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THE WAY OF LIFE

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To the one who has embarked upon the journey into the "Kingdom of Heaven," all metaphysical ideas are more or less interesting, and have their places and uses. But what he is most concerned about is what he shall do to aid himself in his progress, and how he

shall conduct himself in his relations to his environment and fellow men so as to gain the most benefit spiritually. To come to a proper understanding of what is needful, let us give a little consideration to the worldly side of life. We see men of the world struggling and striving in the endeavor to realize their various ambitions and purposes in life, and meeting disappointments,

sufferings, sorrows, and troubles of innumerable kinds. All these troubles, trials, disappointments, and sufferings have their use and place in the Divine order. They come to detach our hearts from the world, to loosen the hold of the sense world upon us, to cause us to seek peace and rest where alone it is to be found.

When a man once comes to see that the external material world never does and never can give him a permanent peace and happiness, it needs but little to start him upon the Heavenly Way. But to the one who has so started, troubles and trials still come, at least for a time, but now for a different purpose—**for the purpose of perfecting the character.** No quality or virtue, however much desired, can really become a part of our character until we have incorporated it into our nature by living it out in daily life, sometimes under hard and difficult conditions.

I may think and meditate frequently on the virtue of patience, but unless I have frequent opportunities for the exercise of patience under the trying conditions of every day life, I shall never be positively strong in that virtue. So also with humility, meekness, gentleness, and all other Christian virtues. **Growth comes only from exercise.** So the various troubles, disappointments, sorrows,

and vexations in life **become only so many opportunities** to exercise faith and love, kindness and patience. Every temptation simply points to a weak spot in our natures. It could not be a temptation if we were strong. Every sorrow, trouble, or vexation only affects some portion of our pride, or egotism, or selfishness.

Selfishness in some one of its many forms is the root cause of all our troubles—self-love, selfish pride, self-will, selfish opinion, egotism. Selfishness in its varied forms is the only enemy we have to overcome, and in overcoming selfishness we overcome the world, and as we can only overcome our selfish natures by the power of the Christ nature within, when we have completed this greatest of all conquests, we become one with the Christ nature. In becoming one with Christ, we will manifest pure, unselfish, holy love for all men, and out of that love will naturally and inevitably flower every Christian virtue. “Love is the fulfilling of the law.”

The freedom of Christ, mentioned in several places in the Bible, is the freedom or liberty obtained by detachment from the world and overcoming of selfishness. We are then living in the world, yet not of the world. The attainment of perfect tranquility of mind and heart,

unshakable by any agency, is the evidence of overcoming. It is the basis of enduring peace, and the foundation of an ever growing happiness.

Thus it is seen that life is nothing more nor less than a great spiritual school. And each of us is in a class by himself, and the class is made up of the various circumstances and conditions of his life best suited to promote his spiritual growth. It is a reflection of his spiritual condition. What we see in our environment is a picture of ourselves. Therefore, if I do not like any particular condition or circumstance, let me look within and learn the lesson it is meant to teach. Thus do I make use of and overcome that condition. "To refuse to be enslaved by any outward thing or happening, regarding all such things and happenings, as for your use, for your education, this is Wisdom. To be patient under all circumstances, and to accept all circumstances as necessary factors in your training, is to rise superior to all painful conditions, and to overcome them with an overcoming which is sure, for by the power of obedience to law they are utterly slain."

The great majority are yet in the kindergarten class, learning the simple, fundamental lessons of life, progressing slowly along the evolutionary path. But for those, who, know-

ing what they seek, are striving to reach the Heavenly state, every day brings opportunities to sacrifice selfishness, to serve and love their fellows. Every mistake they make, every fall they have, contains lessons for them— lessons in humility, patience, courage. Behold, all things are good. "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to them who are called according to His purpose." Yea, and all things work together for good to them that God loves—can He ever give anything but good, and dare we exclude any?

Does not this understanding give a reasonable basis for faith or trust in the Heavenly Father? Can we not see that real wisdom consists in giving one day at a time, leaving the ordering of all our lives to Him who ever seeks our perfection and happiness? Our perfection is accomplished not so much by what we do as by allowing the Divine Will to act through us. It is more by yielding our will in obedience, "willing to do His will," than by our own efforts toward our perfection. The universal laws are perfect in their operation, and when unhindered by our imperfect understanding, bring us by the shortest and easiest road to that rounded perfection of mind and heart which is the Heavenly Father's will for each of

us. We should believe that whatsoever is needed for our growth and development will always come, always at the right time. The path of life is very simple. It is by obedience and trust. We have our part to do—this is obedience. We can always trust the Heavenly Father to do His part. Christ said, “The seed springeth up, **it knoweth not how**, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.” Our spiritual development is not sensed by the natural man. It is an inner growth, so silent and gentle as to escape our ordinary observation. Only by comparison of the present with the past are we able to discern the change in our nature. Every step brings us nearer to the heavenly state. Emerson said, “Nothing becomes our lips but paeans of praise and thanksgiving.” We cannot escape from our good.

**“THE BLIND SHALL SEE
AND THE DEAF HEAR”**

While physical disability of blindness is without doubt a great affliction, there is a blindness which has a more detrimental effect upon those who are suffering therefrom: blindness of heart. An old proverb says: “None is so blind as he who will not see.” Every great religion has brought to the people to whom it was

given, certain vital truths necessary for their unfoldment, and the Christ Himself told us that the truth should make us free. Many of the sublime truths contained in the Christian teachings have, however, been obscured by creeds and dogmas wherewith the various sects and denominations have contented themselves. They hire a minister and charge him with the duty of expounding to them the truth of the Bible, but his tongue is tied by the creed of his particular denomination; he is prohibited on pain of public disgrace and dismissal from publishing or preaching anything not in strict agreement with this particular brand of religion desired by those who pay him his salary. Each minister is given a pair of glasses, colored according to the particular creed which he represents, and woe betide him if ever he dares to look at the Bible save with those spectacles upon his nose; to do so means financial ruin and social ostracism, which very few are brave enough to face.

So long as the minister keeps his denominational spectacles on there is no danger, but sometimes it happens that one of them takes the denominational glasses off, either by design or by accident. He may be of a venturesome nature and somehow has a feeling that there is something outside

his particular sphere of vision, or he may have accidentally mislaid his glasses. But, in either case, if he stumbles upon the naked truth in God's word he becomes unhappy. The writer has spoken to a number of ministers who have confessed that they had become aware of certain truths but dared not preach them because to do so would call down the wrath of their congregation upon them by disturbing established conditions. And this is not to be wondered at, even King James, who was a monarch and an autocrat, cautioned the translators of the Bible not to translate in such a manner that the new version would disturb established ideas; because he knew that the moment new points were introduced there would be a controversy between the defenders of the old and the new religious views, which would probably result in civil war. The great majority are always ready to sacrifice truth for the sake of peace; therefore we are bound today despite our boasted freedom, and no matter how keen may be our physical eyesight, vast numbers among us are blinded by a scale so opaque that it almost entirely obscures their spiritual vision.

But in spite of everything, the truth crops out, sometimes in the most unexpected places, as the following

clipping will show. This sounds more like the musings of a Mystic than the writings of a Presbyterian minister, bound to the dreadful doctrine of predestination and commitment of souls to everlasting hell-fire, where dreadful tortures are endured for eternity, even by babes a span long, which have been thus foreordained to suffer for eternity by their creator. It was written by J. R. Miller, a well known Philadelphia Divine, and is only another indication of the fact that a sixth sense is slowly developing, often, as said, in the most unexpected places, crushing creed with mystic facts and knowledge. The Rev. Miller says:

“Every one of us casts a shadow. There hangs about us a sort of penumbra—a strange, indefinable something—which we call personal influence, which has its effect on every other life on which it falls. It goes with us wherever we go. It is not something we can have when we will as we lay aside a garment. It is something that always pours out from our life, like light from a lamp, like heat from a flame, like perfume from a flower.”

Once, when the Christ was alone with his disciples, he asked them: “Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” And they answered and said, “Some say Thou art Elijah, oth-

ers Jeremiah, and some say one of the prophets." And Christ answered and said, "But whom do ye say I am?" and Peter said in answer to this question, "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." He had discovered the truth, had seen the Christ. And the answer of Christ came quickly: "Blessed art Thou, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but My Father which is in Heaven, and to thee will I give the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and Hell."

Here Materialistic religion, which has so often debased Art in its service, can see only a material key, and therefore we find pictures where Peter stands with an enormous Key in his hand, but the Mystic finds in this incident that the Disciples were taught a great truth in Nature, the truth of Re-birth! By the key of initiation, this mystery was unlocked and the doors of Heaven and Hell were opened to show them the immortality of the Spirit and that we return to this sphere of action to learn new and greater lessons life after life, just as a child learns its lessons at school day after day.

If rebirth were not a fact in nature, the return of departed spirits such as Jeremiah, Elijah, and others, in the body of the then living Jesus, would have been an absurdity, and it would

have been the duty of Jesus as Teacher of his disciples to have explained to them that such ideas were ridiculous. Instead, He pursues the subject to discover the depth of their discernment and asks "who then do ye say I am?" And when the answer comes, showing that they discern in Him someone above the prophets, above the Human race, the Christ, the Son of the living God, He perceives that they are ready for the initiation which settles the question of rebirth beyond all dispute in the mind of the disciple. No amount of reading in books, of conversations or explanations can ever settle that point beyond all possibility of doubt. The candidate must know for himself. Therefore, in the Mystery schools of today, after the first initiation has opened the invisible world, he is given the opportunity to satisfy himself concerning rebirth, he is shown a child that has recently passed out of the body. On account of its tender years, it takes birth quickly, probably within a year after death. The new initiate watches this child until finally it enters the mother's womb to emerge as a new-born babe again. The reason he watches a child in preference to an adult is that the latter stays out of physical life approximately one thousand years, while a babe has a new embodiment inside of

a very few years; some even find a new environment after a few months and are born within a year. During this time the new initiate also has opportunities to study the life and actions of those who are in purgatory and the first Heaven, which are the heaven and hell referred to in the Bible. This was what Christ helped his disciples to do: to see and to know. Upon the rock of this truth the Church is founded, for **if there were no rebirth, there could be no evolutionary progress** and consequently all advancement would be an impossibility.

But what then is the way to realization? is the great question and to this there is and can be only one answer—the unfoldment of the sixth sense, by means of which the Mystic discovers this immortal shadow that the Rev. Miller speaks about. Heaven and Hell are all about us, our own past lives and the lives of our contemporaries have been thrown upon the screen of time and are there ready to be read at any time when we shall build our senses so that we may read them.

The electric light, focused through a stereopticon lens, projects a brilliant image of a suitable slide when there is darkness, but leaves no visible imprint whatever when the Sun's rays strike the screen. We also, if we

would read the Mystic scroll of our past, must learn to still our senses so that the world without disappears in darkness. Then, by the light of the spirit, we shall see the pictures of the past take the place of the present.

This shadow, seen by Pastor Miller around the body, is analogous to the photosphere, or Aura of the Sun and the planets. Each of those great bodies has such an invisible shadow, that is to say, invisible under ordinary conditions. We see the photosphere of the Sun when the physical orb is obscured during an eclipse, but at no other time. So also with this shadow or photosphere of man; when we learn to control our sense of sight so that we may look at a man without seeing his physical form, then this photosphere or aura may be seen in all its splendor, for the colors of earth are dull in comparison with those spiritual living fires which surround and emanate from each human being.

The fantastic coruscating play of the aurora borealis gives us an idea of how this photosphere or shadow acts. It is in incessant motion, darts of force and flame are constantly shooting out from every part thereof, but particularly active around the head; and the colors and hues of this auric atmosphere change with every thought or move. This shadow is only observable to those who close

their eyes to all the sights of earth, who have ceased to care for the praise or blame of men, but are looking only to their heavenly father; who are ready and willing to uphold truth and truth alone; who see with the heart and see into the hearts of men that they may discover therein the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Nor is that thing which thus surrounds us a shadow, that fades when the sun of life ceases to shine in the physical body. Far from it, it is the resplendent garment of the human spirit, obscured during physical existence by the opaque garment of flesh and blood. When John L. McCreery writes about the friends who have passed over, that

*They have but dropped their robe
of clay*

To put a shining raiment on,
he is incorrect. Their raiment is truly “shining,” but they do not put it on at death. It would be more correct to conceive of ourselves as wearing a garment of intensely brilliant soul-substance which is hidden by a dark and lusterless “coat of skin,” a physical body. When we drop that, the magnificent house from heaven, spoken of by Paul in the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians, becomes our normal habitation of Light. It is the “soma psuchicon” or soul body (mis-translated “natural body” in First

Corinthians fifteenth chapter, forty-fourth verse) in which we shall meet the Lord at His Coming, “Flesh and blood,” such as we use at present, “cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.”

There is a great deal of difference in these auric emanations observed by the Rev. Miller; in fact, there are as many different auric types as there are people. The play of colors is never the same. If we were to watch the sunrise and sunset for a lifetime, we would never find two exactly alike as to color, cloud effect, etc. Similarly, when we watch the play of human emotions as revealed in the aura there is an infinite variety, even in the same person when placed in identical positions and conditions at different times. In a sense, all sunsets are alike; certain people see no differences, but to the artist the variegated color-play is sometimes actually painful in its intensity. Some may also view the luminous auric cloud with but a vague appreciation of its import. But when a Christ beholds the Promethean struggles of poor blind humanity, what wonder that he cries, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered you under my wings!” Unless we are prepared to become “men of sorrows,” we should not wish for the extension of sight, which enables its possessor to pene-

trate the opacity of the body revealing thereby the soul, for from thenceforth we are bound to bear our brother's burdens in addition to our own. But who so becomes a "Servant" has with all the sorrow, also a joy and a peace that passeth all understanding.

When we have had our spiritual eyes opened, and have learned to see this heavenly vision, the **Christ within the hearts of men**, there are other steps that take us further along the path. When we learn to close our ears to the clashing and clamoring throng, to the quarrels of men over this, that, and the other unessential thing, when we have learned that the creeds, dogmas and all earthly opinions are of no value, that there is only one voice in the universe worth listening to, the voice of our Father that speaketh ever to them that seek His face, then we shall be able to hear the Song of the Spheres, spoken of in the immortal "Faust" in the inspired words:

*The Sun intones His ancient song,
Mid rival chant of Brother spheres,
His predestined course He speeds
along,
In thunderous path throughout the
years.*

As in the case of the photosphere of the Sun that is seen only during an eclipse, when the physical orb has been obscured, so it is also with the

Song of the Spheres; it is not heard till all other sounds have been silenced, for it is the Father's voice. And in this sublime harmony of the spheres the keynote of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty reverberates through the whole Universe, and in these vibrations we live, move and have our being. Love divine pours out upon us in unstinted measure through each cosmic chord to cheer the despondent and urge the laggard. "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, yet not one falleth to the ground without your father knoweth; ye are more than many sparrows." "Come unto me ye that are weak and heavy laden," rest upon the great cosmic heart of the Father. His voice shall comfort and strengthen the soul.

Each year and age this great Cosmic Chant changes, each life we learn to sing a **new song**. God in all and through all works His miracles in nature and in man. We are usually deaf to the magic wrought by the silent sound of the divine word, but if we can learn "to hear," we shall sense the true nearness of Our Father, closer than hands and feet, we shall know that we are never alone, never out of His loving care.

As the Sun and planets give both light and sound, so man also has his keynote of light and sound. In the Medulla burns a light like the flame

of a candle, but it does not burn steadily, quietly and silently. It pulsates and at the same time it emits a sound which varies from birth to death and may be said never to be the same. As it changes, so do we change, for this sound is the keynote of the human being. In it is expressed his hopes and his fears, his sorrows and his joys as they have been worked out in the physical world, for this fire is kindled by the archetype of the physical body. The archetype is a vacuous sphere, but by sounding a certain note it draws to itself all the physical concretions which we see here as its manifestation—the body which we call the man. In this sounding flame the greatest number of nerves in the human body have their root and origin. This place is the vital spot in man, the seat of life, the kernel of the shadow which Pastor Miller spoke about. When we find that point, we have almost reached the heart of the man.

To reach that supreme point, other steps are necessary; however, we are usually so wrapped up in our own interests, regardless of the interests and cares of other people, that we are self-centered. This must be overcome; we must learn to bury our own sorrows and joys, to stifle our own feelings, for just as the light of the Sun hides the photosphere, and the

opaque physical body of man veils the beautiful auric atmosphere, so also our personal feelings and emotions and interests make us insensible to fellow feelings. When we have learned to still the feeling of our own hearts, to think little of our own sorrows and joys, we begin to sense the beating of the great Cosmic heart, which is now in travail to bring many sons to glory.

The birth pangs of our Father-Mother in Heaven are sensed only by the Mystic in his highest and most sublime moments, when he has entirely stifled the selfish wailings of his own heart, for that is the strongest and most difficult enemy to overcome. But when that has been achieved, he senses, as said, the Great Heart of our Father in Heaven.

Thus, step by step, we approach the Light, even the Father of Lights in Whom there is “no shadow,” and let us make this very clear, that:

It may be a mark of some achievement to be able to see “the shadow.”

It may mark a higher step in attainment to be able to hear “the voice in the silence.”

But above everything, let us strive to feel the heart-beats of our fellows, to make their sorrows our own, to rejoice in their attainments and to guide them to our Father’s bosom for peace and comfort.

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

Chas. A. Peckham

When, at the beginning of our efforts to live the higher life, we examine and judge ourselves each night, as provided for in the evening exercise used in the Rosicrucian Fellowship, we very naturally find within ourselves many habits and traits of character which we consider as undesirable, and which hinder our advancement, and these we, forthwith, attempt to eradicate.

Then begins a struggle with the lower nature that often taxes our strength to the utmost, for we find that as we oppose these tendencies, they seem to grow stronger and to resist us with an ever-increasing force. This is because these tendencies are deeply rooted in our natures and are consequently difficult to dislodge. By opposing the evil we strengthen it and cause it to fight back and thus defeat our aim.

There is a method, however, by which we may attain our object with much less expenditure of energy, and to this Paul gives us the key when he tells us to "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." In this statement he enunciates a well-established principle of occult training, which is to overcome all the evil in

our natures by transmuting it to good.

It is readily apparent to anyone that we cannot be possessed of qualities that are exactly opposite in nature. We cannot be both saint and sinner; both wise and ignorant; both patient and impatient. Therefore, as we cultivate the one, the other must of necessity be eradicated. Thus by living a life of devotion to high ideals and cultivating the good and true within ourselves, we overcome and crowd out our evil tendencies as easily and surely as heat overcomes cold or light dispels darkness. It is much easier to overcome a fault by cultivating a good habit to take its place than it is to tear it out by the roots, and this seems to be nature's way.

Then, too, it is undesirable to kill out anything that we find in our natures.

All our faculties are given us for use.

It is by means of them that we gain experience. That they appear evil is simply because we use our energy in the wrong direction. Therefore, if we kill them out, we deprive ourselves of something which may be of benefit; whereas, if we transmute and use this energy for good, we not only eradicate the evil, but also acquire new faculties of value in our soul-growth.

Remember, that it is our task to purify and refine our natures and so prepare ourselves for work in the higher worlds.

Therefore, let us spend no time in resisting or denying evil, but rather let us strive to cultivate to the utmost our higher natures and to live lives of such purity, that not only in deed but also in word, thought, and feeling we express only that which is good and beautiful and so by spiritual alchemy transform our lower natures, transmuting the base metal to most pure gold.

Our goal is to become self-conscious creators and the first step necessary to that attainment is to let love rule supreme in our hearts, so that we no longer seek to destroy, but only to uplift and preserve. Christ said, "Love your enemies," and we can readily see that our worst enemies are our own carnal passions and desires, for these hinder our advancement in far greater measure than any outside force can do.

Yet these passions have been the means of our advancement, for through them we have gained the experiences necessary for our growth, and we ought to love them accordingly.

But now, having learned the lesson, having assimilated all that they can teach, it is necessary, in order to advance further, that every faculty should be uplifted and trained to serve us on higher levels.

The opposite pole of every vice is a virtue into which that vice may be transmuted, and when so purified it

becomes a valuable servant.

Let us, therefore, strive to transmute all that is evil in our natures to good; all that is good to still greater good and so prepare ourselves to become coworkers with those who are laboring to hasten the great day of the Lord.

THE CHEERFUL BLACKGUARD

Here is a brief extract from that singular story, *The Cheerful Blackguard*, by Roger Pocock. It gives an impression of the endless fund of philosophy that the Spanish-Irish hero possesses. At the time he utters the speech, he expects to be condemned to death.

"See," he says, "the rain has stopped, the shadow of the rain has passed, the sun god lights the raindrops, even the dirty little raindrops along the window frame. Dirty they are, and yet they shine like stars; small they are, yet big enough to reflect the figures and glory of their God, who made them in his image. The sun heat will dry them up, so that their bodies die, and yet their spirits rise into the heavens.

"I am no more than that. I am no less—a thing from heaven, stained and shamed with dirt in this world, and yet reflecting God, who burns my body to call my spirit up, cleansed, freed, eternal."

Question Department

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THE GOVERNING RAY?

Question: In the *Cosmo* it is stated that all Occult Schools belong to one of the seven planetary rays and one can only join the school of the ray to which he belongs. To what ray does the Rosicrucian Fellowship belong? And does this mean that anyone applying for admission thereto, if not of the same ray, could be rejected? Understanding of this point is rendered still more difficult because of the statement in, I think, the Astrology books, that our Father Star is not known until the last initiation.

Answer: There are two sets of people in the world, spoken of in the Masonic Legend as the Sons of Seth and the Sons of Cain, and represented in our modern times by Freemasonry and Catholicism, statecraft and priestcraft: those who listen to the voice of intellect and follow the head, and those who obey the voice of the heart and follow their emotions and feelings. The Sons of Seth are people who go along the devotional path and follow their religion in whatever country they may be; they do not come in touch with any Mystery School at any time of their existence. They have followed their spiritual teachers, docile as lambs, as water flows gently in an artificial canal, and among their leaders, from the time of Abel,

the shepherd, we find great lights like Solomon, who was later reborn as *Jesus*, and is now the invisible spiritual pillar of the Church, which he will eventually guide into the haven of the Kingdom of Christ. These people are the Divine prototypes, Adam and Eve, created by Jehovah, the regent of Luna, the Queen of the waters of the world and the emotions of men. Our emotions are unstable as water, which is governed in its periodical ebb and flow by the Moon.

The other stream of humanity, called the Sons of Cain, is that class in whom the Divine essence, the Ego, makes itself felt as *a burning fire*. The original creative instinct is keen within them, for when humanity was in its cradle, they listened to the voice of the Lucifer Spirits and ate of the Tree of Knowledge; hence they became enlightened. The mind prospered at the expense of the heart; and from Cain, Tubal-Cain, Methuselah, have come all the *craftsmen*, of the world. They were the ones who built Solomon's Temple, under the leadership of Hiram Abiff, the Master Mason, who was later reborn as the Widow's Son of Naim, raised by the strong grip of the Lion of Judah and is now working through Industry and Statecraft under the name of **Christian Rosenkreuz** to bring his kindred into the Kingdom of Christ, where the two streams

will unite, where there will be neither priests nor kings, but one, even Christ, will fill the dual office of King and Priest.

In every vast company of men there are always some behind and some in advance; and we may find individuals belonging to each of these two streams of humanity among the lowest types, as well as among the most highly civilized people on earth. But all along the path of evolution, there are, as we might say, gates which lead to the path of initiation and which may be unlocked by anyone who has the proper key. But the locks are different at different points on the path of evolution, and they are becoming more complicated, for we are all learning lessons now by evolution which were in bygone ages taught in the process of initiation in the Mystery Schools.

In each life we are born with a new horoscope. Our Ascendant and planets will be very different in each life, according to the lessons we have to learn and the liabilities we are to liquidate from the past. In one life we may have Mars as a ruler, another life may be ruled by Venus, or any of the other planets. For it is designed that the spirit should learn all things in order to become perfect and it must therefore evolve under the influence of all the planets in order that everything in its nature may be evenly balanced. Nevertheless, the stamp of our Father Star or Father Fire is always there, and this makes one who is inherently Martial spirit different from one who comes from the Jupiter Rays, though their horoscopes may be quite similar, perhaps, as in the case of twins.

Children born with the same Gr. Mean time in Madrid, New York, and Honolulu would be of widely different types, stamped by their national and racial peculiarities, and yet their horoscopes would be much alike. This illustrates that it is not the horoscope itself that counts, but the invisible influence that is due to the identity of the Father Fire or Father Star; and when a man or woman is ready to enter the gate or path which leads up to the Mystery School, he or she will feel the right spiritual attraction through the basic color vibration of their aura, and if this attraction is followed, it is sure to guide him to the right place, where he will not be refused.

Generally speaking it may be said that all of the people of the Western world belong to the Western Wisdom School of the Rosicrucians, and that they make a mistake when they endeavor to enter a school belonging to or teaching the Eastern Philosophy. When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the land of the Bull, where that animal was worshiped when the Sun, by precession, was in the sign Taurus, he gave the people under his guidance a new symbol, the Lamb. And from the time when the Sun by precession went through the sign Aries, the Lamb, it has been and is idolatry to worship the golden Calf (Taurus), or bow down before the serpents and scorpions, which were the priests of that dispensation, because Scorpio is the opposite sign from Taurus. Then came Christ, the Lamb of God, so called, to inaugurate a new religion; and we hear of a judgment when He shall come again under the sign Libra, the scales, which

is opposite Aries, to judge all of the world.

Later, by precession, the Sun passed through the sign Pisces, the fishes, and for two thousand years we have been abstaining from meat on certain days and eating fish, while we worshiped the opposite sign, Virgo, the immaculate Virgin. Now the sun is entering, by precession, within orb of the celestial sign Aquarius, the Son of Man, and in the coming Aquarian age we shall have an entirely different standard from what we have had before. As a matter of fact, we must learn to worship *the Christ within*, and this Christ is not the same for each one of us. This is the Savior that is to lead us out of our present condition. And the difference is in the basic planetary ray that is in each and every one of us. So there is the horoscopic ray, governed by the planet which is ruler of our horoscope in each life; there is the individual ray, which is governed by the sub-ray of our Father Fire or Father Star, under which we originated; and, finally, there is the Father Fire or Ray itself. It is this latter that is not revealed until the last initiation. Our individual ray is discovered unto us at the time we receive the discipleship instruction, and the horoscopic ray is evident as soon as we cast the figure and know how to read it.

To clear up this point from another angle, let us illustrate by colors. There are seven colors in the spectrum: red, orange, yellow, etc. But within the red we shall also find seven sub-rays which are: red-red, red-orange, red-yellow, etc. The same with the yellow ray, we shall find the yellow-red, yellow-yellow, etc. Similarly under the ray

of Mars there are some who are Mars-Saturn, others who are Mars-Sun, others again who are Mars-Venus, and so on. Mars is then the Father Star, while the name of the other planet designates the individual ray. Therefore we find in the Mystery Schools, all over the world, people who are born with any one of the twelve signs rising and any one of the planets ruling. Also people with individual rays of the Sun, Venus, Mars, Mercury, etc., are found both in the Eastern and Western Mystery Schools. But the Mystery School itself is colored by the deep, overpowering planetary influence of the Father Fire, the Father Star, under which it originated.

You will understand that as the Father Fire is not revealed until the last initiation, this basic nature of any Mystery School cannot be told openly in public. But you must differentiate between the Mystery School and such an association as the Rosicrucian Fellowship and other kindred societies, which are only preparatory schools for their respective Occult Orders. Such schools as the Rosicrucian Fellowship and kindred organizations would naturally be dominated by the planetary influence from the fountain-head; this cannot therefore be given.

There are plenty of people who claim that they know all and who will smile mysteriously, or give out misinformation which can not be controverted and proven false, because it concerns the secrets of initiation. The writer has always made it a role to say honestly and without hesitation, whenever a question was asked to which he could not

give an answer: "I do not know." To profess omniscience is equivalent to a profession of Divinity; but though the writer has met quite a number of "professors," he has met very few, if any, "possessors," and you will have to wait for the answer to that question until you come to the proper point in initiation.

Even in the case of the Individual ray, which is given to the Disciples at the time they enter the path of discipleship, it has been found that people under the sign Gemini, for instance, which would be supposed to be ruled by Mercury, had in their

individual ray all the different other planets; and the same with every one of the other signs. The writer has given considerable time and study, endeavoring to find a rule, but it has proven absolutely futile, and there is only the one explanation, given by the Elder Brothers—that the Individual Ray is retained by the spirit throughout its whole series of lives, and perfectly independent of the Horoscopal rays, which change according to its birth, environment, and the lessons to be learned in each life.

The Astral Ray

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CURED BY ANGELIC VISITATION

A Modern Miracle

Editor's Note—A. M. Davidson, one of our English students, sends us the following account of the miraculous cure of Miss Dorothy Kerin of London, who had been bedridden for many years suffering from advanced tuberculosis and kidney disease. She became blind, deaf, and dumb, and was at the point of death, when suddenly, through a vision with warm healing hands, she was cured and has been well ever since.

As our friend has sent us her figure, we think it may interest our readers to know what the stars have to say.

In this nativity Sagittarius 13 is Ascending

with Sun, Mercury, Venus, and the Dragon's Tail.

Jupiter, the ruling planet, is sextile to Mercury and the Sun, and Mars is sextile to Venus. Thus we see that this is a very gentle, idealistic, and lovable character, but Venus is in conjunction with the Dragon's Tail which has a Saturnine influence, and both Mercury and Venus are square to Saturn; hence it is inevitable that much sorrow and suffering will come in to this life and cloud it with gloom. Wherever Mercury, the significator of the mind, is afflicted by Saturn, the planet of Obstruction, there is naturally a gloomy condition and a tendency to look upon the dark side of life. But we can never judge anything in a horoscope

from one configuration; all aspects must be considered in their bearing upon any subject, and thus a synthesis, or balance, of influence will be obtained. The sextile of Mars to Venus and Mercury gives fortitude to the mind, thus helping to offset the sinister influence of Saturn. The Moon, which is the other significator of mind, is in the Mercurial sign Gemini, trine to Uranus. This accounts



that she became afflicted with tuberculosis, also that she lost her sight, hearing, and speech. The Sun and Mercury are in the sign Sagittarius close to the nebular spot called Antares, and the Sun is in opposition to Neptune. This is the cause of the weak sight. The twelfth house indicates the restrictive influences in life, and when Mercury, the significator of sense, is there in conjunction with the Sun, as is the case in the present horoscope, we have a limiting influence which affects the hearing. It is curious to note that Neptune, the octave of Mercury, is in the Sign Gemini, ruled by Mercury and in opposition to the Sun and therefore it helps to awaken the spiritual hearing which is also recorded in connection with this case. This configuration would not have been able to do this alone, and the hearing obtained would have been of an undesirable nature, but it helps the configuration of the Moon trine to Uranus, which opens up the supernormal faculties, as already stated.

for the evolution of the supernormal faculties of which we hear in the history of this case, and the conversion of these latent faculties to dynamic powers are also presaged by the trine of Jupiter, the planet of Benevolence and Idealism, to Neptune the planet of Spirituality; and by balancing these testimonies, we see in this young woman a soul of a gentle, kindly, and idealistic nature whose latent spiritual faculties are nearly ripe, and almost ready to be converted into usable powers under the proper stellar impact.

Taurus rules the throat and larynx, but Mercury governs the air which stirs the vocal chords. Here we find that Taurus is on the cusp of the Sixth house, denoting sickness, and Venus, the ruler, is on the Ascendant in conjunction with the Saturnine influence of the Dragon's Tail, which also afflicts Mercury by its conjunction; hence the weakness of the vocal organs, and the consequent loss of speech is indicated by their square to Saturn. Neptune in the sign Gemini, which governs the lungs, in opposition to the Sun, is responsible for the affliction of Tuberculosis.

With respect to the Health, it is recorded

It would seem almost impossible that one so sorely afflicted could ever be healed, but on Sunday, February 18th, 1912, the clock of Destiny struck the hour of her relief. At that time the progressed Sun was 28 degrees of Sagittarius; it had therefore passed the opposition to the radical Moon and was sextile to Uranus at birth. This is an influence under which a sudden turn of a beneficial nature might be expected, but the planets alone cannot bring this about. The Moon, or Lunation, is the minute hand on the clock of Destiny and on that very day the New Moon occurred in 28 degrees of Aquarius, trine to the Moon and Uranus at birth, and sextile to the progressed Sun; this was a very powerful occult influence and on that very day Jupiter, the ruler of the figure also transited the Ascendant; thus there were a number of most extraordinary influences to account for the miracle which then took place in her recovery.

Following is the history of the case, as given by our friend in England.

Many there are who refuse to believe there is any such thing as a "miracle". They are probably right, a miracle is not supernatural it is merely, usually, an activity of super-physical forces which are not yet understood by the world in general. Such "miracles" occur constantly in connection with the patients of the R F., probably every day, if the truth were known. But of the many extraordinary happenings which have thrust themselves upon a skeptical world of late years, probably none is so well authenticated or has received so much of the atten-

tion of scientific men as that known on this side of the "herring pond" as the "Kerin miracle case". On Sunday 18th, February, 1912, Miss Dorothy Kerin who had lain for some years bed-ridden, suffering from advanced tuberculosis, kidney disease, and, latterly, from blindness and loss of speech, with a temperature sometimes rising to 105, was suddenly and completely cured by an angelic visitation.

The following particulars were supplied by her mother: "A strange fact in the recovery is that for a few days immediately before it, Miss Kerin appeared to become rapidly worse than ever she had been in the preceding five years of her illness. A few days before, she had lost both hearing and sight. We did not think she could live through the day. My husband and I, with some other friends and relations, were gathered round her bed about 8 p.m. on Sunday, expecting it to be her deathbed. She suddenly gave a great sigh, and we thought she was gone. But with a wonderful smile which none of us can ever forget, she stretched out her arms and held them out for a few moments. Then she lay still for awhile. Presently her lips moved, she stretched out her arms again, and then drew her hands over her eyes, always smiling in that wonderful, unearthly way. Her terrible weakness, due to tuberculosis and diabetes, had made her almost a skeleton. And then we saw a miracle before our eyes. She looked at us, her eyes at first squinting and then becoming quite natural in expression. I asked her: "Dolly do you know me?" "Of

course I do mummy.” We were all amazed. She then sat up and cried, “I am to get up.” She seemed to be under some mysterious influence. “You can’t get up my darling,” said I, “you are too weak.” But when we brought a wrapper, she swung her legs from the bed and walked about. She was much calmer than we were. One man present was a professed atheist. He fell on his knees and sobbed aloud.

Miss Dorothy Kerin, interviewed in her mother’s presence, said concerning the healing ‘Vision’: “It seemed like a great golden flame above me, with two hands stretched out, warm hands, and a voice spoke, saying: ‘Dorothy your sufferings are over; get up, you can walk.’ And then I could see and walk and am well. I am sure it is a miracle.” Her doctor would not believe it when he was informed, but had to admit on examining her next day that she was entirely free from organic disease!

The case is so thoroughly well authenticated as to be absolutely indisputable. Miss Kerin’s pathological condition was vouched for not only by her regular medical attendant, Dr. Norman, but also by the St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, St. Peter’s Home for Incurables at Kilburn, and other institutions, she having been sent home two years ago as a hopeless case. Scores of doctors have since seen her, and her case is well known in the profession. Her brother said that during the later stages of her illness, when her normal faculties declined, Dorothy developed super-normal faculties and could, for instance, give an account of

what was happening to her brother at a distance from home. Care had to be exercised in speaking of her in other rooms as she could then hear, although deaf to those who spoke to her at the bed-side.

An independent statement of the case, for those who are further interested, may be found in Dr. E. L. Ash’s *Faith and Suggestion*. Miss Kerin, to the writer’s knowledge, is apparently quite well and strong today. She spoke at a great religious conference in the North of England recently and last month delivered a lecture before a London Occult Society, “What I know of the effect of prayer as a healing factor. How I was cured”. It need scarcely be added that Miss Kerin is of a very religious disposition, and even during her illness she was so patient and gentle, and suffered all things gladly as to quickly endear her to all with whom she came in contact. Miss Kerin was offered quite large sums to appear on the music-hall stage, but regarding this as a prostitution of the evidence of divine grace, it was refused.

YOUR CHILD’S HOROSCOPE

Little Miss Fh.

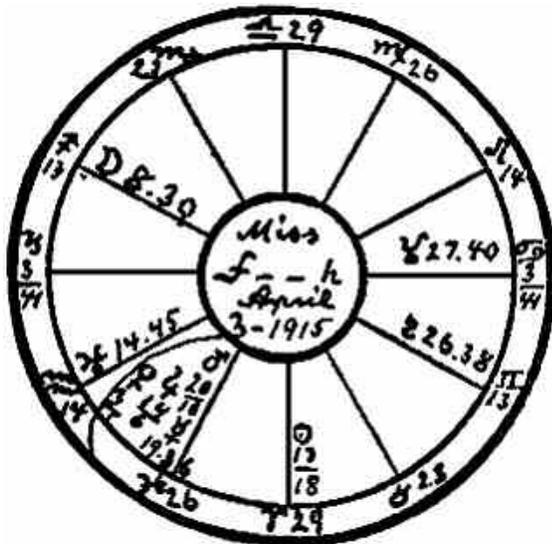
Born April 3, 1915

This is rather a difficult horoscope of a strange child. You remember how Faust says:

“Two souls, alas, are housed within my breast:

One to the earth with passionate desire
And closely clinging garments still adheres.
Above the mist the other does aspire
With sacred ardor unto purer spheres.”

There is just such a markedly dual nature in this horoscope, almost amounting to two distinct and separate personalities. We find one shown by the planets in Pisces: Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Mercury. This represents the lower and more pleasure loving nature. The other, higher self is represented by the Moon sextile to Uranus and trine to the Sun which is also sextile to Uranus. These two natures are so different from each other, so antagonistic that there is going to be a life of



struggle in which now one, now the other will gain the ascendancy.

Besides these aspects, note that the sign Capricorn is rising, with the ruler, Saturn in the sixth house and square to Mars. This will make her discontented; she will never know just to which side to lean, and she will rebel against the restraint which is due to present social conditions of the world.

The Moon in the sign Sagittarius makes people very restless and causes them to travel from one place to another; "far fields"

always look green to them, and this restlessness permeates the whole nature. There is, on account of the position of Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury in Pisces, a strong tendency toward musical expression, but whether this will be brought out or not depends upon whether she can be made to settle down to actual study; for the Moon in Sagittarius, squaring Venus and also Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, will make this exceedingly doubtful.

There is no doubt that she is an advanced soul, but on that account she also affords a very difficult problem to handle, and the main care of the parents should be directed to settling her down to one course or another. Naturally, the pleasure loving side of her character, the fondness of good clothes, given by the Moon square Venus, the love of good things to eat and drink, shown by Mars, Jupiter, and Venus in Pisces, are the main things which the parents will have to combat during the earlier years. When the age of puberty has brought the soul some realization of its destiny, the fight within herself will begin, and the Sun, sextile Uranus and trine Moon, will then commence to exert an influence for good. There also is considerable help from Capricorn on the Ascendant, to overcome the Sagittarius tendency of restlessness. If the parents work upon her in the early years and get her to settle down to certain, definite lines of conduct and study, this influence will be marked in the later years and give her great aid in overcoming the Pisces side of her personality.

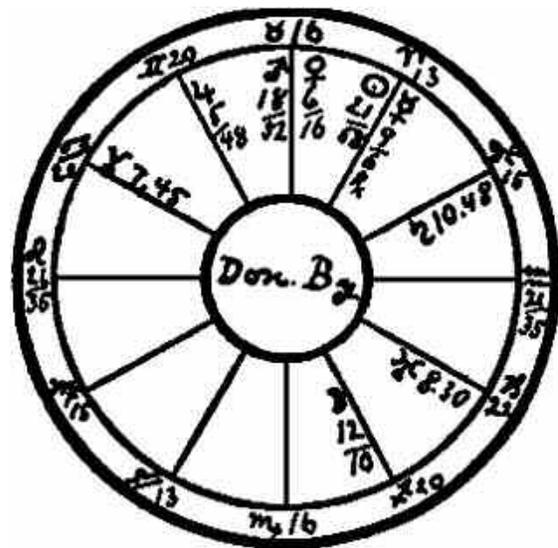
With regard to health, we note that Saturn is in the sign Gemini, which rules the lungs. We see also that he is square to Mars from the watery sign Pisces. This will give a tendency to coughs and colds and if these are neglected the lungs may become affected. There is, however, no cause for apprehension, because the Sun and Mars are in parallel and this will give her such wonderful recuperative powers that, although she may be down to the verge of death, she will pick up just as quickly.

But Astrology does not only tell us that she will be subject to coughs and colds, but it gives the causes of the trouble. We find here that the Moon is square to Venus and that Jupiter is conjunction to Mars, Venus Mars and Jupiter being in the watery sign Pisces. This gives a marked tendency toward indulgence of the appetites, and it is a well known fact that coughs and colds are mostly due to overeating. She must, therefore, be taught from the very earliest childhood not to gratify this appetite, because the system cannot throw off an excess of nutriment—no matter how much she may plead, and she will be an adept at that; because of the conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter, the parents must let reason rule. In later years the side of her nature expressed by Mars conjunction Mercury will come out and sharpen the tongue, but there also they must stand firm, so that neither on account of pleading nor of scolding should they give in to this desire for an excess of food, for that will cause most of her physical troubles. The foregoing is aggravated by Neptune in Cancer.

Don By

Born April 12, 1906

Here we have a little fellow who was born just about the time of the San Francisco earthquake. The planets were then in a very afflicted condition; but fortunately he had Leo rising and all the planets, with the exception of two, above the earth. The Sun is exalted in Aries, and Mars is close to the M. C. This will give him strength so that, although there are many afflictions, he will be able to survive them all and hold his own.



Besides, when we speak of an afflicted horoscope, it is really something over which we should rejoice, from the soul's standpoint. For squares bring soul growth and a child with a horoscope like this is bound to rise in the world and make his mark in spite of the drawbacks. He is far better off than a child with a wishy-washy horoscope that has no afflictions which, by being overcome, will generate the spiritual muscle, as physical exercise generates bodily strength and vigor.

Mercury, the significator of mind, is square to Uranus and Neptune. This will make him slow to grasp things intellectually; but Mercury sextile Jupiter trine Moon will more than offset that. There is also Saturn trine Neptune sextile Uranus. Neptune is the octave of Mercury and governs the logical understanding of spiritual problems, while Uranus is the octave of Venus and governs the intuition. This will raise his understanding of things to a plane which is above the intellectual, yet not altogether dependent on intuition. He will know things without having a reason, but he will also know the reason for his conclusions. The Sun is exalted in Aries, and Venus is essentially dignified in Taurus; both are in the ninth house and thus they serve to enlighten the mind and give it kindness. This will also give him very high ideals and make him very sympathetic.

The presence of Mars in Taurus, which governs the larynx, has a tendency to make people cruel in speech, but as Mars is not aspected at all, this tendency probably will not come to the front. If it does it will only be on rare occasions, for Venus is also in that sign.

The trine of Mercury to the Moon imparts a sort of a dreamy nature to the mentality and the presence of the Sun and Venus in the ninth house also gives something of that same nature. Taken together, they indicate that Don will be able to express himself most beautifully in poetry. There is great probability that he will take up literature for a vocation and his writings will be of a strange nature, on account of this unusual mentality.

Venus being in Taurus, the sign of voice, and so close to the M. C., aspected by Neptune and Uranus, makes it very probable that he will also express himself orally, on the lecture platform, and the aspect to Neptune and Uranus makes it appear likely that his lectures will have to do with occult subjects.

This child has brought such noble ideals and characteristics with him from the past that it is really unnecessary to warn the parents to look after him in any respect. He will find himself unaided, and he will never go far wrong as far as the moral and the mental life is concerned; but with respect to the physical, there is considerable to be guarded against in order to make life as pleasant as possible for him, for there are a number of afflictions.

Jupiter governs the arterial circulation and it is in Gemini, the sign of the lungs. It is square the planet Saturn, which is the obstructor in life; and in a very weak opposition to the Moon, which from that place governs the tidal flow of the air in the lungs. Thus it is seen that Don should be taught to breathe well and deeply, because otherwise there may be obstruction in the lungs and the blood will not be well oxygenated. This would, naturally, impair the system. Neptune and Uranus are in opposition from the signs Cancer and Capricorn, and squared by Mercury, which rules the nerves. Cancer is the sign of the stomach, and therefore we see that there is a tendency to nervous indigestion. From this fact we also reason that the impaired digestion gives rise to the colds and coughs previously mentioned as liable to obstruct the lungs. Don should

be very careful of his food and endeavor to strengthen his body by breathing exercises. If these exercises are given him from childhood, there is no doubt he will outgrow the tendency because the Sun is elevated and exalted in Aries. This will overcome almost anything that is detrimental to health.

**EVOLUTION AS SHOWN IN THE
ZODIAC**
(Concluded)

SERPENTS or SCORPIONS

Jesus taught the multitudes in parables, but explained the mysteries of the Kingdom to His disciples. Paul gave meat to the strong, but the milk of doctrine to the multitude, for there has always been an exoteric and an esoteric side in every religion. If we take Taurus, the sign of the bull, to symbolize the worship of that animal as practiced in Egypt, Persia, and other countries at that time, then we shall find that the opposite sign, Scorpio, symbolizes the esoteric doctrine of the priesthood, which were the guardians of these Ancient Atlantean Mysteries.

In this connection we will note first that the sign Scorpio is represented in the pictorial Zodiac by a Scorpion or Serpent, and we wish to impress particularly on the student's mind that the Scorpion has its sting in the tail, while the Serpent has the venom *in its teeth*. This is very significant, as we shall see presently.

On looking up the word "serpent" in the Bible, we shall find that there are about

seven words that have thus been translated; but one of them, which was borrowed from Egypt, is *Naja*. This word is found on the old tablets in the ancient temples of Egypt where Osiris, the Sun God, is hailed when arising from the primordial deep. He was then crowned with glory and has the Uraeus Naja, *an emblem of cosmic wisdom*. The Uraeus was a part of a serpent's body, with its head protruding from a point in the forehead just above the nose, where the human spirit has its seat; and Christ therefore referred to the ancient Serpent-Initiates, when he said: "Be ye wise as serpents."

In ancient Egypt the King wore a crown adorned by *a double serpent, Uraeus or Naja*, which seem to protrude from his forehead when the crown was placed upon his head. This was to symbolize the fact that he held the double office of King and Priest by virtue of his sublime wisdom. In India, also, the guardians of the Mystery Teachings were called Nagas or Serpents. In the Icelandic "Eddas", the Northern Vedas, Siegfried, the truth seeker, slays the serpent, tastes of its blood and then becomes wise. Nor, to elaborate on the statement made above, is it necessary to go outside our own religion for proof that the serpent is the symbol of wisdom, for the Christ Himself said: "Be ye wise as serpents." The serpent is certainly not sufficiently sagacious to warrant a literal meaning of this saying; but when we understand that when the creative fire is drawn upwards through the serpentine spinal cord it vibrates the pituitary body, and the pineal gland, connecting the

Ego with the invisible worlds by opening up a hidden sense, the allusion is perfectly clear.

There is, however, a lower phase of spiritual development, symbolized in ancient times by placing the Uraeus or serpent at the navel, to show that the mediumistic faculties in the solar plexus had been developed. Mediumship is a negative phase of spiritual sight or hearing possessed by a person controlled by an outside intelligence who then prophesies. This undesirable phase of seership was represented in the Zodiac by the symbol of Scorpion, which has the sting in its tail. In the Serpent Initiate the Creative Cosmic Fire was drawn upward through the head to serve a spiritual end; in the Medium the creative energy is expressed for selfish, sensual ends through the procreative organ ruled by the Scorpion.

The point between the eyebrows, whence the serpent of wisdom protrudes, is *the seat of life*, whereas all that opens the womb is subject to *the sting of death*, contained in the Scorpion's tail.

If we now turn with this information to our Bible, we shall find that a great many things, previously obscure, will become clear. As said, the Egyptian word for this Uraeus or serpent is Naja and it was borrowed by the Israelites who expressed the negative faculty of mediumship by affixing the feminine ending "oth": *Naioth*, while those who are able to function consciously in the spiritual worlds were given the positive, male plural ending, "im", and were called *Naim*. If we read the nineteenth chapter of first Samuel with this understanding,

we shall readily see that the incident there narrated was of a mediumistic nature. David had become afraid of Saul and he went with Samuel to "Naioth". This is supposed by Bible translators to be a place, and maybe a village was so named. But if that was the case, it was because the people who lived in that place were Naioth, or mediums. They were called prophets in the chapter before us, and it is significant that as soon as anyone came within their camp, he commenced to prophesy or speak under control. Even Saul, who came there, anxious to get David away that he might slay him, was seized by the spirits and prophesied, to the amazement of all present.

In the New Testament we are told that the Christ went to the city of Nain and there raised *The Son of a Widow*. In the Latin Testament, this city was not called Nain, but *Naim*. And it is very significant that all three, Naim, Naioth and Endor, where the sorceress that assisted Saul is supposed to have lived, are in the same locality by Mount Tabor.

Every Free Mason knows that the brethren of that Order are called "Sons of the Widow." And it is stated in the Bible that Hiram Abiff, the Master Builder of Solomon's Temple, was the Son of a Widow, a cunning craftsman. We cannot in the present article repeat the Masonic Legend which tells the reason why. This we have given in the books of "Freemasonry and Catholicism" and also in our book on the Rosicrucian Philosophy. But suffice it to say that in the Bible story to which refer-

ence has been made, we have one of the Naim, a Widow's Son or initiate of the old Serpent School, for the priests of Egypt were "*phree messen*," children of light. Each had within the ancient Serpent Wisdom. But a new religion was being inaugurated, and it was necessary to raise the ancient Initiates to the Mysteries of the Coming Age. *Therefore the Christ, the Lion of Judah, Lord of the new Kingdom, went to the Widow's Son of Naim* and raised him up by the strong grip of the Lion's paw. And we may here emphasize that the first Initiate under the new system was Hiram Abiff, the highest Initiate of the old system, who, by this new initiation given him by the Christ, became a Christian, pledged to bear the **Rose** and the **Cross**, which were the symbols of the New Mystery Teachings of the Western World and he was then given the symbolical name, Christian Rosenkreuz.

Thus from the time when the Sun enters the sign Aries by precession, it became a crime for the chosen people to worship the bull exoterically, or to partake of the esoteric Serpent wisdom. And for a similar reason it is Idolatry when people of the West take up the Eastern religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, and kindred teachings. For in the Aryan Epochs only the Aryan Religions, the religions of the Lamb, have the proper effect on the human evolution. All previous systems are detrimental to the Western people; and in time those also who are now in the East, the Orientals, will be forced to embrace this religion or be left far behind in evolution.

THE ARYAN (♈) AGE

Aries-Libra (♈—♎)

The Aryan age may be divided into three eras, but they are all served by the religion of the Lamb. The first division covers the time when the Sun, by precession, goes through the sign Aries, the Lamb. Jesus was born when the Vernal equinox was in about seven degrees of Aries; so the twenty degrees which lie on the other side belong to the Old Testament period, when, as we say, the chosen people were in captivity and lost in the wilderness of the world; the new religion had not then found its place. Then the Christ came and inaugurated this new teaching definitely. He came not to destroy the old prophets and the law, but to give us something higher when they shall have been fulfilled. The sign opposite Aries is Libra, the scales or balance of Justice; therefore we are told in the new religion that there will come a day of judgment (♎), when Christ shall appear to give to every man according to the deeds done in the body.

Pisces-Virgo (♓—♍)

Christ was the Great Shepherd (♈), but He called His disciples to be "fishers of men," for the Sun by precession was then leaving the sign of the Lamb and entering Pisces, the sign of the fishes. Therefore a new phase of the Arian religion was opening up. The Bishop's mitre is also in the form of a fish's head.

The New Testament, therefore, does not mention the Bull or the Lamb, but refer-

ences to the fishes are numerous. We also find the celestial virgin (♍) prominent and the wheat ear of Virgo is the Bread of Life, resultant from the immaculate purity. Thus Christ fed the multitude on fish (Pisces), and loaves (Virgo).

Before the time of Christ, the new religion of the Lamb (Aries), could get no foothold. Moses, the erstwhile leader, could not bring the chosen people to the "promised land." That was reserved for Joshua, the son of Nun. Joshua is the Hebraic for "Jesus" and the Hebrew word "Nun" means "fish" (Pisces). It was thus foretold that the religion of the Lamb (♈) would attain prominence during the precessional passage of the Sun through the sign Pisces, the fishes.

This prophecy has been fulfilled, for during the two thousand years which have elapsed since the birth of Jesus, the Western religion has been taught by a celibate priesthood, worshiping an immaculate virgin, symbolized by the celestial sign Virgo, which is the opposite of Pisces. This same priesthood has also enjoined the eating of fish and forbidden the use of flesh (♈♉) on certain days. When the children of Israel left the flesh pots of Egypt, where the Bull (♉) was slain, they left it by the blood of the Lamb (♈). But in the Piscean dispensation no shedding of blood is enjoined and flesh eating is condemned as a sin at certain times, for man is now taught to forsake the lusts of the flesh and also lusting after the flesh.

This ideal was tried under the Aryan dispensation, when the chosen people were yet

in the Wilderness, so called, but without success; they would not have the heavenly manna. Now, however, man is being weaned from the cannibalistic practice, and in the seven hundred years which remain before the Aquarian age is definitely ushered in, we will, in all probability, have made great strides, both in overcoming the lust of the flesh and the lust after the flesh. For Virgo, the immaculate celestial virgin, and the ears of wheat contained in the sign, show both of these ideals as profitable to soul growth at the present time. Jupiter, the planet of benevolence and philanthropy, which rules Pisces, has been a prominent factor in promoting altruism during the past two millennia.

Aquarius—Leo (♊—♌)

It is often said, and rightly so, that the boy is the father of the man. And on the same principle we may say that the Son of Man is the Super-Man; therefore, when the Sun by precession enters the celestial sign Aquarius, the water-bearer, we shall have a new phase of the religion of the Lamb, exoterically; and the ideal to be striven for is shown in the opposite sign, Leo.

The Moon, which is the habitat of the autocratic Race Ruler and Lawgiver, Jehovah, is exalted in Taurus, the sign of the Bull, and all Race religions, even the Mosaic phase of the Aryan religion of the Lamb, demanded a sacrificial victim for every transgression of that law. But the Sun is exalted in Aries, and when the great Sun spirit, Christ, came as High Priest of the Aryan religion, He abrogated sacrifice of

others by offering up *Himself as a perpetual sacrifice* for sin.

By looking to the mother ideal of Virgo during the Piscean age, and following the Christ's example of sacrificial service, the immaculate conception becomes an actual experience to each of us and Christ, the Son of Man, Aquarius, is born within us. Thus, gradually, the third phase of the Arian religion will be ushered in and a new ideal will be found in the Lion of Judah, Leo. Courage of conviction, strength of character, and kindred virtues, which make man truly the King of Creation, worthy of the trust and the confidence of the lower orders of life as

well as of the love of the Divine Hierarchs above.

This, the mystic message of Man's evolution, is marked in flaming characters upon the field of heaven, where he who runs may read. And when we study the revealed purpose of God, we shall in turn learn to conform intelligently to that design, thereby hastening the day of emancipation from our present cramped environment to the perfect liberty of free Spirits, risen superior to the law of sin and Death, through Christ, the Lord of Love and Life.

It is for us to decipher this message, and solve the Riddle of the Universe.

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What did you do today that you shouldn't have done?
 What was it you should have done and failed to do?
 Self or Soul, which has the victory won?
 Answer, my heart, tonight, as I question you!

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What would you do if you hadn't a dream
 Shining beyond like a star?
 What would you do were it not for the gleam,
 The brightness, the sweetness, the joy of that dream,
 Which beckons and guides from afar?

Studies in The Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception

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THE VITAL BODY

By Harry Wilson

(Continued)

Because of the numerous and varied functions of the vital body, it was not possible, in the space allotted to this department, to cover in the former article all its important features.

It will be recalled by those who read the article on the vital body in the September number, that the closing paragraph had reference to certain "pictures" impressed upon the negative atoms of the vital body, and that these pictures served as "arbiters of man's destiny" in the post-mortem state. Because of the great importance attributed to these pictures, the reader is requested to follow closely the process by which man etches them into his Desire Body, and at the same time learn just what should be done by relatives and friends when "the grim reaper," Death, stalks into the household.

On page 91 of the *Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception* we learn that the memory (or so-called mind), both conscious and sub-

conscious, relates wholly to the experiences of this life, and that it consists of impressions of events upon the vital body.

The memory, or mind, is something entirely separate and distinct from the physical brain, both the dense and etheric.

We have first memory, that enables us to recall the events in our lives that have made an impression sufficiently strong that a slight effort will bring the picture before us, regardless of the lapse of time. This memory, we are told on page 91, is made up from imperfect and illusive sense perceptions, and is known as the voluntary or conscious mind.

The involuntary memory, or sub-conscious mind, is the record of impressions upon the negative atoms of the vital body, and is not under our control at the present time. As stated before in this article, this record is brought about by the ether contained in the air we inspire. This ether not only carries with it a faithful and accurate picture of our surroundings, but every thought, feeling, and emotion is alike transmitted to the lungs, where it is injected into

the blood. The blood is one of the highest products of the vital body and these pictures and conditions are impressed therefrom upon the negative atoms of the vital body. It is this that forms the "panoramic scroll" that is viewed at the time of passing out, or so-called death.

There is also a super-conscious memory. That is the store-house of all faculties acquired and knowledge gained in previous lives, though perhaps latent in this life. This record is indelibly engraven on the Life Spirit. It manifests ordinarily, though not to the full extent, as conscience and character, which ensouls all thought-forms; sometimes as counselor, sometimes compelling action with resistless force, even contrary to reason and desire (p. 92).

In many women, in whom the vital body is positive, and in advanced people of either sex, when the vital body has been sensitized by a pure and holy life, by prayer and concentration, this super-conscious memory, inherent in the Life Spirit, is occasionally, to some extent, above the necessity of clothing itself in mind stuff and desire matter in order to compel action. It does not always need to incur the danger of being subject to, and perhaps over-ruled by, a process of reasoning. Sometimes, in the form of intuition or teaching from within, it impresses itself directly upon the reflecting ether of the vital body. The more readily we learn to recognize it and follow its dictates, the more often it will speak, to our eternal welfare (p. 92).

From the foregoing it is evident that the sub-conscious memory, though independent

and automatic as regards its growth, may to a certain extent be brought under the control of man, and thus become a valuable instrument in furthering and hastening his development. This, of course, can be accomplished only by a proper regulation of our thoughts, desires, aspirations, ideals, environment, etc.

We have said that the pictures, above mentioned, in the sub-conscious memory, serve as arbiters of man's destiny in the post-mortem state. When the man is freed at death from the dense body, which was the heaviest clog upon his spiritual power, this power comes back in some measure, and he is able to read the pictures in the negative pole of the Reflecting Ether of his vital body, which is the seat of the sub-conscious memory (p. 101). The whole of his past life passes his sight like a panorama, the events being presented in reverse order. The incidents of the days immediately preceding death come first, and so on back through manhood and womanhood to youth, childhood, and infancy. Everything is remembered. The man stands as a spectator before this panorama of his past life. He sees the pictures as they pass, and they impress themselves upon his higher vehicles.

This panorama lasts from a few hours to several days, depending upon the length of time the man could keep awake if necessary. Some people can keep awake only twelve hours or less; others can do so upon occasion for a number of days; but as long as the man can remain awake this panorama lasts.

This picture or feature of life after death is

similar to that which takes place when one is drowning or falling from a height. In such cases the vital body also leaves the dense body, and the man sees his life in a flash, because he loses consciousness at once.

It was explained in the last installment how the vital body collapses each night, bringing on the condition called sleep; and we find a similar collapse in the post-mortem state. The unrolling of this “scroll of life”, or the sub-conscious mind, takes place in the Etheric Region, which is a part of the physical world—and it is not till the post-mortem collapse of the vital body that the “panorama” terminates and the man is ready to go on to the inner or higher worlds.

Therefore, the time of “passing out” from the dense body, or so-called death, and the time occupied in reading this panorama of life, is a most important period. With the average, undeveloped individual, it is perhaps the most important in all his journey from the higher worlds, down into matter, and back again. This journey is made that we may gather experience for the purpose of transmuting our Dense, Vital, and Desire Bodies into Soul. If the conditions at the time of death are favorable, the record contained in the vital body will be reviewed without interruption, and thus a clear and distinct etching of this record is made upon the Desire Body. In this manner our experiences, whether good or evil, are brought into the Desire World. This is a post-mortem necessity, because it is while in our Desire Bodies that we go through the experience of purging ourselves of all that is undesirable,

and later transmute into Soul Life, Light and Power all that is good.

On page 101 we are told that it can not be too seriously impressed upon the relatives of a dying person that it is a great crime against the departing soul to give expression to loud grief and lamentations; for it is just then engaged in a matter of supreme importance, and a great deal of value of the past life depends upon how much attention the soul can give to this matter. It is also a crime against the dying to administer stimulants, which have the effect of forcing the higher vehicles back into the dense body with a jerk, thus imparting a great shock to the man. It is no torture to pass out, but it is torture to be dragged back to endure further suffering. Some who have passed out have told investigators that they have in that way been kept dying for hours, and have prayed that their relatives would cease their mistaken kindness and let them die.

And not only should they let them die peacefully and naturally, but every care should be taken that the body be undisturbed for a period of not less than three days thereafter. The man is in a measure aware of any disturbance, and this, of course, interferes with the panoramic process. Embalming, post-mortem examinations, etc., must not be permitted during this time.

At the expiration of the panorama, however, there is a separation, and the body is then indeed dead (p. 97). The body may then be disposed of in any manner desired without injury to the soul. The vital body (which is composed of etheric substance

and belongs to the physical world), returns to the dense body after the breaking of the "silver cord", but it no longer interpenetrates it but simply hovers over it and remains floating over the grave, decaying synchronously with the dense body. Hence, to the trained clairvoyant, a graveyard is a nauseating sight, and if only more people would see it as he does, little argument would be necessary to induce them to change from the present unsanitary method of disposing of the dead to the more rational method of cremation, which restores the elements to their primordial condition without the objectionable features incident to the process of slow decay (*Cosmo*, p. 103).

On page 99 of the *Cosmo* we learn, that a series of experiments made in 1906 by Dr. McDougall, proved beyond a doubt that "something" left the body at the moment of death, and that this "something" was of sufficient weight to cause a sudden drop of some weights that had been arranged to exactly balance the body of a dying person. Thereupon the newspapers all over the country announced in glaring headlines that "Dr. McDougall had weighed the soul".

But this invisible "something" was not the soul. The soul belongs to higher realms and can never be weighed on physical scales, even though they registered variations of the one-millionth part of a grain, instead of one-tenth of an ounce, which was the variation used in the above mentioned experiment. It was the Vital Body, which the scientists weighed. It is formed of the four ethers, and they belong to the physical world (p. 100).

Dr. McDougall also tried his scales on dying animals. No diminution was found here, though one of the animals was a St. Bernard dog. That was taken to indicate that animals have no souls. Later, however, Prof. La V. Twinning, head of the Science Department of the Los Angeles Polytechnic School, experimented with mice and kittens enclosed in hermetically sealed glass flasks, weighed with very sensitive scales which were enclosed in a moisture-proof glass case. It was found that all the animals weighed lost weight at death. A good sized mouse lost 3.1 milligrams at death; a kitten lost 100 milligrams, while dying and at his last gasp lost an additional 60 milligrams. Thus the teaching of occult science in regard to the possession of vital bodies by animals was vindicated when sufficiently fine scales were used. Also, it was shown that the vital bodies of animals are proportionately lighter than that of man. These facts have been known and witnessed by trained clairvoyants for ages, and stated in lectures and literature many years previous to these "discoveries".

The *Cosmo* states on page 99, that occultism hails with joy the discoveries of modern science, as they invariably corroborate what occult science has long taught.

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THE TRUE CAUSE OF CONTAGION

There are many people of a supercilious nature who are always ready to crack a joke at the expense of Christian Science and kindred methods of divine healing which teaches its followers to cultivate a fearless attitude of mind under all conditions. But as a matter of actual fact, an enormous percentage of our sickness is actually due and traceable to feelings of fear upon the part of the patient.

Travelers who have visited uninhabited Islands report that birds and beasts found there were unafraid of them at first, but they soon learned the predatory nature of man, and fled before him in fear of their lives. Thus the ruthless nature of man has in ages past, spread fear all over the earth. We have conquered, tamed and exploited both bird and beast, and what we could not conquer we have slain, until every breathing thing hides in fear of us. That is to say, among the larger animals, none is so large that it does not fear and flee from him. But when we turn in the direction of the little things, then the case is different, and man who thinks he reigns supreme on earth because he has put all the larger creation in a state of fear, trembles in turn before the minute things in the world, and the smaller they are, the more he fears them. The microscope has told us that

such a small creature as the house fly carries about on the fur of its legs, thousands of parasites which we fancy are inimical to our health, and therefore fear prompts us to spend millions of dollars on fly paper, fly screens, fly traps and other devices to rid ourselves of this pest, but our efforts are largely in vain. Though such vast sums are expended yearly to exterminate the fly, it is so prolific that it breeds quicker than we can slay.

But we fear its cousin, the mosquito even more. The microscope has told us that this little insect is one of the chief messengers of the Angel of Death, therefore we fight it in fear of our lives, but it thrives in spite of the vast sums yearly expended upon its extermination. Then there is the milk we drink. Under ordinary conditions it is said that there are one hundred thousand germs to the cubic centimeter, but under the best and most sanitary conditions this army of destroyers can be brought down to ten thousand. So, in fear and trembling, we pasteurize this fluid before we dare to give it to the children of tender age. Every drop of water we drink swarms with germ-life, says the microscope, and even the coin and currency wherewith we purchase the necessities of life are vehicles of death, for they are infected with germs to an almost unbelievable extent. Once we started to launder them, but

it was found that the bankers could not so easily detect counterfeits after they had been washed, so we abandoned the process. We either fear the counterfeiters more than the germs, or we love money more than health.

Is not this whole attitude ridiculous and unworthy of our high and noble estate, as human beings, as children of God? It is well known to science that an attitude of fear breaks down the power of resistance of the body, and thereby lays it liable to diseases which would not otherwise be able to get a foothold. From the Occult point of view it is perfectly plain why this is so. The dense body which we see with our eyes is interpenetrated by a vehicle made of ether and the energy from the Sun, which pervades all space, is constantly pouring into our body through the spleen, which is a specialized organ for the attraction and assimilation of this universal ether. In the solar plexus it is converted into a rose colored fluid which permeates the nervous system. This may be compared to electricity in the wires of an electric or telegraphic system. By means of this vital fluid the muscles are moved and the organs perform their vital functions so that the body may express itself in perfect health. The better the health, the larger the quantity of this solar fluid which we are able to absorb; but we can only utilize a certain part of it and the surplus is radiated from the body in straight lines. You have seen the paper ribbons which are fastened to the front of electric fans in candy stores and fruit stands. When the fan is set going these streamers float outward from the fan. The

streamers which flow from the whole periphery of the human body also radiate in straight lines, when we are in perfect health. This condition is therefore aptly described as radiant health. We speak of such a person as radiating life and vigor. Under such conditions no disease germs can ever get a foothold in his body. They can not enter from without because of these invisible streamers of force, any more than a fly can enter an opening in a building covered by an exhaust fan. And those micro-organisms which enter the body with the food are also quickly expelled, for the vital processes in the body are selective, as shown by the kidneys, for instance, which excrete the waste matter while retaining vital substances necessary for the economy of the body.

But the moment we allow thoughts of fear, worry, and anger, the body endeavors, as it were, to close the gates against an outside foe, fancied or real. Then also the spleen closes up, and ceases to specialize the vital fluid in sufficient quantities for the necessities of the body, and we shall then see a phenomenon which is analogous to the effect of lowering the voltage or putting in more resistance in the electric fan. In that case the paper streamers will begin to hang down, they will no longer wave over the candy or fruit to protect it and keep the flies away. Similarly in the human body, when the thought of fear forces the partial closure of the spleen, the solar fluid does not go through the body with the same speed as before. It does not then radiate from the periphery in straight lines, but these lines

become crumpled and thus they allow easy access to the little deleterious organisms which may then feed unobstructed upon our tissues and cause disease.

Whether the consistent Christian Scientists, Mental Scientists, or others who believe in Divine healing, know this law or not, they act according to its dictates when they affirm that they are Children of God, that they have no reason to fear, for God is their Father and will protect them so long as they do not deliberately disregard the ordinary laws of life. Medical science knows that the so-called disease germs are not dangerous, unless there is soil predisposed to their culture, and it is noteworthy that the New York board of health has now abolished fumigation for all diseases except small-pox. Thus typhoid, pneumonia, diphtheria, and other diseases which were formerly thought to be of so contagious a nature that they must be guarded against by fumigation, are now regarded as either less dangerous or else it has been discovered that the process of fumigation is not efficient.

The actual fact and the truth in the matter is that contagion comes from within. So long as we live a common sense life, feeding our bodies upon pure foods which come from the vegetable kingdom, taking a sufficient amount of exercise, and keeping mentally active, we may rest secure in the promise that the Lord is our refuge. There shall no evil befall us so long as we thus show our faith by our works. On the other hand, if we belie our faith in God by disregard of His laws our expectations of health are vain.

Last year a Doctor who was imbued with fear of contagion in an abnormal degree visited Mount Ecclesia. On the night of his arrival a mosquito lighted upon his nose, he brushed it away in great horror and asked anxiously: "Are they malarious?" He was always looking for pathological conditions and soon went away dissatisfied with our ideas, especially the idea that fear attracts and trust in God repels pathological germs. This was to him ridiculous in the extreme. We had with us at that time one of our student friends, who was suffering from tuberculosis, but by means of a rational diet and the pure air of Mount Ecclesia, he was gaining fast, had, in fact, gained ten pounds when this doctor took it upon himself to tell our poor friend that it was an outrage that he would stay on Mount Ecclesia, or come into the dining room, that he was a menace to everyone at headquarters, etc. The poor young man became so disturbed that in spite of all we could say to him he had no rest and he left shortly afterwards. There is no doubt in our mind that had we been allowed to keep him we would have eventually cured the disease by the help of the Elder Brothers and our physical methods. As it is he died shortly after, and we feel he was killed by the inconsiderate fear of this doctor. And he is only one of thousands who are killed by others, or who commit suicide by taking a dose of fear, for fear will kill just as surely as any mineral poison; it is perhaps even more deadly.

Shortly afterwards Mrs. Heindel and the writer moved into the cottage where the

young man had lived with his mother, despite the protests of all concerned on Mount Ecclesia. We have lived here almost a year, and have as yet developed no symptoms of disease, for we trust in God and live accordingly, and so long as we maintain that attitude nothing can harm us.

A MENU FROM MOUNT ECCLESIA

Breakfast 7:30 A. M.

Puffed Whole Wheat Baked Egg
Whole-Wheat Bread, Butter and Honey
Coffee or Milk

Dinner 12 M.

Baked Stuffed Tomatoes
Boiled Beets Carrot Loaf
Whole Wheat Bread, Butter and Honey
Milk

Supper 5: 30 P. M.

Nut Salad Peach Cobbler
Dish Cream Cheese
Hot Corn Bread, Butter and Honey
Tea or Milk

RECIPES

BAKED EGGS

Take ordinary custard cups, set on stove to heat, drop piece of butter into cup the size of a small marble, allow to melt, break the Egg into hot cup, sprinkle lightly with bread crumbs and bake in hot oven until white is turned. Serve at once

BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES

Choose firm, medium-sized ripe tomatoes, remove seeds and pulp, cutting out from stem side; boil one ear of corn for each tomato; when cold, remove from cob, season with salt and fill the tomatoes; grate cheese on top, add one tablespoonful of water, sprinkle a little salt over tomatoes, place in shallow pan which first rub with a clove of Garlic, with one cupful of hot water and tablespoonful of butter. Bake for one-half hour.

CARROT LOAF

Two cups of whole wheat bread crumbs, two cups ground carrot, one cup ground English walnuts. The above should be run through a vegetable grinder twice. Prepare a large frying pan by frying a large, sliced onion and one small clove of Garlic in oil until brown, then fry the above in this onion for a few minutes, adding, salt, pepper, and nutmeg for seasoning. Just before taking from stove add an egg. Form into a loaf and bake for 30 minutes; serve with brown gravy. This loaf, if left over, can be sliced cold next day; or turn slices in egg and fry in hot oil.

NUT SALAD

One cup of well flavored apples, cut in small cubes; one cup of celery, chopped fine; one cup of walnuts, chopped fine. Serve on lettuce leaf with Cream Salad Dressing (see recipe below).

CREAM SALAD DRESSING

Two eggs, one cup of cream, two table-
spoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of
butter, juice of one lemon. Beat the egg
thoroughly then beat in the cream. Boil in
double boiler. While stirring constantly, add
the lemon juice. Take off as soon as it
becomes creamy. Season with salt and pep-
per. This is good on any salad.

PEACH COBBLER

Make a soft biscuit dough, butter a shal-
low baking pan, spread this dough one inch
thick all over bottom. Peel and quarter
medium sized peaches; press these quarters
into the dough, covering the entire top;
place in oven for twenty minutes; take out,
spread liberally with sugar and put back into
oven just long enough to become light yel-
low. Serve with cream.

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THE CAUSE OF SORROW AND SUFFERING

A Talk in the Pro-Ecclesia

We have met again tonight for the purpose
of concentrating our thoughts on the second
part of the Christ injunction: "Heal the
sick," for we consider this part of the Divine
command just as binding upon His follow-
ers as the first part, which exhorts us to
"preach the Gospel." But if we understand
this commandment aright, we shall not be
content with merely endeavoring to assuage
the present pain, sorrow, and suffering of
anyone or any number of people. We shall
attempt to get to the bottom of all human
suffering so that by removing the main
cause we may eradicate the effects. To do
this, to arrive at a true conclusion concern-
ing the origin of sorrow, and suffering, and
the means for its permanent eradication, we

must go back into the far distant past, in fact
to the beginning of physical existence.

The Bible has been given to the Western
World by the Recording Angels, who give to
every nation the religion that is best fitted to
guide it upon the path of its spiritual and
physical evolution; and if we seek for light
from that source we shall certainly find. It
must be borne in mind that the Christ taught
the multitude in parables, but, gave to His
disciples the meaning of those parables and
the deeper things concerning the mysteries
of the Kingdom of Heaven. Paul also taught
a different, or rather a deeper truth to those
who were strong in the faith, but gave the
milk of the most elementary doctrines to
babes. Similarly, we must understand that
besides the meaning which the Word of God
carries upon its face, there is a deeper and
hidden side, which we shall do well to pon-
der upon tonight.

Let us first grasp the idea that the Earth was not always as it is today; that there has been an immense period of formation and that this planet must have gone through various stages of development before it reached the present condition. We see in the heaven nebulae which are now fiery. We can understand that moisture must be condensed by this fire from the cold expanse of space. We can also understand that this moisture is quickly evaporated when it comes in contact with such a fiery, whirling vortex; that the steam generated rises into space to be there condensed again by the cold, thus going through innumerable cycles of evaporation and condensation, until finally a crust is formed around the fiery core. This crust becomes harder when gradually the superfluous moisture is evaporated as a mist. The mist eventually gathers and condenses into a cloud, falling again upon the planet as a flood and leaving conditions of climate as we find them today upon the earth. These stages the Rosicrucian Teachings call the Hyperborean, Atlantean, and Aryan Epochs.

We shall not speak of the first mentioned of these Æons. But during the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch, when mankind still lived on fire-girt islands of the forming crust, they were very different from humanity today. They were, in fact, giants of a bodily shape which would be repulsive to our present notions of bodily symmetry and beauty; but it differed particularly in this fact, that the Ego had not yet learned to draw within its body properly and permanently. In fact, they did not know at that

time that they had bodies; they used them as unconsciously as we use our digestive apparatus. Their sight was focused altogether in the spiritual world and they saw God face to face, or rather those whom they thought were Gods, namely the Divine Messengers who guided them as children are guided by their parents; for at that time they had developed no will.

Being unconscious of their bodies, they knew neither birth nor death. The loss of a physical vehicle happened frequently on account of the volcanic eruptions that were the order of the day upon our forming earth; but it was like the falling of a dry leaf from the tree; it produced no difference at all in their consciousness. Neither was the birth of a new body a distracting event because all through birth and death their consciousness was focused in the invisible realm.

At certain times of the year the Angels, who have always been the harbingers of birth, herded these hosts of childmen into great temples where the propagative act was performed as an act of sacrifice, under the proper planetary rays. In those moments of intensely intimate contact, man's attention was temporarily drawn from the spiritual realms to the physical world, and "Adam knew his wife".

Thus the key-note of the body then conceived was in perfect tune with the harmony of the spheres at that moment and therefore parturition was painless. Health was perfect, and death had no terror for humanity of that age.

But the Angels were not all of the same

nature. There were two classes, one attuned to Water, the other to Fire. It is the latter class which was apostrophized by Isaiah in that wonderful passage where he says:

*O Lucifer, Son of the morning,
How art thou fallen!*

From the Water Spirits, or true Angels, man received the brain; but Lucifer, Spirit of Fire, is the "Light-giver." From the Fire Spirits came the light of reason.

The desire body of man was by them impregnated with a new faculty, namely, Impulse. And as it was necessary for them to use a physical instrument for their own further development. Though they were unable to create such a vehicle, they taught man that he had a dense body, and they also enlightened him concerning the method whereby he might generate a new vehicle at any time, when the old one died, regardless of planetary conditions. Man, yielding to the impulse of the Lucifer Spirits, incited by the passion they instilled, began to regard the generative act as a means of enjoyment and gratification instead of a sacrament. Hence, the bodies born under such conditions were out of tone with the Cosmic Harmony. Therefore parturition became painful, health became impaired, and death entered upon his reign as King of Terrors.

While Adam knew his wife only during the time when the Angels presided over the propagative act; his consciousness was focused all the rest of the time in the spiritual world. But things became radically different when man took the matter into his own hands. The more often he knew his

wife for self-gratification, the more often and more thoroughly his consciousness became focused in the physical world, and the more he lost sight of the higher realms, until finally they have been forgotten, or almost so. Therefore birth now seems the beginning of life. It commences in pain for mother and babe. Life itself is usually a path of sorrow and suffering, because in spirit we feel orphaned from our Father. And at the end stands death, the King of Terrors, to usher the spirit into what is to our physical consciousness a great unknown, and all because of the impulse and passion, wherewith the Martial Lucifer Spirits have impregnated our desire nature. And so long as the fire light of passion taints our desire nature, this regime must continue.

The Old Testament opens with the account of how man was led astray by *the false Light* of the Lucifer Spirits, giving birth to all the sorrow and suffering in the world; it closes with the promise that the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, with Healing in its wings. And in the New Testament we find the Sun of Righteousness, *the true Light*, come to save the world, and the first fact which is stated regarding Him is that He is of Immaculate Conception.

Now this point should be thoroughly understood, and should be clear from the foregoing, that it is the Luciferan taint of passion which has brought sorrow, sin, and suffering into the world. Prior to the impregnation of the desire body with this demonic principle, conception was immaculate and a sacrament. Man walked in the pres-

ence of the Angels then, pure and unashamed. The act of fertilization was as chaste as that of the flower. Therefore, when the mischief had been wrought, immediately the messenger, or Angel, girded them with leaves, to impress upon them the ideal which they must learn to live, namely, chastity like that of the plant. Whenever we are able to perform the act of generation in a pure, chaste, and passionless manner, as the plant does, an immaculate conception takes place and a Christ is born, capable of healing all the suffering of humanity, capable of conquering death and establishing immortality, a true light to lead humanity away from the will-o'-the-wisp of passion; through self-sacrifice to compassion.

This, then is the great ideal toward which we are striving: To cleanse ourselves from the taint of Egoism and self-seeking. And therefore we look upon the emblem of the Rose-Cross as an ideal. For the seven red roses typify the cleansed blood; the white rose shows the purity of life, and the golden, radiating star symbolizes that inestimable influence for health, helpfulness, and spiritual uplift which radiates from every *Servant* of humanity.

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I think that I am feeling about as well as I have ever felt. I have gained strength through the Elder Brothers and I have gained some in weight. At present I can only feel grateful for what you have done for me. I feel that I owe you more than I can ever repay.

R.G.

So. Portland, Me., July 3, 1915
 Esoteric Secretary
 Rosicrucian Fellowship

I have passed safely through childbirth and am recovering remarkably well and

quickly. I thank you a thousand times. You have helped me wonderfully.

Mrs. I.L.P.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 10, 1915

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Department of Healing

Dear Friends:

I do feel so well; am gaining in weight;

everybody speaks of how well I look. I woke up the other night as the Healers were working with me, the first time I have been aware of their presence.

I am so happy and long for the day when I shall be found worthy to become one of them.

Sincerely,

A.P.

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia

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In the next number will begin a serial article on **The Occult Side of the War!** by Mr. Heindel.

During the past month we have had a number of particularly nice visitors at Mt. Ecclesia and some of them have done very valuable work for the Fellowship. Mr. Chas. H. Swigart, our general secretary, and family motored down from North Yakima Washington, through San Francisco. There they visited the Fair before going on to our headquarters at Oceanside, where they are at this writing. Mr Swigart is making a plat of the headquarters grounds and has made an extensive survey lasting about ten days for that purpose. This will enable us to lay out the roads intelligently and locate sites for the various buildings. We can then plant our trees and shrubbery to conform to that plan. Sewers and water pipes can also then be laid intelligently and thus save the expense

expense incident to haphazard work in after years.

Mr. Lester Cramer of New York and Mrs. Cramer have also visited the headquarters for the purpose of helping in the development of Mt. Ecclesia. Mr. Cramer had offered to draw the plan for the Ecclesia for several years, but it was impossible for the writer to give him definite ideas by correspondence. To draw the right plan for the Ecclesia would require a certain inspiration that could not be infused in a letter. But when we discussed the matter here and Mr. Cramer got an idea of what was wanted with regard to seating capacity and the arrangement of the Auditorium with respect to position, light and color, his presence on Mt. Ecclesia quickly brought him in touch with the true idea of the Ecclesia and the very first sketch he made was an embodiment of everything that the writer wished to express,

but could not. We are sorry to say that Mr. Cramer could only stay four days as business required his presence in the East, but he is going to finish the sketches and send them back to us so that we may have a photo-engraving made of them and also of Mr. Swigart's plat for the Headquarters grounds. When that is finished the two will be published in *Rays from the Rose Cross* so that you will all be able to see just what has been done on Mt. Ecclesia, how it looks and what we propose to do in the future.

Isn't it strange, the way all things seem to be ordered about our movement, just as the Elder Brothers said when they gave the message to the writer in the Temple of the Rose Cross, "Do not worry if things do not go as fast or as smoothly as you think they should; just keep on doing your work from day to day, and when you are really ready to use the various facilities—workers, buildings, machinery, etc.—they will be forthcoming."

That assurance has proved true. It has been amply justified by events. From that morning when the old tramp walked up the drive and told us how to take our first printing press apart so that it would go through the office door, to the present day; it is a remarkable fact that whenever a difficulty presented itself that I could not solve or handle, the right man has always been sent, one who had the special qualification for the work wanted.

So long as the city fathers of Oceanside remained perverse and held on to the useless streets, platted by land speculators a quarter

of a century ago, it was no use to think of surveying, and making a plat. The plan for the Ecclesia also required a survey, so everything seemed deadlocked by the procrastinating Town Trustees. But when the stars were right, and we had made up our minds to take the bull by the horns and force the Town Trustees to bring the matter into court, if no peaceable action could be had, the Elder Brothers sent Mr. Graves to Mount Ecclesia. He was one of the most suave, urbane men we have ever met; he won the goodwill of the town people almost overnight, and raised their regard for the Fellowship one hundred percent. But action from the town trustees could not be gotten by smiles and peaceful pleadings. They needed the persuasion of a mailed fist, and Mr. Graves had it. He is a professional detective, and, with the assistance of the banker, he soon made it so hot that one of the trustees was forced to resign, and others were scheduled to follow. Then they signed an agreement to abandon the streets through Headquarters and Mr Graves special mission was fulfilled, the way was cleared for the surveyor and the architect.

Had things gone along ordinary lines, Mr. Swigart would not have been able to leave his post as Supervising Engineer of the U. S. Reclamation work in the North West for a few years. He had planned to resign and move to Headquarters as soon as parental responsibilities would permit. But certain unforeseen circumstances forced him to sever his connection with the government, and before he knew, he was on the way to

Mount Ecclesia, where he met Mr. Cramer, who had also come unexpectedly, and thus, when the way was cleared, both surveyor and architect met without being sent for, or having previous appointment or acquaintance.

We have only about \$1700 towards the Ecclesia, and Mr. Cramer thinks it will cost \$50,000, but don't you feel sure it will be built before the time limit expires, even if we are prohibited from asking for subscriptions and must wait for heart-offerings? We do! We have made the Cornerstone, the survey is completed, the site located and the plan ready. Soon we will extend Ecclesia drive to this location, set the Cornerstone, and commence on the foundation. The Elder Brothers have worked so marvelously to bring Headquarters to the present point, that we know they will find the ways and means of accomplishing the work. All we have to do is keep on striving to be more useful channels for their beneficent activities in the service of humanity.

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