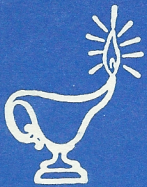


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Aquarian Manifestations

In the middle of the last century the Sun came within orb of influence of the scientific sign Aquarius, and although it will take about six hundred years before the Aquarian Age commences, it is instructive to note what changes the mere touch has wrought in the world.

Aquarius has an intellectual influence which is original, inventive, mystic, scientific, altruistic, and religious. If we apply the biblical standard: "By their fruits ye shall know them," to this problem, we would expect the Aquarian Age to be ushered in by original endeavors along all lines connected with science, religion, mysticism, and altruism. We can now look back upon a period of about seventy years in which the Sun by precession has travelled one degree in the orb toward Aquarius, and we find that during that time there has been a very marked change in all lines of thought and endeavor from that which history records throughout the past two millennia.

Science, invention, and resultant industry have completely changed the whole world, its social life, and economic conditions. The great strides made in means of communication have done much to break down barriers of race prejudice and prepare us for conditions of Universal Brotherhood. Inventions too numerous to mention are marking the Aquarian progress in the Physical World.

We also note the rapid rate at which all the movements of liberal thought in religious matters are superseding the old creed bound conditions and the increased number of those who have developed spiritual sight and are investigating the trend of evolution into the higher planes. Observe, too, the rapidity with which the science of astrology is gaining ground.

All these things give an inkling of what may be expected to happen during the Aquarian Age, for when so great strides have been made during the seventy years while the Sun is just beginning to transmit the influence from the outskirts of Aquarius, what then may be expected when it enters the sign itself? Both the possibilities and the probabilities are beyond the range of the imagination, and this applies both to the physical and the psychical side of life. It is the opinion of the writer that at least the etheric sight will then be developed in the majority of mankind, if not by all, so that the sting of death will be partly removed by the companionship that will exist after our friends and relatives have passed out of the body.

When this point of evolution is reached, mankind will also be so much more enlightened that it will avoid many of the pitfalls which cause trouble today, and it therefore favors a much happier existence than has been the rule up to the present stage.

--- Max Heindel.



The Pentecostal Movement

And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as a fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. --- *Acts 2:1-4.*

NUMEROUS articles in various religious and secular magazines during recent decades attest to the growth of what is generally called "The Pentecostal Movement," based upon the above quotation describing a momentous experience in the lives of the Apostles. Accounts given of meetings where Pentecostal activity takes place relate that individuals seem to be filled with a power which enables them to speak in unknown tongues, accomplish healing, and experience an "inner cleansing." The term "glossalalia" is also used in referring to this activity. The fact that interest in the power of the Holy Spirit seems to be increasing, and that it has aroused considerable controversy in religious groups, warrants a careful examination and analysis of this phenomenon in the light of the deeper teachings concerning life and being.

The ability to speak "in tongues," to heal by laying on hands, or to receive "messages" for guidance in life via the Holy Spirit is considered by those claiming to possess such ability, and not fully understanding it, as a very wonderful gift from God. In order to understand clearly just what is taking place when a person speaks "in tongues," or experiences an inner cleansing or emotional exhilaration such as participants have described, it is first necessary to understand more than most people do about man's invisible bodies and the invisible worlds in which he lives.

Occult philosophy teaches that man, the individualized, indwelling Spirit (a spark of the Divine Flame and made in the spiritual image of God, his Creator), is threefold, corresponding to the triune nature of God: The Father (or Will Principle), the Son (or Love-Wisdom Principle), and the Holy Spirit (or Activity Principle). This threefold nature of man is correlated to his several vehicles, as well as to the worlds about him. The dense, physical body is

correlated to the Will Principle (the Father) and the material world; the vital, or etheric body is correlated to the Love-Wisdom Principle (the Son) and the Etheric Region of the Physical World; and the desire or emotional body is correlated to the Activity Principle (or Holy Spirit) and the Desire World.

During man's past evolutionary journey he has been given (by his divine Guides) various religions to assist in his spiritual development, in the unfoldment of his latent powers by means of right living. These powers are *unfolded* by effort; it is not a gift. Each race has been provided with a religion suited to its particular needs. All race religions are of the Holy Spirit (Jehovah), and the Race Spirits (mighty members of the Archangelic Kingdom) govern all things concerning their respective races: the color of their bodies, their general features, their basic temperaments, and their languages. The regime of Jehovah and the Race Spirits is now waning, or drawing to a close, having been superseded by the coming of the Christ and an era of unity and brotherhood.

In *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* it is stated that race religions, or religions of law, have been given to help humanity overcome the desire body, and prepare it for union with the Holy Spirit. "The full operation of this help was seen on the Day of Pentecost. As the Holy Spirit is the Race God, all languages are expressions of it. That is why the Apostles, when fully united and filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke with different tongues and were able to convince their hearers. Their desire bodies had been sufficiently purified to bring about the wished-for union, and this is an earnest of what the disciple will one day attain to --- the power to speak in all tongues."

Note particularly the statement in regard to the purification of the desire nature. True union with the Holy Spirit, or the ability by power of the will to speak in other tongues, as experienced by the Apostles, represents a very advanced stage of spirituality, and one which is not easily attained. It is reached only after the dedicated spiritual living required to purify the desire nature and bring it under control so that law is no longer needed for guidance. Anyone who has reached such a high stage of spiritual unfoldment (an Adept) has the ability to speak in all languages, *consciously and under control of his will*.

It is further stated in the Western Wisdom Teachings: "There are two sides to the Holy Spirit. One phase of His work is done from the outside as a giver of law, and law when it is applied from without, is a taskmaster that drives us to do this or that or prohibits us from doing other things. It demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. There is Jehovah, the author of the law; but when the time comes that we have received the law within and are not driven from without, the taskmaster becomes the Comforter. The whole universe is governed by law. Everything in the world rests upon law, and it is our safeguard as well as our taskmaster.....

"The moral laws given by Jehovah upon Mt. Sinai were designed to bring us to Christ, and when Christ is born within, the Law of the Holy Spirit also enters in. Man thus is symbolized by the ark that stood in the Holy of Holies and had within it the tables of law.

You will notice that the Comforter who came to man of old was not an outside Comforter, but one who worked from within, one who entered into them and became a part of them. When the Spirit of Law, the Holy Spirit, enters into us, He is the Comforter, because we do willingly the things which are prompted by this inner urge, while we resented and begrudged doing the bidding of an exterior taskmaster."

In other words, as one conquers the desire body, learns to control his emotions by the power of mind and will, he obeys the inner urge of the Christ within, regardless of what the outer law may be, and does right for right's sake. He is then arriving at the point of eligibility for initiation into the Lesser Mysteries, when he will be assisted in turning accumulated spiritual energy into dynamic powers.

However, there is a negative form of psychic development wherein a person having loosely connected dense and etheric bodies is subject to control by discarnate entities. The currents in the desire body turn counter-clockwise and the person sees into the Desire World. This is the medium, who corresponds to the victim of a hypnotist in the Physical World. Some mediums are pleasant, harmless characters, but they are, nevertheless, negatively developed and have poor control of their emotions. They may be used for certain types of healing, but it is always dangerous to allow oneself to be dominated and used by another entity, no matter how benevolent the purpose may seem to be. Any activity not under the control of one's own will is of a questionable nature, and usually wholly undesirable because it is apt to lead to complete obsession. We are destined to be self-conscious channels, in full possession of our will and faculties.

In considering the different aspects of glossalalia, it should be noted that the emotions are intensely active during the manifestation. It most frequently occurs when one is praying, a highly emotional endeavor when sincerely performed. To the spiritual aspirant this should be quite significant, because it is when a person is in a very emotional state, not exercising the will, that he is most easily affected by superphysical forces over which he has no control. It is obvious that when one who "speaks in tongues" does not understand what he says, he is being used by another entity. This is just as dangerous, if not more so, as allowing a person in the dense body to direct one's actions on the physical plane.

As free, independent human beings, we treasure the right to think and act as we wish, learning by our experiences; no other person is allowed to direct our actions for us when we are of a sane, sensible mind. Why then should we believe that it is sensible for us to allow Spirits not in the body to direct our words and actions?

The powers of the Holy Spirit are truly wonderful, but they are not handed to us as gifts. We must *earn* them by right living, and this should be kept carefully in mind by all spiritual aspirants who wish to unfold their innate powers consciously and use them for good under their own direction. This is the ideal before all those endeavoring to tread the Path of Esoteric Christianity.

THE Mystic ... LIGHT



The Fourth Dimension

ELSA GLOVER

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... that ye, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. ---*Ephesians* 3:14-19.

IN everyday life we have a clear perception of three dimensions --- objects have length, width, and breadth. But there are many phenomena observed which remain a mystery when one attempts to explain them in three-dimensional terms. Thus, many people have asked, "Is there a fourth dimension, and if so, what would it be like to be able to perceive and work freely in it?"

In order to answer these questions, it is helpful to our three-dimensional imaginations to consider first what it would be like to have a two-dimensional consciousness and what added advantages the two-dimensional creature would gain by developing the ability to perceive in the third dimension. For an excellent story written from a two-dimensional point of view, the reader is referred to *Flatland* by Edwin A. Abbott.

Flatland is like a great sheet of paper on which geometrical objects are able to move freely, but are not able to rise above or sink below the

surface. From the point of view of inhabitants of Flatland, all objects appear as lines (if you place a penny on a table and then put your eye on a level with the edge of the table, you see only the edge of the penny, namely, a line). A rectangle would, for a Flatlander, be a closed box. There would be no way for him to see inside it without "opening" one of the sides. If, however, the Flatlander could lift himself above the plane of Flatland, then he could see what was within a rectangle without disturbing the sides of the rectangle. In fact, from his vantage above the plane of Flatland, he could see at a glance all of Flatland, including all the inner organs of all people, all the contents of all houses, etc. By analogy, it is possible that those beings who are reputed to see all that is in our three-dimensional world are viewing it from a fourth dimension. Such beings can know what we are doing even if we shut ourselves in a closet.

If a Flatlander could gain mobility in the third dimension he could, at will, disappear from any room on the Flatland plane without the necessity of going through the door simply by moving above the plane. Thus, no Flatland prison could hold him. He could also enter anywhere at will simply by dropping back down into

the plane. To Flatlanders unskilled in the art of three-dimensional perception he would appear to have come from nowhere. The Flatlander who gained mobility in the third dimension might also try hovering above the Flatland plane and just sticking his hand into the plane to perform various manipulations. To the ordinary Flatlander, the resulting occurrences would appear to be uncaused (because the causative agent was not detectable by them).

Suppose the Flatlanders' plane of consciousness intersected the trunk of a three-dimensional tree. The Flatlanders would then detect a single object (the cross-section of the trunk of the tree). If the plane then moved up the tree, the Flatlanders would see what had been a single object (the trunk) dividing into many objects (the branches). When the plane was half-way up the tree, the lower part of the tree would exist for them only as a memory and the upper part of the tree would exist only as an imagined future. But if a Flatlander could see into the third dimension, he would be able to see both the past and the probable future spread out before his eyes. (It is only the *probable* future that he sees, because although the tree might be likely to remain the way it was, it would be possible that some change in the orientation of the top branches might occur between the time when the plane was half-way up the tree and when it actually reached the top branches.) It is possible that those people in the three-dimensional world who are able to see the past or future are doing so by means of fourth-dimensional perception.

If a Flatlander gained mobility in the third dimension, he might gain the ability not only to see the past and the future but also to modify them. If we three-dimensional creatures could gain mobility in the fourth dimension, perhaps we also could modify the past and gain more control over the

future. Then, truly, "there should be time no longer." (*Revelation 10:6*)

How can we go about developing a fourth-dimensional consciousness? One approach may be through the cultivation of the art of music. Just as painting and sculpture are essentially space arts, music is essentially a time art. Just as the sculptor needs to form in his mind a detailed image of the object he wishes to create, so also the musician (whether a composer or a performer) needs to form in his mind an image of the musical piece he is creating or re-creating.

Mozart, in describing his process of musical creation, wrote: "Provided I am not disturbed, my subject enlarges itself, becomes methodized and defined, and the whole, though it be long, stands almost complete and finished in my mind, so that I can survey it, like a fine picture or a beautiful statue, at a glance. Nor do I hear in my imagination the parts successively, but I hear them, as it were, all at once." Even the listener to music will benefit from learning to form mental images of the music heard, as this will aid him in recognizing the patterns in what he has heard and in appreciating the beauty of the structure as a whole.

Understanding and eventual perceiving of the fourth and perhaps higher dimensions can increase our understanding of metaphysics and can give us more control over manifestations. It should, however, be regarded as a skill which is not an end in itself but which only takes on meaning when it is used to good purpose (such as the increase of beauty and harmony and love in the universe).

To the reader who is interested in further study of the relation between the fourth dimension and metaphysics, *Tertium Organum* by P. D. Ouspensky is recommended. To the reader who is interested in more information on tonal imagery, *Psychology of Music* by Carl E. Seashore, should appeal.

"Come, Fill the Cup"

EVANS WATERMAN

THE Gospel according to St. Matthew informs us that Jesus was baptized by John in the river Jordan, and was led by the spirit into the wilderness "to be tempted of the devil."

"And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him he said: 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.'... Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him: 'If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down.'... Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and saith unto him: 'All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me.' Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

Bible critics would cast doubt on the credibility of this story, and have us believe the Christian Fathers also rejected it. They conclude that this story appears in the New Testament simply to show how Christ Jesus could withstand temptations.

In essence, the tempter made the following requests of Christ Jesus: 1. Make the stones into bread. 2. Misuse the power of mind when taken to the pinnacle of the temple, or head of the body. 3. That he remain in the heaven worlds, as symbolized by the exceeding high mountain, to avoid persecution. All three of Satan's proposals were rejected. This implies that Christ Jesus had chosen to serve mankind in a spirit of altruistic love --- regardless of the outcome.

The forty day fast identifies a symbolical period of preparation. Later we are told that Jesus was "an hungered." In other words, Christ Jesus

experienced an intense soul hunger that could be relieved only by altruistic service to humanity. The Rosicrucian Teachings reveal the vital body attached to the physical plane, and soul hunger as Christ Jesus experienced, seated in the vital body. The significance of this becomes apparent when we consider Christ's refusal to turn the stones into bread. His action illustrates how, by a life of altruism, we gain admission into the heaven worlds. It was imperative that Christ Jesus teach humanity these lessons from the physical plane.

"The higher life (Initiation) does not commence until the work on the vital body begins. The means used for bringing that into activity is love, or rather altruism." (*Cosmo-Conception.*)

By turning the stones into bread, would not Satan have reversed the altruistic ideals of service? Had this suggestion been accepted, Christ Jesus would have used his spiritual powers to gain personal benefit from the Physical World! It is significant how this request is diametrically opposed to the procedure outlined in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, where it was service to humanity that produced the loaves of shew bread --- and then the stones.

Having identified altruism as a key message from the temptation of Christ Jesus, let us note with renewed interest the writings of a certain Oriental poet. Great Egos serve their allotted time on this Earth, and often centuries later their great heritage to mankind is finally discovered. Such was the fate of Omar Khayyam, who is remembered for his literary masterpiece, the *Rubaiyat*.

It is interesting to note how the

Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam closely parallels the altruistic teachings of the Holy Scriptures and the Esoteric Teachings of The Rosicrucian Fellowship. Only a few of the hundreds of stanzas that comprise the *Rubaiyat* need be used. First, Omar Khayyam refers to himself:

Indeed the idols I have loved so long
Have done my credit in the world much
wrong:
Have drown'd my Glory in a shallow cup,
And sold my reputation for a song.

The Idols that he has loved so long are in reality his ideals of truth. This has caused him much difficulty, because people have misunderstood them, and he is forced to conceal them under the shallow (wine) cup. Selling his reputation for a song indicates that his fellow churchmen would probably not give him a very high character rating. In their opinion, he probably had consumed a little too much "wine". There is great historical testimony of his being a philosopher of scientific insight and ability far beyond that of the age and country in which he lived.

Indeed, indeed, Repentance oft before
I swore --- but was I sober when I swore?
And then, and then came Spring, and
Rose-in-hand
My thread-bare Penitence apiece tore.

Many times before he had sworn to keep these teachings to himself --- but then he really wasn't sober. Consequently, when Spring came with the great spiritual influx into the world (symbolized by the Rose-in-hand) he just went out and tore up this half-hearted Penitence!

The following verses reveal Omar Khayyam's hidden message to mankind:

Wake! for the Sun, who scattered into
flight
The stars before him from the field of
night,
Drives night along with them from Heav'n,
and strikes
The Sultan's Turret with a shaft of Light.

With these words, we are instructed to make the supreme effort to awaken spiritually. When accomplished, the great Christ Spirit (the Sun), will scatter the stars, our teachers of the darkness of night. He will ascend the throne and strike the Sultan's Turret (the head) with a shaft of light. Reference is also made to the wonders of the dawning New Age.

And, as the cock crew, those who stood
before
The tavern shouted --- "Open then the
door!
You know how little while we have to
stay,
and once departed, may return no more!"

Indeed, the cocks are crowing at the daybreak of this Aquarian Age. Advanced Egos are waiting eagerly their turn to be born into the world, steadfast in their knowledge that not a minute should be wasted, or an opportunity lost. There must be no delay in the acquisition of the vital knowledge and wisdom. It is no secret that "Once departed, we may return no more," into the same opportunities and conditions which presently exist.

When once departed, we must give an accounting of how we have used our allotted time, which must be spent wisely in the service of the Christ.

Come, fill the Cup, and in the fire of
Spring,
Your winter garment of repentance fling;
The bird of time has but a little way to
flutter,
And the bird is on the wing.

The phrase, "fill the Cup", refers to the Cup within --- the receptacle of the Spirit, and only by living the life of altruism will this Cup be filled to its fullness with the Christ Spirit. Here is another way of stating how the *desired intuition and wisdom* will be gained by living a life of service. Consequently, the real life source of the body is located within this Cup.

We are told how this great Christ Spirit may be more readily contacted

during the springtime, or the inception of the New Age. Great glory and power will be awaiting those who respond. *Now is the time to give service and fill the Cup.* We shall experience a great loss if we fail to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Repentance is for the wintertime of life --- the end of the cycle or age. We should not over-indulge in that activity but spend our allotted time accumulating the "wine" to fill the Cup.

"The bird of time has but a little way to flutter", means that we have an allotted number of hours and days in each year. These, being all too few, should be used prudently without wasting a single one. "And the bird is on the wing," is self-evident. We should strive for every possible measure of the precious wine, or water of life to fill our cups to overflowing. As David remarked in the *Twenty-third Psalm*, "My Cup runneth over."

A book of verses beneath the bough,
A jug of wine, a loaf of bread --- and thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness ---
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow.

Here the poet describes one who has given a life of service during the "morning" of this New Age. A "book of verses," signifies the accumulated learning from the experience. The "bough" is a reference to the spinal cord of the body (tree of life) along which is flowing the wine or waters of life. This necessitates the Jug or Communion Cup which will conserve the wine of life. The loaf of bread identifies the service we must give in the vineyard of the Master, before we acquire the book of verses, the bough and the wine.

Of course the spirit will sing in the wilderness! The physical body scripturally is represented as a wilderness, and it takes no stretch of the imagination to realize how, in this condition, even physical consciousness could be compared to Paradise.

And those who husbanded the golden grain,

And those who flung it to the winds like
rain
Alike to no such aureate earth are turned
As, buried once men want dug up again.

The poet refers to those who are lacking the golden grain of selfless service. "Those who husbanded the golden grain," have never learned the secret of living a life of Charity towards others. Unless our acts are done in love, the profit to us is nothing.

"And those who flung it to the winds like rain," clearly identifies the egoist who has everything in reverse order. He is the one who works only for his own self-interest. In other words, Omar Khayyam has identified those who will not perform the labor to turn the grain into shew bread. More specifically, they are not making the LIVING BREAD which feeds the Christ within.

Neither type, when life has run its course, will have endeared themselves to their fellow men. They are being informed that when they die and are buried, they may expect to stay buried because there will be no one around wanting to dig them up!

We next learn of the futility of a life of egoism:

The *worldly* hope men set their hearts
upon
Turns ashes --- or it prospers, and anon,
Like snow upon the Desert's dusty face,
Lighting a little hour or two --- is gone.

Worldly hope, refers to the Spirit in its lower aspect with its passions and desires, to the exclusion of the spiritual life --- and such hopes *do turn to ashes*. Furthermore, we are warned again how the exact operation of the Law of Cause and Effect will allow us to reap only what we have sown. The poet illustrates the false nature of these goals so that we might avoid the pitfalls ourselves. Should worldly actions appear to prosper, we are warned of their temporary nature. In an "hour or two" they are gone. This stanza was written to

show us the other side of the coin ---
the futility of a life of egoism.

Think, in this batter'd Caravanserai
Whose portals are alternate night and
day
How Sultan after Sultan with his pomp
Abode his destined hour, and went his
way.

Again, we see the futility of a life
of egoism. We emerge from the night
of chaos into the light of the physical
world and then fade away into the
darkness whence we came. Even if we
gain the stature of a Sultan or great
ruler, it makes no difference. He is
as temporary as any other egoist!

Ah, make the most of what we yet may
spend,
Before we too into the dust descend;
Dust into Dust and under dust to lie,
Sans Wine, sans Song, sans Singer, and ---
sans End.

We all have allotted time remaining.
He urges us to make the most of it.
When we have gone into the grave, no
labors can be performed there to con-
serve the Wine. There will be no song
or singer to direct the physical con-
sciousness. Life will seem without
end as we shall exist on another
plane of activity.

Into the Universe, and why not knowing
Nor whence, like water willy-nilly flowing;
And out of it, as wind along the waste,
I know not whither, willy-nilly flowing.

This is a clear picture of the ig-
norant masses who do not know or
care where they are going --- or even
the reason for their existence.

I sent my Soul through the Invisible
Some letter of the after-life to spell;
And by and by my Soul returned to me,
And answered, "I myself am Heav'n and
Hell."

Christ gives us a similar message
in the New Testament, where we learn
that heaven is *within*. If heaven is
within, we should not be overly sur-
prised to find hell there also. Both
heaven and hell are of our own crea-
tion, and here we have another exam-

ple of the operation of the Law of
Cause and Effect.

Alike for those who for today prepare,
And those that after some tomorrow stare,
A Muezzin from the Tower of Darkness
cries,
"Fools! Your reward is neither here nor
there."

The poet salutes those who under-
stand the operation of the Law of
Cause and Effect --- that tomorrow we
reap the seeds sowed today. However,
they are reprimanded by a Muezzin
(priest or teacher) from the Tower of
Darkness (church). He shows his lack
of understanding of this law when he
cries falsely, "Your reward is neither
here nor there."

Why, all the Saints and Sages who dis-
cussed
Of the two Worlds so wisely --- they are
thrust
Like foolish Prophets forth; their words
to scorn
Are scatter'd, and their mouths are
stopped with Dust.

We should select carefully the spir-
itual leaders we follow. Most of us
are swayed by the teacher who tickles
our ears with *his* learning and allows
his name and dubious accomplish-
ments to be blazoned forth. They are
but foolish prophets and their mouths
are soon stopped with dust.

We see a great contrast in the Fel-
lowship teachings when we are in-
structed to develop our potentials and
become our own priest. We have met
the only *true Teacher* when we re-
ceive counsel from the Christ within.

Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and Saint, and heard great argu-
ment
About it and about: but evermore
Came out by the same door where in I
went.

The Poet tells us how he made the
mistake, when young, of running a-
round to those great Doctors and
Saints for knowledge. But he always
seemed to come out by the "Same
door where in I went."

With them the seed of wisdom did I sow
 And with *mine own hand wrought to make*
it grow;
 And this was all the harvest that I
 reap'd---
 "I came like water, and like wind I go."

He sowed *their* seeds of wisdom,
 cultivated them by *his own hand* to
 make it grow --- and reaped absolutely
 nothing!

Then of the Thee in Me who works behind
 The veil, I lifted up my hands to find
 A lamp amid the Darkness; and I heard,
 As from without--- "The Me within **THEE**
BLIND!"

After all the wasted time listening
 to the Priests and Doctors, he dis-
 covered a lamp within. There was
 also a voice that gave him valuable
 instruction that he could use.

Ah love! Could you and I with Him con-
 spire
 To grasp this sorry scheme of things
 entire,
 Would we not scatter it to bits --- and then
 Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire.

We learn the secret of this great
 poet's wisdom --- the *Heart's Desire*.
 He speculates how many unhappy ex-
 periences could be avoided by casting
 the worldly things aside and accept-
 ing immediately the counsel of the
 Heart. But that is not to be --- we fol-
 low the path, perfect the physical
 body and harmonize our lives with the
 great Plan of our Creator. We shall
 eventually bring about great changes
 in our lives by accepting things as
 they are and following *Our Heart's*
Desire.

The Human Broadcasting System

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Part 3

IMAGINATION plays a very impor-
 tant part in the successful opera-
 tion of the Human Broadcasting Sys-
 tem. It is the image-making faculty of
 the mind, possessed by everyone. The
 imagination is a magnifying glass that
 makes little insignificant incidents
 loom large. Ninety percent of so-
 called heart trouble is nothing more
 than digestive imbalance due to too
 much food, too rich food, or wrong
 food. But everyone recognizes the
 heart as a vital center. The least pain
 becomes very serious to most people,
 regardless of the real cause; they be-
 come scared. Imagination shows them
 a picture of an organic heart condi-
 tion and they're afraid to exercise,
 afraid even to take a deep breath of
 fresh air. They tune in on fear, and
 imagination amplifies the program ---
 the mental program that the imagina-
 tion sends them, not the heart's mes-

sage, which is normal except for in-
 discretions and bad habits that inter-
 fere with normal action.

Imagination causes hurt pride as
 well as ill health. Wouldn't it be fine
 if we only understood each other a
 little better? It is so easy to misjudge
 others, and when we do, it is always
 true that imagination is in some way
 distorting and enlarging the picture.
 Let's learn to put it to better use.
 See a little girl playing with her dolls.
 She is a mother --- at least she is
 learning to be one. By imagining and
 developing maternal instinct she is
 preparing herself for life. All children
 enter into the spirit of their play to
 the degree that they imagine it as
 real. Can you imagine yourself as
good, true, loyal, honest, and sincere
 in all you do, and do so as completely
 as the little girl imagines herself a
 mother to her doll? Can you by the

power of your imagination enter as fully into the spirit of success, feel it, be thrilled with it, like the children staging a sham battle? If you can, or if you can approach the intensity and reality of their imagination, then you can and will succeed.

Enthusiasm is one of the greatest of all energizing forces, and goes hand in hand with a vivid imagination. Employing the power of imagination to expand and lend added interest to what one now has is a sure way to open the avenues through which greater things can and will surely come. In this way one enters into the spirit of action, injecting into the thought a magnetic force which draws to one all necessary conditions and desires.

When Marconi said he would send messages across the continent without the use of wires, his best friends and closest relatives said his imagination had the best of him; and insisted he submit to mental tests to prove his sanity. But his was a creative imagination, and today wireless messages are common.

That there is power in the imagination one must admit, but to most people the why and the how are rather vague and incomprehensible. All forces that are invisible and intangible are apt to baffle one's understanding by their seeming mystery. One cannot see electricity, but the light it produces can be seen, and the roar and rumble of electrically driven machinery can be seen and heard.

As electricity is power, so is the imagination of man. Electricity cannot determine the fate of a person; the imagination can, and often does. Each is great in its own field, but the realm of life and immortality is a larger and more fertile field of action than material force and physical existence. People lived and made progress before they knew anything about electricity, but by the power of imagination dynasties have risen and fallen -- and will continue to do so as long as

man continues to exist.

Thoughts are creations which do not immediately die out and cease to exist. They continue on and are active for long periods of time, the length of time depending upon the force originally put into them. Every thought has its individual wavelength. Just as we tune in to the wavelength of a television station, so do we tune in our human broadcasting station to the various wave lengths of thought.

Now it is evident that we need to know what will make our thoughts strong enough to endure. Desire is one of the greatest necessities in giving life and power to thoughts. Desire and imagination go hand in hand, each being necessary to the other. By the power of will we create a mental image, a mind picture, and if we make the mental picture very vivid, seeing it and feeling it, we will get busy and by effort and determination make it real.

Mental patterns are real. Thoughts are things, and to be things they must be made of something. There is an invisible substance which we call desire-stuff (or astral matter). It is extremely plastic and may be made into forms by the mind. All the things we see in the physical world were first created in the invisible, as mental images. That is where things *begin*.

In a life work there can be no success without the vision of a definite plan and pattern. Through the power of imagination the idea, the pattern, is not only deeply impressed upon your inner consciousness, but it becomes an actual creation, which will grow and materialize just as surely as the grain of wheat, planted and properly tended, will spring forth, reproduce, and multiply.

Imagination is a faculty that can be highly developed and greatly strengthened by exercise. By continually using it properly one can come into a greater measure of health, happiness, harmony, and success.

MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

Taken from His Writings

OCCULT PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH AND HEALING

(SECOND INSTALLMENT)

Man and His Vehicles



The Dense Body --- Evolution (Cont.)

IN the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch the form of man was yet quite plastic. The skeleton had formed, but man himself had great power in molding the flesh of his own body and that of the animals.

At this time, when he was born, man could hear and feel, but his perception of light came later. The Lemurian had no eyes. He had two sensitive spots which were affected by the light of the Sun as it shone dimly through the fiery atmosphere of ancient Lemuria, but it was not until nearly the close of the Atlantean Epoch that he developed physical sight.

His language consisted of sounds like those of Nature. The sighing of the wind in the immense forests which grew in great luxuriance in that super-tropical climate, the rippling of the brook, the howling of the tempest, the thunder of the waterfall, the roar of the volcano---all these were to him voices of the Gods from whom he knew himself to have descended.

Of the birth of his body he knew nothing. He could not *see* either it or anything else, but he did *perceive* his fellow beings. It was, however, an inner perception, like our perception of persons and things in dreams, but with this very important difference, that his dream-perception was clear and rational.

But when "their eyes were opened" (as told in the story of the "Fall") and their consciousness was directed outward towards the facts of the Physical World, conditions were altered. Propagation was directed, not by Angels, but by man, who was ignorant of the operation of the Sun and Moon-forces. His consciousness became formed in the Physical World, although things did not appear to his vision with clearly defined outlines until the latter part of the Atlantean Epoch. Still he came by degrees to know death because of the break made in his consciousness when it was shifted to the higher worlds at death and back to the Physical World at rebirth.

However, what has been said about the enlightenment of the Lemurians applies to only a minor portion of those who lived in the latter part of that epoch, and who became the seed for the seven Atlantean Races. The greater part of the Lemurians were animal-like and the *forms* inhabited by them have degenerated into the savages and anthropoids of the present day.

In the Atlantean Epoch, which followed the Lemurian, man was very different from anything existent on Earth at the present time. He had a head, but scarcely any forehead; his brain had no frontal development: the head sloped almost abruptly back

from a point just above the eyes. As compared with our present humanity, he was a giant; his arms and legs were much longer in proportion to his body than ours. Instead of walking, he progressed by a series of flying leaps, not unlike those of the kangaroo. He had small blinking eyes and his hair was round in section. The latter peculiarity, if no other, distinguishes the descendants of the Atlantean Races who remain with us at the present time. Their hair was straight, glossy, black, and round in section. That of the Aryan, though it may differ in color, is always *oval* in section. The ears of the Atlantean sat much further back upon the head than do those of the Aryan.

The higher vehicles of the early Atlanteans were not drawn into a concentric position in relation to the dense body, as are ours. The Spirit was not quite an *indwelling* Spirit; it was partially outside, therefore could not control its vehicles with as great facility as though it dwelt entirely inside. The head of the vital body was outside of and held a position far above the physical head. There is a point between the eyebrows and about half an inch below the surface of the skin, which has a corresponding point in the vital body. When these two points come into correspondence, as they do in man today, they form the seat of the indwelling Spirit.

On account of the distance between these two points, the Atlantean's power of perception or vision was much keener in the inner worlds than in the dense Physical World, obscured by its atmosphere of thick, heavy fog. In the fullness of time, however, the atmosphere slowly became clearer; at the same time, the point spoken of in the vital body came closer and closer to the corresponding point in the dense body, being united to it in the last third of the Atlantean Epoch.

The Rmoahals were the first of the Atlantean Races. They had but little

memory and that little was connected with sensations. They remembered colors and tones, and thus to some extent they evolved Feeling. With memory came to the Atlanteans the rudiments of a language. They evolved words and no longer made use of mere sounds, giving names to things.

The Tlavatlis were the second Atlantean Race. Already they began to feel their worth as separate human beings. They became ambitious; they demanded that their works be remembered. Memory became a factor in the life of the community. Thus began ancestor worship.

The Toltecs were the third Atlantean Race. They inaugurated Monarchy and Hereditary Succession, originating the custom of honoring men for the deeds done by their ancestors. Experience came to be highly valued, and memory was developed to a very great degree.

In the middle third of Atlantis we find the beginning of separate nations. In time the kings became intoxicated with power, and began to use their power corruptly, for selfish ends and personal aggrandizement instead of for the common good.

The Original Turanians were the fourth Atlantean Race. They were especially vile in their abominable selfishness, erecting temples where the kings were worshipped as gods.

The Original Semites were the fifth and most important of the seven Atlantean Races, because in them we find the first germ of the corrective quality of thought. Therefore the Original Semitic Race became the "seed-race" for the seven races of the Aryan Epoch. They were the first to discover that "brain" is superior to "brawn." During the existence of this race, the atmosphere of Atlantis commenced to clear definitely, and the previously mentioned point in the vital body came into correspondence with its companion point in the dense body.

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Studies in the Cosmo-Conception

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

The Evolution of Religion

Q. What place does Christianity occupy among the great religions?

A. The last and greatest of the divine measures put forth for the uplifting of humanity, i.e., Christianity, will be the Universal Religion of the future.

Q. What facts support this assertion?

A. It is a notable fact that man and his religion have evolved side by side and in an equal degree. The earliest religion of any race is found to be as savage as the people governed by it, and as they become more civilized their religions become more and more humane and in harmony with the higher ideals.

Q. What does this indicate in relation to man?

A. From this fact materialists have drawn the inference that no religion has a higher origin than man himself. Their investigations into early history have resulted in a conviction that as man progressed he civilized his God and fashioned Him after his own pattern.

Q. Is this reasoning sound?

A. This reasoning is defective because it fails to take into account that man is not the body but an indwelling Spirit, an Ego who uses the body with ever-increasing facility as evolution progresses.

Q. How does this differ from the materialist's view?

A. There is no doubt that the law for the body is "Survival of the Fittest." The law for the evolution of the Spirit demands sacrifice. As long as man believes that "might is right" the form prospers and waxes strong because all obstacles are swept out

of the way regardless of others.

Q. Is this man's only possible way?

A. No, but if the body were all, that manner of life would be the only one possible for man. He would be altogether incapable of any regard for others and would forcibly resist any attempt to encroach upon what he considered his rights---the right of the stronger, which is the sole standard of justice under the law of the Survival of the Fittest.

Q. What urges man to a higher standard?

A. It is manifest that whatever urges man toward a higher standard of conduct in his dealing with others must come from within, and from a source which is not identical with the body, otherwise it would not strive with the body and often prevail against its most obvious interests.

Q. Is the operation of this force perceptible?

A. That such a force exists surely no one will deny. We have come to that stage in our advancement where, instead of seeing in physical weakness an opportunity for easy prey, we recognize in the very frailty of another a valid claim upon our protection. Selfishness is being slowly but surely routed by *altruism*.

Q. Can we expect this force sometime to gain full control?

A. Nature is sure to accomplish her purposes. Though slow, her progress is orderly and certain. In the breast of every man this force of altruism works as a leaven. It is transforming the savage into the civilized man and will in time transform the latter into a God.

-- Ref: *Cosmo-Conception*, pp. 367-369.

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Culmination of the Ministry

The Resurrection

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them. They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he, stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and to your God.

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

--- *John 20:1-18.*

The body of Jesus remained in the tomb through Friday night, the whole of Saturday, and part of Sunday. The student of mystic Christianity understands that the three days refer to the process of Initiation. During the three Creative Days comprising the Saturn, Sun, and Moon Revolutions of the Earth Period, and the cosmic nights between, the Creative Hierarchies worked in the Great Deep perfecting the inner parts of man and the planet. The earth emerged from its watery stage of development in middle Atlantis. Men in reviewing this time through Initiation are said to be three days in the tomb or darkness, and on the fourth day at sunrise to be reborn into the light of a new day.

The story of the Descent into Hell is found in most pre-Christian religions, perhaps the oldest story in preservation being the Babylonian, known as the "Descent of Ishtar." In ancient Greek and Roman literature we find numerous descents into Hades, perhaps the most familiar being those of Hercules, Dionysus, and Persephone. These legends all contain the story of Initiation; consequently, the steps of progress must be similar. Buddha descended into Hades to preach to mortals there. It is interesting to note that each of these saviors or heroes descended into the underworld to aid or rescue someone else. *Here we find the key which alone unlocks the door of Initiation. (Cont'd.)*



Getting Along with the Zodiac

Part I --- What the Arian Needs to Know about Other People.

IF you were born under the ardent rays of the Mars-ruled Aries (cardinal-fire), your path in life is apt to be a thorny one, unless you devote some time to the difficult art of understanding other people. This is not the easiest thing for you to learn, for your own nature is so direct and straightforward that you are often baffled by the changing ways and devious plans of other human beings. Your idea of a good life is one with plenty of action, plus a clean and simple code to adhere to, but you must not make the mistake of thinking that everyone else wants the same things. If you do, you will often be disconcerted by the failure of your friends to back you up and stand by you in time of trouble.

Take the dreamy Piscean (common-water) person, for example. These people are born under the sign immediately preceding your own, so both you and your Piscean friend may be born in the month of March. Your birthdays may be just a week or so apart, but your temperaments are as far apart as the poles. You like to be doing something; your Pisces friend likes nothing better than to sit and dream about what he is going to do. Perhaps the two of you hatch up some fine scheme for making your mark in

the world. You go home on fire with zeal, you dream of it all night, and can hardly eat your breakfast in your rush to get back to your friend and tell him you are ready to start. But is he up and doing? Ah, no. Probably he is still in bed or dawdling over breakfast, and you will do very well indeed if you ever get him started! No, you can best enjoy your Pisces friend if you leave him to the details of the venture, you carrying out the actual performance.

The sign just following your own is Taurus. Natives of this sign are good-natured, jolly, dependable, and as friends are as solid and sure as a rock. But just try to hurry one! Their tempo is entirely different from yours and they do not change readily. If you would walk with your Taurus friend, adjust your pace to his, for he is a fixed sign and not very adaptable. Cherish him, though, for when you want peace and quiet and good matter-of-fact earthy common sense, he is your man.

The light-hearted, airy Gemini is often attractive to the fiery Aries native. These people are just as active and speedy as you. Their minds dart about with new ideas like little jets of lightning. However, they never stay put, and are not very reliable fellow adventurers because they are always changing their minds. If you can put

up with the uncertainty, no companion is more charming and likable.

Aries (fire) and Cancer (water) do not combine well. For one thing, you both belong to the cardinal group, you are both people of action. This is fine as long as you can agree to act together, but your minds do not run in the same channels. The Cancerian is timid where you are bold, and sensitive in matters which you make light of. The Cancer native will fight to the end when cornered, but does not enjoy the thought of combat as you do; the prospect of coming ordeals is torture to him. Consequently you are apt to consider him a "sissy" and be completely out of patience with him.

Leo is the second of the fire signs, and in a sense is closer to you than any other sign except Sagittarius. Leo likes to lead, so does Aries, but there is a difference. While you must have freedom and room for independence and initiative, and are always among the first to demand action and begin doing things, you are quick to recognize real superiority and will give your full loyalty to a leader when convinced he is the man for the place. The Leo native wishes to be that leader, and is never satisfied with second place. So if you are going to pal with a Leo, you may as well get used to hearing the pronoun "I" and let him at least believe he is heading the expedition.

The Virgos (earth) and Aries (fire) do not have much in common, for the native of Virgo values all the things in life which seem to you to be of no consequence. They demand perfection in detail and trifles, and criticize and analyze every tone of the voice and lift of the eyebrow. No man can deceive a suspicious Virgo wife, least of all an Aries, so if you pick a finicky Virgo for a life partner, be prepared to shave every day and wear your coat to the dinner table. No great virtue will ever compensate for passing up the small conventionalities.

Libra (air) is the sign opposing your own, and by the laws of polarity, the most different. Nevertheless, or perhaps because of this fact, there is a strong complementary attraction between the opposing signs. If you believe that a happy marriage is achieved by mating with your exact opposite, then choose a Libran. As friends or business partners you will not agree. The Libran is smooth and plausible, where you are blunt and candid. He is almost as bad as the Geminian for changing his mind, and his temperament is one of extremes --- now as optimistic as he can be, tomorrow down in the depths of despair. Do not underestimate him as a competitor or opponent, though. He does not seem to be much of a fighter, but he can be as hard as nails when he wants to be.

Scorpio is the other sign ruled by Mars. You may therefore think you will have much in common with the native of this sign. Discard that notion. This is a watery sign, and the Scorpio native is moody and introspective. He sometimes acts as impulsively as you do yourself, but at other times he seems to be absolutely inert. His smoldering fire is not your idea of a blaze at all, and when you try to fan the smoke away and awaken his enthusiasm, your efforts are apt to be met with a blast of sarcasm that will get under even your tough skin.

Sagittarians (fire) are your boon companions. These people are either very idealistic and high-minded, in which case they are apt to be serving under the same banners that you are, or else they are light-hearted and irresponsible and easily drawn into your enterprise through sheer love of adventure. They are somewhat brusque and outspoken, a trait that you understand and respect, and they have a flexibility that makes them invaluable in a pinch.

Capricorn (cardinal-earth) is another sign which you will find hard to

understand. This Saturn-ruled sign is the most serious in the zodiac. Even if the aims in life are totally frivolous, they will be followed with deadly intensity. They are determined, and courageous in their own way, but may also be diplomatic and crafty. These people do not always say all they think and can keep a secret well.

Aquarians (air) are the friendliest of people and should be found among your closest friends. If you do not have one in your intimate circle, seek one out and include him. His ideas are progressive and up-to-date, and his understanding more universal than your own. He will keep you from becoming fanatical and will promote sympathetic understanding among the whole group.

Famous Arians: Thomas Jefferson; Rachmaninoff; Charles P. Steinmetz; Houdini; Bessie Leo; Caruso; Haydn; Walter Winchell; Thomas Dewey.

Part 2 --- What the Taurian Needs to Know about Other People:

You children of Taurus are God's builders. Sometimes you lack vision because you keep your eyes glued on your work until they get out of focus, but you are always busy at something constructive. You build houses and bridges, better roads and gardens; you make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, and then you like to sit back and enjoy your creations and think "this is mine." The keyword of Taurus is "I have", and the joy of Taurus is the joy of possession. But how do you get along with the rest of the zodiac? You are quite set in your ways, you know, and not at all inclined to compromise. Therefore you must learn adaptability and tolerance, and these are born of understanding.

Take those flighty Gemini people who crowd into the month of May along with you. Tennyson had one of these in mind when he wrote of "Airy,

fairy Lillian." These sprites of the air sometimes do not have any possessions at all! They cannot be tied down to earth with them. Yes, strange as it may seem to you, Geminians often prefer to live in rented houses and be free and footloose. By all means get yourself a Gemini friend; she will pull you out of your rut and help to keep you young and enthusiastic.

Cancer (cardinal-water) natives are rather congenial to you and do not take much explaining. The Cancerian loves his home as you do, but he is fonder of the past. Tradition often means more than comfort to him. Don't marry a Cancer native unless you admire the ancestral halls, and if you go shopping with a Cancer friend, expect to land in an antique shop, a second hand store, or an eatery. She loves old things --- and food.

Leo (fixed-fire) is not congenial to you. Leo wants to lead, and you are too stubborn to be led. But if you will overcome your objection to an imperious manner, you will find that the warm-hearted Leo has an ardent and loyal affection for his friends that is hard to excel.

No coaching is necessary for you to make a friend of the Virgo native. This is an earth sign and as practical as your own. In both aims and methods you are apt to think along the same lines, but Virgo has the keener critical sense. However, a friend who sees the other side instead of your own may do you more good.

Take the Libran, for instance. This sign is an airy one and ruled by Venus like your own. You may both have curly hair, but there the resemblance ends. You do not think alike at all. You are annoyed by the unstable Libran temperament. Ignore their "downs" and enjoy their "ups", get their viewpoint on your projects. It may cause you to change your measuring stick at times.

Scorpio (fixed-water) is the sign op-

posite to yours and exerts a magnetic pull on you. But do not marry a Scorpio unless you enjoy a scrap, for there will be clashes of will and temper. His biting tongue is apt to make you writhe. Tolerance and patience will help you to appreciate the better qualities of Scorpio.

Sagittarius is a fire sign and has little in common with you, but the Sagittarian is open-hearted and open-handed. You can learn much from the good sportsmanship with which he meets the trials and annoyances of life.

Capricorn (cardinal-earth) is one of the most harmonious signs for you. In either business or marriage, Capricorn will make you a good partner, for you will be in accord on all basic principles. But Capricorn is more ambitious than you, more exacting and more formal. You may find it necessary to change your perspectives once in a while.

Aquarius (fixed-air) is somewhat inharmonious with you. Aquarians are lovely people and you will find them attractive --- everybody does --- but don't be misled into thinking you can manage their lives for them. They can be stubborn underneath their charm, and they will follow their own star even if they have to do it in secret to keep the peace. Don't label them hypocrites when you find them out, for you are yourself the cause of the deception.

Pisces (common-water) is a dreamy, imaginative, watery sign. These people are harmonious to you, for they are apt to admire you immensely for your practical gifts and your aptitude for the applied arts. They will let you manage them and thank you for it. Happy is the Taurian who has a Pisces satellite.

Aries (cardinal-fire) is the sign immediately preceding your own. Impetuous people, full of fire and dash, they will be of immense help, if you can get them working on your side. An

Aries native is always willing to work. The only trouble is that he may dash into action without awaiting your word of permission and thereby mess up your program. Remember this when dealing with the Aries native, and don't give the signal to go unless you are ready.

Famous Taureans: Edwin Markham; Emmanuel Kant; Shirley Temple; James Barrie; Tschaikowsky.

Part 3 --- What the Gemini Native Needs to Know about People:

You children of Gemini (common-air) do not have much of a problem getting along with others, for your cool mental attitude stands you in good stead in the human relationships. However, even though you are amiable, you are often mystified by the natives of other signs whose behavior does not seem to you quite rational. You should remember that while you have a mental outlook, some of the others are swayed almost entirely by feeling. Take the natives of Cancer, for instance, the sign just following your own. These people are inclined to be intensely serious and personal about everything, and few of them have a sense of humor. Your little jokes and wise-cracks are apt to be misunderstood, so be matter-of-fact when dealing with them.

Leo (fixed-fire), on the other hand, enjoys your volubility, and nine times out of ten you can talk yourself out of any difficulty with a Leo. But there is always the danger of degenerating into the court jester if you don't watch out.

Virgo may argue with you, for the people of that sign weigh words carefully, and like precision of speech. Your mild exaggerations are apt to become deceptions in their eyes, so confine yourself to sober facts when a Virgo is listening.

You can let yourself go with Libra (cardinal-air), for he will appreciate

your verbal talents. You will sympathize with his difficulty in making decisions, for you, too, change your mind often. He is more moody than you, and you may need to cheer him up once in a while.

When the Scorpio makes up his mind there is no changing it, so you may expect your vacillating ways to meet with scorn from him. Don't make him a promise unless you are very, very sure you can keep it, and if he tells you a secret guard it with your life.

Sagittarius (common-fire) is the opposite sign to your own and exerts quite a pull on you, particularly from the romantic angle. On the surface, Sagittarians seem much like yourself, but their motivations are quite different. When you get to chumming together, you are likely to find them annoyingly impractical from the logical point of view.

The Capricorn (cardinal-earth) native is a farseeing, orderly, observant person who will take note of your adaptability and turn it to account. His end in view may be most worthy, but whether for self or for humanity, he will make efficient use of you. If you object to being used, steer clear of Capricorn.

Aquarius (fixed-air) is your true friend and blood brother. You will find it a pleasure to work with him and to play with him. The Aquarian girl unites charm and intelligence in a captivating way, and is the best of all choices for the Geminian man. (However, Leo prizes the Gemini wife the most.) Aquarius is broad where you are merely indifferent, and earnest where you are casual.

Pisces (common-water) may test your patience, for these weepy people seem to seek for woes and hug them to their breasts. Their lives are tuned to the minor keys and yours to the cheerful major, but misery loves company, and when life hits you an unusually hard wallop, hunt up that Niobe you scorned and lap up the

tears of sympathy that will surely flow for you.

Aries (cardinal-fire) is one of the signs that requires the least explaining. Anybody can understand the Arian, for there are no fine shades and graduations to his temperament! What he is, and what he stands for he proclaims to all men. At times you may wonder at the causes he espouses, but for the most part you will find pleasurable excitement serving under the same banner. As a lover, he is jealous and possessive, and just try to jilt a feminine Aries!

Taurus is a stubborn fellow. He has forethought, plans ahead and knows just what he wants. In this, he has a distinct advantage over you, for you have a hard time adhering to a cut and dried program. He may be rather quiet about his plans, but don't underestimate him, or some day you will find he has taken the ground right out from under your feet. As a friend or relative, however, he will build for you as he does for himself and can be trusted to the fullest extent. It is not his fault if you are a grasshopper and he is an ant.

Famous Geminians: R.W. Emerson; Thomas Hardy, Isadora Duncan; Major Edward Bowes; Alice Bailey.

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The power of numbers is insignificant in the world of physical existence compared with the power of the same number in the spiritual realm. Here additions to the power of a community count as one, two, three, four, etc., but there the power increases in a proportion that might be likened to the square --- two, four, six, eight, and sixteen, etc., for the first twelve who attend a spiritual service. The thirteenth then would bring it up into another higher realm of the spiritual universe. For the sake of illustration, we may count the increase there by the power of three: three, nine, twenty-seven, etc.

---Echoes, July, 1914.



The Children of Aquarius, 1974

Birthdays: January 20 to February 19

TWO beneficent aspects are in force all during this solar month: Saturn trine Uranus, and Neptune sextile Pluto. Ambition and determination are indicated for all these children, along with the ability to concentrate on large problems and exercise authority, plan, and systematize. The intuition is strong, the mind mechanical and ingenious. There is considerable spiritual understanding, as well as inventive ability.

The Sun and Venus are conjoined from January 20 to 29, calling out the artistic side of the nature and pointing toward a fondness for music, art, and poetry. The love nature is strengthened and happiness in marriage is favored.

From January 20 to 22 the Sun and Mercury are in conjunction. This stellar pattern favors the memory and mentality on the days when the orb of aspect is three or more degrees.

Venus and Mercury are conjoined on January 20, 21, 22, giving ability for music and poetry, and showing a sociable, cheerful nature.

On January 20, 21 Venus squares

Mars, tending toward sensuality, extravagance, dissolute living. Self-discipline should be stressed in training these children.

Venus sextiles Neptune from January 20 to 24, pointing toward the inspirational musician. The imagination is fertile, the emotions deep, the nature chaste.

From January 20 to 27 Mercury and Mars are in square aspect, denoting alertness and sharpness of mind, but also impulsiveness and excitability. These children should be given special training in truthfulness, consideration for others, and unselfishness.

The Sun sextiles Neptune from January 21 to February 6, intensifying the spiritual vibrations in the aura, and thus favoring the possibility of developing the spiritual faculties. Ability as an inspirational musician is also favored.

From January 23 to February 19 the Sun squares Mars, endowing the native with an abundance of energy and the faculty of leadership, but these faculties tend to express in a destructive manner. These children need special training in control of temper, poise, humility, and kindness to-

ward others.

Venus and Uranus are in square aspect from January 24 to February 19, tending toward a lack of balance, an erratic personality. These children should be taught the sacredness of the creative force, as well as respect for the conventions.

From January 28 to February 5 Mercury trines Uranus, giving an original, independent, and inventive mind. This is the hallmark of the pioneer, the sign of genius. The ideas and ideals are exceedingly lofty, progressive, and inspiring, and many friends are attracted. Success in literature and science is favored.

Jupiter squares Mars from January 28 to February 19, the signature of the gambler, and if one of the planets is in a watery sign, there may be a tendency toward drunkenness, too. These children should have honesty, moderation, poise, and carefulness in diet emphasized in their training.

From January 29 to February 5 Mercury sextiles Saturn, an excellent mental aspect denoting ability to think deeply and concentrate well. There is forethought, reasoning ability, and much patience, all qualities which make for success in life. These natives do well in governmental and religious work, and make fine judges.

Saturn and Jupiter are in trine aspect from February 3 to 19, giving a strong character with a deep and philosophical mind, a benevolent disposition, and a strong sense of justice.

These natives are apt to be pillars of society, having sound financial judgment, devotion to duty, and religious inclination.

From February 5 to 19 Mercury and Neptune are in square aspect, pointing toward a chaotic mind, liability to lack of memory, indolence, and a disposition to dream the time away. There is apt to be a restless desire for fame and the inability to fit in anywhere. Interesting activity and a cheerful surrounding are needed especially by these children.

The Sun trines Uranus from February 8 to 19, making the native intuitive, original, inventive, imaginative. He is apt to become a successful inventor if other aspects give the mechanical ability to work out his schemes. A rise in life through friends on a higher social scale is probable. High strung and idealistic, these natives usually keep themselves well under control.

A fine aspect to end the solar month, from February 9 to 19, is the trine of Sun to Saturn. This confers some of the finest faculties in the gamut, giving foresight, method, and organizing, executive, and diplomatic ability, as well as much moral stamina. These natives are honorable, kindly, and considerate, sincere, and just. Success in judicial, political, agricultural, and mining positions is strongly favored.

Horoscopes for Subscribers' Children

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BE SURE to give: Name, Sex, Birthplace, and Year, Month, Day (of month), and minute of birth, as nearly as possible. Also please be sure to state if Daylight Saving Time was in effect.

NOTE: We give horoscope readings **ONLY** in this magazine.

Readings for Subscribers' Children

SHELLEY A. J.

Born August 24, 1961, 12 Noon.

Latitude 32N05; Longitude 118W08

Signs on Cusps of Houses:

ASC, Scorpio. 24.03 4th, Pisces... 3.00
 2nd, Sagitt... 25.00 5th, Aries.... 5.00
 3rd, Capri... 28.00 6th, Taurus... 1.00
 Aquarius intercepted in 3rd.

Positions of Planets:

Saturn.....24.09R	Capricorn..... 2nd
Jupiter.....28.44R	Capricorn..... 3rd
Moon.....12.54	Aquarius.....3rd
Dragon's T...26.52	Aquarius..... 3rd
Part of F.... 5.34	Taurus.....6th
Venus..... 24.24	Cancer.....8th
Uranus.....26.28	Leo..... 9th
Sun.....1.23	Virgo..... 10th
Pluto.....6.54	Virgo..... 10th
Mercury..... 11.13	Virgo..... 10th
Mars.....4.59	Libra..... 10th
Neptune.....8.52	Scorpio..... 12th

The most arresting feature of this chart is the presence of Sun, four planets, and the Dragon's Head all in the 9th and 10th houses. This points strongly toward a public career.

The solar orb is in the second degree of the common-earth sign Virgo in the 9th house, in conjunction with Uranus, the Dragon's Head, the MC, and Pluto (in the 10th), sextile Neptune in Scorpio in the 8th. This young lady is quick mentally, inclined to be ingenious and versatile, and has a liking for chemistry, diet, and hygiene. The sextile of the Sun (and Mercury) to Neptune adds a spiritual trend to the consciousness which the intellectual Virgo can well use. Since Mercury, planet of the concrete mind, is also in Virgo, the mentality is especially inclined to be logical and eloquent, with a special flair for detail and languages. There is a discrimi-

nating outlook on life, as well as a sensible practicality, interwoven with the spiritual attitude. A clerical or literary career of some kind is quite probable, with a distinct probability of the occult or superphysical element involved.

The Moon is intercepted in the humanitarian Aquarius in the 3rd house, trine Mars in Libra in the 10th, square Neptune. The trine is fortunate for the acquisition of friends, as it shows the native is kindly, sympathetic, agreeable, optimistic, and sociable. There is good reasoning power and the ability to form correct judgments, too, along with a love for art and music. The square of Moon to Neptune, however, suggests a negative psychic tendency, so that Shelley should avoid seances, the ouija board, and other such negative phenomena. The trine of Moon to Mars, which rules the Scorpio ASC, strongly favors the health, and bespeaks courage, ambition, and resourcefulness. This configuration (with Mars in Libra) also indicates a strong attraction for the opposite sex, and an early marriage, as well as success in the field of law.

Venus in Cancer in the 8th house opposes Saturn and Jupiter in the 2nd and 3rd houses, the most difficult vibration in the chart. Shelley likes luxurious things and is inclined toward an amorous nature. She has a tendency to jealousy, too, as well as suspicion and stinginess. These undesirable tendencies she can overcome if she *will*, by using her abundant common sense and ability to think right. Discipline of herself in mastering these undesirable patterns of emotion and thought will pay handsome dividends in spiritual progress. The trine of Venus to the ASC will help to make the Scorpio ASC and personality, which is often somewhat difficult, more appealing to others.

STEPHEN D.

Born February 3, 1964, 10:10 P.M.

Latitude 38N38, Longitude 90W12.

Signs on Cusps of Houses:

ASC, Libra . . . 12.15	4th, Capricorn . 14.00
2nd, Scorpio . . 10.10	5th, Aquarius . 17.00
3rd, Sagitt . . . 10.00	6th, Pisces . . 17.00

Positions of Planets:

Moon 29.21	Libra 1st
Neptune 17.51	Scorpio 2nd
Dragon's T . . . 9.37	Capricorn 3rd
Mercury 20.55	Capricorn 4th
Sun 14.22	Aquarius 4th
Mars 17.16	Aquarius 5th
Saturn 24.20	Aquarius 5th
Venus 21.59	Pisces 6th
Jupiter 15.21	Aries 7th
Part of F 27.14	Gemini 9th
Uranus 9.02R	Virgo 11th
Pluto 13.35	Virgo 11th

With the Sun and three planets in fixed signs, the Moon and two planets in cardinal signs, cardinal signs on all the angles, and three planets in common signs, this child has a very fair balance of stability, activity, and flexibility in his nature.

The solar orb is in the fixed-air sign Aquarius in the 4th house, conjoined with Mars (in the 5th), sextile Jupiter in Aries in the 7th, trine the Cancerian MC, and square Neptune in Scorpio in the 2nd. Here we see indicated a basically intellectual but humanitarian nature, with much mental energy and determination. Friendly and gregarious, kindly and trustworthy, Stephen tends toward altruistic ideals, but can be very determined in his own opinions. He has a natural flair for helping others, which can be the means of much soul growth in this life.

The Moon is in the last degree of Libra in the 1st house, trine to Saturn in Aquarius in the 5th. The Libran ASC, with the Moon in this sign, en-

hances the pleasant, sociable, optimistic side of the nature, and bespeaks a liking for art, music, and poetry—all that is refined and beautiful. This strong influence also shows a strong personal side to the nature, balancing to some extent the impersonal tendency of the Sun in Aquarius. The trine of the lunar orb to Saturn shows self-reliance, thrift, tact, patience, system, and patience. Such fine traits point toward esteem for Stephen in his community, and thus opportunities for a high type of service.

Mercury, governing the concrete mind, is in the Saturn-ruled Capricorn, sextile Venus in Pisces in the 6th, sextile Neptune in Scorpio in the 2nd, square to Jupiter in Aries in the 7th. This configuration points toward a rather penetrating, thoughtful, and diplomatic mentality, inclined, though, at times, to be suspicious. There is a natural aptitude for science and the occult, as well as ability for music and poetry. Care should be taken to avoid loss and trouble when traveling, and also when making contracts or agreements.

Venus in Pisces signifies a powerful emotional nature, along with a desire to help people afflicted by bodily ills or who are suffering from sorrow. It also gives an intense love for music, and it would be a wonderful emotional outlet for this boy. The trine of Neptune to Venus adds to the musical ability and points toward a fertile imagination.

The strongly aspected Neptune, both favorably and unfavorably, suggests work on the spiritual path in previous lives. By adhering strictly to the positive path in this life, Stephen can substantially further his spiritual unfoldment. The sextile of Neptune to Mercury and Pluto, along with the trine to Venus and the MC, points toward a natural understanding of supernatural matters. Things in which water plays a prominent part may bring gain.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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

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

Teacher, Librarian

SUZANNE D. --- Born Oct. 15, 1959, 7:13 P.M. Latitude 43N02; Longitude 87W55. With the versatile Gemini rising, the Sun, Moon, and four planets in common and cardinal signs, this native is capable of doing most any kind of clerical or literary work. The solar orb is in Libra in the 5th, conjunct Mars, sextile Uranus (which rules the Aquarian MC), but opposes the Moon in Aries in the 11th (7-degree orb). The Dragon's Head is also in the 5th. Uranus in the 4th sextiles both Mars and Sun, and trines Moon. Mercury, ruler of the ASC, is in Scorpio in the 6th, conjunct Neptune, sextile Venus and Pluto. The strong Uranus shows a progressive, humanitarian mind, which will no doubt manifest in whatever vocation is chosen. Fine service could be given as a librarian or teacher.

Lawyer, Gov't Worker

JUSTINE A. --- Born January 9, 1953, 1:58 A.M. Latitude 41N20; Longitude 73W05. This native has the Sun and Mercury in Capricorn, indicating a flair for government work of some kind. The solar orb, ruling the Leo MC, sextiles Mars in Pisces in the 4th, trines Jupiter in Taurus in the 7th, squares Saturn and Neptune in Libra in the 12th, opposes Uranus retrograde in Cancer in the 9th. Mercury sextiles Venus in Pisces and the Moon in Libra --- and to some degree Saturn and Neptune. Scorpio is on the ASC. Pluto, retrograde in Leo in the 10th, conjuncts the MC and Part of Fortune, sextiles Neptune, Saturn, and the Moon. This young woman would probably do best working "behind the scenes" as an assistant to a government official or in a law firm.

Accountant, Banker

RONNY I. --- Born July 21, 1958, 5:10 A.M. Latitude 42N20, Longitude 83W03. This native has Cancer rising with the Sun in that sign in the 1st house, sextile the Moon in Virgo in the 3rd, square Jupiter in Libra in the 4th, Neptune in Scorpio in the 4th, and Mars in Taurus in the 10th. Favorable aspects to Mars, which rules the MC, are sextile to Venus, trine Mercury and Pluto. Mercury in the 2nd house sextiles Venus and Jupiter, trines Saturn in Sagittarius in the 5th. Saturn also sextiles Jupiter. Accounting, banking, and teaching are all suitable fields for this native's talents. Growing and selling flowers might also have an appeal.

Musician, Technician

JAMES A. --- Born January 11, 1938, 8:32 A.M. Latitude 41N45, Longitude 88W19. The Sun and Venus conjoined in Capricorn in the 12th, sextile Mars, trine Moon and Neptune, indicates a very capable, ambitious person, but one likely to accomplish his work "behind the scenes." Jupiter in the rising sign, Aquarius, is also in the 12th, sextile Saturn but square Uranus. The Moon in Taurus conjuncts Uranus (7 degrees), sextiles Mars, trines Venus and Neptune. Mercury, retrograde in the last degree of Sagittarius in the 11th, squares Saturn and makes no other aspect. This native has musical ability, along with considerable spiritual understanding. Aside from his musical talent, he could probably best use his natural faculties as a laboratory research technician, in electronics and related fields.

Daily Thought and Guide

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

Friday --- March 1

The Moon in Gemini, diversely aspected, promises an active day. We can make soul growth with every experience if loving, self-forgetting service is our goal.

Saturday --- March 2

"Concern for man himself and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavors . . . that the creations of our mind shall be a blessing and not a curse to mankind."
--- *Albert Einstein.*

* Sunday --- March 3

A strong, kindly jupiterian influence helps us channel the healing force and heightens desire and ability to serve our fellow men on this Lord's day.

Monday --- March 4

Domestic matters receive impetus; a home in which love, respect, and good taste prevail is a treasured haven from the crass, materialistic side of life.

Tuesday --- March 5

Today's fine aspects encourage the development of spiritual understanding and moral courage, and their utilization in Christ's vineyard.

Wednesday --- March 6

Patient persistence in well doing is required of every aspirant. If we do not give up, we *will* eventually master every difficulty.

Thursday --- March 7

Another busy day, and we may encounter some problems. Steadfast devotion to the Ideal will see us triumphantly through.

Friday --- March 8

"A sound mind in a sound body, if the former be the glory of the latter, the latter is indispensable to the former." --- *Edwards.*

* Saturday --- March 9

It should be easy to concentrate on the healing force today, sending out the loving thoughts that will help make it available where needed.

Sunday --- March 10

"...faith is the force in man which opens up the channel of communication with God and brings us into touch with His Life and Power."
--- *Max Heindel*

Monday --- March 11

Lunar trines to Mercury, Saturn, and Jupiter are excellent influences under which to begin the work-week and make the most of opportunities to learn, serve, and grow.

Tuesday --- March 12

On this quiet day, study, meditation, and prayer are in order, that we may revitalize our energies and our dedication to His Cause.

Wednesday --- March 13

It would be wise to exercise forethought and maintain a calm, dispassionate attitude today, avoiding hasty decisions or rash promises.

Thursday --- March 14

"If there is anything that keeps the mind open to angel visits, and repels the ministry of ill, it is human love."
--- *Willis.*

Friday --- March 15

The Sagittarian archer aiming at the stars is an appropriate symbol for the aspirant. Our potential achievements are limited only by our own horizons.

* Saturday --- March 16

A variety of influences are active. It should be easy to maintain an equilibrium between head and heart when responding to the day's challenges.

Sunday --- March 17

Wherever two or three are gathered together in His name, there He shall be in the midst of them.

Monday --- March 18

A solar-lunar trine augurs a successful day. Let us make the most of this chance to further our work as we know it should be done.

Tuesday --- March 19

Spiritual insight and the energy and moral courage to apply it to daily life can be ours if we are in tune with the higher vibrations.

Wednesday --- March 20

"The sound and proper exercise of the imagination may be made to contribute to the cultivation of all that is virtuous and estimable in the human character." --- *John Abercrombie*.

Thursday --- March 21

A friendly smile in passing may do much to lighten someone's day. Even a momentary flash of cheer helps dispel gloom and reinforce determination to forge ahead.

Friday --- March 22

An evening of good music may be the perfect way to "unwind" after the work-week and soothe away cares.

* Saturday --- March 23

An innate optimistic outlook manifests in improved health for ourselves

and increasing ability to release the healing force for others.

Sunday --- March 24

Splendid neptunian vibrations today help us attune ourselves to the higher worlds and to the outpouring of divine Light and Love that is our continuing heritage.

Monday --- March 25

Let us keep a firm grip on our tempers today, remembering that everyone is entitled to his own point of view.

Tuesday --- March 26

"The intellect has only one failing, which, to be sure, is a very considerable one. It has no conscience." --- *Lowell*. Importuning of the head must be made to serve the compassionate requirements of the heart.

Wednesday --- March 27

We save ourselves much heartache if we use prudence instead of jumping headlong into a situation before assessing the probable results of our behavior.

Thursday --- March 28

A variety of aspects are operative, and strong solar rays encourage successful mastery of our lessons, if we so will.

Friday --- March 29

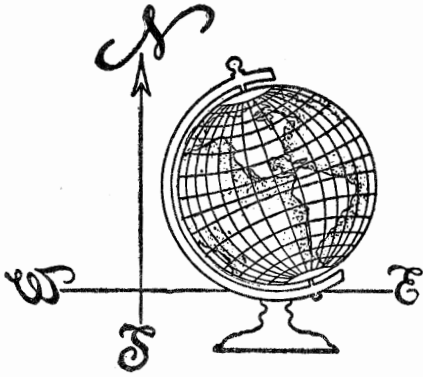
A benign Venus favors us on her day, and enjoyment of the finer things of life is in order.

* Saturday --- March 30

Attention could profitably be given to projects around home today, but let us also remember those who are ill and helpless.

Sunday --- March 31

An understanding of the higher Teachings enhances our worship and helps us work *consciously* in the fulfillment of God's Plan.



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Therapeutic Adaptations of Space Technology

A secondary, but perhaps ultimately more valuable, result of the technology supporting space exploration, is represented by the medical benefits derived therefrom. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration seeks to make the by-products of its research available for purposes other than space travel, and some of its specially trained personnel work closely with medical researchers in an effort to adapt space technology for healing purposes.

In the May-June 1973 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* are detailed some of the practical applications of space age technology that have already been proven invaluable in the healing process. A pressure suit similar to that worn by test pilots to avoid blacking out during high speed aerial maneuvers, for instance, has saved the lives of several patients whose internal hemorrhaging otherwise could not be stopped. The suit works by applying pressure which counters the draining of blood, and allows the blood to coagulate.

A monitoring system originally designed to check the astronauts' heart action has been converted into a means by which information concerning a heart attack victim's condition can be conveyed from the ambulance to the doctor at the hospital, who thus

is able to save precious time making necessary preparations in advance of the patient's arrival. Another electronic device has been modified for use on patients suffering obstruction of the windpipe. It actuates an alarm when a change in the person's breathing occurs, thus instantly summoning medical personnel to the patient's side. Other electronic devices adapted from space equipment record information such as temperature and blood pressure, enabling a single nurse thus to examine a number of people simultaneously.

Written by L.B. Taylor, Jr., the article, entitled "Space Age and Healing," also describes sling supports which help handicapped children learn to walk. These supports, originally designed to accustom astronauts to the peculiar conditions of gravity obtaining on the Moon, consist of a walkway, tilted off the horizontal, on which the children exercise while suspended sideways with bolts and pulleys. Space helmets, too, have been modified as respirometers for children, who find them much more comfortable than conventional rubber mouthpieces, and much more fun to use. Specially equipped helmets are also used to detect hearing defects in children.

Paraplegics and paralyzed people will find the "sight switch" invaluable in permitting them to perform certain functions without assistance. Originally designed as aids to astro-

nauts who are kept extremely busy during flight, this device permits eye movements to control such things as the motion of wheelchairs and the turning of pages and radio knobs. "The novel switch operates on the principle of infrared reflection from the eyeball. An infrared light source bounces light off the white of the eye into a photo-electric cell which carries the message to a control activator. When eyes are moved sideward, one eye reflects the light while the pupil of the other eye absorbs it." The resulting imbalance of voltage controls the wheelchair, moves the page, etc.

Windshields originally designed for use on Apollo spacecraft have been adapted into shields which can be suspended over severely burned patients. They permit freer movement and easier access to dressings, while causing a constant temperature to be maintained around the patient and providing against water loss through evaporation.

These and similar therapeutic devices emanating from the space program, revolutionary though they may be, have nevertheless "but scratched the surface of what realistically can be expected in the immediate years ahead." Until now, the emphasis in space technology has been directed toward getting men to the Moon and back. Now, however, asserts Mr. Taylor, "the thrust is shifting more to the exploitation of space for the betterment of man."

Drink Two Aspirin

Plain aspirin is the most widely used medication in the world. Last year, Americans alone spent more than \$500 million on the drug. But many people cannot take aspirin. In patients with ulcers, for example, it causes severe gastric bleeding --- and some arthritics and others who rely heavily on aspirin to relieve chronic pain complain that the drug gives them an upset stomach, heartburn or nausea.

But help for those with a low tolerance for aspirin seems at hand. Three University of Georgia scientists report that they have found a way to make aspirin in a liquid form that should considerably reduce many of the undesirable side effects.

Many experts believe that these side effects occur because the acidic aspirin tablet lodges and then dissolves in one area of the stomach. This could produce irritation or, in severe cases, hemorrhaging. If the aspirin were to enter the stomach in a more widely dispersed form, the theory goes, the likelihood of irritation would be much less.

During previous attempts to make liquid aspirin, explains associate professor of pharmacy Dr. C.W. Whitworth, the problem has been the rapid breakdown of the compound into its two components, acetic acid and salicylic acid. In this form, aspirin loses much of its pain-killing potency. But Whitworth and his colleagues believe they have found a way to dissolve aspirin in a syrupy glycol base that inhibits this breakdown.

The preparation, with the consistency of maple syrup, may be flavored with orange or peppermint, which should make it especially acceptable to young children who cannot swallow aspirin tablets and refuse to chew them. One teaspoonful of the liquid aspirin, say the Georgia scientists, is equivalent to two 5-grain aspirin tablets. If the new drug proves effective in widespread human testing and receives approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the researchers estimate that it could be on drugstore shelves within three years.

--- *Newsweek*, Aug. 6, 1973.

We wonder if liquifying aspirin will appreciably reduce all harmful side effects which this drug is known to produce. Although a more widely dispersed form of aspirin might lessen individual instances of localized stomach irritation, the innate potency of the drug will evidently remain as strong as ever.

A danger of presenting aspirin, or any other drug, in more palatable form is precisely that it becomes easier to take and "get down," thus encouraging even more indiscriminate use of such products than already exists. Flavoring it for children, who then grow accustomed to downing it with enjoyment, seems to be particularly

unfortunate as it could easily induce life-long dependence on the drug.

We believe that support should be given to the natural methods of health and healing --- centered on pure living and wholesome diet --- which are becoming more widespread. We very much question the wisdom of indiscriminate dispersal of, and provision of easy access to, synthetic pain killers and similar drugs which, in the name of "medicine," now flood the market.

"New Ag" May Hurt Qualities of Food

Higher prices may not be the greatest cost that consumers pay for our highly concentrated system of big corporate farming. The greatest danger may be the loss of the high-quality food supply that we had from family farms.

The theme is being voiced in hearings by the House Anti-trust Subcommittee which is investigating the impact of big competitive agri-business on rising food costs.

According to testimony before the subcommittee chaired by Rep. Peter W. Rodino, New Jersey Democrat, this danger is primarily posed by three corporate objectives:

(1) The substitution of technology for labor; (2) the standardization of the food supply and (3) the introduction of synthetic foods.

As Jim Hightower of the Agribusiness Accountability Project told the subcommittee, for the past 30 years there has been a technological revolution in agriculture, largely financed by taxpayers through the land grant colleges.

"The result is genetically designed melons, pesticides for all occasions, mechanically harvested strawberries, cattle fattened on drugs, red wax for apples, chemically skinned catfish and a vast array of other gadgetry which are the products of the technological fervor which has gripped agriculture since World War II," said Hightower . . .

Under the brave new agriculture, corporate tomatoes, for example, are assembled as though they were bars of soap --- genetically tailored, mechanically harvested, chemically ripened, electronically sorted and mechanically wrapped.

What it boils down to is that the packaging and advertising of food are becoming

more important pricing factors than the quality of the food itself --- the taste, texture and above all its nutritional content.

Recently, Harvard's Dr. Jean Mayer, former nutrition adviser to President Nixon, was horrified by a Purdue University tomato that was being ballyhooed as a commercial comer because of its particular red color and uniform shape.

"Yet, when ripe," Dr. Mayer complained, "it will contain at best approximately half the Vitamin A content of the varieties of tomatoes presently on the market."

Agriculture researchers also have determined that the kind and amounts of artificial fertilizers used can cause destruction of the nutrient levels of food grown in some soils.

According to a WVU announcement, zinc deficiency in man has been implicated in iron deficiency anemia, hardening of the arteries, infertility, skin disorders and other diseases. Zinc is also important in healing wounds, especially burns, and in the repair of bones and arteries. And it is essential in the metabolism of two amino acids and it influences the activities of several enzyme systems. --- by Edith Kermit Roosevelt, *San Diego Union*, August 9, 1973.

Many people have begun to grow some of their own vegetables and fruit, and no doubt this practice will increase if the availability of nutritious food continues to decrease. Many other people, however, will have to remain dependent upon outside sources of supply, and for them the problem of proper nutrition may become acute.

We can only hope that the authorities who are responsible for maintaining the national food supply will heed warnings such as this, which are being sounded by concerned people throughout the country. The growing scarcity of food, plus the diminishing nutritional value of that which is available, threaten to pose a critical problem to national health and well-being. In addition, recent official efforts to reduce the type and intensity of nutritive supplements heretofore available to the public adds considerably to the serious nature of this issue.



BOOK REVIEWS

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"The Occult"

The Occult, by Colin Wilson, Random House, New York, 1971.

"**T**he occult faculty is latent in everyone, and can be developed by anyone who really wants to." This is the fundamental proposition upon which Mr. Wilson has based his detailed analysis of occult phenomena as manifested in man's recorded history. He posits the existence of what he calls "Faculty X," an extension of consciousness latent in every man which enables him, with sufficient exercise of will-power, to penetrate into a reality that lies beyond the immediately physical. This power, says Mr. Wilson, "is the key... to the whole future evolution of the human race."

Heretofore expressed in relatively few people, this inherent ability is based on the power to concentrate, and requires for its functioning a release from the conditions of boredom, monotony, and preoccupation with mundane trivia in which so many civilized men seem to find themselves. The routine and "sameness" common to many lives creates a dullness, even numbness, of mentality. The challenge and shock of change is needed to insure alertness and eliminate the unfortunate human tendency to "get into a rut" and exhibit physical, mental, and emotional ennui.

Certainly, from the point of view of the Western Wisdom Teachings, Mr.

Wilson's basic proposition is correct. Man does have the innate capacity to penetrate beyond the immediate physical present, whether this faculty be called Faculty X or positive clairvoyance. Furthermore, this ability, once developed and properly utilized by humanity, will indeed constitute a "key to the whole future evolution of the human race." It is also true that concentration will play a large part in the unfoldment of this attribute. What Mr. Wilson does not stress, however, in the whole of his lengthy and scholarly summary of the occult, is that this power, in its positive and beneficent aspects, can only be developed as a result of living the pure selfless life of love and service which is so continually stressed in the Rosicrucian Philosophy.

The author seems to have covered the gamut of occult philosophers, experts, charlatans, and a large selection of "ordinary people" who were able to exercise "strange powers" without knowing how their "magic" worked. The activities of Plato and Paracelsus, Nostradamus, Cagliostro and St. Germain, Rasputin and Mme. Blavatsky, and an imposing array of witches, and many more famous, notorious, and obscure figures, are considered in detail. An extensive bibliography is appended, and it certainly seems at first glance that Mr. Wilson has thoroughly covered the field of occultists and occult phenomena in

his analysis.

The most significant contribution to our full understanding of the meaning and practice of the occult, however, is inexplicably left out of this otherwise extensive treatise. No mention is made either of Max Heindel's accomplishments or of the Rosicrucian Philosophy as presented in the *Cosmo-Conception*. Since Mr. Wilson has obviously read and researched widely on his subject---he speaks of his own library of several hundred books on the occult---it is difficult to understand how the Rosicrucian Philosophy could have escaped his attention. Perhaps, on the other hand, the omission was deliberate. It may be that the completeness of the Rosicrucian Teachings, viewed from their mystic as well as their occult aspects, was considered too "spiritual" for the author's purposes. Naturally, we have no way of knowing whether this was the case, but in any event, the exclusion of this most pure, beautiful, and all-inclusive philosophy constitutes a serious flaw in any historical analysis of the occult.

Mr. Wilson, an internationally-known British author of psychological studies, novels, encyclopedic articles, science fiction, and detective stories, approaches the present study convinced of the existence of phenomena largely foreign to man's experience. Attributes commonly considered "otherworldly," such as magic and "spirits," are real, in his opinion, and he neither scorns nor refutes claims concerning them as do those material scientists who believe only the evidence of the five senses. It appears, too, that he would be inclined seriously to consider the possibility of reincarnation, although he does not formulate his own philosophy in any particular detail.

This positive approach to the phenomena he describes, however, although certainly more welcome than

the condescension or actual hostility expressed by some other authors who have chronicled similar histories, does not extend far enough to encompass the full spiritual context in which, the esoteric student knows, so-called occult phenomena are found. Mr. Wilson believes that Faculty X is not a sixth-sense, or a new attribute, but "an ordinary potentiality of consciousness" or, seemingly, an extension of a present physical attribute which can be developed if human passivity is overcome.

A number of preconceived notions, too, seem to dominate his thinking. He says, for instance, that "It is not true that there is a 'secret doctrine' known only to adepts. . . . There is no secret doctrine apart from science. . . ." "Some unknown type of energy" accounts for such inexplicable occurrences as the ability of certain Fiji Islanders to walk on fire. A "secret doctrine" *does* exist, however---secret, that is, to those who are not yet ready to accept or believe it. This doctrine explains the ability of highly advanced Egos to perform their seeming miracles, and it is, of course, the secret of the "philosopher's stone." The Ego who refines his vehicles by pure, selfless living will eventually cause his spinal spirit fire to blaze forth, giving him the power to work in harmony with the spiritual forces and thus perform feats generally regarded as "supernatural."

We believe, then, that readers who accept this book for what it is---a tolerant appraisal of certain facets of the occult, made in generally material terms---will find it of historical interest. The true esoteric student, however, will also quickly realize that, for him, the omission of many spiritual considerations has rendered this otherwise scholarly and comprehensive work incomplete and one-sided.

Readers' QUESTIONS

Thinking Ourselves Well

Question:

We frequently hear of a "hopelessly ill" person who has recovered evidently solely because of his intense faith that he *would* recover. How does this "faith cure" work?

Answer:

An extraordinarily strong, positive belief stimulates and raises the vibrations of the mind and desire body. When the vibrations have been sufficiently raised and harmonized, there is an influx of solar life force in such quantities that, in some cases, it is able almost instantly to remove the inharmony which may be extant in some part of the physical body.

Moreover, such intense belief also stimulates the will, the highest aspect of the Ego, which is a powerful factor in directing the subconscious bodily processes which build up the physical body. The Ego contacts the physical body through the blood. When vibrations are raised, the Ego is given much greater freedom in the blood than ordinarily, and is therefore able to exert its regenerative spiritual power to a far greater degree than usual. Thus it may be able to throw off a physical manifestation of disease with which it previously had been handicapped because it had not been in close contact with its vehicles.

An intense belief of this nature also kills fear by replacing it with confidence. Fear is the great crystallizing, inhibiting agent. It paralyzes the physiological processes, with the result of imperfect functioning and eventual disease. If we can do away with our fear, we have taken a significant step forward in the process of averting disease. Then the life force flows through the tissues and the blood at an accelerated rate, with the resulting improvement in the body functions.

Proselyting the Teachings

Question:

Would it be right for a person who was reared in the orthodox religion but later became a Rosicrucian Fellowship student to try to convince his former religious associates of the truth of the Fellowship Teachings, or should he leave them alone unless and until they become dissatisfied with their present faith?

Answer:

It is the duty of every student who has accepted the Western Wisdom Teachings to make them available whenever someone is ready to receive them. He should not, however, engage in proselyting. Acceptance of esoteric teachings depends upon the

degree to which the Ego concerned has become sensitized to higher, spiritual vibrations. As long as he is of purely materialistic bent, he is incapable of receiving any esoteric truth, and to try to convince him leads only to futile argument and, frequently, to strife.

The world is rapidly becoming sensitized, however, and more and more people are reaching the point where they are seeking, and would be able to accept, higher spiritual Teachings. It is up to us, as Rosicrucian Fellowship students, to put those Teachings where they may be contacted by those who *are* ready to receive. Word of mouth, the Fellowship literature, and, most of all, the example of our own conduct, will bring the Teachings to the attention of those who are ready to receive.

If we *live* the Teachings, as we should, we will demonstrate their truth more clearly than in any other way. We can also place Fellowship literature in libraries or other places where it can be picked up by the public. In casual conversation, too, we often have the opportunity to drop a word which contains an esoteric meaning or gives an esoteric hint.

If, after we do these things, someone asks us for further information, we know that the seed has been sown on soil that may be ready to bring forth fruit. We can then give the requested information and direct the person's attention to other facets of the Teachings, as may seem appropriate.

Payment of Debts in Next Life

Question:

Is Purgatory sufficient to purge us from all sins, or do we have to pay part of the debt when we return in a

new body? Some passages in the Rosicrucian Teachings seem to indicate that Purgatory fully cleanses us, but other passages, such as those concerning debts of destiny, indicate the contrary. Which is correct, and why the discrepancy?

Answer:

There is no discrepancy in the passages to which you refer.

Purgatory eradicates from the desire body all the low, selfish, and criminal impulses that have been manifest and not overcome during the previous life. The force of repulsion tears out the coarse desire stuff that corresponds to these desires. Thus, the Ego is entirely purged of all evil desires, and is free to rise into the heaven worlds.

This purgative process, however, does not pay the debts of destiny which he contracted with other Egos during life on Earth. It also does not neutralize the forces which he has set into operation in his Earth life which have not yet expended themselves. When he returns to rebirth, therefore, the debts are still waiting to be paid, and the forces are still waiting to be transmuted. If, in the previous life, for instance, he caused another Ego to be blinded, he will still have to pay the debt thus incurred, perhaps by experiencing blindness himself. If he has not yet transmuted previous enmity with another Ego, he can expect to encounter that Ego again until the situation is resolved into one of friendship.

The purgatorial experience following his previous life resulted in the development of conscience and, if he heeds it, he will not fall prey to renewed temptations which will be set before him. Nevertheless, however, he will still have to pay the penalties he incurred for succumbing to unworthy temptations in previous lives.



Fasting and Health

DIANA DUPRE

The use of fasting as a therapeutic agent is not a new concept in medicine. It has been used successfully down through the centuries, and is receiving renewed attention today. One of the foremost recent exponents of the fast as an aid to good health is Dr. Herbert M. Shelton. His book, *Fasting Can Save Your Life*, (Natural Hygiene Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1964) presents fasting as a singularly effective form of assistance to a sick body in re-establishing its own internal foundations of well-being.

Dr. Sheldon stresses that the long fast to which he addresses himself (a week to several weeks in duration) should not be undertaken without the supervision of someone trained in the rationale and techniques of this type of treatment. A fast can be extremely beneficial, even to the point of permitting recovery from long-standing, chronic diseases such as arthritis, heart trouble, ulcers, and asthma, but it can also be dangerous if not properly monitored.

The process of fasting--- total abstinence from any food or drink except water---gives the body a chance to restore itself, throw off the toxins that are causing the illness, rejuvenate fatigued nerve and cell structure,

and re-establish normal metabolism and blood chemistry. A person who is ill often "instinctively" rejects food, and one of the worst things to do for someone who is sick is to force him to eat, with the rationale of "building up his strength." When the body is ill, it cannot digest or assimilate food properly. To fill it with food that it cannot use, then, results in further weakening.

Since the ingestion of food provides simply another burden for a sick body and hampers it in its efforts to regain normal functioning, it is logical, reasons Dr. Shelton and other advocates of fasting as a form of treatment, to stop eating until the body is again ready to cope with food in a proper way. Most people, avers the doctor, have ample reserves of food essentials already stored in their bodies, from which they can draw during a fast. There is a vast difference, he claims, between starvation---the continuing, long-range deprivation of nutritive essentials---and fasting, which involves the judicious temporary abstinence from food.

When the body is not taxed with the continuing influx of superfluous food three times a day, it is left free to utilize food reserves already at hand.

Some of these reserves take the form of unwanted and debilitating deposits (such as those found in arthritis), swellings, and so-called tumors of various sorts. As a result of properly administered fasting, it often happens that the usable portions of these "deformities" are then accepted as food and the useless portions are eliminated by the body. This process, then, removes the toxic deposits that have caused the ailment, and the patient is healed.

When this book was written, Dr. Shelton, for forty-five years, had supervised the successful fasts of hundreds of patients, including many severely crippled or debilitated by major diseases which had failed to respond to years of more orthodox treatment. In many cases, complete recovery was effected. Even when complete recovery was not possible, because of the extensive ravages already made by the disease, considerable improvement in the condition almost always resulted. Naturally, a moderate and healthful mode of living and eating must be adopted after the fast, if its results are to be maintained.

We believe that the information in this book will be of interest to many readers. It is important to reiterate, however, that a long fast should be undertaken only under expert supervision.

EAT ALKALINE

Dr. Ernest Heckler

If a boycott of meat lasts long enough, the housewives may find their own and their families' health improved.

As long as the average housewife has meat on hand, it will be easy for her to plan a meal. Out of sheer habit, she is likely to cook meat, peeled potatoes, vegetables, and add a serving of bread and butter. What she perhaps

does not know, however, is the fact that meat, peeled potatoes, and bread are more acid than alkaline in composition.

All foods are alkaline and acid, but some have a preponderance of one and some of the other. The alkaline minerals are found in: potassium, sodium, calcium, manganese, and iron. The acid minerals are found in: phosphorus, sulphur, and chlorine.

In Germany, in 1904, Dr. Heinrich Lahmann became puzzled when the blood of some of his patients changed from alkaline to acid, and he suspected their eating habits as the cause. He had his chief chemist, Ragnar Berg, examine every food on the market for its alkaline and acid mineral content. After 340 different foods had been analyzed, Dr. Lahmann was convinced that blood undergoes a change if we habitually eat foods with more acid than alkaline minerals. In a definitive study which he then wrote, he warned that, in order to stay well, we must eat foods with a surplus of alkaline minerals.

From Mr. Berg's tabulation, we learn that foods with a surplus of alkaline minerals include almost all vegetables and fruits, most especially lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, radishes, spinach, green beans, peas, figs, raisins, and olives. Foods with acid surplus include all meats and eggs, peeled potatoes (alkaline minerals are found in the skins of potatoes), practically all white flour products, breads, cereals, and rice (with genuine pumpernickel bread as a noteworthy exception), all cheeses, including cottage cheese, and most nuts (some exceptions being coconut, beechnut, and chestnut.).

Seeds such as caraway, dill, poppy, and sesame are all rich in alkaline minerals, and if they are baked into bread, they make the bread less acid. Beverages that are more alkaline than acid include: sweet milk, buttermilk, apple juice, grape juice, and orange juice.



Wholeness through Sonship

OFTEN we get so busy *doing* that we forget who we *are* --- that we are sons of the Father, with all the rights and privileges of sonship. The humdrum of daily living tends to insulate us from the realization that "now are we the sons of God."

The power of God is unlimited and unrestricted, and "in Him we live, and move, and have our being." There is no condition or illness in our lives that is beyond the Father's care. "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine."

We may not be wastrels as was the Prodigal who spent his substance in riotous living, but perhaps in our lack of expectancy we are like him. Perhaps we have not yet felt the urgency to say, "I will arise and go to my Father."

We know intellectually that God is All, that nothing can exist apart from Him, but in our hearts we have not established it. It is not the Father who is requiring restitution. It is we, ourselves, who procrastinate and avoid the full acceptance of His Allness. But when we make the decision to rise and go to our Father, we find that He sees us when we are "yet a great way off," and has compassion on us. There is healing in His compassion, in His joy at our decision.

Most of us know only too well from firsthand experience that though we

may daily turn to Him, we just as often seem to turn away again a few minutes later by some act or word which we know is not an expression of our sonship to Him. Only as we learn to abide in Him continually, ceasing this turning to and fro, can we expect to hear the words: "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine."

Healing comes through attainment of *wholeness*, the wholeness that results from living as His son.

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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:

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California --- Am most grateful to be relieved of that excruciating pain. I know the relief came through prayer.

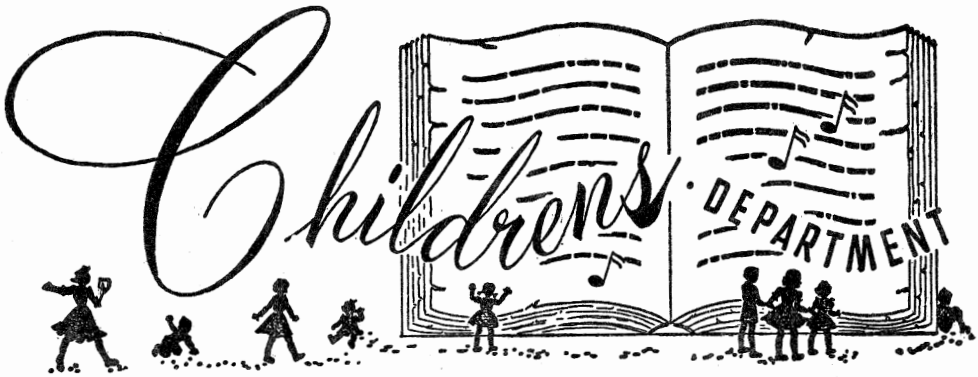
California --- Am so grateful to you --- daily. Am enclosing a gift, wishing it were more so that others might benefit as I have. I have given so little and received so much.

Arizona --- As you have calmed the turbulence of my restless soul over the past years, an inner peace has emerged and led me on to greater spiritual heights.

California --- We have so much to be thankful for, and much of our gratitude we owe to you for your persistence in helping me when I was feeling so low. Thank you again for the continuing loving help. God bless all of you.

Texas --- Thank you for all your help. May God bless your healing efforts. The Fellowship's words of wisdom are spreading all over the country. My love and admiration are with you and and yours.

Nigeria --- Am observing remarkable improvement in my health. Only a sick man like me can know the great relief experienced by realizing that good and wonderful people like you are praying earnestly for me. You have given me more joy than I can express. I feel healthy and my systems harmonize appreciably. Thank you for your services, and praise be to God who made it possible for such invaluable services as you are rendering to the world to be possible on this Earth.



Bobby

DAGMAR FRAHME

Part I

THERE wasn't much room in the hollow log, but Bobby squeezed in anyhow. It was the only place to hide. The sound of barking came closer and closer, and Bobby's heart beat faster and faster until he could hardly breathe.

It wasn't possible that this was happening to him, he thought. Only that morning he had been safe in the nest with Mother Rabbit and his many brothers and sisters. He would still be safe, too, if he had only listened to Mother. "Don't leave home," she had told him. "Stay here till I come back."

But no, Bobby had to explore. He was a restless rabbit. Even when he sat still his tail twitched impatiently. He couldn't bear to stay put in any one place for long. Soon after Mother had gone Bobby, too, hopped away, the warnings of his brothers and sisters ringing in his ears.

"Don't go out there, Bobby. It's dangerous. Wait till Mother comes home. She'll take us for a run later."

Bobby had been very pleased with his adventure until a few minutes ago. He had found a hole in the fence

around Farmer Pratt's garden—a place he had been trying to get into almost since his eyes first opened. He had time to stuff himself with all kinds of goodies before hearing people and scampering away without being discovered. He had a long race through the forest with a young raccoon and spent several enchanted minutes watching a frog's throat puff in and out as he croaked.

Everything had been wonderful until he first heard the barking, still far away. Bobby froze in his tracks. He had never seen a dog but Mother had warned her children about them, and he knew that the dog was after him. He began to hop frantically around looking for cover, but he was in a part of the forest where there were only tall pine trees with nothing growing underneath. Just in time, he spotted the hollow log and squeezed in.

In another minute the dog was there, sniffing at the log and trying to shove his muzzle into the narrow opening. He barked frantically, and Bobby was so scared he almost went numb.

"What you got there, boy?" said a high-pitched human voice suddenly,

and the barking changed to excited yipping. "Get out of the way. Let me look," went on the voice, and Bobby saw two green eyes looking in at the opening where the dog's muzzle had been.

"It's a baby rabbit!" exclaimed the voice. "And you're scaring it to death. Quiet, Raffles! That's enough!" The high-pitched voice became stern and the dog was still. The green eyes disappeared from the opening.

Bobby was relieved, but not for long. Suddenly an arm was thrust through the opening, fingers curled around him, and he was gently but firmly pulled out. Bobby closed his eyes and tried not to think about what was happening. That wasn't hard, because he was so scared it was almost impossible for him to think about anything.

Bobby felt the fingers stroking his fur, and after a while began to think that maybe they weren't going to hurt him after all—not right then, anyway. He opened his eyes and looked directly into the green ones. All around them were freckles, and above them a shock of windblown red hair. The eyes and the freckles and the hair all belonged, Bobby saw, to a boy. The boy was smiling.

"It's OK now," he said, "nobody's going to hurt you. I'm sorry Raffles scared you, but he just makes a lot of noise. He wouldn't do anything to you."

Bobby doubted that very much, and was horrified when the boy held him down so that Raffles could sniff him. To his surprise, Raffles sniffed, wagged his tail, and began to prance around as if he wanted to play. He didn't snarl or growl but just said "Woof!" once or twice.

"See?" laughed the boy. "But you two can get acquainted later. I'm going to take you home first. You must be lost. No rabbits live here. If I knew where your nest was I'd take you there, but I don't, and you're too

little to spend the night by yourself."

Bobby hadn't thought of that, but the boy was right. He *was* lost. He had never been in this part of the forest before, and had no idea where his nest was. And where was the boy taking him? He didn't want to go to the boy's home. He wanted to go to *his* home.

But this was not to be. The boy held him firmly and, try as he would, Bobby could not wriggle free. The boy walked on and on, Raffles running back and forth and all around him. At last they came to the edge of the forest and looked out over the meadows beyond, where a few trees and a few houses cast long shadows in the late afternoon sun.

The boy walked down a country lane until he came to one of the houses. As he turned up the driveway a girl with green eyes, freckles, and wind-blown red hair ran to meet him.

"Where've you been?" she demanded.

"In the forest," he answered.

"Look what I found."

He held Bobby out to her and she squealed with delight. "A baby rabbit! He's so little, and so cuddly!"

Bobby didn't care for the word "cuddly," but there was nothing he could do about it as the girl held him to her cheek and rubbed it in his fur.

"Where did you find him?" she asked.

The boy told her, and then added, "His name's Bobby."

"Your name's Bobby," she protested.

"From now on," said the boy firmly, "my name is Bob. I'm getting too big to be called Bobby. And besides, I just know his name is Bobby, and we can't have two Bobbys in the family."

"I suppose not," said the girl, "but you're exactly the same age as me and I don't want to be called anything else. I'd rather be Meg than Margaret any day."

"That's different," said Bob. "We'd better take Bobby to Mom. She'll know

where to keep him."

"I hope she lets us keep him," said Meg, doubtfully. "She says we have too many animals around the place already."

"She's got to let us keep him. He's too little to be left alone," said Bob determinedly, taking Bobby from his sister and striding into the house, followed by a still-doubtful Meg.

Mom took one look, turned off the blender, and sighed. "Another animal," she said resignedly. "Where did you find him?"

As Bob told her, she held Bobby gently, stroking his fur. "You're right, of course. He *is* too little to be out alone. We can give him a home till he gets older. He can sleep on the glassed-in porch, but he is *not* to have the run of the house. It's enough with Raffles and Silky under foot. And," Mom looked at Meg, "you'd better make sure Silky understands that this rabbit is a pet. Cats don't always take to strange rabbits."

Later that evening, Bobby held court on the glassed-in porch. He had been well-fed for the second time that day, and had formed a strong friendship with Raffles who was lying protectively beside him. Bob, stretched out on the floor, was trying to do arithmetic problems but not succeeding very well because most of the time he was watching Meg and Silky. Meg, who hadn't thought about her homework, sat cross-legged on the floor between Bobby and Silky, stroking them both and trying to get across to Silky the idea that Bobby was here to stay. Silky, who had arched her back and hissed when first introduced to Bobby, was quiet, but obviously did not approve of the situation.

Bob, with one eye on Silky, had just put down that 9 subtracted from 17 leaves 5 (an answer which he was not going to think about again until the next day when his teacher would ask him how he had managed to arrive at *that*.)

"You'd better just keep that cat away from Bobby unless Raffles is around," he said.

"Silky is not going to hurt Bobby," said Meg, more positively than she felt. Meg and Bob got along wonderfully well except for the matter of Silky. Silky was very much Meg's cat (while Raffles, who really belonged to Bob, acted like *everybody's* dog). Silky slept on Meg's bed. Of course, Raffles slept on Bob's bed, but that, Bob said, was different. (Mom didn't really like for them to sleep on *any* beds but she had long ago given up the struggle!) Wherever Bob and Meg went, except to school, Raffles trotted along too, but when Meg tried to take Silky, Bob protested.



"Are you bringing that cat again?" he would ask. "Don't expect me to get it down when it chases something up a tree."

"Silky won't go up any trees. I'll carry her," promised Meg.

"Oh good grief!" exclaimed Bob. "How can we do anything if you're carrying that cat?"

And so the argument would go on. Sometimes Silky went anyhow, and sometimes Meg stalked off with Silky, leaving Bob and Raffles alone. But always, after a few hours, they were friends again.

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"If there is anything that will endure
The eye of God, because it still is pure,
It is the spirit of a little child,
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