 75 W. Venus conjunct Uranus in Sagittarius in the 5th house shows talent for designing stage settings. Another field is teacher of dramatics, astrology, sci-

ences; or that of dramatic reader. Talent, ability and dexterity for music are also shown in this chart by aspects of Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Mercury; also for literary work.

Movie Actress. Athlete

KATHLEEN E. M.—Born November 9, 1923, 7 A.M. Lat. 51 N. Long. 3 W. Strong indications are shown for success as a movie actress. Sun, Mercury, Moon, Jupiter, and Venus in the 1st house. Leo on the Midheaven conjunct Neptune; Mars and Saturn sextile Neptune, Uranus trine Pluto. Another vocation is that of a professional athlete or teacher of aquatic sports, such as sailing, swimming, motor-boating. These two vocations can be combined in pictures which call for aquatic feats.

Naturopath. Salesman. Writer

ROY G.—Born February 13, 1906, hour unknown. Ability to succeed as an electro-therapist or a naturopath is indicated by Sun and Venus in Aquarius trine Pluto and Moon. With five planets in airy signs, writing for a trade journal about new inventions and appliances in electricity should prove an interesting and successful vocation, and working with or selling such appliances. Ability to invent electrical articles of use to the public is also indicated.

Detective. Mechanic

WALTER L. W.—Born August 11, 1908, 7 A.M. Lat. 35 N. Long. 86 W. Sun, Mars, Jupiter in the 12th house, Mercury trine Saturn are indications for success along lines of work which enforce law and order, such as detective or warden in prisons. Mechanical ability is also shown by Virgo on the Ascendant and four planets in Leo, also the ability to teach this subject, as well as dietetics and hygiene. Organizing and executive ability are strongly indicated, with diplomacy, determination and construc-

tiveness. If previous education permits, five planets in fire signs would also suggest the study of surgery.

Law. Bookkeeping

ORYNTHIA N. T.—Born December 14, 1928, 2:30 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. Success is possible to this native in the field of law as indicated by her 7th and 9th house planets, Jupiter, Mars and Pluto. Would make a good partner in a law firm, dealing especially with real estate, mining and agricultural interests. Also her 2nd house planets, Sun, Saturn, Mercury show ability to manipulate bookkeeping machines.

Physiotherapy. Hotels

FLORENCE L. P.—Born February 1, 1905, 11 A.M. Lat. 38 N. Long. 114 W. A wide choice of satisfying vocations is offered in this chart. Yes, success in physiotherapy along new, advanced lines is indicated by Sun in Aquarius trine Pluto, Venus in Pisces, Jupiter in the 12th house and Mars in the 6th. Manager of a hotel, restaurant, or soft drink establishment—(three planets and Dragon's Tail in water signs). As a writer of radio scripts for commercial houses, Mercury and Moon in the 9th house, and Sun, Saturn and Pluto in air signs, with Aquarius on Midheaven give encouragement.

Musician. Artist. Surgeon

JEAN C.—Born May 3, 1928, 11:50 P.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. Talent and ability in music in all its branches is strongly indicated: vocal, instrumental, composing; also writing words to popular songs (Venus trine Neptune conjunct Jupiter, in the third house). Artistic ability in painting or etching is shown by Moon in 10th and Libra on Midheaven. Five planets in fire signs point strongly to ability in the use of sharp tools, such as a surgeon; other indications show ability to teach art subjects.

Worth-While News



Enter: The Electronic Age

Several years before World War I, a new and amazing instrument emerged from the laboratory. Wireless enthusiasts, playing with their crystal detectors, called it the *audion*, a vacuum tube, capable of receiving radio waves and amplifying them. . . . The vacuum tube developed into a powerful, versatile tool. Within several years radio broadcasting as we know it had begun. Within ten years sound pictures replaced silent movies and, scarcely ten years after that, television was born.

Already the electron microscope has enabled scientists to control production of paint pigments so as greatly to improve the quality of postwar paints and inks; and to throw new light on the texture of textile fibers which will lead to better and longer-life tires and longer-wearing clothes.

Today the family of vacuum or electron tubes has grown to more than 400 different types, ranging in size from tiny globes to cylinders several feet long.

Two years ago, for example, industry had but one portable 1,000,000 volt X-ray unit; now it has at least 40. These super rays detect defects in parts made of steel and other metals ranging up to eight inches thick. Thus they make unnecessary the older, wasteful method of testing metal parts to destruction.

In the food industry, X-rays examine candy for foreign materials, check packaged goods for deficiencies in fill. Using an X-ray unit to distinguish frozen oranges from good ones, California orange growers in one record year saved more than \$7,000,000 because, without this testing, the entire frost-touched crop would have been a total loss. Similar fluoroscopic X-ray inspection checks golf balls, molded plastics, rubber heels, tires and wire insulation.

In the experimental stage is the use of X-rays to produce different strains of flowers, or possibly better fruits and vegetables, or grain and cotton of finer quality and greater yield.

In another field of rays, the ultra-violet ray is as invisible to the human eye as the X-ray and just as valuable. On these rays are based lighting systems employing the fluorescent tube, and sterilizing systems that kill up to 99 per cent of the germs in the air.

Just as electronics ("electricity freed from the bondage of wires") has given us eyes to see through things, so is it giving

us eyes to view the infinitely small. Using electrons instead of light rays, and electromagnetic or electrostatic fields instead of glass lenses, the electron microscope, only a few years old, has now made magnification possible up to 100,000 diameters. That means the opening of new worlds of knowledge in biology, bacteriology, medicine, physics, chemistry, metallurgy, and other fields of research.

The human eye can detect some 10,000 tints of reds, blues, greens, browns, and yellows. The spectrophotometer defines 2,000,000 different shades. It is bringing a revolutionary technique to the chemical, paper, textile, and paint industries.

Phototubes also prevent accidents by shutting off machines when worker's hands come too close to a moving part. Phototubes open doors, level elevators, serve as burglar alarms. Faster than any human reflex, they count objects at the rate of 50,000 a minute; spot pinhole defects in sheets of metal gliding swiftly from the rolls.

A master of detection, the ubiquitous phototube will have many post-war tasks, ranging from locating icebergs at sea, to reducing the amount of smoke and dust in the air, to providing a jury with conclusive evidence that a motorist has exceeded the speed limit.

From the phototube that measures light and the amplifier tube that amplifies sound to the electronic rectifier that provides power to produce war vital aluminum, the picture is the same—a vast one of unfinished trends. . . .

Meanwhile, as the knowledge of radio waves expands, whole new branches in the science of electronics are being established.

Radio-frequency heating — or *radiothermics*—and *supersonics* are two such branches. Both promise to speed industrial processes and increase their efficiency and scope.

By *radiothermics*, radio waves may now be used to heat, dry, glue, stitch, anneal, weld and rivet, also to deactivate enzymes. Through induced heat produced by electron tubes, plywood may be processed in three minutes compared to three days under older pressure-methods.

Radio high-frequency "furnaces" are a postwar prospect; in them, railroad ties could be seasoned quickly, "cakes" of textiles dried uniformly. Even rubber may be radio "cemented" to wood or plastic; cloth stitched and seamed by radio heat, metals hardened, and fresh vegetables dehydrated without loss of flavor or color.

Supersonics, the art of putting to work sound vibrations of ultra-high pitch, may usher in a new age of chemistry, with radio being used as a catalytic agent.

Such is the science of electronics. Hardly a day passes in which some entirely new discovery is not made, stepping up production, increasing human efficiency.

Only imagination now limits the use of the vacuum or electron tube.—Vernon E. Brink, in *Nation's Business* for November, 1943.

The reprint used this month is so much like the fulfillment of a prophecy that we have given it considerable space in this department.

In November 1915 and in October 1917, replying to a question about the Aquarian Age, Max Heindel said: "The Aquarian Age may be said to start at the time when the Sun enters by precession the 30th degree of the constellation Aquarius, and lasts 2100 years.

"The constellations are groups of Great Spirits who have immured themselves in these starry bodies for the sake of less advanced intelligences to gain the experiences of evolution. Each of the fixed stars in a constellation has its invisible bodies which extend from one to the other, intermingle and overlap. Therefore when the sun reached the tenth degree of Pisces, it touched the fringe of the constellation of Aquarius influence, although still in Pisces.

"Since the middle of the last century, when the Aquarian influence first began to make itself felt an irresistible intellectual impulse has been instilled into our everyday life. Science has made such strides as never before. Invention has electrified the world and is now conquering the air. This scientific, intellectual influence will make itself felt more and more during the centuries which will pass before we definitely enter the constellation Aquarius by precession of the equinoxes, for the vibrations of Aquarius are original, inventive, mystic, altruistic, and religious. Already there has been a very marked change in all lines of thought and endeavor. The telegraph, the telephone,

the use of electricity, the conquest of the air and steam, the gas engine, which is superseding steam, and other inventions too numerous to mention are evidences of the types of Aquarian progress which will be made in the world." . . .

"It is the opinion of the writer that at least etheric sight (caused by a slight sensitizing of the optic nerves) will then be developed in the greatest majority of mankind, if not by all, so that the sting of death will be removed by the companionship that will exist after our friends and relatives have passed out of the body, for we shall then continue to see them for a while and have time to get used to the fact that they are going to higher realms; the little children who die and retain their vital body, we shall not grieve for at all, for they will probably remain with their parents until it is time for them to take a new embodiment; this often occurs in the same family. When this point in evolution is reached mankind will also be so much more enlightened that humanity will avoid many of the pitfalls which cause trouble today which therefore favors a much happier existence than has been the rule up to the present stage; the added intellect will help to solve the social problems in such a manner that it will be equitable to all and the use of continually improving machinery will emancipate mankind from the physical toil to a great extent and leave more room for intellectual and spiritual improvement. . . .

"All these things show or give an inkling of what may be expected to happen during the Aquarian Age; for when so great strides have been made during the last seventy years while the sun is just beginning to transmit the influence from the outskirts of Aquarius, what then may be expected when it enters the sign itself? Both the possibilities and the probabilities are far beyond the range of the wildest imagination, and this applies both to the physical and psychical side of life."

Question Department



Contacts Made During Sleep

Question:

Does one actually contact one's relatives and friends who have passed out of the physical body in what is called death, during one's sleep?—or is what appears to be such a contact, merely a trick of the imagination, or an awakened memory?

Answer:

The usual duration of one's stay in the lower regions of the Desire World, after leaving the body at death, is approximately one-third of the length of time the individual lived on earth in his physical body; but this measure is only a general rule; there are many instances where that stay is shortened or lengthened. For instance: If a person follows the Rosierucian Fellowship exercise of retrospection in the evening, he may in this scientific manner, provided he is very earnest and sincere in the performance thereof, entirely obviate the necessity of any purgatorial experience, the pictures of scenes where he wronged some individual having been removed entirely from the record of his past life by contrition, and thus for such a one there could be no purgatorial term of expiation to hold him in that region. In this process of retrospection the essence of his commendable acts would become immediate soul pabulum for the spirit, and this would materially shorten if not entirely do away with his work in the First Heaven. Therefore if such a one desired he could almost immediately after death go to the Second Heaven World to begin work there and go through a certain schooling which will fit him for a higher, bet-

ter position as a helper of humanity in a future life.

Either of these classes, therefore, could not ordinarily be seen by any friend or relative going out of the body during sleep, but such a friend or relative would be able to contact any person who spends the ordinary term of existence allotted to purification in the purgatory region of the Desire World, and the time ordinarily used by the spirit in the First Heaven in absorbing the essence of all right deeds executed and lofty feelings experienced while living its previous earth life.

THE USE OF EXCESS SOLAR ENERGY

Question:

I have read somewhere in your literature that when one has good health he or she specializes solar energy in such great quantities that he cannot use it all in the body, and so the excess is sent out of it through the pores of the skin. Is there not a waste here of this life giving force?

Answer:

You are quite right in your statement about the healthy body specializing more solar energy than it can use *inside* the body. But the excessive energy expelled from the body is not wasted by any means. This vital energy, radiating outward through the pores of the skin, drives out poisonous gases, deleterious microbes, and effete matter, all of which tends to preserve a healthy condition of the body. This out-flowing life force also prevents armies of disease germs, which are swarming about in the atmosphere, from entering the body. And thus this surplus energy serves a further beneficent purpose, even after it has to some extent been utilized in our body and is returning to a free state.

In relation to this outflowing solar force Max Heindel states: "It is a curious and most astounding sight when one first observes how, from exposed parts of the body such as hands and face, there suddenly commences to flow a stream of stars, cubes, pyramids, and a variety of other geometrical forms. The writer more than once rubbed his eyes when he first perceived the phenomenon for it seemed that he must be suffering from hallucinations. The forms observed were chemical atoms however, which had served their purpose in the body and were being expelled through the pores."

COLORS AND SENSES OF THE DESIRE BODY

Question:

Will you please give me some specific information about the desire body in relation to color and sense vibration?

Answer:

The desire body exhibits from time to time not only all of the colors, shades, tints, and hues which are known to humanity, but a vast number of others which are indescribable in earthly language. These colors vary in each person not only according to his characteristics and temperament, but also from moment to moment as passing moods, fancies, or emotions are experienced by him. There is, however, in each individual one certain basic color dependent upon the ruling star at the time of birth. For instance: A person in whose horoscope Mars is particularly strong usually has a crimson tint in his aura; but where Jupiter is the strongest planet, the prevailing tint seems to be a bluish tone; if Mercury is strongest, then violet is much in evidence, and so on with the other planets.

In the desire body every particle of that substance is sensitive to vibrations similar to those which we call sight, sounds, and feelings. Every particle is in incessant motion, swirling rapidly about so fast that in the same instant a

certain particle may be either at the top or bottom of the desire body and impart at all points to all the other particles a sensation of that which it has experienced. Thus, every particle of desire substance in this vehicle of the individual will instantly feel any sensation experienced by any other single particle in any part of this body. It is therefore easy to understand that the desire body is of an exceedingly sensitive nature capable of most intense feeling and emotions and therefore exceedingly hard to control and direct.

INCREASING OR DECREASING THE LIFE OF THE ARCHETYPE

Question:

Is it true that the life one lives has an effect on the archetype of his body, which I understand determines the length of one's life, strengthening or weakening it according to the nature of the deeds performed from day to day?

Answer:

Every act of every human being has a direct effect on the archetype of his body. If the act is in harmony with the law of life and evolution, it strengthens the archetype and makes for a longer life during which the individual will get the maximum of experience and soul growth commensurate with his status in life and capacity for learning; and fewer embodiments will be necessary to bring him to perfection than will be required by one who shirks the tasks of life and endeavors to escape its trials, or one who uses his forces destructively. In this class the archetype is strained and breaks early. Therefore those whose acts are contrary to the law, shorten their lives and have to seek new embodiments a greater number of times than do those who live in harmony with it. The Bible in a veiled way reveals this truth when it exhorts man to do good that he may live long in the land which God has given to him.

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.

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KNOW AND CONTROL THYSELF

By OTTO GEORGI, D.C., N.D.

(IN TWO PARTS—PART ONE)



N addition to giving worthy aspirants information about the hidden side of life, all occult schools aim to teach their students the art of self-control in order to make them more efficient workers in our present scheme of evolution. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." In the days when Solomon made this observation, conquering a city was considered a great feat; it probably meant as much as defeating a whole country today, as most states were built around a single large city and the means of killing a populace were not nearly as diabolically efficient as now.

Taking a city required unquestionably much knowledge and experience on the part of the commanding general. Not only must he know about all branches of military science but he must also have as accurate an estimate as possible of the strength of his enemy. Like a commanding general, then, the occult student must know the forces that are for him and those that are against him. For man, taken in his entirety, is so built that wittingly or unwittingly he is continuously at war with

himself. So furious, so subtle, so heart-rending is this inner battle at times that it hardly can be matched by an external scene of battle in its ferocity. It should be noted, however, that this inner struggle is especially characteristic of the true disciple striving for self-mastery and perfection. Those surrounding him may not have the slightest idea what is going on within him.

When the weaknesses of ordinary people try them too sorely they either become sick or "blow off" very visibly, use fisticuffs or go to war. The principle of such demonstrations is nearly always the same: they project their own faults and weaknesses into other people, groups, or nations. Modern psychologists aptly call this attitude 'projectionism' and this lack of self-discipline plus considerable ignorance is one of the chief causes of dissensions, bickerings, rowdyism, and wars.

The basic principles of this battle royal are clearly stated in that marvelous fifth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. This chapter gives, by the way, the key to Christian liberty and also the perfect recipe for lasting peace. "For the flesh lusteth against

the Spirit and the Spirit lusteth against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." In other words, there are two main camps within man which are at variance:

1. The spirit or the spiritual self;
2. The flesh or the material self.

Each of these main forces has a great many allies and very complex organizations at its disposal. In order to understand them further more detailed analysis is required.

It is supposed that the reader has a general knowledge concerning the seven-fold division of man according to the Rosicrucian philosophy, such as the physical, the vital or etheric, and the desire body, the mind and the threefold ego. If not, you should read the first fifty-five pages of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* by Max Heindel.

Since the art of self-control depends to a great degree upon a thorough understanding of the structure and function of the above mentioned bodies or vehicles of man's life spark, called ego, we shall proceed to delineate the more important details. Much benefit can be derived from the study of an anatomy book, especially if the key of applying analogy plus a cultivated imagination is used.

Eyes, for instance, represent in the higher realms clairvoyance, lucid mental understanding, and ultimately the silent watcher or the ego's all-seeing eye. The great nerve plexuses represent great activity of vital energies, dynamic centers of desire forces, etc. A certain understanding of physiology, or the science that deals with the various functions of cells, tissues, and organs of the living organism is also desirable. Our body is controlled mainly through the nervous system acting upon voluntary and involuntary muscles. A knowledge of the various motor and sensory areas and pathways and the mechanics of reflexes is very useful.

THE PHYSICAL BODY is the most obvious of our vehicles and comparatively the easiest to understand.

Picture in your mind a city composed of some 30,000 small industrial and other enterprises necessary to the welfare of a large community, such as pumping stations, telephone exchanges, laundries, chemical laboratories, radio stations, motion picture theatres, sewage disposal plants, hospitals, power plants, brick factories and numerous other such institutions. All these are connected by water mains, wires, sewers, and gas pipes. Now, multiply this industrial center by one million. You will then have thirty billion such places. It should not be too difficult for your imagination to condense this vast conglomeration of machines and enterprises to the size of the human frame. Of course we could not expect to see all the details with our naked eyes, but nevertheless we presume they are there and all working full blast day and night in perfect co-ordination.

Would you like to meet the Mayor of such a vast city? Just look in the mirror and introduce yourself. For if you are over twenty-one you are the boss with full responsibility for all these thirty billion little workshops. All they ask is that they are properly treated and they offer to be your willing servants. These are fifteen times as many as there are human beings in the world. So if you have a 'boss complex,' start here.

The human cell is just such a complete little workshop possessing very remarkable properties. It is the living brick of the human temple. In a general way each cell can do what the body as a whole is able to do: respire, assimilate, excrete, secrete, reproduce, react to stimuli. Cells with similar characteristics are grouped into organs, the general function of which is determined by the nature of the various cells. Thus glands are composed of secreting cells; muscle cells have the property of con-

tractility; nerve cells are able to conduct nerve impulses.

All of these myriads of cells are descendants of the one fertilized ovum. Multiplication takes place with great rapidity after fecundation, forming the morula or "mulberry mass." There is a striking resemblance between this early embryonal life and the first stages of man in the so-called Saturn Period. Soon five distinct tissues can be observed, the five primary tissues which are so classed on account of their characteristic appearance. These will be described somewhat more in detail soon.

All cells are composed of a minute mass of protoplasm which is the fundamental substance of all living things. The exact chemical composition of protoplasm is not known although it is believed that it consists of proteins, carbohydrates and inorganic salts in aqueous colloidal solution. It is homogenous and optically empty, and yet this unattractive mass of sticky jelly, appropriately called a machine, contains all required to keep life on earth going. Each cell has a nucleus which regulates its reproductive and metabolic mechanism. It also transmits hereditary characteristics through factors termed "genes." Human cells are reproduced by mitosis or indirect cell division. The average size of a tissue cell is from 10 to 20 microns, or $1/2500$ to $1/1250$ of an inch. The life span of cells shows great variation, from thirty days for the red blood corpuscle to the length of a person's life of a nerve cell.

The five primary tissues, like all other systems of the human body are interdependent and interwoven. They are called:

1. Connective tissue
2. Blood and lymph
3. Muscle tissue
4. Nerve tissue
5. Epithelial tissue.

1. *Connective tissue* constitutes the supporting, binding and encapsulating

framework of the human house. All bones, cartilages, tendons, ligaments, and fatty tissue come under this classification. It is tough, yet some of it is very elastic, as the cartilage of the ear and the blood vessels. Delicate organs are neatly embedded in it as chinaware is wrapped in excelsior to prevent it from being bruised. It also forms the framework of glands and it insulates nerves.

2. *Blood and lymph* consist genetically and structurally of two parts: the fluid part or plasma (55 per cent); and the solid part or cells (45 per cent).

Blood plasma, a clear, slightly yellowish fluid, is the fundamental substance providing nutrition for all parts of the body. It carries in solution nutritive substances, wastes, endocrine secretions, inorganic salts, and immune bodies.

The solid part consists mainly of red blood cells, white blood cells, and blood platelets. The red blood cells are by far the most numerous (about 5 million per cubic millimeter), and their chief function is to act as carriers of our greatest vital substance—oxygen. Hemoglobin is that substance in the red blood cell which combines with oxygen in the lungs, giving it up when the blood reaches the tissues. Hemoglobin is a protein of red color containing iron and it is capable of forming a loose combination with oxygen, one molecule of oxygen being fixed for each atom of iron.

Everything in the body has first been contained in the blood with the exception of certain unassimilated matter in the intestinal tract. Through an extremely fine network of capillaries which are the minute continuations of the arteries, all cells receive their nutrition. The lymphatic system is also important in this process especially in carrying away waste materials resulting from the metabolism of the innumerable individual cells.

The blood is kept in constant circula-

tion by that remarkable organ of near-perpetual motion, the heart. It is our most dramatic organ, an unparalleled engineering feat, said to go loop-dup, loop-dup 100,000 times a day and pumping approximately one quarter of a billion quarts of blood during a lifetime!

From the occult viewpoint the blood is not merely a complicated substance containing water; gases such as oxygen, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen; proteins, urea, uric acid, creatine, sugar, fats, cholesterol, lactates; inorganic salts such as chlorides, carbonates, sulphates, and phosphates of sodium potassium, magnesium and iron; numerous enzymes, and special substances; it is a synonym for life of the body in the most intimate sense of the word.

The blood is indeed a most peculiar essence, since through it, as taught in the Rosicrucian Philosophy, the ego of man has a firm anchor in the physical body, so much so that he is enabled to act as a separate self-directing entity, a feat which he could not possibly perform otherwise. The blood is easily influenced by the magnetic pattern of the vital body, manufacturing saliva in the salivary glands, synovial fluid in the joints for lubrication, precipitating carbonate and phosphate of lime for bone formation, building visual purple into the tiny rods of the retina and doing a million other things all at the same time, in a perfectly orderly and intelligent manner, without noise or friction, always fulfilling the fixed rules of the vital body which gives the body animation or vitality.

The blood is related to the vital body as the nerve force is related to the desire or emotional body. One gives life, the other action. In this connection it has been said that man is as old as his arteries and that the rule of the artery is supreme.

3. *Muscles* are characterized by the property of contractility and elasticity. The human body has three types of muscular tissues:

- (a) Voluntary, also called striated, striped, or skeletal muscle.
- (b) Involuntary, also called smooth, nonstriated, or visceral muscle.
- (c) Cardiac, also called striated, involuntary muscle.

It is believed that the word muscle is derived from *musculus*, Latin for 'little mouse,' on account of the resemblance to a swiftly running mouse under the skin when muscle tissue contracts.

Our body is composed of 639 voluntary muscles and the memorization of their origin, insertion, nerve supply and action is the despair of medical students. They are, however, the chief actors on the stage of body mechanics and without them man would be but a treelike entity.

The red meat which one sees at the butcher shop is muscle tissue. Each muscle is composed of millions of muscle fibres (cells) and each of those fibers contains some 1000 myofibrils. These microscopic fibrils are composed of two main types of substance which alternate along its length. They are short cylinders and are called discs or bands, a light disc alternating with a dark one. The combined effect of these light and dark disc, gives the muscle a striped appearance. Hence the name striped or striated muscle.

The myofibril is like a combustion engine. It changes potential chemical energy into work. The fuel is oxygen and glycogen, which is an animal starch, and certain phosphorus compounds. The end products after combustion are carbon dioxide, lactic acid, and water. A tiny branch from a nerve which is connected with the brain acts like a spark plug.

(Part II will finish the discussion of muscle and muscle tissue, the nervous system, skin tissue, and the value of sunlight via the skin—to bones, hair, teeth, the glandular system, etc.)

(To be concluded)

Patients' Letters

Montreal, September 1943.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

I can honestly say that I now feel 100 per cent better than when I last wrote you, both physically and spiritually, thanks to your kind assistance. I will endeavor to follow your advice to the best of my ability. I also add my prayers to yours for the healing of sick souls and bodies throughout the world.

Thanks for your help, and may God bless you all.

Yours in fellowship,
—G.A.R.

Washington, April 1943.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Greetings:

This is to let you know that Our Father has healed this body of eye trouble like flu infection; also everything else will be all right, for which we give thanks and praise to His Holy Name. The eye lids and vision are healed now so the last few days have been answering some letters.

May His love and blessings be yours. Keep me in your prayers.

—D.M.M.

Colorado, May 1943.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship

Dear Friends:

Since writing to you for help last week I am feeling very good, considering my situation. When I make the contact with the Invisible Helpers I feel support that no visible helpers can give. The feeling of poise and strength that this support gives you to carry on and all is well—no words can describe it.

Thanking you all in the service of Christ helping humanity,

Yours in fellowship,
—G.E.

California, April 1943.

Dear Friends:

I can not retire without first telling you of the very wonderful miracle that has happened to me. Yesterday I could not take a step, let alone sit up in a chair. But this morning I did the dishes for my sister also the ironing, as well as other small chores, and I still feel wonderfully strong.

I wrote to you last Friday for healing and last night it came. I am humbly grateful for this blessing.

Thank you,
—M.L.

Healing Dates

December 6—12—20—27

January 2— 9—16—23—29

February 5—13—20—26

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.

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.

Poem

*Thou whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard*

And took their flight,

Hear us, we humbly pray;

And where the gospel's day

Sheds not its glorious ray,

Let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring

On Thy redeeming wing

Healing and sight—

Health to the sick in mind,

Sight to the inly blind—

Oh, now to all mankind,

Let there be light.

—JOHN MARRIOTT, in

Forty Thousand Quotations.

Children's Department



Amy's Prize Story

By MARY P. NICHOLS



MY lay prone on the floor in the living room. The children's page of the evening paper was spread out before her.

"Mother, listen to this," she shouted and sat upright.

"Yes, Amy?"

"Right here on the children's page it says that they are offering a prize to the child under ten who writes the best Christmas story."

"Well?" her mother said as though expecting to hear more.

"There are several prizes, mother, but the first is ten dollars."

There was a pause and then Amy added, "May I try, mother?" Amy's voice was soft and hesitating. She was so sure her mother would object. Amy knew her mother had good reasons, for she was never quite sure about the stories that Amy would write.

Amy had a very vivid imagination. At least her mother called it imagination but to Amy everything she wrote was true. When Amy told or wrote extraordinary tales, she always associated them with herself. It worried her mother as she could never account for those tales, which Amy said happened to her *before she was born*.

Often Mrs. Fairborn would listen to her little daughter's strange tales and then try to figure out what had ever happened to Amy during her short life of nine years to cause her even to imagine what she told. Amy was truthful in every other way. But Mr. Fairborn said, "Don't worry, mother; many

children have lively imaginations. She may be a writer of fiction some day. As long as her stories are all about herself, there can be no harm done."

Amy waited nervously and then ventured, "Please, mother, dear." By this time Amy had her arms about her mother's neck and was looking pleadingly into her eyes. "Please, mother," very softly.

"Yes, Amy; you may write. But there is one restriction."

"Oh, yes, mother. What is that?"

"You must not in any way make your story sound as though you are the one you are writing about. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes, mother, I promise; cross my heart."

Amy clapped her hands, danced around the room, and came back and kissed her mother. Then she went to her room immediately and sat down at her desk. She found a little book in which she had written many tales which not even her mother knew anything about. Amy realized how her mother felt about her stories so she did not always read them to her.

There was a Christmas story in that notebook which Amy had in mind. She had written it months ago and of course it would need correcting. Even she knew how to write better now.

Amy began to rewrite the Christmas story which she claimed was plainer in her mind than any story she had ever read or heard. This is her story, and the title she gave it was—

THE CHRISTMAS FAIRY

It was Christmas time in a small New England village. There was to be a Christmas play at the church and the children were all excited. Each little girl wanted so very much to take the part of the fairy and wear the pretty white dress and carry a wand. Nearly every child did have some part for there were several choruses in which many children could sing.

There were two very important roles and the teachers knew they must choose very carefully. There was the Christmas Fairy who loved good little boys and girls, especially if they were poor. Each year that fairy would choose the poor little boy or girl who had been good all year, had not complained, had studied hard at school, and had tried to help out at home. There must also be a little boy chosen as the best little boy in the village.

Freda and Freddie were twins, children of a poor widow whose husband had died when the children were quite small. They were good little children and everyone loved them. They always went to Sunday School. Although they were not dressed as well as the other children, they were always neat and clean and happy. Their mother did any kind of work she could find to do. The children earned many pennies by running errands.

When Freddie was old enough he learned to shine shoes, and sold papers.

The teachers talked it over and decided to give those two parts to the twins. Freda was to be the Christmas Fairy and Freddie, the best little boy in the village for a whole year.

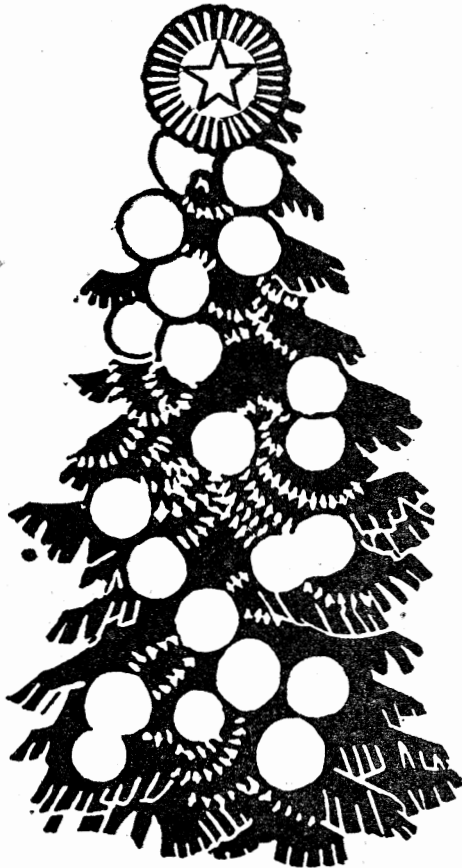
"And that is not fiction," said one of the church ladies, "for Freddie is as good a lad as ever a mother had. All credit to his mother, too."

"Yes, poor soul; she works hard but won't accept charity. God bless her," another lady said.

So it was decided, and for once Freda and Freddie were the happiest children in the village. After supper, they would study their parts and found it was easier for both of them because they had so many speaking parts together. Mother would listen and often told them

how they could improve the way they said it. They practiced so well that their teachers were glad they had chosen the twins.

Christmas came on Saturday that year and the entertainment was to be given on Christmas Eve. It looked as though it was to be the best Christmas play they had had for several years. So thought Freda and Freddie, and why not? Never before had they had such important parts. Freda was to wear a filmy white dress all trimmed with tinsel. Her long yellow hair was to be curled for the oc-



casation. She looked as much like an angel as she did a fairy.

Then, of all things, early in the week Freda caught cold. At first, it did not appear to be anything serious and her mother doctored her as she always did her children. The cold settled deeper and deeper on Freda's chest. Before Christmas Eve came, Freda lay very ill with a high fever. Another little girl had to take Freda's part.

Freddie cried and said that he never could go through with his part. His mother talked to him and hold him he must be brave.

"Freda would want you to, if she could tell you so."

So Freddie went to the church and was very sad. He went through with his part as best little boy in the village. There were tears in the eyes of many as they watched the sad little boy struggle through with all his parts.

The entertainment was over. Freddie did not wait for the tree nor the gifts. He ran right home to his mother and to Freda. His mother met him at the door. One look at his mother and Freddie knew. He threw himself into his mother's arms. They cried together. Then his mother spoke, "Don't cry, son. God needed Freda for His Christmas Angel, this year." [End]

When Amy had finished writing her little story, she took it to her mother.

"Please read it, mother," she said.

Mrs. Fairborn read the story and was deeply touched.

Amy watched her, almost afraid that her mother would tell her not to send it in.

"Is it all right, mother?"

"It is a beautiful story, child; but so sad."

"I know it, mother; but that was the way it happened."

"Oh, Amy, don't talk like that. It hurts me to hear you."

"I'm sorry, mother. I don't mean to hurt you."

"I know, dear. I am silly to cry."

"May I send it in, then?"

"Of course, dear, and I hope you win."

"Thanks, mother."

So Amy sent her letter in and waited. Just one week before Christmas the winners were to be listed on the children's page of the evening paper. Amy found the paper on the front porch as she came home from school. Quickly she took it into the house and with trembling fingers found the page which would tell what she most wished to know. Just for an instant she scanned the sheet and then shouted, "Mother, Mother, come quick!"

"What is it, darling? Are you hurt?"

"No, oh, no! Read this!"

Amy pointed out the magic lines for her mother to read.

"The first prize for the Christmas story goes to Amy Fairborn, nine years old," she read and then exclaimed:

"Why, Amy, that's wonderful! I can scarcely believe it."

"Neither can I. Let's read it again."

They read it again. It was all true. Amy had won the ten dollars. Even though her mother told her how proud she was of her little daughter, Amy detected just a hint of sadness in her tone. *Amy is a strange child*, Mrs. Fairborn thought uneasily.

Amy was a very happy little girl that Christmas and she had every reason to be. Not only had she won the prize but there was no vacant chair at the table, no brothers in the service who must be away from home. Even Grandma Fairborn was there with them. The holidays passed quickly and too soon Amy was back in school preparing for the mid-year tests.

One afternoon when Amy returned from school she found a stranger, a woman, in the living room with her mother. She had just decided to tiptoe

out of the room when her mother called to her.

"Don't go, Amy. I want you to meet this lady."

Amy turned back and faced the woman. "How do you do," she stammered and her face turned white. Glancing at her mother Amy knew that she had been crying. She crossed quickly to her mother's side and put her arm around her. But the lady was speaking.

"I read your story in the paper, Amy, and I liked it very much."

"Thank you," was all that Amy could say.

"Tell me, Amy, how did you happen to write that story?"

Amy was too flustered to speak. She looked at her mother for help.

"Tell the lady, Amy. It's all right," she said.

"But, mother, she—she cannot understand. Even you do not understand. I just had to write it."

"Why, my dear, did you have to write it?"

"Because I have known it so long; it—it is something inside of me which I can never forget. I can't explain—" Amy ended almost in a whisper.

Then the kind lady took a small picture from her purse and said, "Look at this, Amy, dear. Do you know who they are?"

"Oh," exclaimed the child, and her face again was pale as death, "It is Freddie and me; I mean—Freddie and Freda."

The two women looked at each other. What could they say? But Amy was the one to speak.

"Are you their mother?"

"Yes, dear," the stranger replied. "I am the mother of those two children. Freda died many years ago just as you told it in your story. Freddie is in Australia, fighting for freedom. It is all very strange."

"No, I don't think it is strange. I lived this story a long time ago, even before I was born, I guess," Amy said

very calmly. "May I go now, mother?"

"Yes, my darling."

"Good-by, lady," she said, and walked quietly out of the room.

When the two women faced each other again, they knew not what to say. What was there to say? Amy's Christmas story fitted in so well to the saddest incident in this strange woman's life. By this time Amy had recovered from her surprise and was the least concerned of all. She seemed to accept it all as a proof of what she had always tried to explain, yet she was perfectly happy in her present role of life.

When Amy's father heard the story from his wife that night, he did not speak at once. Then he said, "Of course, it may be just a strange coincidence, but have you never read of rebirth of children and of their remembering—?"

"Yes, and I have thought of it many times since our little one was born. She is ours now. I don't understand. God alone knows all and we must trust it to Him."

"Yes, mother, dear," he answered. Both parents pondered it over in their hearts but said nothing more about it to little Amy. As for Amy, from time to time she wrote in her private note-book more stories about what she called her life before she was born—"Just so I won't forget when I grow up," she said to herself.

Words! Words! Words!

*Words are mighty, words are living:
Serpents with their venomous stings,
Or bright angels crowding round us,
With heaven's light upon their wings:
Every word has its own spirit,
True or false that never dies;
Every word man's lips have uttered
Echoes in God's skies.*

—A. A. PROCTOR.

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia



HANKSGIVING DAY and Christmas assume this year at Mt. Ecclesia a worshipful spirit rather than one of celebration and merrymaking. With so many of our brothers and sisters in dire distress, it seems vital that we express our gratitude to God by remembering them particularly during this Holy Season in meditation and prayer, and by rendering practical aid wherever possible.

Our Christmas Program Committee has been busy arranging for the Musicale to be held on Christmas Eve, which will consist of sacred music by the Fellowship Orchestra and individual soloists, and several brief talks on how Christmas is observed in other countries.

Holy Night Service will be held in the Pro-Ecclesia at 10:45 P.M. with organ music and an address by Mrs. Max Heindel on "The Mystic Midnight Sun," after which probationers and disciples withdraw for the midnight service in the Healing Temple.

Christmas Day on Mt. Ecclesia will begin with our regular early morning Chapel Service, and at 11:00 A.M. a special service at which Frederic Oakes will give the Bible reading and Mrs. Kittie Cowen will talk on "Life More Abundant." In both services the audience will join in the singing of Christmas hymns.

The women in Ecclesia Cottage are having "open house" for the workers, from 4 to 6 on Christmas Day.

We do not anticipate many out of town guests over the Christmas Holiday, as there are practically no rooms available. Friends desiring to spend a night at Mt. Ecclesia should write at once to ascertain if reservations can be made. No rooms are available in Ocean-side, we are told.

The Fellowship has welcomed Mrs. Nellie Reed, daughter of Max Heindel, and her 16-year-old son George, who are guests of Mrs. Max Heindel. Mrs. Reed came from her home in Reading, Massachusetts, to be near her elder son Crawford, stationed at Camp Pendleton. One incident proclaimed her true democratic spirit—early one morning soon after her arrival, there she was behind the counter in the cafeteria, easing the labor shortage by dishing out oatmeal with a hearty energy, to the long line of hungry workers and guests.

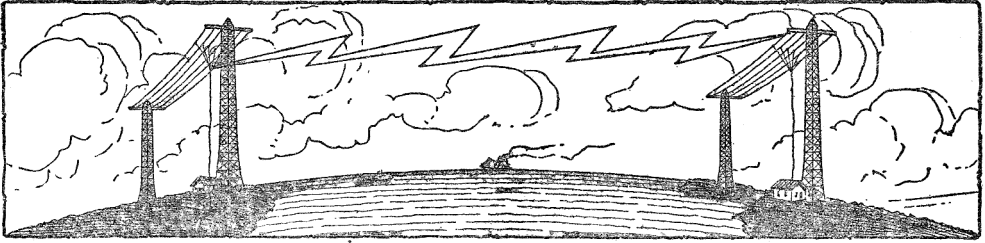
Another distinguished guest was Mr. Jean de la Roche, native of Lorraine, France. Son of an army officer, he joined the Navy and after three years of its discipline he studied law in the French colonies and returned to Paris to receive his diploma. His position as Colonial Administrator for the French Government took him to North Africa, the West Indies, Chad, Congo and Brazzaville. For nine years as Chief of private staff, he was in very close collaboration with Governor General Eboué, the first black governor of Free French Equatorial Africa, who calls Mr. de la Roche his "spiritual son."

Recently he was Technical Advisor in Hollywood during the making of a moving picture of the Free French troops in action, and is now en route to New York where he will await further instructions. For his fine spirit of helpfulness in various departments, workers and friends at Mt. Ecclesia will long remember Jean de la Roche, and we want him to know that though he arrived a stranger, he soon earned the title "Friend."

On the afternoon of November 23, organ strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March swelled from the Chapel as

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Rosicrucian News Bureau



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*“Who counts his brother’s welfare
As sacred as his own
And loves, forgives and pities—
He serveth Me, alone.”*

—Whittier.

It is good at times to pause along the Path of Attainment and obtain a perspective of the way we have come. The first thing notable about this spiral Path we are climbing is that we have progressed *upward*. Every step taken, no matter how falteringly or how beset with difficulty, every bit of self-discipline exercised, of self-sacrifice and yielding of self-will, has been one more step upward. As long as we have made an *effort*, we have advanced.

Then, with courage renewed and faith strengthened, we face about and scan the path directly ahead of us, the distance yet to go. The Goal of Attainment gleams steadily before us. But there is now stirring within us a determined resolve, expressed graphically by this vision recorded long ago by a mystic Brother:

“The skeptics will laugh and sneer; the *wise* will feel the truth in their hearts and will seek for this place of safety, that they may not be swept away by the great catastrophe but preserve and defend the Heavenly light, the fire of love, which is in their hearts, so that when the sorrow is past they may be able again to enkindle it in others.”

And from Max Heindel: “He who has

within himself the tables of the law, the Heavenly Manna and the Sacred Rod, is every one alert to the slightest call for service that he may hasten to alleviate the suffering of his brothers and sisters who are behind upon the path of evolution.”

The Rosicrucian Fellowship Conclave at New York City is now a lovely memory, according to the report of the Rochester Center, but the effects of the inspiration and vision obtained there will, we believe, be inestimable.

“As the day drew to its close with a beautiful sunset,” the report stated, “it seemed to sum up the blessings of the trip and made an enriching experience of the whole event—another Conclave accomplished in that spirit of beauty, fellowship, and love which is the heritage of all those who attend.”

Two cars filled with delegates of the Rochester Center started on the journey to New York City at 5:00 A.M. (with gasoline rations saved over several weeks) and after a memorable trip reached their destination by nightfall. The Conclave opened formally Saturday night, October 9, with an address by Sidney R. Moller, president of the 42nd Street Center. According to the report, the three-day Conclave was filled with inspiring lectures, the general theme of which was “Reconstruction and the World Made New.” Rounding out the program of spiritual inspiration,

dining and music helped to band the delegates together in genuine Fellowship.

We look forward to the time when delegates from all corners of the earth may attend these Conclaves, a mighty Fellowship of Rosicrucian aspirants who by their increasing spiritual development may wield their rightful influence of purity and power in world affairs. May we extend our thanks to the Rochester Center for sharing with us the spirited account of the Conclave.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

The Chicago Center announces new classes in Astrology both for beginners and advanced students, which are being conducted by Mr. Albert E. Gebert. For the advanced class, Astrology and Anatomy are combined, with illustrative charts. Each week the chart of a celebrity is studied. November's schedule was Will Rogers, Eddie Cantor, Fiorello la Guardia, and Carrie Jacobs Bond. The report shows that the attendance was excellent.

It is most encouraging to note any new bit of ingenuity and originality springing forth in the various Centers.

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The report of this Center shows a uniformly splendid attendance. We note that on one evening each week questions are answered on the philosophy lecture. We do not have the details of this procedure but it has vast possibilities—the chance for general discussion and clearing up of puzzling points in the Teachings. The subjects for the weekly lectures sound very interesting.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Christmas plans for their program were occupying this active group at their time of writing. The secretary stated that they are working in harmony. Their schedule of Philosophy

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Our New Year wish, dear friends, for each and every one individually, is that you may receive abundantly the supreme gift of all—the opportunity to be increasingly of service to your fellow man. May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you, and give you Peace.

ECHOES FROM MT. ECCLESIA

(Continued from page 41)

Mary Lucile West and John Thomason walked up the aisle. The late sun streamed through the stained glass windows, touching to light the colorful floral array of bougainvillea mingled with trailing ferns, cotoneaster, California holly and white roses. Mrs. Max Heindel read the ring service that joined the couple in holy wedlock.

The bride, for years a student of the Rosicrucian philosophy, carried a bouquet of asters harmonizing with her modish ensemble of grey and orchid. Faith Ramsey Frederick, well known portrait artist of Connecticut, was matron of honor, having joined Miss West in New York for their automobile trip to Mt. Ecclesia. Robert S. Sandall, Navy Instructor from San Diego, was best man. The bride and groom will be at home in San Francisco, where Mr. Thomason, also an artist, is engaged in building.

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—V.R.B.

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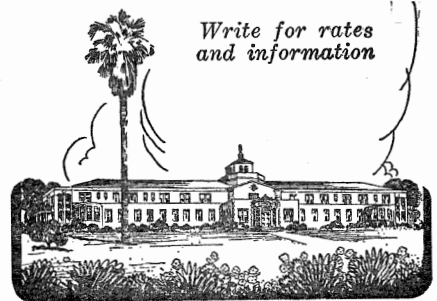
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