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An Initiate Views the Bible

Those who originally wrote the Bible did not intend to give out the truth in such plain form that he who ran might read. Many passages are veiled; others are to be taken verbatim; and no one who has not the key is able to find the deep truth hidden in what is often a very hideous garment. (*Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, p. 319.)

Among scholars it is well recognized that only a general outline of the original teachings of the Bible remains with us today. (*Vol. 2, Q & A*, p. 333.)

We recognize the fact that the Bible is a poor translation of the originals, and that there are many interpolations which have been inserted at different times to support various ideas, but nevertheless, the very fact that so much truth has been massed into such a small compass is a source of constant wonder to the occultist, who knows what that Book really is and has the key to its meaning. (*Vol. 1, Q & A*, p. 149.)

Christ always spoke to the multitudes in parables, afterward privately explaining to His disciples the deeper meaning contained therein. Paul gives "milk" or the more elementary teaching to the "babes" in the faith, reserving the "meat" or deeper teaching for the "strong" in the faith — those who had qualified themselves to understand and receive them. (*Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, p. 320.)

If we take the first chapter of Genesis even as it stands, in the best translations we possess, we shall find that it unfolds the identical scheme of evolution which has been explained in the preceding portion of this work and harmonizes quite well with the occult information in regard to Periods, Revolutions, Races, etc. (*Cosmo-Conception*, p. 317.)

The Bible agrees with the teaching of modern science that plants succeeded the mineral. The difference between the two teachings is in regard to the time when the Earth was thrown off from the central mass. (*Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, p. 330.)

Instead of proving God a superfluity the materialistic scientists' demonstration of the nebular theory proves to the fullest extent the absolute necessity for a *First Cause* — call it God or by any other name. (*Christianity Lectures*, p. 210.)

Bible instances show that the doctrine of rebirth (reincarnation) was believed by the Elders of Israel who sent messengers to John the Baptist to ask if he were Elias. Also their speculations as to whether Christ was Moses, Jeremiah, or another of the prophets are evidence of their belief. Christ Jesus believed in rebirth, because He stated definitely that John the Baptist was Elias. This doctrine was enunciated by Paul in the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, also in other places. (*Letters to Students*, pps. 189-190.)

It is stated in the Bible that "God is Light," and nothing can reveal to us the nature of God in the same degree as that symbol. (*Teachings of an Initiate*, p. 173.)

In our Bible the first people upon earth are called Adam and Eve; but properly interpreted this means the human race, which arrogated to itself the power to create new bodies, and was then separated from the Tree of Life and the state we are now cognizant of as etheric. (*Teachings of an Initiate*, p. 195.)

The Bible contains the teaching peculiarly needed by the Western peoples, that they may learn to live by the teachings of the Christ, willingly offering up their bodies as a *living* sacrifice upon the altar of Fellowship and Love. (*Cosmo-Conception*, p. 316.)

—MAX HEINDEL

THE Mystic ... LIGHT

The Book of Job: the Cross and the Crown

A LECTURE GIVEN IN OUR CHAPEL BY CORINNE HELINE

THE Book of Job is one of the wonder books of the world, the origin of which is lost in the mists of the past. Biblical scholars tell us that they have no idea by whom this wonderful book was written; nor do they know the time of its production. However, they have placed it about 400 B.C., and they say they know that it is by far the most ancient book included in our Christian Bible.

We may consider the Book of Job as containing three acts. The first act is a prologue which takes place in Heaven. The second act teaches the aspirant or disciple how to bear the cross, and the third act deals with the glory of learning to wear the Crown of Initiation.

In the first act, or prologue, we find God the Father in conversation with the planetary Spirit of Saturn, and Saturn is saying to God that since during the past several centuries man has descended so rapidly into materialism, he no longer deserves the name given him in the early pages of Genesis as being made in the image and likeness of God. God the Father asks Saturn: "Do you know my son Job? He is indeed a high and holy man." Saturn replies: "That is only because you've surrounded him with this world's goods. Give me permission to test him and you'll see that he will come to deny you." God answers: "You may

test him, but be sure to spare his life."

Job was indeed a high and honorable man. He was held in high repute and admiration by all those who knew him. He was possessed of great material wealth. He owned thousands of acres of land, and he had hundreds of heads of cattle. He was the proud father of three beautiful daughters, and seven fine sons. It would seem that truly the gods of fortune had smiled upon him. However, a few days after this conversation in the Heavens, early one morning a servant came to Job and said:

"Master, this morning while the cattle were grazing in the field, suddenly a band of Sabeans fell upon them and captured them all and took them away and their servants with them, and only I am left to tell you. As he spoke yet another servant appeared and said, "Master, this morning while the sheep were grazing in the field, suddenly a band of Arabs descended upon them, and took them all away, and their servants with them, and only I am left to tell thee." While he was yet speaking another servant came and said: "Master, this morning while the camels were grazing high up in the hills, a band of Egyptians suddenly came upon them and took them all away and their servants with them, and only I am left to tell thee." Before he had finished speaking, still another

servant arrived and he said: "Master, this morning while your daughters and your sons were drinking wine and feasting in the home of their eldest brother, suddenly a terrific wind came out of the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house with such ferocity that it was destroyed, and their lives were all lost, also that of the servants, and only I am left to tell thee." Job listened to these messages and replied sadly: "God is good. The Father is always good. He giveth all things, and He taketh away all things, and blessed be the Name of the Lord."

After this we find again in Heaven Saturn talking with God the Father. The Father said: "You see, Saturn, I was right. My son Job is a good and holy man; he has not deserted me." Saturn replied: "Everything that a man has, he will give for his life. Let me afflict him with a disease and I'm sure he will turn against you." So it was that Job's body was afflicted with boils, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. He was not only a loathsome sight to see, but he suffered excruciating pain both day and night. Then Job's wife came to him — and here we see how subtle come the temptations to the neophyte. She said: "Job, I'm positive God has forsaken you. Now there is only one thing for you to do, and that is to curse God and then die." But Job replied: "Your words have placed you among the foolish women. God is good and God is all. God giveth and God taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Father."

The Bible tells us that many are called but few are chosen. This is because the path is so narrow and the ascent is so steep. Christ Jesus made this plain when He said: "If you would be my disciple, you must take your cross and follow me; there is no other way."

Our own Max Heindel has described the Path of Initiation and compared it with the steeple of a church. The analogy is perfect, because the higher we climb the steeper the path becomes, until at

length there is nothing to hold to but the Cross. For the neophyte the beginning of the Path is indeed difficult, because the first lesson we must learn is to crucify the personality. Christ Jesus said: "Of myself, I am nothing. It is the Father who doeth the work." One of the severest rebukes that God gave to Job was when he said he was not sufficiently humble. Humility is one of the greatest attributes that we each one must cultivate if we expect ever to open the gates of Initiation. So long as we are looking for personal power, authority, or position, we have not really learned the true meaning of the Path. It is only as we forget self completely and give ourselves in loving service, one to another, that we shall ever be able to open the gates of life.

A wise man has said that wisdom is crystallized pain. This is indeed true, for it seems that mankind learns the lessons of truth much more readily through sorrow and pain than through joy and gladness. A great feminine Initiate gave us a most beautiful description of the Path of Initiation when she said: "Before the eyes can see, they must have lost all personal pride. Before the ears can hear, they must have lost all personal sensitiveness. Before the tongue can speak in the presence of the Master, it must have lost the power to wound. And before the feet can stand in the presence of the Master, they must have been washed in the blood of the heart."

Thus we learn on the Path not to be rebellious, not to be disappointed. If the path seems narrow and straight, if our problems are difficult, then we should rejoice that we have been given these trials, and use all our strength to handle them. Only in this way can we make soul growth — become "old souls."

Now Job had three friends who came to console him. They found him sitting outside the city gates upon a heap of rubbish. He was indeed a picture of loneliness and despair. These friends were Eliphaz, a son of Esau (Esau

means materiality, representing the physical body); Bildad (meaning "bone of contention") typifies the desire body; and Zophar, symbolizing the mortal or purely human mind — the mind that has no contact whatsoever with the power of spirit. Eliphaz tells Job that the way to happiness is to grasp the things of the world, all that he can possibly hold. Bildad, the desire body, tells him that all happiness, true satisfaction, is found in "the fleshpots of Egypt" and all the joys and pleasures that the desire world can give. Zophar, like many of our material scientists, says that it is complete to be encased in the prison house of the five physical senses. These three friends were not able to bring very much consolation to Job. It is said that the darkest hour is always just before the dawn, and our wonderful Bible tells us that we are never given more than we can bear.

So it was that now a wonderful thing comes into the life of Job. There comes to him another friend, a young man who says that he has come to bring him light, to teach him the true meaning of Wisdom. This is Elihu, whose name means *the Christing of the mind*. What a wonderful time it will be for each of us when we reach the place where we can know, as Job came to know, the true meaning of the Christing of the mind! Then we shall see only Christ in every person whom we contact. We shall hear only the words of Christ in all the words they speak to us; we can see only Christ in all the happenings that come into our lives. Then it will be easy to love those who hate us, to do good to those who despitefully use us, and to praise and bless all those who villify us and would do us ill.

It has been said that the Book of Job is everyman's book. It is the story of you, of me, and of all mankind. The four testings that came into the life of Job are the usual ones that come into the lives of all mankind. First, the breaking of the family circle by death, then the loss of material wealth, then

the affliction of disease, and finally, the faithlessness of friends. This last seems to be the most difficult of all to meet. The most perfect gift that God gives us is our friends. We trust them, we love them, and perhaps we have a tendency to place them upon pedestals. When we find that they are faithless and that they turn against us, there can surely be no more bitter sorrow in our lives than this.

Let us understand, as we go on with our story of this wonderful book, that Saturn is not our enemy. He's our friend, he is a white-winged Angel of sorrow; he tests us and he tries us only that we may become stronger. He brings us pain and sorrow and sometimes well night breaks our hearts, but it is only that he would lead us ever more closely



to the Light of Illumination, to the beautiful powers of Initiation.

Suddenly Job began to sing songs in ecstasy. He says that he had been literally caught up in a whirlwind which had carried him to the very throne of God. "There," he said, "my prayers came true; at last I saw Him, face to face; at last I heard His voice, and I understood every word that He spoke to me." Here we have the whirlwind as typifying the lifting of the mind until it touches the realm of cosmic consciousness. Job sings joyfully: "I saw all the morning stars and I heard their glorious music." Now we know that all these great stars in Heaven are constantly sounding their own musical keynote, and when we are permitted to hear them in unison, we are listening to that sublime music of the spheres.

Then Job goes on to tell us of other

great and wonderful stars which he is able to see and investigate. He sings, he literally sings: "Who can bind the sweet influence of the Pleiades and who can loose the bonds of the great Orion?" To loose *the bonds of Orion* refers to the tremendous force of this great and mighty star being poured into our planet Earth, endeavoring to spiritualize mankind, to make us worthy and ready to become pioneers of that glorious and golden New Age so soon to dawn.

There were once seven great stars in the cluster of the Pleiades, but suddenly one of these stars disappeared. Our material scientists have written a great deal and speculated as to where this star



went and what caused its disappearance. As occult students we know that this star simply passed into higher spiritual realms than our material photography was able to follow. From this high and wonderful place this great star continues to pour its forces down into our Earth, preparing, spiritualizing all who will receive such a great and wondrous power.

In the New Age about to dawn there will be no war, no rumors of wars throughout the world. Every man will sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall make him afraid. Every man will know and recognize every other man throughout the world as his beloved brother. Just think what this will mean! Just think how tremendously that will lift the vibrations of the entire world! Much preparation indeed have we to make if we are to be numbered among those who will take part in this wonderful, glorious day, for the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man will

be the keynotes of that great time.

It is very significant to note that the more spiritual a person becomes the closer he or she is drawn to study Nature, to live and commune with Nature, for Nature is a material manifestation of God. Ruskin, the eminent English writer, tells us that when the average person sees a mass of clouds banked against the evening sky, he merely think it presages a chilly or a cold evening. Ruskin says he has no doubt that those clouds banked against the sky are the garment of love, which the great Angel who guides all the mysteries of the sea will adorn himself in to perform his evening work. The greatest of our writers have become true disciples of Nature.

So it is that this privilege now comes into the life of Job. He studies the inner meanings of the four elements: of fire, of air, of earth, and of water. With his extended vision now he is able to watch the work as he studies the mysteries of the Earth, watch the work of the gnomes and the fairies as they build and color the flowers that beautify our land. He sees the joyous undines as they float and dance across the great breakers as they roll in from the sea. He watches the sylphs as they weave themselves into the varied colors of the wind above the mountain, as he studies the wonders of the air.

So Job goes ever on and on and upward in the Path of Light. He tells us of the wonders of the double bridle of Leviathan, by which he is describing the life force that sleeps in the body at the base of the spine as long as man lives the mundane life. But when he begins to awaken spiritually, this wonderful force awakens, too, and begins to rise up the spinal canal toward the organs of the head; as it rises there a wakens throughout the body of man certain centers that become luminous with light and fragrance. We speak of these centers and this philosophy as being the roses that bloom upon the cross of the body.

So as we go on and travel upward on

the Path of Light, we learn that beautiful things are waiting for us when we make ourselves worthy; they will become ours so surely as they became Job's. All the great Schools of Initiation have taught in one way or another these same beautiful spiritual truths, because the key that unlocks the door of Initiation for mankind, throughout all time, is *Love as a power*. In past lives we have known love as a passion; now we know love as a sentiment. Before we can open that wonderful door of Light we must know *Love as a power*. We must learn to love our fellow men better than we love ourselves. This is the teaching that Christ Jesus gave us; this is the teaching that our Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross gave us through Max Heindel. They gave us a dimension for this beautiful school: loving, self-forgetting service is the safest, the shortest, and the most joyful road to God. We must truly learn to love one another better than we love ourselves.

In the Grecian mysteries the god of love bore the name of Eros. He was the god of Venus, the goddess of love, and together they performed beautiful deeds for the benefit and upliftment of mankind. We may note with special interest that the word Eros is spelled E-R-O-S, the symbol of *love is a power* in the life of the Grecian Initiate. Our symbol for *Love as a power* is the word rose, R-O-S-E. You will note that the same letters form these two words, but they have been transposed. *Love as a power*, now and always, is the key to Initiation.

At length God, who had been carefully watching and guarding Job all through these varied experiences, now called up his three false friends and tells them that He is deeply displeased with their actions toward Job; He demands that they each one offer a sacrifice of seven bullocks and seven rams to Job, and He will ask Job to pray for them.

This refers to the final purification of the last remnants of the desire nature, of the animal nature, and when they had

followed the instructions of God, then it was that God returned to Job all that he had had in the past. Not only did He return it, but He doubled it. What does this mean? It means that Job was now completely free. He was free from the thralldom of the physical, of the desire, and of the mortal human mind. He now lived and moved and had his being in God; he was truly monarch of all he surveyed. Then God said to Job, "When one becomes my disciple and gives his life to me he shall never know the sorrows of old age or death as mankind knows it. He shall always be radiant and vibrant and beautiful with



life; he shall always then have the skin of a little child." So it was that Job lived for a hundred and forty years and all of his years were crowned with glory and honor.

The story of this beautiful book has gone all over the world; it has been given in many climes, in many lands; it has been given not only from platforms and pulpits, but it has been given by means of the drama, of music, and of the sacred dance.

Blessed indeed is the one who seeks to find the profound inner meaning which this wonderful book contains, and thrice blessed is he who learns to walk in its Light, for this Light, in deed and in truth, is that Light which is Eternal.

Problems of Surgery

KENT LORIMER

Part 2—Continued from April

Heart Implants

IF the idea of receiving a human heart transplant is shocking, what shall we say to the idea of the implantation of a calf's heart into a human body? Or a pig's heart, which Dr. Christian Barnard says is in several anatomical aspects closer to the human being than any other animal? We quote from *Science News*, January, 1968:

The hearts of calves may solve some of the problems involved in finding suitable donors for human cardiac transplants.

Dr. Charles Hufnagel of Georgetown University Medical School disclosed a research project which seeks ways to treat the hearts of unborn calves so that the organs can be grafted into humans. Dr. Hufnagel said that if the search is successful and humans can be made to tolerate calves' hearts, a living heart bank could be established.

Such a bank would avoid the ethical problems involved with waiting for another human with a healthy heart to die, then taking his heart. Also, a critically-ill potential transplant recipient would not have to wait at the brink of death for a suitable donor to appear.

Dr. Christian Barnard, the South African surgeon who performed the first heart transplant, also has suggested that animals in future will be the source of transplant organs. He suggested pigs, noting that in several anatomical aspects "the pig is closer to the human being than any other animal." He did not indicate that any research on the subject is under way, however.

The valve from a two-month-old calf's heart already has been used to replace a defective human heart valve. In an operation in Tel Aviv, Dr. Morris Joseph Levy gave the valve to a young woman with a damaged mitral valve. She was reported doing well.

We suggest that the problem is not dissimilar from that of eating meat. The occultist believes that certain animal ethers have to be overcome by the human body in order to benefit by flesh food. Similarly, the animal organ must be taken over and dominated by the Ego, by means of the blood and the magnetic field of the body.

We would suppose that the calf heart would remain small when implanted into the etheric matrix of the human body, just as fruit trees can be "dwarfed" and grown in pots. Otherwise, a calf heart might continue to grow until it was too large for the human chest to contain it if the animal from which it was taken were of a large growth pattern. The magnetic matrix and archetype of the human body would tend to inhibit this, and doubtless the physicians have taken this into consideration also. Note that it is the hearts of *unborn* calves which are contemplated for such use.

The animal seed-atom is of course not in the heart, for the animal, like the human, takes its seed atoms with it at death, preparatory to a new incarnation in another animal body of the same or a related species.

When Is a Man Dead?

The questions now becoming most acute in medical circles are: When is a man medically dead, and when is it to be considered murder to take out vital organs for transplant to another living body? Is the man dead when the heart stops beating, or when the last electrical impulse dies away from the brain? To use an organ for transplanting, it must be taken from the body as soon after death as possible, before dissolution sets in. But when is the moment of death?

The occultist has defined death as occurring when the seed atom in the heart, to which the silver cord is attached, is ruptured, and the Silver Cord is broken in the middle. When the Cord is once broken, resuscitation is impossible, at least in the vast majority of cases.

The question then arises, Is it pos-

sible for the ruptured seed atom to be restored and the Cord to be rejoined so that the dead man may be revived? Traditionally, it has been thought that death must be declared certain if the Silver Cord is broken; but this is something which only a clairvoyant could determine, and at present there are no medical tests to show even the rupture of the seed atom.

Folk stories of all nations tell of cases where a child has seemingly died, then life somehow resumed, but the child that awoke from death was not the child that had died. He was a stranger, with a new mind and soul. One ancient story says that this happened to the child Jesus; that before puberty the child Jesus died, and another Ego took his body, and grew to manhood in it. Another version (and this is what is taught in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*) has it that at the Baptism, when the man Jesus went down under the waters of the Jordan River, he really left the physical body as in death, taking the seed atoms of the desire body and mind with him, but leaving those of the vital and physical bodies. The archangelic Being who took his body at that time was seen like a "Ball of Fire" hovering over Jordan. This Fiery Being descended into the very body of the man Jesus, and used it for the three years of the Christ ministry. He was an Archangel from the Sun, a member of a life wave two steps beyond the human.

It was not always necessary, the ancients believed, for an Archangel (or "god" in the pagan reading) to use a human body, however. Jupiter and Mercury are said to have come down to earth and were mistaken for men. The Archangel Raphael in the Book of Tobit seemed to be a man when he accompanied Tobias from Nineveh to Ecbatana at the command of God. This story of Raphael was popular with the Essenes as shown by the fact that copies of the apocryphal Book of Tobit have been found among the Dead Sea documents. The book has been well known for a

long time but was not known as an Esene book.

There are numerous accounts, too, in modern times, of people regressed through hypnosis to remember former incarnations who said that they were born into a new life only a few months after death in the old one. If so, they took over a body in the womb which was already in process of formation by another Ego. What became of that Ego? It would necessarily have departed the moment before the new Ego took over its embryonic vehicles. Again, there are folk tales which seem to substantiate these modern tales, to some degree.

Brain Transplant

All of these questions become of deepening import in the modern era of surgery. Doctors now tend to take the cessation of electrical impulses from the brain as the criterion of death; but, if the brain is to be transplanted, it must be taken before the electrical impulses stop, and if this stoppage is the criterion of death then this means that the person is still alive when his brain is taken; and the death which then inevitably occurs would be murder, legally.

The occultist would say concerning this electrical stoppage of the brain that the mere presence in the brain of electrical currents does *not* signify that death has not occurred. It merely means that the brain tissues are still held together in their electromagnetic matrix, and that residual impulses are still passing through the physical brain from the etheric matrix. The Ego, in passing out of the body, in death as in sleep, generally tends to rise upward through the head; therefore, the vital currents are still passing through the brain when the Ego is, actually, rising up out of the body in what is termed death; that is, abandonment of the body permanently.

If the Silver Cord is not broken, the Ego can still return to the body, and the seeming death is a false death. This of course is what causes the dilemma of

the surgeons. Is it a true or a false death?

Other problems which seem to excite the public are not so frightening when observed from the viewpoint of the occultist.

If the brain of one mother is planted into the head of another mother, one writer asks, would she still love and know her own offspring? Which mother would she be when she came out of the surgery, the mother who had died, or the mother who had been operated upon?

We must realize that the brain is just another bodily organ. It is not the Ego. We know this in occult science because when the Ego leaves the body in sleep, for example, and awakens fully conscious in the spiritual world, it thinks and feels as itself. There is no difference.

The brain is merely an instrument which the Ego uses in daily life in the body to control and direct physical life and action. If the brain is very poor, or is severely damaged, the Ego is in the position of a violinist who is trying to play intricate music upon a damaged violin. He must have a new violin, in good condition, to be able to produce music.

When, therefore, the hypothetical mother awakens with a new brain in her head she is in the position of one who must learn to use a new instrument; one, moreover, which has been used by another person and has to a degree been modified in structure by that user. Typists and mechanics as well as pianists know that a machine tends to show the personality of its user, whether skillful or unskillful, whether careless or careful. One typist leaves the keys full of ink, careless of cleaning the type. Another has every letter clean and bright, and not a speck of dust in the mechanism. Even granted a first-rate brain, similarly, it may still show the evidences of the kind of Spirit that used it in another body.

The etheric records in the Reflecting

Ether of the living mother who received the surgery would have to be relocated in the new brain, erasing the remnants of records remaining from the mother who had died. How long this would take is problematical. We know that coming to rebirth in a new infant body with a new brain causes most of us to forget our previous incarnations, and most of us never do get them back, in the common life today. Those who do recall past lives are in the minority, and their recollection is seldom one hundred per cent. But if the brain were adult from the start, even in the womb, it *may be* that we would remember.

Perhaps some spiritual process to help implant memory might be necessary. Doctors would almost certainly use hypnosis, in the same way that some doctors recommend sleep therapy to restore memory in amnesia victims. Victims of amnesia often are able to recall everything under hypnosis. This recollection cannot be attributed to the hypnotist implanting suggestions because he does not know who or what the victim was before the loss of memory occurred. No, the victim really does recall his own past, yet does it under hypnotic suggestion. But we must realize that not everything that is called hypnosis really is hypnosis. The word has different meanings to different people and some aspects of what is called hypnosis may really be something else. At any rate, superior techniques will doubtless be found as time goes on.

Why does the person recover his memory under hypnosis? Because he is for a time out of the body and in touch with the records in the Reflecting Ether. That is, in some techniques this is true. Sometimes the hypnotist has merely pushed out the etheric double of the head, and some of his own ether is implanted there, thus giving him control over the body of the subject. In regression to former incarnations, however, it is obvious that another condition is involved.

Again a writer suggests: Suppose

Einstein's brain were transplanted into another body? Would the recipient be another Einstein, or would he be, actually, Einstein himself? No, for the Ego, Einstein, has gone on; unless, indeed, the recipient-Ego leaves his body completely, as in death, taking his seed atoms with him. Then, possibly and perhaps, the Ego Einstein might *transplant himself in total consciousness into the other body*, provided that this were in harmony with the dictates of the Lords of Destiny. We have seen that some ancient people believed that such transplants of the whole consciousness, or Identity, were possible, and believed that such a thing happened in the case of Jesus of Nazareth when he became the Christ.

But, assuming that the recipient of Einstein's brain resumed the use of his own body, would he have Einstein's powers? No, unless he were himself a physicist of distinction and was already familiar with Einstein's work. If so, doubtless the records in his own brain, where they coincided with the records in Einstein's brain, would enable him to recover memory quickly. We know from cases of obsession that the obsessing entity uses the brain of the obsessed body, yet retains his own consciousness and character.

Remember that the organs of the body are instruments or tools of the indwelling Ego, and nothing else.

Again it is asked: If a criminal brain is transplanted into a law-abiding citizen's head, could it make that citizen into a criminal? No; but the brain would have the impress of its use, and the new owner would have to impress upon it his own consciousness, just as — for best results — a musician must learn the "feel" of every new musical instrument which he uses, and play upon it and "break it in" to his own touch and personality. A criminal's brain would have some evidence of having been misused by its former user, and this would be a disadvantage to the new owner; yet it would not necessarily make him a crim-

inal, unless he, the Spirit, was already criminally inclined in secret.

Whose Child Is It?

The same set of arguments apply to the transplant of a child's brain. Whose child is it, asks a writer, the parents of the child whose body receives the brain, or the parents of the child who died and whose brain was taken for transplant?

Only a clairvoyant could really settle the problem; because if the child operated upon — the recipient — left its body as in death, and the "dead" child took over the body when its brain was put into the skull, then obviously the child would "belong" to the parents whose child had died. But if the recipient-child did not die, but simply awoke in its body and had the use of the new



brain, then just as clearly the child "belongs" to the parents of the recipient-child who received the brain, because the Ego was still there.

Physically and legally, however, there would be no way to judge; and the verdict would have to be that the recipient-child in every case was the determining factor, and the child belonged to the parents of that recipient. Only time could show otherwise.

The problem is not confusing if we realize that the Ego is *not* the brain; the Ego is independent of the brain, using it as an instrument. The same applies to every other part of the physical body and also of the etheric matrix and currents which are connected with it.

These questions of brain transplants remain for the future, for small success has been reported as yet. Yet it is obvious that brain transplanting is of intense interest to surgeons, and with any degree of success will come these many challenging problems.

Tennyson As a Mystic

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Part 3

IN the first few lines of the introductory poem, *The Coming of Arthur*, the suffering world is pictured as lying helpless in evil, darkness, and chaos without the guiding Light of Spirit.

For many a petty king ere Arthur came
Ruled in this isle, and ever waging war
Each upon other, wasted all the land;
And still from time to time the heathen host
Swarm'd overseas, and harried what was
left.

And so there grew great tracts of wilderness,
Wherein the beast was ever more and more,
But man was less and less, till Arthur came.

The coming of the Divine Light as represented by Arthur, overcame the powers of darkness and restored goodness, love, and harmony. This reaches its climax in the description of the knight-riding of Arthur's followers and in his marriage with Guinevere. Here the court is pictured at its best while all are following the example and leadership of the King. Under this spiritual leadership nothing of evil, sin, or inharmony could have ever crept in. Light would have triumphed over darkness and complete perfection and happiness would have been attained. But the powers of darkness, first represented by the character of Guinevere and later by the unfaithful knights, challenged this harmonious existence and succeeded in destroying it. Here Tennyson is telling us that darkness will triumph over light many times in mankind's evolution through the ages. But the Light of Spirit, as manifesting through man, is growing stronger and brighter with each succeeding defeat, until eventually darkness will be dispelled by Light, defeat will give place to victory, and the Light and Love of God will reign supreme.

The Coming of Arthur, richly endowed with deeply hidden symbology, is

highly allegorical and pictures the struggles of the soul in its higher life with the evils and temptations of the flesh.

It is not the history of one man or one generation but of a whole cycle of generations.

Arthur is at all times "the blameless King," living in this evil world unsullied by its ways and thereby fit to typify the divine nature of the Soul. As a child he is given into the protection of Merlin, a magician, who symbolizes the power of the intellect in the service of spiritual ideals whose vast unmeasured stores of wisdom accumulated through the ages, lend themselves to the development of the soul. As Arthur grows to young manhood and his spiritual nature develops under the guidance of Merlin, he is prepared to wage war against the heathen hordes with the sword, Excalibur, given him by the Lady of the Lake from the water. Thus he is commanded by a spiritual power arising from the deep.

The Lady of the Lake is depicted as dwelling in the deep water where there is constant calm and freedom from strife. In mysticism water often symbolizes truth. It is used as the sign of the deepest truths concerning the Soul and Divine Wisdom. The sword represents spiritual force and power to repel all temptations of the sense life which are met by the seeker as he travels the path to perfection.

Thus the sword of truth and the power to use it in vanquishing all the difficulties he would meet was given to Arthur. The spear which he was to acquire later symbolizes all the power which the soul of Arthur had gained as it passed through its previous earth lives.

The Lady of the Lake is representative of religion and is referred to as knowing "a subtler magic" than that

It is at this point in the narrative that Arthur seeks marriage with Guinevere. This marriage in the outer, material world symbolizes the desire of the soul to manifest in dense matter in order to gain experience in the school of life. It is the first step of the "created perfect one" away from its individualized self, where it seeks association with another represented by the number two. In the highest aspect of the number two there is harmonious combination, two-fold power, two-fold harmonious action, as well as the two aspects of the Divine Creative Force, positive and negative, which manifests in the outer as masculine and feminine. This union is a fundamental yearning of the soul in accordance with the law of Divine Love. But the two also represents the fall of



the soul into matter where it meet both good and evil. In the realms of spirit soul marriage is brought about only by pure love, and Arthur, symbolic of spirit, manifests this type of love. In the outer world this ideal does not always prevail as both truth and error are encountered.

Guinevere, representative of the lower sense nature, was not of Arthur's pristine purity and thus inharmony was introduced by their union. Her love symbolizes the lower aspect of the outer manifestation and was impure. The result of the lack of harmony in this marriage so tainted the entire atmosphere of Arthur's court as to bring about its eventual destruction.

In this symbolic tale, Tennyson, the great mystic, was striving to express and give to the world his inspired message that the misuse of the Divine Creative Force is responsible for much of the in-

harmony and darkened conditions now existing on this planet. Unless this situation is corrected and the Light of Divine Spirit allowed to reign, the culmination will be ultimate destruction.

Arthur's kingdom at Camelot is the embodiment of the most profound symbology. Merlin, the intellect in the service of the soul, is said to have built Arthur's palace at Camelot which is representative of man's spiritual development; while the city was built by a fairy king and fairy queens from Mount Parnassus.

The fairy king and fairy queens who came from a sacred mountain cleft towards the sunrise to build the city are the old mythologies whose birthplace was the East, the land of the rising sun. From them, besides the religions of the ancient world, are derived poetry, architecture, sculpture; all these elevating and refining arts and sciences which were called into existence mainly and primarily as the expression and embodiment of religious feeling. These with all that whole circle of unnumbered influences, mental, moral, or religious, derived from the experiences of the past with which they are associated, constitute the city in which the Soul dwells, the spheres in which It works, and the surrounding atmosphere in which It breathes. The city is built to music; for as the harmony and proportion of sound constitute music, so the harmony and proportion of all the various elements and powers which go to make up man will constitute a fitting shrine for the ideal Soul.*

The mighty gate at the entrance to Camelot is guarded by a carving of the Lady of the Lake which is also rich in mystical symbolism as shown in the following passage:

The Lady of the Lake stood; all her dress
Wept from her sides as water flowing away;
But like the cross her great and goodly arms
Stretched under all the cornice and upheld.

Her dress ripples away like the water to show that the external forms of religion are ever changing. Her arms, like the cross, support the cornice, thus showing that the essential substance of reli-

* *Studies In The Idylls*, Henry Elsdale, (London: Henry King Company, 1878) p. 24.

gion is unchanging, and that it is the strong support and foundation of all civilizations.

The carvings on the gate to either side of the Lady of the Lake depict Arthur's wars, representing the warfare of the soul against the evils of the world all centered about spiritual truth.

The great hall in Arthur's palace, where the King and his knights gathered, was decorated with sculpture and many mystic symbols. These areas of sculpture were arranged in four belts or zones showing the progress of fallen man toward the promised final angel state, as he struggles back to the perfection which he knew in the beginning.

In the early days of infant humanity the lower or animal nature was in complete control and the Voice of the Spirit was silenced. Thus the first zone pictures beasts slaying men. But even though the lower sense nature was in control, the Divine Spark lived within and ever sought expression. As It became stronger and mankind began to seek the Light, the animal nature was brought under subjugation by the Spirit so that in the second zone men are slaying beasts.

In the third scene a balance between the higher and lower nature has been achieved. But man has not yet reached spiritual perfection and consequently mankind is pictured as warriors, even as Arthur and his knights, fighting for the good and struggling against sin and evil.

The fourth zone which depicts men with growing wings, describes the high spiritual state mankind is seeking to achieve and constantly growing toward as they wage war against evil. While over all the "mould of Arthur with crown and peaked wings" is the helpful, guiding Light of Divine Spirit which even in humanity's darkest hour comforted, inspired, and urged man onward. And all beholding it cry: "We have still a King."

The most exalted purpose and reason

for the founding of the Round Table was the finding of the Holy Grail. This was to have been the crowning achievement of the Round Table, and toward it as a final goal Arthur had consciously directed all his own activities and those of his court. In order to attain this "pearl of great price" it was necessary that his knights should grow in spiritual grace and purity of thought.

In this way they rose above their lower nature so they could become fitted for the rare gift. Thus they would reach that state of moral perfection which was the highest ideal of knighthood. The vows which the knights took made each one the champion of the right against the wrong, the weak against the strong. But these were only a preparation for the consummate deed which was to crown the whole Round Table with the glory of transcendent achievement. The dream of King Arthur was that all his knights should pass successfully through the period of preparation so the entire Round Table could stand together in one great social and moral order powerful enough to win the whole world to its high ideals. But the world was unripe for regeneration and the dream was not realized.

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THE VITAL BODY

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Relation of Vital Body to Spiritual Development



Effect of Prayer, Rituals, and Exercises
(Cont.)

LAW is a curb on the desire nature, but where occult or rather spiritual advancement is contemplated, the spiritualization of the vital body must also be accomplished. And that is attained by means of art and religion, in oft-repeated impacts, for the keynote of the vital body is repetition, as we can see by looking at the plants which have only a dense body and a vital body. There stem and leaf follow each other in upward succession; the plants keep growing them alternately. It was the vital body that built the vertebrae of the human spine one after the other by constant repetition. And memory, for instance, which is one of the faculties of the vital body, is strengthened and developed by constant iteration and re-iteration.

When the Protestants left the Catholic Church they truly left many of the abuses behind, but they also left almost everything of value. They abandoned the ritual which everyone may know and understand regardless of poor enunciation upon the part of the preacher. Knowing the ritual, the laity could send their thoughts in the same direction as the thought of the priest who was reading, and thus an enormous volume of identical spiritual thought was massed together and projected upon the community for good or evil.

Those who go to a Catholic church understanding the ritual are still today able to unite their thoughts in spiritual conclave and keep within memory that which has been gone through. Thus they are every time adding a little to the spiritualization of their vital bodies, while the Protestant church members have been affected only in their emotional natures, and that effect is soon thrown out. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing, and many have scoffed saying that if God is omniscient He knows thereof we have need without our prayer, and if He is not, He can most likely not be omnipotent, and therefore our prayers are not granted, so that it is useless to pray. But that command was indited from a knowledge of the nature of the vital body, which needs that repetition in order that it may be spiritualized.

Before a ritual can have its maximum effect, however, those who are to grow thereby must become attuned to it. This involves work on their vital bodies while those vehicles are still in the making.

It is a matter of occult knowledge that birth is a fourfold event, and that birth of the physical body is only one step in the process. The vital body also undergoes a development analogous to the intra-uterine growth of the dense body. It is born about the seventh year of life. During the next seven years the desire body is ripened and comes to birth at about the fourteenth year, when

adolescence is reached, and the mind is born at twenty-one, when the age of manhood and womanhood commences.

These occult facts are well known to the Catholic Hierarchy, and while the Protestant ministers work upon the emotional nature, which is ever seeking something new and sensational without realizing the futility of the struggle and the fact that it is this most rampant vehicle that drives people from the churches in search of something more new and more sensational, the occultly informed Catholic Hierarchy concentrates its effort upon the children. "Give us the child up to its seventh year and it is ours forever," they say, and they are right. During these important seven years they impregnate the plastic vital bodies of their charges with their views by means of repetition. The repeated prayers, the time and tune of the various chants, and the incense, all have a powerful effect on the growing vital body.

Thus all efforts to elevate humanity by work upon the unstable desire body are and must always prove futile. This the occult schools of all ages have recognized and they have therefore addressed themselves to the changing of the vital body by working with its keynote, which is repetition. For that purpose, they have written various rituals suited to humanity at the different stages of its development and in that way they have fostered soul growth, slowly but surely, and regardless of whether man was aware that he was being worked upon in that manner or not. The Ancient Atlantean Mystery Temple, which we speak of as the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, had certain rites prescribed on the mount by the divine Hierarch who was their particular teacher. Certain rites were performed during week days. Other rites were used on the Sabbath, and again other rites at the times of the new moons and on the great solar festivals. Nor was it within the province of any one from the high priest down, to alter this ritual, under pain of penalty of death.

During sleep the currents of the de-

sire body flow, and its vortices move and spin with enormous rapidity. But as soon as it enters the dense body its currents and vortices are almost stopped by the dense matter and the nerve currents of the vital body which carry messages to and from the brain. It is the object of this exercise to still the dense body to the same degree of inertia and insensibility as in sleep, although the Spirit within is perfectly awake, alert and conscious. Thus we make a condition where the sense centers of the desire body can begin to revolve while inside the dense body.

It is a mystic maxim that "all spiritual development begins with the vital body." This is next in density to our dense body. Its keynote is repetition, and it is the vehicle of habits, hence somewhat difficult to change or influence, but once a change has been effected and a habit acquired by repetition, its performance becomes automatic to a certain extent. This characteristic is both good and bad in respect to prayer, for the impression registered in the ethers of this vehicle will impel the aspirant to faithful performance of his devotions at stated times, even though he may have lost interest in the exercise and his prayers are mere forms.

If it were not for this habit-forming tendency of the vital body, aspirants would wake up to their danger as soon as the real love began to wane, and it would then be easier to retrieve the loss and keep on the path. Therefore the aspirant should carefully examine himself from time to time to see if he still has wings and power wherewith swiftly and surely to lift himself to his Father in Heaven. The wings are two in number; *Love* and *Aspiration* are their names, and the irresistible power which propels them is intense earnestness. Without these and an intelligent understanding to direct the invocation, prayer is only a babble; properly performed it is the most powerful method of soul growth known.

The atoms in such backward race bo-

dies are vibrating at an exceedingly low rate, and when in the course of time one of these people develops to a point where it is possible to further him upon the Path of Attainment, it is necessary to raise this vibratory pitch of the atom so that the vital body, which is the medium of occult growth, may to a certain extent be liberated from the deadening force of the physical atom. This result is attained by means of breathing exercises, which in time accelerate the vibration of the atom, and allow the spiritual growth necessary to the individual to take place.

Years ago, when the writer started on the Path and was imbued with the characteristic impatience common to ardent seekers after knowledge, he read of the breathing exercises published by Swami Vivekananda and commenced to follow directions, with the result that after two days the vital body had been pulled out of the physical. This produced a sensation of walking on air, of being unable to get the feet down on solid ground; the whole body seemed to be vibrating at an enormous pitch. Common sense then came to the rescue. The exercises were stopped, but it was fully two weeks before the normal condition of walking on the ground with a firm step was experienced, and before the abnormal vibrations ceased.

The vital body is like a mirror or, rather, like the film of a moving picture; it pictures alike the world without according to our faculty of observation, and the ideas of the indwelling Spirit from within according to the clarity and training of the mind. Devotion and discrimination, otherwise emotion and intellect, decide our attitude toward these pictures, and their balanced action leads to a well rounded development. When evolved to a certain point they invariably bring about a process of purification. The man will realize that in order to attain the goal he must lay aside whatever clogs the wheels of progress. A good mechanic aims to have the best tools and keep them in perfect

order, for he knows their value in producing good work. Our bodies are tools of the Spirit, and in proportion as they are clogged they hinder its manifestation. Discrimination teaches us what hinders, and devotion to the higher life helps to eliminate undesirable habits or traits of character by superseding mere desire.

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CONCERNING THE ESSENES

The Essenes were as far from the negative life of the Therapauti as they were from the arrogance and egoism of the Pharisees. Their life was devoted to good works among the poor. They ministered to the sick and each member had special duties to perform in his community life.

Most of the Essenes were settled in the valley of the Engedi. Each colony had its own synagogue, community buildings for dining and concourse, and adequate provision for bathing in running spring water. Some Essenes even lived singly, usually settling by a spring and living entirely on plant life. At times they were surrounded by disciples who came to them for teaching. John the Baptist was, no doubt, one of these lone Essenes, for we know that he came from the wilderness. Josephus describes him as "a good man who admonished the Jews to practice abstinence, live a life of righteousness toward one another and love toward God and then to join him in the rite of bathing."

The Essenes' name comes from the Chaldaic language and means "bather." They were sometimes called "morning baptists" from their rigid habit of bathing in cold water at the first morning Sun in running spring water. Outward forms, of course, to lead to inward purity.—E.M.B.

Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

Constitution of the Earth

(Continued)

Q. What is the status of the Adept?

A. The Adept is one who has passed through all nine of the lesser Initiations and the first of the Great Initiations.

Q. What is the symbology of these 13 Initiations?

A. They are symbolically represented in the Christ and His twelve Apostles.

Q. Are the rites of Initiation the same in all occult schools?

A. They vary, as do their statements of the number of Initiations, but that is merely a matter of classification.

Q. Are the layers of the Earth of the same thickness?

A. No, some are much thinner than others.

Q. What are the names of the layers?

A. First comes the Mineral Earth, the stony crust of the Earth, with which geology deals as far as it is able to penetrate.

Q. What comes next to this layer?

A. The Fluid Stratum comes next. It is more fluid than that of the outside crust — something like a thick paste. It has the quality of expansion, and is kept in place only by the enormous pressure of the outer crust.

Q. What is the third stratum like?

A. This is the Vapor Stratum, where there is an ever-flowing and pulsating life, as in the Desire World surrounding and inter-penetrating our Earth.

Q. How does the fourth stratum differ from the others?

A. The fourth is the Water Stratum. In this are the germinal possibilities of all that exists upon the surface of the Earth. Here are the archetypal forces

which are back of the Group Spirits; also the archetypal forces of the minerals.

Q. What are the characteristics of the fifth layer?

A. This is the Seed Stratum, which we may say is the primordial fount of life from which came the impetus that built all the forms on Earth.

Q. What is the sixth stratum called?

A. The sixth is the Fiery Stratum, possessed of sensation. In the harvesting of ripe grain, the gathering of ripe fruit, the plucking of flowers, the Earth experiences pleasure.

Q. Is no pain ever felt?

A. When plants are torn out by the roots, the Earth senses a sting of pain. Occultists endeavor to nourish their bodies on fruits which grow toward the Sun because they contain more of the higher Sun force, and have not caused the Earth pain.

Q. Are mining operations painful to the Earth Spirit?

A. No. Every disintegration of the hard crust causes a sensation of relief, whereas solidification is a source of pain. As evolution proceeds, Earth will become softer and its Spirit more and more liberated.

Q. What is the nature of the seventh stratum?

A. The Refracting Stratum contains in it all the forces which are known to us as the "Laws of Nature", existing as moral, or rather immoral forces. As humanity progresses in morals, these forces improve correspondingly; they reflect exactly the existing moral status of mankind.

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WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

CORINNE HELINE

The Resurrection of Lazarus

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

(It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard that, he said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

Then after that he saith unto his disciples let us go into Judea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead;

And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever

thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She said unto him, Yea, Lord; I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord come and see.

Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold, how he loved him!

And some of them said, could not this man, which openeth the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he has been dead four days.

Jesus saith unto her; Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou has sent me.

Then when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
—*John 11:1-44.*

The nine Lesser Mysteries, also called the Lunar Mysteries, have been given in some form throughout the history of man. The advent of the Christ introduced the new or Solar Initiations to the world and it is to these higher truths, destined to serve humanity during the Great Sidereal Year beginning with the Sun's last precessional passage through Aries, that these Mysteries pertain. The religion of the Lamb bears a deeper and more far-reaching significance than is at the present time generally understood.

Lazarus was the most spiritually advanced of all the disciples who were under the tutelage of Christ Jesus. (The others did not reach this attainment until the Day of Pentecost.)

Exoteric religionists are puzzled to account for Christ's delay of two days before going to the aid of Lazarus. The esotericist knows that Christ was aware that only the body of Lazarus was in the tomb, whereas his Spirit was on the inner planes receiving the initiatory work that gives entrance into the deeper Christian Mysteries. The Master Jesus was initiated into these Mysteries in the Rite of the Baptism, and Lazarus, the next in spiritual attainment, at the time of his supposed death.

Christ Jesus described this Initiation in the words, "This sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God." In other phraseology, Lazarus now becomes a more perfect channel for receiving and disseminating the glories of God upon Earth.

Mary and Martha, the two sisters of Lazarus, were among the highest in development of the women disciples of Christ. They were thus able to take part in the initiatory or Resurrection Rite of their brother, as did the father and mother of Jairus's daughter. Mary symbolizes the mystic path, or the faith of

the heart; Martha, the occult path, or the reasoning of the mind. The union of heart (love) and head (understanding) produce *Wisdom*, the true essence of the soul. Lazarus represents this two-fold blending, which lifts the neophyte to a state of consciousness far transcending that possessed by ordinary humanity.

"Martha went out to meet Him, but Mary sat still in the house." Martha, the mind, is ever seeking light through externalities. Mary, the heart, in stillness turns within to find the kingdom of heaven.

Christ Jesus said unto Martha: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

And Martha made reply, "Yea, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, even He that cometh into the world."

And when she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here, and calleth thee."

These words of the Master to Martha have been called the human passport to immortality. They are not words addressed only to Martha, the sister of Lazarus; they are the call of the Christ to the reasoning or concrete mind of all humanity. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of the mind." This is accomplished by linking the mind with the "I AM" consciousness wherein dwells the realization of resurrection into eternal life.

The glorious message of occult Bible interpretation is that this consciousness can be awakened here and now; it is not necessary to await death to work this transformation. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead (in materiality) yet shall he live again" — in renewed body, environment, and concept of life — a resurrection into a new being on every plane of consciousness. Truly a human passport to Immortality.

Referring to verses 38-39, 41-44: All higher birth must take place in a cave or stable; the Christ can be born within only through regenerative work upon the lower man. In Capricorn the Christ is born in the cave of the lower nature by purification. In Virgo he is born in the cave of the heart through transmutation. "Lazare deuro exo — Lazarus hither out! Loose him and let him go." These mystic words bear the message of the spiritual victory of Lazarus.

The Pharisees and priests were cognizant to some extent of the Mystery Teachings. Indeed, Arthur Weigall, the world-renowned Egyptologist, now deceased, declares that his researches in ancient religions have convinced him that the New Testament describes a ritual in which a condemned criminal was executed as a sacrifice, as in ancient Babylon, and that Jesus, when condemned to death was crucified in accordance with the ritual demands.

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Considering the fact that the Aryan race is to evolve reason, it is not at all surprising that we analyze everything, religion included. Religion, like all else, is in a state of growth and becoming, and as the present work of the Western World is principally along material lines, its religious teachings are not yet so clearly enunciated as in some of the Eastern religions. The result is that some of the investigators scoff at the Christian teachings, and others have been led to forsake the Christian religion and have adopted Eastern systems.

From the occult standpoint this is a retrogression. The Great Recording Angels who have charge of our present evolution give to each nation the religions best suited to its stage of growth, and we may rest assured that those Great Intelligences make no mistakes. They have given to us the Bible containing both the Jewish and the Christian Religions. One would not have been enough; both are absolutely necessary to our evolution.

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The mission of the race religions was to prepare mankind for the universal religion of the Sun Spirit, Christ, who manifested among us without an intermediary as the light which comes direct from the Sun, and "we beheld His glory as the *alone begotten* of the Father," when He taught the gospel of Love. The Christian Religion gives no laws, but preaches love as the fulfillment of the law. Therefore no debts of destiny are generated under it, and Christ, who was under no necessity to be born in the first place, will not be drawn to rebirth under the Law of Causation as were the founders of the lunar race religions, who must bear from time to time the sins of their followers.

—Max Heindel



Windows on the New Astronomy

KENT LORIMER

Part IV

Moons Lost and Found

SPEAKING of moons, astronomers calculate that Triton, the larger of Neptune's two moons, is on a collision course "that will send it crashing into Neptune or break it into pieces to form a ring." But when? Not right away. Some ten million to a billion years hence. Triton's orbit actually crosses that of Neptune, so that unless Triton dissolves in the meantime, a crash is inescapable at some time. By the time the crash comes, and it would naturally be felt throughout the solar system in some way or other, the Earth Period may have come to a close, or the Triton crash might be one of the final episodes.

Mercury and Venus have no moons, but it is believed by some that they did once have moons, upon which the stragglers of the life wave of the parent planet were exiled. According to ancient ideas these stragglers came to Earth to help themselves by helping us, and meanwhile their home moons disintegrated and gradually worked their way out to the asteroid belt. The Venusians and Mercurians who descended upon the young Earth planet were as gods to the embryo race of human beings though in fact they belonged to the same life wave. It is perhaps significant that ancient mythologies picture some kind of war between these god-men and the

Moon God (priests) of the dominant race religions. Some of them were called "fallen Angels" or "fallen gods", cast out of heaven by the All-Father. Undoubtedly they did represent a culture which came into conflict with Earth's race religions.

A new theory about Mercury and Venus put forth by Dr. Thomas Gold in 1965 suggests that Mercury may not always have been in its present orbit but may once have been a moon of Venus that became somehow detached and began to travel in its own orbit around the Sun, perhaps 400,000 years ago. What gave Dr. Gold this idea, which sounds so very strange to us? It is based on astronomical findings made with a giant radio telescope that, contrary to former belief, Mercury rotates slowly on its axis. It may spin from west to east, like Earth and most of the other planets of the solar system, but takes 59 days to complete a rotation. It was thought until this time that Mercury always kept the same face toward the Sun, as the Moon does to the Earth.

There was a time when Earth had no Moon; a time will come when again it will have no Moon. As the Moon disappears from our scheme, so also will the Race God leave us, and the Christ Spirit — Universal Love and Wisdom — reign over an immortal humanity.

With the Moon gone — if our astronomers are right—the "wobble" which

causes the precessional cycle would disappear. There would be no precession of the equinoxes, unless, meanwhile, another body joins the Earth which would serve a similar purpose.

But for the entire period of known history, the lunar power has been there, and the astrological Ages have succeeded one another in time. We are now within ten degrees of the cusp of the constellation of Aquarius — that is, the vernal equinox is there — and already we are feeling the influence exerted by that very scientific and pioneering constellation of the skies, as focused through our Sun. Nine degrees of precession require a time span of 9×72 years, or approximately 648 years. This means that the Aquarian Age proper will not begin until about the year 2613. The date line may be in error by several degrees, which can mean several hundred years, especially since the boundaries of the constellations themselves are in dispute. Some astrologers say that the Aquarian Age began in 1875. Others say it will begin 2000 A.D. In the time of Christ many Hebrew astronomers said the new Age had already begun in which the Messiah was to appear; others put it a century or two later, and acclaimed Simon Bar Kokheba (who also was a descendant of David, as Jesus of Nazareth was) the Messiah. Others claimed that the end of the Age did not come until about 495 A.D., and this is the year which Max Heindel gives in his writings.

There are many different ages and cycles calculated by ancient astronomers. Most modern astronomers would refuse to believe that the equinoctial cycle was one of them. But no one would deny the other cycles, Jupiter-Saturn conjunction for example; and the great cycles based on the eclipses of Sun and Moon, or the heliacal rising of a special star, like that of Sirius in Egypt, upon which the Egyptians based their Sothic cycle; or the cycle of Halley's Comet.

The modern statement that the vernal

equinox occurs in about 9 degrees of the constellation Pisces is based on a convention adopted by astronomers in 1933 (or 1935). Astronomers at that time agreed on certain mythical configurations as assigned to the various star groups; and undoubtedly they consulted ancient star maps in coming to their conclusions. We think that for the most part the figures given on the modern standard celestial globe can be assumed to represent with a fair degree of accuracy the standard maps of the ancients somewhere around the time of Christ. The great Greek astronomer Hipparchus lived in the second century before Christ; Ptolemy the Egyptian lived in the second century after Christ. Ptolemy was among those who made Alexandrian astronomy the dominant cult of the ancient world, an astronomy which had its repercussions even in far-away India.

Indian Astrology

It is interesting to observe, however, that modern India has not yielded in toto to the astrology of the West; that is, the system which in *Simplified Scientific Astrology* Max Heindel terms the "intellectual zodiac", measured from the vernal equinox, along the ecliptic. Instead, India continues to use a form of the ancient lunar calendar with its lunar mansions, and these mansions are divisions of the actual or natural zodiac which one sees in the skies. Indian astrologers have, however, had to adapt their system to that of the West, but this cannot be done very easily, although when once both systems are understood it is perfectly feasible. The twelve zodiacal signs of the West, both natural and intellectual, are correlated with the smaller divisions of the Indian zodiac, and thus one finds that a certain division of the Indian cycle actually includes portions of two Western signs—e.g., Aries and Taurus, or Taurus and Gemini, or Gemini and Cancer, at beginning and end of two consecutive signs. The Indian divisions have their own names, however, so that it is not necessary at all to

use the Western names, and so in this way confusion is avoided.

It is in connection with their ancient system that the Indian astrologers claim to be able to cast horoscopes of past incarnations, and also to prognosticate future incarnations.

Naturally a lunar horoscope includes all of the planets, Sun and Moon just as the Western system does; but the lunar mansions are divisions of the natural zodiac as determined by the Moon's travel. There are twenty-seven of these divisions, each corresponding to an asterism or small group of stars. Four of these small divisions make up one large section of 13 degrees 20 minutes. Each small division consists of 3 degrees and 20 minutes.

Shil Ponde, the noted Indian astrologer, has correlated the Indian divisions with the Western signs with sufficient accuracy for the twentieth century; but by the end of this century adjustments will have to be made, since our signs are counted from the vernal equinox which is always preceding.*

As an example of this correlation, to make matters plain, we note that the division Ashwini corresponds to O Aries-13.20 Aries; Bharni corresponds to 13.21 Aries-26.40 Aries; but Kritika corresponds to 26.41 Aries to 10 Taurus. Planets in Kritika, in the Indian system, are given an interpretation which cannot be correlated to either Aries or Taurus alone in the Western system. And so with some others. Of course one might term this a "cusp interpretation," but it does have a meaning distinctly its own.

A modern commentary on twenty-seven positions of the Moon occurs in modern astronomy which in recent years is taking note of the Moon's effect on earthquakes. Anatol Shneiderov, of the Arctic Institute of North America, Washington, D. C., reported that in twenty-seven passages of the Moon

through its point of greatest apparent latitude, thirty-three earthquakes occurred within a day of the event. He pointed out that if there were no positive relationship between the two events, a random distribution would have shown only twenty-three quakes in that period. Making use of this, together with similar observations, a number of earthquakes, magnitude 5.9 or more, were predicted days or weeks in advance, in the two years from 1965 to 1967. Research continues to show the correlation between astronomical and geologic factors, it is reported, as well as length-of-day and ionosphere data, from 1920 to 1970.

Shil Ponde also lists two planets beyond Neptune which were known to the ancient Indian astronomers, but he insists that neither of these could be Pluto. Since astronomers think that Pluto may be a cast-off moon of Neptune, which is likely to be recaptured by its parent body, perhaps the Indians are right in declaring that the two outermost planets do not include our present Pluto. Mr. Ponde gives the name of the two outer-

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* *Hindu Astrology*, by Shil Ponde, Willey Book Company, New York, 1944.

most planets as Pranpad and Gulik. Mme. Blavatsky mentions these two planets in her writings as being known to the Masters of Wisdom of the East.

In reply to the question "Why is Pluto Different?", Isaac Asimov observes (*Science Digest*, April, 1968) that Pluto has "certain unusual characteristics that set it apart from the eight other major planets and make it an object of considerable curiosity to astronomers." He then lists the following:

(1) Pluto has the most elliptical orbit; sometimes it is only 2.7 billion miles from the Sun, sometimes 4.5 billion miles from it. When closest to the Sun Pluto is nearer than Neptune, so that for a while it is no longer the outermost planet.

(2) Pluto has the most tilted orbit of any major planet. If all the planets were lined up on the same side of the Sun they would all be just about one behind the other — all but Pluto. Pluto's orbit is tilted at 17 degrees to ours and could be far above the general position of the other planets. "That is why," Asimov points out, "IT COULD NEVER HIT NEPTUNE WHEN IT CROSSED NEPTUNE'S ORBIT. It would cross it far above."

(3) The eight planets without Pluto fall into two groups: Four planets near the Sun (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars); all small, dense, and with little atmosphere. Four outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune) — giants, with low densities and "enormous" atmospheres. Pluto is out there among the "gas giants" yet is a small dense world like the inner planets. Asimov comments: "It is definitely out of place."

(4) Disregarding Mercury and Venus, which are so close to the Sun that gravitational effects have slowed them down, it may be said that all of the planets rotate rapidly about their axes, in periods ranging from 10 to 25 hours. But Pluto's rotational period is 153 hours — almost seven days.

And Asimov concludes: "Why all these extremes? Is there a reason for

Pluto to be so different? . . . Suppose Pluto wasn't a planet to begin with, but was a satellite of Neptune. Suppose some cosmic catastrophe sent it hurtling out of its satellite orbit into an independent planetary one. If so, the nature of the explosion (if that's what it was) could well have hurled it into a tilted and lop-sided orbit; but one that brings it back toward Neptune from where it had started out. As a satellite it would be small and perhaps dense, instead of being a gas giant . . . then, too, it would have rotated about its axis in the same time it took to revolve about Neptune, thanks to Neptune's gravitational pull. (This is true for satellites generally; it is true for our own Moon.) In that case, Pluto's period of rotation could easily be a week. (Our Moon's rotation is four weeks.) Naturally, when Pluto was hurled away from Neptune, it would keep its period of rotation and would end with a most peculiar one for a planet." He adds, "Unfortunately, though, all this is just speculation. There is no hard and fast evidence that Pluto was ever a satellite of Neptune; and if it was, we don't know what kind of catastrophe could have broken it away."

Speaking of maverick moons, we have said elsewhere that the asteroids are supposed to be moons escaped from Mercury, Venus, and other planets; perhaps also from Mars and Jupiter, between whose orbits the asteroid belt proper lies. It has also been surmised that Jupiter and Mars may have captured an asteroid or two for a satellite. The asteroid Icarus has been in the news for a long time, because it approached Earth in June, 1968, to a distance of some four million miles, and some feared it might be drawn into Earth's gravitational field and crash into our planet. "In which case," said Australian physicist Stuart Thomas Butler, "any city it struck would vanish." He said that a nuclear missile could destroy it before it hit Earth.

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The Children of Leo, 1968

Birthdays: July 23 to August 23

EXPRESSED from deep within, the characteristics of Leo are exceedingly fixed. It is especially true of the natives of this fixed-fire sign that "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Active, definite affections and highly individualistic emotions seem to color all they do. A distinctly integrated personality stimulates an eager enthusiasm for vivid expression — usually in an artistic, dramatic, or executive capacity. Interests are vigorously pursued with complete, whole-hearted absorption and many dramatic flourishes.

Acting always with the power of the total personality, Leos require rest and leisure to recuperate the energy they expend so lavishly in a blaze of self-expression. The constitution is enduring, enabling them to enjoy good health if love and pleasure and a fiery nature do not lead to excesses. Self-esteem, rarely lacking, makes loss of personal status so intolerable that the Leo native will go to considerable ends to maintain a good opinion of self. From this ultimate necessity comes a high conception of honor, uprightness, personal dignity, and worth, as well as contempt for all that is sordid, petty, or ignoble. Like

their ruler, the Sun, they find pleasure and an enhanced awareness of self in giving, and are therefore open-handed and magnanimous.

While the less evolved Leo may roar, bluff, and strut to impress himself and others, those manifesting on a higher level seem more anxious to honor and glorify the God within than the personal self, and may be as self-effacing, humble, and as loyally affectionate as the undeveloped can be domineering, blustering, self-loving, and unfaithful. The feelings of the Leo native strongly incite the will, so that he can be headstrong and insistent, particularly when young. The genuine, cheerful, warm-hearted disposition of a Leo usually more than compensates for an often uncertain temper and recurrent efforts to direct or dazzle others. Accordingly the Leos make dependable friends.

These natives seem to gravitate to positions of authority. They are to be found in executive positions in manufacturing concerns, as teachers or college professors, managers of clubs or hotels, entertainers, opera singers, etc.

Continuing on through this solar month is the conjunction of Uranus and Pluto in Virgo, and its sextile to Neptune in Scorpio. Therefore, the children

coming to birth during this period will have a basic inclination toward the occult or mystical side of life. There may be direct touch with the spiritual world, and dreams and visions of a prophetic nature are quite probable. The intuitive faculties are very strong, there is healing power, and a desire to travel and explore also exists.

As the solar month opens and continuing on until August, there is the conjunction between Mercury and Mars. This configuration gives mental energy, enthusiasm, and dexterity, but the direction in which these will be expended will depend upon other aspects, as well as upon house and sign positions.

Saturn and Mars are in square aspect from July 23 to August 7, a stellar pattern indicating the need to cultivate unselfishness, gentleness, honesty, truthfulness, and control of temper.

From July 23 to August 5 Mars trines Neptune, intensifying the emotional nature and giving a leaning toward the study and practice of occultism. Ability to penetrate into the invisible worlds is strengthened.

Mars sextiles Uranus and Pluto from July 23 to August 10, giving an energetic and ambitious disposition, along with an original, ingenious, and intuitive mind. These natives are quite inventive, especially along lines involving electricity, aviation, or other unusual lines of endeavor. Mechanics is their natural forte.

From July 26 to August 1 Mercury sextiles Uranus, giving an original, independent, and progressive mind. The ideals and ideas are exceedingly lofty and inspiring, but many friends are attracted by the kindly, sympathetic nature. Success in literature and science is strongly favored.

Mercury trines Neptune from July 25 to 31, giving a mind peculiarly adapted to the occult art. Success in occultism is favored, and a supernormal faculty may be developed.

From July 31 to August 15 the Sun

and Mercury are in conjunction, favoring the mentality and memory on the days when the orb of aspect is three or more degrees.

Venus trines Saturn from July 31 to August 10, indicating one who is faithful and true, just and methodical, qualities which make for success in all departments of life. Trustworthy, simple of tastes, and of unimpeachable morality, these natives merit the honor, esteem, and health that make life more worthwhile.

From July 31 to August 8, Venus squares Neptune, pointing toward lessons to be learned through sorrow, loss, and trouble, especially through the marriage partner. Faithfulness, sincerity, and honesty are qualities that need cultivation.

The Sun squares Neptune from August 7 to 23, raising the vibrations of the aura and thus bringing the native in touch with the denizens of the invisible worlds. However, this is a negative aspect, to be transmuted only by the positive spiritual life of purity and service — through exercise of the will.

From August 8 to 15 Mercury squares Neptune, indicating the need to cultivate mental control and the memory. Activity in accomplishment of worthwhile objectives should be stressed from early years.

The two great benefics, Venus and Jupiter, are in conjunction from August 12 to 23, a strong indication of health, wealth, and happiness. However, other aspects, as well as house and sign position, will determine the more specific direction in which this configuration works.

From August 18 to 23 there is another favorable conjunction: Mercury and Jupiter. This is one of the finest assets in life, for it gives a cheerful, optimistic disposition, even in hours of adversity. The mind is broad, versatile, and able to reason correctly. Success in law and literature is strongly favored, and there will be both benefit and enjoyment from travel.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

CHRIS T.

Born July 28, 1955, 3:30 A.M.

Latitude 34 N., Longitude 118 W.

Signs on cups of houses:

ASC, Cancer 14.15	4th, Virgo ..29.00
2nd, Leo6.00	5th, Scorpio4
3rd, Leo29.00	6th, Sagittarius 11

Positions of the planets:

Mercury25.22	Cancer1st
Venus25.25	Cancer1st
Uranus28.24	Cancer1st
Sun4.37	Leo1st
Jupiter9.36	Leo2nd
Mars10.57	Leo2nd
Pluto25.42	Leo2nd
Neptune25.35	Libra4th
Part of F.4.15	Scorpio5th
Saturn14.34	Scorpio5th
Moon24.37	Scorpio5th
Dragon's H. 24.22	Sagittarius ...6th

All of this child's planets are beneath the horizon, pointing toward a predominantly subjective life—an active inner life through which more than the average amount of spiritual progress can be made.

The Sun, Jupiter, and Mars are in conjunction in the fixed-fire sign Leo in the 1st (Sun) and 2nd houses, giving a great deal of strength, energy, and aspiration to the nature. The Sun is also in conjunction with Uranus in Cancer in the 1st, and to some extent with Mercury and Venus, which in turn conjunct Uranus. Quite a complicated personality here! However, the basic nature should be strong and forceful enough to proceed on an "even keel" and thus insure a progressive life.

Mercury and Venus in exact conjunction in the 1st and making a three-degree conjunction with Uranus, trine the Moon in Scorpio in the 5th, indi-

cates a pleasant, talkative person, especially agreeable to the opposite sex. There is an excellent memory, considerable imagination, and literary — particularly poetical — ability. The Moon in Scorpio in the 5th signifies a fruitful marriage, but Saturn there, square to Jupiter and Mars, shows difficulties in connection with children, entertainment, pleasure, etc. — opportunities to learn needed lessons in unselfishness, and honesty through 5th house affairs. There is a tendency at times for the affections to be too changeable, as well as a tendency toward gambling. However, although this child is courageous and independent, not to be imposed upon or coerced by threats, there is a singular amenability to kindness, showing how he can best be guided. There is a natural attraction to the occult sciences, which should be encouraged. Emphasis should be placed on the positive path, however.

Uranus in the 1st house stamps Chris as one who is rather eccentric at times, and its square to Neptune sounds a warning to avoid all negative psychic influences. Under no circumstances should this child be permitted to visit seances, use the ouija board, etc. There is a good deal of originality in his nature, and it should by all means be encouraged in a way that will further constructive expression.

Jupiter and Mars, rulers of the 10th house (with some influence from Neptune), in conjunction in the 2nd and square to Saturn, suggest difficulties in earning money, and probably also lack of wisdom in spending what is earned. There is usually the will to start anew, however, even after financial disaster, and as the lessons in careful spending are learned, financial conditions will be improved. The vocational pursuits would probably be best in connection with manufacturing (automobiles, sporting goods, etc.), hotel work (receptionist), or teaching.

KEVIL G.

Born August 24, 1958, 12:18 P.M.

Latitude 48 N., Longitude 122 W.

Signs on cusps of houses:

ASC, Scorp. 18.52	4th, Pisces ...5.00
2nd, Sagitt. 19.00	5th, Aries ...6.00
3rd, Cap. ...26.00	6th, Taurus ...0.00

Positions of the planets:

Saturn ...19.05R.	Sagittarius .. 2nd
Moon	19.16 Capricorn ...2nd
Part of Fort. 26.59	Pisces4th
Dragon's T. 24.54	Aries5th
Mars19.37	Taurus7th
Venus10.45	Leo9th
Uranus13.10	Leo9th
Mercury ..28.56R.	Leo9th
Sun1.09	Virgo9th
Pluto2.06	Virgo9th
Jupiter ...27.39	Libra11th
Neptune2.28	Scorpio12th

With Venus, Uranus, Mercury, Sun, and Pluto all in the 9th house, and the last two in Virgo in conjunction with the MC, this child seems destined to a successful life before the public, with considerable travel — probably into distant countries — included.

The Sun and Pluto are in conjunction not only with the MC, but also with Mercury in the 29th degree of Leo, sextile Jupiter and the Dragon's Head in conjunction in Libra in the 11th, as well as to Neptune in Scorpio in the 12th, and trine the Moon in Capricorn in the 2nd. This is a very fine configuration, indicating a nature that is basically mental and rather exacting, but at the same time friendly, optimistic, and generous. There is innate ability to succeed through his own efforts, along with versatility and ingenuity. There is considerable spiritual understanding, too, so that this child's motives and aims in life should be quite constructive and humanitarian.

The well aspected Jupiter and Dragon's Head in Libra in the 11th house suggest that Kevil's greatest happiness in life will come through his friends.

There will be many of them, wealthy, influential, and altruistic people who will be a great help to this boy in realizing his hopes, wishes, and ambitions. Both he and his friends will be interested in art, music, literature, and all that makes for the upliftment of humanity.

The Moon in Capricorn in the 2nd, besides being trine to Sun and Pluto, sextiles Neptune, accentuating the help Kevil will receive from other people in becoming successful. Also indicated is a very strong imagination, an inspirational, kind, and sympathetic nature, along with ability to serve by means of the occult arts.

With both Saturn and Moon in the 2nd, well aspected, the earning capacity is good, and there is apt to be money by inheritance which Kevil will be able to increase by economy and careful investments. Saturn in Sagittarius denotes a charitable, philanthropic disposition, and its sextile to Uranus points toward ambition and determination, with ability to concentrate upon large problems and exercise authority, plan, and systematize. The intuition is strong and the mind ingenious, resourceful, and mechanical.

A side of this child's nature which will need careful guidance is indicated by Mars in Taurus (in the 7th), opposing the ASC and square Uranus. Stubbornness, vindictiveness, resentment of restraint, and a violent temper may crop out at times of provocation. The presence of Venus in Leo points toward a tender, loving side to the nature, but since it conjuncts Uranus and is thus drawn into the square to Mars, there may not always be the control of the feelings needed. Fortunately the square between Uranus and Mars is a few minutes more than six degrees, so that it is not as compelling as if the orb were less.

Kevil is well equipped with the ability to give fine service in a number of fields: writing, lecturing, or manufacturing. He could become a leader in spiritual affairs, at least in his local environment.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

Florist, Teacher

ANN S. R. — Born Aug. 4, 1939, 6 A.M., Latitude 51 N., Longitude 0. This chart shows Mercury, Sun, Venus, and Pluto all in Leo in the 12th house, suggesting activities away from the public eye. The Sun conjuncts Venus and trines Jupiter in Aries in the 8th, indicating a fine, honorable person — friendly, optimistic, and generous. Venus conjuncts Pluto, trines the Moon, squares Saturn, and opposes Mars. Since Venus rules the sign on the 10th house, Taurus, all these aspects must be taken into consideration. But Uranus in the 10th has a strong influence on vocational possibilities. Besides its square to Mercury, it sextiles the Moon in Pisces, trines Mars in Capricorn in the 5th, and Neptune in Virgo in the 2nd. From the foregoing we judge that this native could serve well in a number of capacities, and there is apt to be an unusual, progressive touch to whatever she chooses to do (Uranus). As a florist, teacher, accountant, or in manufacturing, (candy, books, automobiles) she could make good use of her talents.

Journalist, Editor

WALTER R. — Born February 3, 1954, 7:57 P.M. Latitude 35 N., Longitude 106 W. Here we find seven houses occupied by one or more planets, which, along with common signs on all the angles, indicates a versatile person whose life will no doubt be filled with many different types of experiences. The Sun, Venus (in the 5th house), Moon and Mercury (in the 6th) are all in the fixed-air sign Aquarius, the first three in conjunction, indicating a basic nature that is humanitarian, intellectual, progressive, and friendly. The Sun, Venus, and Moon are trine Jupiter in Gemini

in the 10th house, but the Sun squares Saturn in Scorpio in the 2nd. Mercury, ruler of the Virgo ASC and of the Gemini MC, is in the 6th house, conjuncting Moon (8 degrees), trining Neptune in Libra in the 2nd, but squaring Mars in Scorpio in the 3rd and opposing Pluto in Leo in the 12th. The beautifully aspected Jupiter in Gemini in the 10th (trine Sun, Venus, and Moon) is the most powerful factor in the vocational life, although Mercury should be taken into consideration also. This native could give superior service as a journalist, editor, news reporter, translator, or post office official.

Secretary, Interpreter

SANDRA R.—Born February 24, 1941, 5:45 P.M. Latitude 32 N., Longitude 94 W. The Sun and Mercury are in conjunction in Pisces in the 7th house in this chart, and they sextile Mars in Capricorn in the 5th, as well as Saturn and Jupiter in Taurus in the 9th. This native is basically a sensitive, kindly, understanding, and friendly, person, with a powerful imagination and a strong inclination toward the occult or mystic side of life. The mentality is active, cheerful, broad, versatile, and capable of considerable concentration and profound thought. The Moon and Venus (ruler of the Taurus MC) are in conjunction in Aquarius in the 6th house and square Uranus in Taurus in the 9th. For vocational tendencies we must look to Uranus, Venus (ruler of the Taurus MC), and Mercury, which rules Gemini intercepted in the 10th. A Mercury-in-Pisces occupation would very probably be best, since Mercury is well aspected. Therefore this native could most harmoniously use her talents as a hospital worker, saleswoman of footwear, interpreter, accountant, secretary, or writer.

Daily Thought and Guide

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

THURSDAY—AUGUST 1

August begins with mixed vibrations. We should try to find the hidden causes of any hardships and look within, heeding the "still small voice".

FRIDAY—AUGUST 2

If we use our personality in serving our higher self today, then we will receive the help of today's higher aspects. "My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

SATURDAY—AUGUST 3

Mixed vibrations are active now. Rest and recreation may receive our attention, but deep spiritual matters should also be given heed. "God is Light, let us walk in the Light."

SUNDAY—AUGUST 4

On this fine Sunday we enjoy many planetary rays. Let us reaffirm our faith in God and thank Him for His goodness to His children.

MONDAY—AUGUST 5

A quiet day when we go about performing our daily tasks. Benevolent Jupiter is strong today and we are impelled to share our blessings with those in need—to the glory of God.

TUESDAY—AUGUST 6

At this rather inactive time let us evaluate our past experiences and draw the right conclusions from our actions. This will help us much in our future unfoldment.

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 7

Today we find that some of yesterday's rays are still active. Let us take time to recall past actions and judge ourselves rightly. "Straight is the gate

and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life."—*Matt. 7:14.*

THURSDAY—AUGUST 8

This is likely to be a rather quiet day. If we perform our duties gladly and keep our minds on a high plane we will be guided in all that is good.

FRIDAY—AUGUST 9

Today a little patience with our fellowman will be helpful. It may be best to be rather quiet. Let us not weary in well-doing.

SATURDAY—AUGUST 10

Mixed vibrations rule this day of Saturn. Routine work is best and patience will give us understanding. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

SUNDAY—AUGUST 11

This fine Sunday should be a day of rest, when meditation and contemplation give strength to our faith in God. Let us seek that "Inmost center where truth abides in all its fullness."

MONDAY—AUGUST 12

On this quiet Monday we perform our duties to the best of our ability with a prayer in our heart. "Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered."—*G. Meredith.*

TUESDAY—AUGUST 13

Much may be accomplished today, if we make good use of the helpful vibrations and strive toward high ideals. "Let us not weary in well-doing."

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 14

This should be a happy day, for good thoughts abound and good deeds are easily performed now. Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow."

THURSDAY—AUGUST 15

Today we go about our daily tasks with confidence; may we realize how fortunate we are if we can do them well. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark."

FRIDAY—AUGUST 16

Conflicting rays appear today, so we should look for the silver lining of our clouds. If we are able to keep calm and poised, all will be well.

SATURDAY—AUGUST 17

A good day to finish tasks begun some time ago, then rest and recreation are in order. Saturn will teach us patience and persistence. "I work with patience, which is also power."—*E. B. Browning*.

SUNDAY—AUGUST 18

This is the day of the Sun, with fine aspects. Let us try to make religion a living factor in our lives and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

MONDAY—AUGUST 19

This should be a fine active day, for many planets are sending us good rays. Let us make good use of them. Head and heart can work together with good results.

TUESDAY—AUGUST 20

Today we can push forward to fine accomplishments, realizing that "Benevolent people are always cheerful."—*Taylor*.

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 21

This will be another busy day with fine help from the planets. "Inner sunshine warms not only the heart of the owner, but all who come in contact with it."—*Fields*.

THURSDAY—AUGUST 22

Some of yesterday's good rays are still effective. Kindness and thoughtfulness are in order as we perform our daily work. "Be still and know."

FRIDAY—AUGUST 23

Loving self-forgetting service is our task today. "An effort made for the

happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."—*Child*.

SATURDAY—AUGUST 24

Conjunctions make this a day of close contacts with friends and neighbors. We can find within that which well help us in our work and play. Let us be kind to all we meet.

SUNDAY—AUGUST 25

This is the day of the Sun and we find a splendid vibration for worship. "Truly the light is sweet and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the Sun."—*Eccl. 17:7*.

MONDAY—AUGUST 26

The rays are good today and the voice of intuition may be heard by those who have the ability to listen for it. "With patience everything comes in due season."—*Laboulaye*.

TUESDAY—AUGUST 27

On this rather quiet day it is well for us to try to understand the rays of Neptune, who is closely connected with music. "Music is said to be the speech of angels."—*Carlyle*.

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 28

This should be another happy day when good thoughts are present and good deeds are easily performed. God has been so good to us.

THURSDAY—AUGUST 29

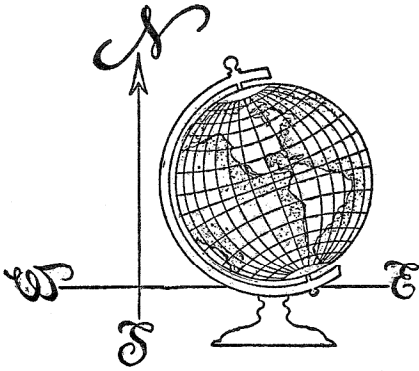
Jupiter's strong rays today help us to know that we *are* our brothers' keepers. "Learn the luxury of doing good."—*Goldsmith*.

FRIDAY—AUGUST 30

On this Venus-ruled day we can accomplish much, with heart and mind working together. "The earth is full of the Goodness of the Lord."—*Ps. 33:5*.

SATURDAY—AUGUST 31

The month of August ends with a quiet day. We can put it to good use by silently meditating upon the month's experiences and what has been gained from them.



MONTHLY

News

INTERPRETED

Earth Prepares for the Galilean Epoch: The Magnetic Field Getting Ready to Reverse

EARTH'S DWINDLING MAGNETIC FIELD

Earth's magnetic field has been getting weaker for centuries, on the way to reversing itself, and will have virtually disappeared by the year 3991, according to a study by two U. S. Government scientists.

There have been several field reversals in earth's geologic past, but the most recent of them was about 700,000 years ago, so it has been difficult to connect these events with physical or biological changes on the planet.

SUCH CHANGES WOULD COME ABOUT BECAUSE THE MAGNETIC FIELD, AS IT WEAKENED TO ZERO PRIOR TO BUILDING UP AGAIN WITH THE OPPOSITE POLARITY, WOULD TEMPORARILY CEASE KEEPING OUT COSMIC AND SOLAR RADIATION.

Dr. Keith L. McDonald of the Environmental Science Services Administration and Robert H. Gunst of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey say for 500 years before and after the low point the field will not be strong enough to shield earth effectively from radiation.

—*Science News*, Feb. 3, 1968. vol. 93.

Experts always have trouble explaining their knowledge to the layman. Everything seems simple and obvious to the expert, and he will sometimes absent-mindedly omit to mention some stray fact which he thinks everybody knows; and the omission leaves the layman groping in the dark.

A case in point is that of the changing polarity of the planetary magnetic field. How does it change? Where does it go? Does it go anywhere?

The above news item gives a somewhat better explanation of the problem. The

earth's magnetic field, we read, is dwindling, getting weaker, as it prepares to reverse itself. It will have virtually disappeared by 3991 A.D., then it will build up again with the opposite polarity.

The zero polarity of 3991 A.D. comes in what is called the Aquarian Age. The Aquarian Age starts about 2600 A.D., but we are already feeling its influence. The earth's polarity will reach zero and then start to reverse about a thousand years after the onset of the Aquarian Age. But, for 500 years before and after the zero point, earth is exposed to cosmic radiation, with no protection from the magnetic field which has for the past 700,000 years sheltered us from it.

The last time this happened, then, if the scientists are right, was in the early part of the Aryan Epoch, which began about a million years ago. It is now drawing to a close.

Scientists are busy working on ways and means to counteract the effects of radiation, and many products are being experimented with which show promise. Some of them are very simple, such as lemon peel, for example. Then there is the aloe vera plant, which protects against radiation burns.

It is significant that Max Heindel believed that the Galilean Epoch would begin, perhaps, in the Capricornian Age—which follows the Aquarian—or at some later time within the next approximately 26,000 years; that is, either in about four or five thousand years, or in the larger solar cycle, the Great Sidereal

Year, of about 26,000 years, during which the precession of the equinoxes will make a complete cycle back to the Capricornian degrees again.

During the period of the Galilean Epoch the Second Coming of Christ, in the etheric likeness of the Man Jesus, is expected to occur. This is an appearing on a world-wide scale, but is of the nature of His appearing to St. Paul on the way to Damascus, in a "soul-body".

After the zero polarity of 3991 A.D., the earth's field will build up with the opposite polarity in preparation for the Galilean Epoch, as it would seem from the viewpoint of occult science.

It is known that radiation may affect the heredity of human beings, so that if the field does dwindle to zero, and remains there for a thousand years, the life forms on earth may change remarkably. There may well be a new race on a new earth under a new heaven or sky. Max Heindel believed that the seas would evaporate to a large degree and there would be a rarefied atmosphere, into which a mysterious substance from outer space would penetrate. Those who had developed the "Soul Body" or Golden Wedding Garment would be able to use this "New Element"; but those who had not would perish, as those of our evolutionary ancestors perished who had not developed lungs capable of breathing air. He stated that some aviators in World War I had already encountered this "New Element" in the upper air.

As to the nature of the "New Element", he says in *Gleanings of a Mystic* (page 71) that it is an "ether": . . . " . . . as surely as our Atlantean ancestors made a highway of the watery element which they breathed and then rose above it to live in a new element, just as certainly shall we conquer the air and then rise above it into the newly discovered element which we call ether."

The race will undoubtedly survive in one way or another, even if it has to go underground for a thousand years, and then issue forth from caves.

The possibility exists that we may in fact develop a remedy against radiation which will render everyone immune to it; or devise some sort of atmospheric shield; or carry about with us individual shields when going about on earth's surface . . . for the "Golden Wedding Garment" really is a magnetic shield.

New Thinking on Human Aggression

U. S. psychiatrists have been steadily discarding, or at least modifying, the old "aggressive instinct" theory of human nature.

An indication of how far they have moved away from Freud on this matter came in a poll of 313 psychiatrists, conducted by the drug magazine, SK & F PSYCHIATRIC REPORTER.

Only 39 percent of the psychiatrists still agreed with Freud that man has a basic fund of more or less irreducible aggression and hostility. Some 27 percent thought he has no inborn aggression at all. The rest conceded some aggressive instinct but gave equal emphasis to generous, constructive motives in human nature.

A very high proportion of the psychiatrists (81 percent) agreed that violence is not simply a matter of individual psychology, but that when the environment tolerates violence, violence is likely to happen.

Said one psychiatrist: "Individuals take their cues from president, governor, mayor, chief of police and boss."

—*Science News*, Oct. 28, 1967.

It has been said that the general schools lag twenty-five years behind the pioneering science and technology, and the public lags twenty-five years behind the advanced schools. The intelligentsia in the first quarter of our century pioneered Freud's psycho-analysis; the schools would still have nothing to do with it. Then the colleges accepted Freud, and he has been going strong in certain groups, and the public, lagging still farther behind, has not yet learned the bad news, or good news as it seems to many, that Freudianism is not the bright hope of the world that it was thought to be. Today much of the school of analytical psychology is having to readjust itself to new discoveries which affect the basic theories; and this is now beginning to trickle down to the public at large, who are beginning to question much of

the Freudian hypotheses which they once so widely supported. Even the concept of a "subconscious" mind has been questioned of recent years!

We find this present news item immensely hopeful. It breaks the shackles of the older type of analytic psychology which took evil as basic to human nature, instead of looking to the constructive instincts which are the real basis of all human progress. Here again it is in part a matter of semantics, or word-meanings. The word "aggression" is simply not the right word. In the Wisdom Teachings the word "self-assertion" is used instead of "aggression," and this word relates to the consciousness of the Egos in the lower soul world, that of Purgatory, where they must live until they outgrow these aggressive instincts.

Some spiritual teachers prefer to speak of "Probation" after death instead of "Purgatory", and this may be a good word. It implies that the persons living in the soul world live in a world much like this world which they have left; but they have problems to work out, and when the coarser instincts and emotions have been cast off they begin to realize higher states of consciousness, and gradually, as it were, they become shining lights, and are able to live in a world of beauty and harmony, which is the lowest or First Heaven. There are helpers, teachers, governors there who assist them to learn their lessons, whatever they may be.

It is in line with the ancient Wisdom Teaching, that man is inherently a divine Spirit ("Virgin Spirit" made in God's image and likeness), that, as some psychologist has said, "man may have no inborn aggression at all." But even if some is present, equal emphasis, and more than equal emphasis, is to be given to the "generous, constructive motives in human nature."

The great danger of accepting the idea that aggression is basic to human nature is that it causes people to tolerate violence as being "only natural"; and as certain of these psychologists ob-

served, "when the environment tolerates violence, violence is likely to happen."

Moreover, despite the boasted independence of youth, the fact remains that young people, and people in general, do tend to follow a leader. This is a good instinct, because we do have to work together in order to maintain any sort of social stability; and there must be a focal point of community endeavor. The leader provides this. But the leader must set the right keynote, to which the community can respond. As one psychiatrist said: "Individuals take their cues from president, governor, mayor, chief of police and boss."

In every organization, social, political, religious or scientific, the "boss" sets the keynote; and the subtle effect of this sounding keynote immediately shows up all the way down the line. It is not that the "boss" gives orders; it is simply that everyone moves in sympathy with his attitudes and reactions.

But this setting of the keynote is more than merely psychological. It is a power which sounds within the archetypal idea of an organization or community; and the leader or "boss" is like the key-atom, which sounds the keynote for the organization. Thus the leader has a greater responsibility than merely to formulate policies. He must also LIVE the keynote which he wants to see work itself out in the world at large.

Everyone Linked by Five Friends

A chain of only five people will link any two individuals in the country, although the two are completely unknown to each other, according to a Harvard study dubbed the "small-world problem."

Social psychologist Dr. Stanley Milgram discovered the number five by tracing a message from Nebraska to Boston. The target was a Boston stockbroker living in Sharon, Mass. The senders were 160 randomly-chosen Nebraskans. None knew the stockbroker, but each had his name and a few elementary facts on him.

The trick was to move the message only through friends—people who knew each other on a first-name basis. Moreover, the message had to move in a straight chain,

that is, no one could send it to more than one friend. They were instructed to pick a friend most likely to know the broker.

In some cases, the message reached the stockbroker through two intermediaries; in other cases, it took 10, but the average was five, reported Dr. Milgram.

One message, for instance, started with a widowed clerk in Omaha, went to a friend in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to a publisher in Belmont, Mass., and to a tanner in Sharon. From there, it went to a metal worker, a dentist, a printer and a clothing merchant, all in Sharon, before it reached the stockbroker.

Five intermediaries actually means five circles of acquaintances, and therefore represent an "enormous psychological distance," writes Dr. Milgram in the charter issue of *PSYCHOLOGY TODAY*.

—*Science News*, June, 1967.

"It's a small world" indeed. Reincarnationists have said that we have had some contact, however fleeting, with anyone whom we have met closely enough even to cast a passing glance upon them. In addition, there are many who are not in incarnation, with whom also we have ties from the past. The "Web of Destiny" is incredibly complicated, and only a divine mind could trace the threads as they link Ego to Ego from life to life. The esotericist, who understands the power of the spoken word and of thought, will see in the above item a suggestion of how the karmic laws work through the living population of lands and nations, not to mention the unseen planes where communication is instantaneous. Max Heindel has said that in the lower regions of the Desire World people still talk in the language or languages they used while embodied on earth, and therefore part of the work of the Invisible Helpers is, oddly enough, to act as interpreters between persons on the other side who cannot talk to one another because of coming of different races! In the higher regions of the Desire World, however, this problem no longer exists. There not only do thoughts take form in astral substance, becoming visible, but there is an instantaneous telepathic communication, which accompanies a sound or tone.

Everyone understands this music-speech, Mr. Heindel comments, just as

musicians everywhere understand musical notation, no matter what speech they may use; or as mathematicians understand the Arabic numbers 1, 2, 3, etc., although these numbers have different names in different languages — one, two, three in English; ein, zwei, drei in German; un, deux, trois in French, etc. "Thus it is also with the universal language peculiar to the higher Regions of the Desire World and the still more subtle realms in nature, it is intelligible to all, an exact mode of expression." (*Rosicrucian Mysteries*, page 85-86).

Total Lunar Eclipse on April 12

If the weather is clear on Friday evening, April 12, observers across the United States will have their best opportunity to see a total lunar eclipse between now and 1971.

From the eastern U.S., the whole eclipse will occur in a dark sky, with mid-eclipse about 15 minutes before midnight Eastern Standard Time. In the Far West, the moon will enter earth's umbral shadow before evening twilight ends, yet all of the 50 minutes of totality will be visible under favorable conditions.

During the eclipse the first magnitude star Spica and the moon will be in conjunction, making a lovely sight for naked eye and binocular viewers. A conjunction between a particular star and the eclipsed moon is a rare event. It last happened with Spica 19 years ago, on the night of April 12-13, 1949, but will not happen again for many centuries, according to the *April Sky and Telescope*.—*Science News*, Apr., 1968.

Here is an item of great interest to astrologers. Note that the conjunction of the lunar eclipse with the star Spica in Virgo is not something that occurs every year. The last time was 19 years ago, April 12-13, 1949; and will not happen again for many centuries, according to the magazine *Sky and Telescope*. Horoscopes which carry this lunation should be studied very carefully by astrologers, and those who are interested in the astrology of world affairs will also trace with caution the influence of the star Spica in Virgo in their analysis of political situations and natural events. (*Sorry we didn't get this in the RAYS earlier*.—ED.)

Readers' QUESTIONS

Can Souls be Lost?

Question:

Is there any such thing as a lost soul? Is it possible for a person to sin to such an extent that he is beyond redemption, and must therefore either suffer in hell throughout eternity according to the orthodox version, or be annihilated according to some occult doctrines?

Answer:

No, there is no such thing as a lost soul, if you mean by "soul" the indwelling Spirit. The Spirit, or Ego, is a part of God and therefore immortal. Hence it can never be annihilated or lost. Neither can it be compelled to remain in "hell" forever. (The *soul* is the food for the Spirit extracted from the bodies through the Spirit's experience in them.)

The Spirit during ages of involution has crystallized about itself a personality consisting of four vehicles: the physical body, the vital or etheric body, the desire or emotional body, and the mind or mental body. The personality has a will of its own and frequently uses it contrary to the laws of the universe, thereby bringing upon itself penalties which the violation of all cosmic laws produce. Then suffering follows, as a result of which the Ego is usually enabled to get a stronger grip upon its lower vehicles and guide them better next time.

Occasionally, however, a personality becomes so strong, so selfwilled, and so fond of self-gratification that the Ego cannot control it, and it finally breaks away from the control of the latter. If it is seen that the Ego has hopelessly

lost its opportunity of mastering this particular personality, the bridge of mind between the Ego, or Higher Self, and the lower self is broken. Thus the personality is cast off, after which it slowly and painfully disintegrates. It has refused to serve the purposes of evolution, and it is therefore useless. The seed atoms are taken away from the Ego at this time by the Recording Angels so as to prevent it from coming to rebirth again. Then the Spirit, having been shut out of further evolution for the time being, proceeds through the Moon and the planet Saturn to Chaos. Thence it will be expelled to inter-planetary space to await the beginning of a new Day of Manifestation and the entrance of a new life wave of Virgin Spirits upon a course of involution and evolution. This it joins and begins again the work which had been interrupted in its previous Earth lives.

Let it be noted particularly, however, that all the benefits of its experiences in the former Day of Manifestation with the preceding life wave are not lost. There is a record upon the Life Spirit, the second principle of the Ego, of every act and scene in every one of our Earth lives. This record is imperishable. When the Ego starts work with a new life wave, it carries with it this record of its former lives, and this puts it far ahead of the Virgin Spirits who are just beginning their involution. The case is somewhat analogous to that of the pupil in school who fails at the end of the year in his grade examinations and is compelled to go back and take that year's work over again. He starts with younger pupils, but what he learned in the preceding year gives him an advantage over them.

Carrying Ailments from One Life to Another

Question:

When we are afflicted in one life with a diseased organ, do we return in a future body with a similar ailment?

Answer:

Not necessarily. Basically it depends upon the extent to which we learn the lessons of life.

Since the first revolution of the Saturn Period the Ego has been learning body building. At the present time, the second half of the fourth revolution of the Earth Period, the human body is only about fifty per cent efficient. If we wish to get some idea of what the physical body will be like in its perfected state, we have only to look into the past and see what has already been achieved along certain lines, knowing that similar progress will be made in the future. For instance, we know that at one time feeling was a localized sense just as hearing and seeing are today, the organ of feeling being the pineal gland, which at that time protruded from the back and upper part of the head. Today the sense of feeling is distributed all over the physical body. What is true relative to the extension of this sense is equally true of all the other senses, for in the course of time they will cease to be localized, and the entire body will not only feel, but it will smell, taste, hear, and see.

The lessons learned in perfecting the body are worked out during successive lives of the Ego. First, it builds a body, then lives in it, and in this way it learns its imperfections. For instance, the muscular system may be perfect, but the heart or lungs or spleen, each or all, may be faulty or diseased. If the Spirit takes note of these imperfections, it will, when it builds its next archetype in the Archetypal Region of Concrete Thought, try to remedy them wherever they exist. If the pain has been great enough to

cause it to focus its attention on these particular organs, it will endeavor to build better ones so that it may escape the suffering which it was forced to endure in a previous life, and so instead of perpetuating its faulty organs it will endeavor to improve them. Therefore it is quite safe to say that a diseased organ in one life may be a sound one in the next life or a succeeding one, for it is in this way that the Ego is gradually learning by past mistakes to build better and more perfect bodies.

The same law holds good in relation to the exterior of the body. For instance, an Ego, if it so permits, may live several lives with what really amounts to a deformed face, head, or body, with limbs out of true proportion, nose grotesque in shape, ears unduly extending out into space, etc. But by becoming aware of the inharmony in its exterior proportions, and making the necessary changes within itself, it may remedy these defects when it builds its next or some succeeding archetype in the Region of Concrete Thought.

Perfection, wisdom, beauty, and strength are all divine attributes which each Ego will in time develop, and it is by living life after life in bodies expressing the opposite qualities that each imperfection, be it external or internal, is discovered and later remedied. All imperfections that the Ego consciously discovers, be they of body or mind, can be remedied by changing the archetype in the Region of Concrete Thought.

Each person expresses without exactly what his thoughts are within. One is muscular and active, because the thoughts which have governed his activities built an active body. Another has flabby flesh, a pouch stomach, and a waddling walk, showing that he is averse to exercise. In each case the body is an accurate reproduction of the mind; each class suffers from the ailments peculiar to the trend of its mental activity.—*Max Heindel.*



Honey Heals

FRANCIS HOPE TATE

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to repeated requests for this article, we are reprinting it again. Both as a food and as a medicine, honey seems to have proved itself invaluable.

HONEY is unquestionably one of the most remarkable natural substances known to man. We are all comfortably aware of its value in the diet; but do you know the power of honey to destroy bacteria, thus making it one of the simplest home medical aids imaginable?

When the scientist calls honey hygroscopic, he means that there is in it a power so great that it will immediately begin to withdraw the moisture from any substance the moment it comes into contact with that substance. Now consider the lowly bacterium. As it follows the compulsive law of mitosis, a single bacterium—within sixty seconds—divides in half and becomes two complete bacteria. Another sixty seconds and these two have become four. One minute more and the four become eight, the eight become sixteen. And so the process continues.

But all bacteria, to survive, must have a certain amount of moisture. Since honey begins to absorb moisture immediately upon contact, we can see at once that bacteria cannot thrive in the presence of honey. In fact, honey's hygroscopicity is so amazing that even a stone crock

yields its moisture unless specifically treated to hold honey.

At the Colorado Agricultural College in Ft. Collins, Dr. W. G. Sackett, a bacteriologist, determined to put honey to the test. Frankly, he did not believe honey would destroy disease bacteria. So in his laboratory he placed various disease germs in a pure honey medium and waited. The results were quite astounding.

Each one of those disease micro-organisms died within a few hours or at most a few days. He had used the typhoid-fever producing germs (*B. typhosus*); they died within forty-eight hours. Other similar germs which are called *A* and *B para typhosus* perished after only twenty-four hours. A micro-organism found in feces and water which resembled the typhoid bacillus and is called *B. fecalis alkaligenes* died in five hours. *B. suispestifer*, causing chronic bronchi-pneumonia followed by septicemia, was dead on the fourth day.

It was the same with the lactose fermenter (*B. lactis aerobacter*) and with the particular bacteria associated with a number of pathologic conditions such as peritonitis, pleuritis, cystitis, and suppurative abscesses (*B. proteus vulgaris*). The dysentery-producing germs (*dysenteriae*) were destroyed in ten hours. Those causing diarrhea in newborn calves (*B. enteritidis*) died in for-

ty-eight hours. *B. coli communis*, which Dr. Sackett described as "pathogenic in the case of ulceration in typhoid," as it enters the blood and creates peritonitis—this was destroyed on the fifth day. All of these findings are in Bulletin No. 252 which was published by the experimental station where Dr. Sackett conducted his tests.

Nor was Dr. Sackett alone in his experiments. These same tests were duplicated and substantiated by Dr. A. P. Sturtevant, bacteriologist in the Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D.C., who later was employed by the Bee Culture Laboratory at Laramie, Wyoming, by A. G. Lockhead who worked in the Division of Bacteriology in Ottawa, Canada; and by numerous others.

It has been proved, then, that bacteria cannot live in the presence of honey, since honey withdraws from them the moisture which is essential to their very existence.

What, therefore, does this mean to us as laymen, untutored in the medical sciences? It means that this bacteria-destroying factor in honey makes of it one of the easiest, quickest home remedies the average person can have for immediate use. Knowledge of this *could* save your life.

One winter a certain man decided to heat a boiler which contained some thirty-five gallons of water. After a considerable length of time he thought to look inside to see how matters were progressing. As he opened the cover, the internal force of steam blew the lid violently against the ceiling, at the same time scalding his head, hands, and feet with a great volume of hot water and steam. A moment later the pain that enveloped him was nearly unbearable. He said later that had not his wife and daughter come to his aid immediately he would probably have gone out of his mind. As it was they instantly took large pieces of linen and smeared them copiously with pure honey and laid them gently over his head and neck, hands and feet. As if by magic, the pain subsided almost at

once. By night he was able to sleep comfortably, not one hair was lost, though his head had been drenched with great quantities of hot steam and water.

Do you know that honey will heal inflammations, even destroy deep necrotic tissue and quicken granulation, at the same time easing the pain and tension produced by pain? Dr. Zaiss of Heidelberg prefers to use honey rather than the customary tincture of iodine for his infection cases. Dr. Bodog Beck and Doree Smedley in their book *Honey and Health* say that he has not lost a single case out of the thousands of severe infections he has treated. Dr. Zaiss advises dipping gauze strips into pure honey and binding the infection loosely. Incredible as it may seem, within twenty-four hours the area will be entirely clean, the dead tissue clinging to the bandage as it is changed—which should be every day. All during that twenty-four hours the infection has been bathed in an exudation of lymph and this is why the bandage will not adhere to the wound.

Those who have used honey after this fashion report that at first they feel a momentary smarting as the honey is applied, but that this is immediately followed by a cooling sensation and fast mitigation of pain. If, therefore, you have an infection, cut, scratch, even a carbuncle, boil, felon, or fistula, make a dressing smeared with honey, cover the affected area and watch the miracle of honey's bacteria-destroying properties. Instead of using honey alone, some people in Europe will make a mixture of honey and cod-liver oil. Or they will combine equal parts of honey and flour or honey and burnt alum. All seem quite efficacious.

Honey as a food, a beverage, and a medicine is hardly something new. Our Bible has in both the Old and New Testaments some fifty-three references to honey and nine more to honeycomb. There are numerous references in the Talmud, the Koran, and in many of the sacred books of the East. So we might truthfully say that the use of honey

medically is not something new, only something half remembered.

Are you tired mentally? Physically? Drinking a large glass of hot water mixed with one or two tablespoons of honey will give an immediate surge of energy. Ordinary sugar and water will not do it. These must first be converted by the digestive system before they are able to enter the blood stream, but the levulose in honey is absorbable at once because it needs no conversion. Honey contains about forty per cent levulose, thirty-four percent dextrose, and between one and two per cent sucrose. It is alkaline in action, also mildly laxative and an excellent diuretic. Singers and speakers who use their voices considerably find three parts of honey to one of compound tincture of benzoin wonderfully soothing to their throats. Or they may combine two ounces of honey to one ounce each of lemon juice and pure glycerin. A particularly fine gargle is compounded from 125 grams of honey and 25 grams of alum to one quart of water. This last is especially good for healing ulcerated gums and sore throats. Often husky throats are comforted with hot milk and honey.

It may seem unbelievable that honey apparently has a very beneficial effect on tuberculosis. Case has been added to case where consumptives who have been given up by their physicians as having only a few more months left have turned to honey and found it literally a life preserver. A very young girl so abandoned by her doctors as hopeless adopted a diet of goat's milk and honey and surprised them all by living to her eighty-eighth year without any further illness. A man in Kansas was told by his doctors he might as well spend his last three months in the West. Instead of following their instructions, he took a local job setting up an apiary of one hundred colonies for a commercial orchard. Every spare moment he spent studying about honey, learning how through withdrawing the vital moisture from disease bacteria it destroyed them. So he ate as

much honey as he could, making his diet mostly of raw foods, and continued working as much as his strength would allow. Three years later he presented himself to those same physicians who had given him just three months to live, and though they examined him thoroughly, they could find only a few spots on his lungs. In time these, too, were healed, and today he farms twenty-five acres of land and runs two hundred and fifty stands of bees.

Sufferers from nervous insomnia find relief if each night before retiring they take a teaspoon of honey by itself or, if they prefer it, add the honey to hot milk. Another mixture for the same distress is a glass of hot water with one or two tablespoons of honey with the juice of half a lemon added. How much better are these homely remedies than the hundreds of patented drugs sold in astounding quantities every year!

Stings of bees, wasps, and yellow jackets respond excellently to a honey treatment. So also do the bites of mosquitoes and fleas. Dr. J. D. Walters, a well-known Los Angeles physician, very highly recommends the use of honey in all insect bites except those of the black widow spider and the scorpion. In these two instances he says a physician must be reached at once but that, in addition to the usual calcium treatment for these bites, hot honey compresses work wonders. As for the other insect bites, pure honey dabbed on and the area bandaged for several hours is all that seems necessary. Leaving the honey bandage on for several hours, even after all pain has subsided, will prevent the customary swelling. Many years ago the author's husband received over a hundred bee stings on his head. He quickly smeared about half a pound of honey over his head, rubbing it well into the scalp. Within ten minutes the intense pain vanished and there were no ill after-effects which would normally have resulted from the injection of so much poison into the blood stream. True, the

treatment was sticky, but the important thing is *it worked*.

Dietitians and nutritionists know that honey *per se* has only a modest amount of minerals and vitamins, but, says Dr. J. D. Walters, who has also been a dermatologist and metabolic nutritionist for over twenty years, "There is a factor in honey which releases the values of the other foods consumed and makes them more fully available to the body. Exactly what that factor is we do not yet know, but we know it exists."

Dr. Walters, like every nutritionist and certainly every beekeeper, knows the value of unheated honey. The honey processors must heat theirs to prevent its crystallizing simply because the average consumer does not know that crystallization is an absolute sign of honey's purity and, in error, rejects it as being old. Therefore, to avoid the chance of its clouding and crystallizing on the store shelves, these processors "pasteurize" it by heating, sometimes at too high a temperature, and this excessive heat destroys much of the vitamins and minerals it does contain. Dr. Walters also stresses honey in the comb (which of course cannot be heated) because science is beginning to suspect a value in the very wax itself.

Recently Dr. D. C. Jarvis of Barre, Vermont, in a letter to the author, summed up the activity which honey, taken internally, sets up in the human system thus: "Lymph," he writes, "has a rate of flow to the various myriads of cells of the body, this flow being maintained by potassium. When the tissue fluid has been delivered to the cells and the waste material resulting from the vital activity of each cell is dumped into the moving tissue fluid, it enters the tiny veins and again is carried to the lungs and heart. By the continued moving of this tissue fluid called lymph at its normal tempo by potassium, the individual avoids degeneration of tissues and, as a result, reaches the latter part of life with good eyesight, good hearing, good mental vigor, and good physical vigor. The

taking of honey each day is advised in order to keep the lymph flowing at its normal tempo and thus avoid degenerative disease which shortens life. The real value of honey is to maintain a normal flow of the tissue fluid called lymph. When this flow rate slows down, then calcium and iron are precipitated as sediment. When the lymph flow is stagnant, then harmful micro-organisms invade the body and sickness appears."

It is beyond question that we should do all possible to maintain our physical bodies in the best of health. Through a diet of pure foods (and honey is certainly one of them) we can keep the system unlogged and less vulnerable to disease germs. Should bacteria invade the body, then as Max Heindel states in *Occult Principles of Health and Healing* (p. 193): "We should be doing decidedly wrong if we allowed our physical instrument to deteriorate for lack of proper care and attention. It is the most valuable tool we possess."

If our faith alone is great enough to heal an infection, a burn, or some disease, this is certainly both admirable and preferable. But we have also been given natural ways and means of healing. Honey is one of them. Taken internally, applied externally, it is one of the simplest, easiest, and quickest means of counteracting invading bacteria. — *Rays*, Nov., 1955.

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Canada—Am keeping strictly to the diet you prescribed and feel so much better. I have just talked with one of my daughters, and was surprised to hear that she had bought some health foods. As a rule they don't listen to me, but lately they have been listening to me talk of things they were never interested in before. I believe that they see the change in me and are realizing that there is a way of life where we can be well and enjoy the wonderful things God has provided for us. It makes me shaky with joy! I have felt the Invisible Helpers working on my bone deformities. How wonderful it all is. I thank God for the wonderful life opening for me—and my daughters.

England—I am so grateful for the help I am receiving from you. I have made wonderful progress since I first wrote you a year ago. The discomfort regarding my stomach is much less, and so is the pain in my arms and legs. Am able to do much more to help myself. It is such a miracle to me.

Ohio—I am truly grateful for what God, you, and the Invisible Helpers are doing for me. I know all things are working together for my highest good. I pray for judgment in making the right decisions, for at times it is hard to know what is right and what is wrong. Thank you and God bless you and the Invisible Helpers.

Nebraska—Thank you for your efforts in my behalf. The acne on the back of my neck is about healed, just a little bit left on my chin. Other troubles I didn't mention are even better. I seem to be getting a bit "clearer" in my head, also, and stronger. Don't need quite so much sleep as before. The magazine is getting better, too.



Why the Rosicrucians Heal

Part 2

IT has been said in various works that the members of the Rosicrucian Order took a vow to heal others free of charge. This statement is somewhat garbled. The lay brothers took a vow to *minister* to all according to the best of their ability *free of charge*. That vow included healing, of course, in the case of such men as Paracelsus, who had ability in that direction; by the combination method of physical remedies applied under favorable stars and spiritual counsel he was highly successful. Others were not suited to be healers but labored in other directions, *but all were alike in one particular — they never charged for their services*, and they labored in secret without flourish of trumpet or sound of drum.

Christ gave two commands to His messengers: "Preach the Gospel" (of the coming Age) and "Heal the sick." One is as binding as the other, and, for the foregoing reasons, as necessary. To comply with the second command the Elder Brothers have evolved a system of healing which combines the best points in the various schools of today with a method of diagnosis and treatment as certain as it is simple, and thus a long step has been taken to lift the art of healing from the sands of experiment to the rock of exact knowledge.

It is a true, good, and valid reason when we say that we want to help others

for Christ's sake. He is now immured in the Earth, groaning and travailing and waiting for liberation. Pain and sickness are caused by transgression of the laws of life, therefore they crystallize the dense body, give it a firmer grip on the vital body and retard the day of our liberation, as well as His. By helping the sick to attain health and by teaching them to live in harmony with the laws of life so that they may maintain health, we are hastening the day of His coming.—*Max Heindel*.

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Visible helpers are just as necessary as Invisible Helpers, and our friends and patients may share in a high privilege, as well as add much to the power of liberated healing force, by joining us in prayer for the sick. Our Healing Service is held every evening in the Healing Temple at 6:30, and in the Pro-Ecclesia at 4:45 P. M. when the Moon is in a cardinal sign on the following dates:

HEALING DATES

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ON THE NEW ASTRONOMY

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Earth's "phantom Moons" — clouds of rubble circling around the planet at its libration points where gravitation is neutral — have also been of much interest in recent years as discussed in another place, although of no particular importance in themselves, what is called "the L-5 lunar libration cloud" "trails the Moon in its orbit by about 60 degrees," astronomers report.

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