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IT MAY sound a little bit colloquial - but to him who is on the point of awakening to the fact that life is an "up-and-down" affair for a very good reason only, to him any one of the 'downs' may become a valuable 'eye-opener'.

It is difficult to say whether suffering and resistance, discord and unbalance were expressly "meant" to be such eye-openers for Man. Such consideration would rather lead to nowhere, as surely as does that other observation often made, namely that if God had created all and everything then he also created - evil. It resolves into a battle of words: for on the one hand, if he is the originator of a complete creation within which the manifestation of evil can be noted, then certainly he 'created evil', too; on the other hand, however, if God is nothing but "pure love", how could he allow his children to fall to such incredible depths, or else, does "love" contain, as an integral part of itself, the idea of "punishment" under all circumstances? Is love absolutely unthinkable without 'rod' and 'punishment'? Definitely not, we should say. So this approach then is wrong altogether. God did not create in abstract ideas. He did not even construct in concrete works - with so many 'good deeds' here and so many 'evil possibilities' there. Yes, it is not even wrong to say he never created at all. As he just IS, he is the ALL - how can he be separate in any way?

God is the one big law and the one great justice. From here on there is room left for any subordinate law to come into play, and for any detail in the proper balancing of them - which process is 'justice'. The words play and process just now hint at the one thing God actually did. They are dynamic words, embodying the idea of movement. That is what God did - he gave movement to what he held in his mind.

Genesis clad this thought into the picture of his "spirit" moving "upon the face of the waters" (waters being the essence of his mind). Can you see the wind's ripples on the mirror-like sheet of water? Once this movement takes place, its immediate consequence is a problem of balance, a balance which, once disturbed, seeks to re-establish itself, precisely as justice does too.

Thus, anything running counter to the original state of Love and Justice is unbalance, or, at Man's end, suffering. The moment Man sees this, suffering will turn to go.

Much has happened this past year in the sphere of cosmic and interplanetary knowledge, our understanding of life and ourselves, which will be of lasting benefit. Where we, though, would look for a meaning, many rather will favour spectacular events, or follow mere slogans.

Throughout the remarkable year sighting reports kept coming in from all countries. We recall those from Denmark, in April, outstanding for their number, intriguing ones from S. America, highlighted by photographs of a UFO taken from aboard a Brazilian naval vessel; and in the USA, in Aug./Sept. started what has already been called a new "flap", with reports following each other in quick succession.

While many a UFO investigator had earnestly been looking forward to a major "break" (of UFO information released by Governments), less responsible people came forth with a flood of prophecies - mass landings, wars, even direct interference by forces(!) from Venus. Needless to say, none of all these materialized - their origins being traceable to psychic sources.

Of course, viewed as 'signs of the times', they too have a function and their proper place in the great picture! As for us we prefer to help keeping balance in it by occupying a point in the opposite corner.

## SEASON OF LIGHT IN DARKNESS

THE DECEMBER solstice has forever had a profound meaning for all the ancient peoples living on the northern half of this planet. It was in the middle of dark winter that this turning point of the sun in its course through the heavens drew special attention.

From now on the immense globe of fire and light would return, bringing its glory and warmth back to man in due course. The cosmic pendulum took a further swing, the stars in their eternal dance had reached another marked bar. The movements all, coordinated in a vast range of rhythm, included the multitudinous expressions and forms, non-living, and alive, all around man, as well as himself - man, the observer and watcher with a consciousness.

By teaching and by experience he knew of the interplay of movements and forces, right out of the spheres of visibility and tangibility into subtler realms, closer to the causes, and not so obvious and conspicuous in effects. Thus the sun returning, struggling with the veils of darkness over earth, would correspondingly represent many an invisible influence, many forces which likewise were striving for and heading toward pre-eminence and victory. As surely as the sun would win, as decidedly as by cosmic balance and universal law spring would follow the winter sleep, so de-

finitely would struggling and labouring forces and entities in the subtler realms win through to the light - through to, compared with the previous stage, a New light. A new light of enlightenment, of understanding, of mastery.

If the sun, visibly, would be the bright light, tangibly, providing warmth, but invisibly and intangibly be a true giver of life - then likewise ever down Jacob's Ladder, the guardians and guides in nature would win through with new light-giving, new warmth-giving and new life-giving impulses. Indeed, as the sun - in a representative way - would appear to make a special effort toward its overcoming winter, so would all other strugglers have to compound their resources into one big reaction. But as the sun's struggle is actually a struggle over itself, since dark winter is only the aspect of a sun removed from here to somewhere else, so likewise would all other strugglers be engaged in a battle - over themselves. And even man, caught up in the stirring of forces in nature around,

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would have to turn from his darker side, facing the victory of spring in his own soul.

It is a wondrous drama this, taking place every year! An amazing period of cyclic regeneration and elevation! A sacred period and a holy season! The sun rising higher and higher over the northern horizon, just as if born a-new. Man, in his rising degrees of unfoldment, born into knowledge and led from revelation to revelation.

Is there a more auspicious time for him to see the birth of another spiritual light, destined to guide him on through life? Can there be a more appropriate season than this in which to kindle the torches of love, harmony, peace, good will on all levels in nature? At what cyclic point then, otherwise, should understanding, insight, realization, knowledge, wisdom be born - and teachers of these, guides of men, souls directing man on the way? Can we imagine that a helper of those walking through darkness, should make his appearance at any other time than in this sacred season? Hardly so.

No wonder then that the true Sons of Man, namely the servant-helpers of the cosmic genus Man (which genus, like aged Parents, is more than a Son, the single member and representative who sprang from them), that these servant-helpers should have been born in the days after the win-  
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ter solstice. And born here rather means 'born spiritually', into the 'servant-ship', and not necessarily a birth in physic. And thus it has ever been, throughout all of man's cosmic history - as well as throughout the history on this his present planet. Thus it has been even to this day, although the world at large may know nothing of it any longer.

Thus it has been, too, long before the able writer Luke composed his account of that Saviour who shed the glory of his own sun over the darkness - and what a terrible darkness, what bloody ignorance indeed! - of these closing 2,000 years.

The saintly writer, whatever the sources of his material might have been, was an informed man who had thoroughly gone into "all things from above" (and rather not 'from the very first' as rendered in chapter I, v. 3).

True enough, into the heavenly messenger's mouth (II, 11) he had put the momentous word That "unto you is born a Saviour, which is (a) Christ, (and a) Lord", and mark well that this "great joy... shall be to ALL PEOPLE" (v. 10) - which means nothing less than ALL MEN ON THIS PLANET.

That this was the idea of the writer, and indeed the concept of this whole school of thought, becomes clear already in verses 77 and 79 of chapter one. In a translation from the original

Aramaic manuscripts, records in the same dialect which the Master had been using, it is said of the young boy's calling that it was "to give knowledge of life to his (i.e. the Highest One's) people by the forgiveness of their sins".

The Highest One is the Father of the All, and his people are - as far as earth is concerned - necessarily ALL MEN on this planet. So this Master then was one more Teacher of Life, one more Interpreter to this planet's mankind of what Life really is and means. He would teach them by a "forgiveness" of their "sins" - which more precisely would be the revealing to them of their mistakes and errors in living, in harmonious living, the right kind of living, a living which is in accord not in discord with the universal balance.

And, likewise (v. 79), this saviour's calling was "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadows of death...." - that is, to bring them the light of knowledge and understanding, knowledge also of the true rôle of death, so that people need no longer sit in death's shadow, which is: be afraid of dying.

Then at last: "...to guide our feet into the way of peace...." - which means, the being in peace with the universe around us, the being in harmony with its laws. A way of living which

is in unison with the rhythmic, the cyclic movements and forces of our planet and the system around us.

So in this world-age too, man lifts up his eyes and hope to a saviour and teacher whose advent is placed, as was done so often before, in this mysteriously regenerative period after winter solstice. In the physical realm of nature, as well as in the spiritual ones of mind, causes and elevation, powerful forces, sun-like, are ever at work to our benefit.

A slight point is left to be made: light as such is of little

meaning - if we don't greet and accept it; good will is a very fine thing - if we do not stop to spread it; hope is of no avail - if we do not want to play our part in the rescue and to cling to the saviour's hand; teachings at last, are the most wonderful food - if we would but chew and digest it!

The Light is there, but Man must ride its rays, out of and away from Darkness. We must meet the selfless action from above half-way at least with an effort of our own. And be greatly joyful about it - all Men in this mansion called Earth.

#### A Point, a Theme and my Angle

#### ...ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ALTHOUGH it is not a full year yet on which to look back, there would probably remain a feeling of incompleteness if we gave these past months no further thought. Nine months ago our little Review was launched with the backing of 90 subscribers. Today they number 175, won without especial effort or propaganda campaigns. We are confidently looking forward to an increase in the number of subscribers. I repeat, subscribers - because on the one hand, we are still in need of funds while on the other, the actual readership of APPROACH is very much higher than the circulation

figure indicates. What with obligatory and a great many exchange copies, the many friends of our friends we have, the sympathizers and fellow-travellers - ah, quite a host of virtual "sputniks" then? - who all take a more or less regular glance through this magazine, they widen the field of our modest influence. They all are equally - welcome, welcome even to object if they feel like objecting. APPROACH is read in nearly 20 foreign countries, quite apart from states and territories on this continent, the closer area of our activity. As a link between those who have started out with

a sustained interest in "flying saucers" and who have travelled, via own sightings or UFO literature in general, and GA's books and letters in particular, to arrive at the realization that UFO's cannot be only a "private" affair of individuals, this our periodical wants to remind us of the necessity to see in the attaining of peace and brotherhood amongst all men the worthwhile goal for which to work and strive for in this our time. It is the most promising method to just begin with oneself; to just BE - peace, to just BE - brotherly. It is in this spirit that the various liaison groups - admittedly and in the first instance mostly staunch followers of George Adamski - have been forming themselves throughout the world since over a year ago.

While we in Africa are, in the line of learning and information, mainly dependant on written material, other opportunities present themselves to the groups and people in overseas areas. Thus, for instance, our Japanese liaison man, Hachiro Kubota, tells in a letter of a very successful UFO exhibition, held at the Gallery of Mitsugoshi, greatest department store in Tokyo, with tens of thousands coming to see and study the material on display. Well, we in Africa cannot compete in this - not yet. For us then the coming year will have to bring first an extension of foundations.

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Major Donald E. Keyhoe, director of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP) in Washington, writes in NICAP's Special Bulletin of November that it is assumed that, the so-called "Straith" letter, written on State Department letterhead to George Adamski a year ago, is a hoax. "NICAP believes it knows the identity of the hoaxer and has given the State Department another letter apparently written on the same typewriter and maliciously aimed at an officer of Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI), New York."

It is further stated that according to an official copy of a State Department letter sent to George Adamski and in the possession of NICAP, the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Jameson Parker, flatly denies Adamski's claims about the hoax document.

"As you have been told orally, this is a spurious letter", Mr. Parker is quoted as writing to Adamski. Neither is there a Straith connected with the Department, nor has there ever been a "Cultural Exchange Committee". The State Deptm. letter to G.A. goes on to say: "This stationery has the seal impressed at the time of manufacture, not at the time of mailing."

This argument has been put forward before but it doesn't make more sense coming from Secretary Parker, we should say. For read on, as quoted in NICAP's Bulletin: "That is, the seal is placed on blank paper, and any person who had access to supplies of this paper would be in a position to misappropriate it and to write an unauthorized letter such as the one in your possession."

Questionable practices in state administration indeed we feel moved to say! It is surmised that the hoaxer was a well-known UFO investigator, saucer magazine editor and author of a book on the UFO subject. Funnily enough, this man once wrote extensively on the "mysterious men in dark suits", purportedly to have made so much trouble Approach - December, 1958

in UFO investigation! Should fate really have taken a queer hand in the lot and work of his, having turned him into a "dark-suited gentleman" himself? Or, conversely, has a curious streak in the author, now alleged to be a hoaxer, enticed him to conjure up a not completely justified picture of dark-suited gentlemen fighting a battle against UFO researchers? - As far as we are concerned, let us have patience a little bit longer and time will reveal the true position to all.

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+Professor Hermann Oberth, grand old man of the early rocket pioneer days, has quitted American service and returned to Europe. Upon arrival he stated in an interview "that after eliminating the bunkum in UFO reports, about 2% remain which cannot be explained by terrestrial means. I call these extra-terrestrial beings the 'Uranides' and believe that they are very intelligent beings indeed".

+Unconfirmed reports say that George Hunt (Ric) Williamson had been invited to an interview with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh while on his recent lecture tour in England. Upon arrival in London from Italy, George Williamson received first news from home of the unexpected death of his wife Betty, one of the original witnesses to the meeting by George Adamski of a Venusian scout pilot near Desert Center on November 20, 1952.

+Otis T. Carr, president of OTC Enterprises Inc. in Baltimore, and, as reported, the inventor of a free-energy device, has announced that he plans to go to the Moon on 7th December, 1959, in his own saucer-like craft, accompanied i.a. by Major Wayne S. Aho, Director of Washington Saucer Intelligence and well-known UFO lecturer in the USA.

To all its readers APPROACH wishes a joyful Christmas Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! May all our best thoughts take effect, to the lasting benefit of all Mankind!

A HUNDRED PRACTICAL ANSWERS TO UFO-QUESTIONS

GEORGE ADAMSKI: Questions and Answers, Parts I to V.- Cosmic Science, Palomar Terraces, 1958. - (35/-; APPROACH's Book Order Service.)

GA's answers to the 100 questions, received - over the years - from his correspondents, including some of recent actuality, cover a wide field indeed. Accommodated in five handy pocket booklets, the order is not systematic but jumps from point to problem, from information to discussion in a lively manner. Thus, interest is sustained right to the end. It is almost like question-time at the end of a lecture. The answers are to the point, precise, direct. Although quite detailed in many instances, they are incomplete in others - necessarily so on account of the vastness of the subjects touched upon.

The questions answered range from the commonly "first" and fundamental ones - 'Why don't they land en masse?', 'Are they like us?' - to "advanced" posers, as for instance No. 60: 'Are the Masters you mention in "Inside the Space Ships", connected in any way with the ones certain teachings tell us have control over the destinies of Earth?' Well, the answer here has its accent on "teachings". There are many wrong ones and a few very enlightened ones, exhaustive is none. Apart from this wise men are advanced souls; they know of each other wherever they may be.

Thus, next to religion, spiritual and cosmical science questions of technical progress are considered, the social, communal life of the space people, their activities, their conduct, their attitude toward ourselves, our institutions, our groups and governments, science in general and recent space efforts in particular. A very important, though not the widest sector, is occupied by questions and answers concerning psychic

occurrences, the "messages", whether "Etherians" or not, whether the space people "materialize & dematerialize" or not, about non-existent "Ash-tar", "Deros - Teros", etc.

It is in the very nature of the method that the most interesting questions and answers for ever remain those of personal concern. Under No. 69: 'How can I recognize a space person if I should meet one?' GA writes: "..Because all my life I have endeavoured to understand myself from a universal sense I do keep my mind open a far greater percentage of time than most people. For instance, while in New York...years ago...I became aware of a young man and woman who passed slowly and smiled at me (coming down 5th Ave). My first thought was that they probably had seen me on TV or had heard me lecture somewhere. But this was followed by the impression that they could be space people. My next thought was that if they were, they would return and identify themselves. This, they did. As they reached my side, the man said: 'Your thoughts are correct.' They then invited me to their apartment, where we spent several hours together in pleasant conversation.

However, even their response to my thought would not have been sufficient identification, for any good mentalist could have picked up my thoughts and acted similarly. But it was my inner feeling that assured me these were space people, and later they presented unquestionable proof. At the same time, I strongly advise others to be on guard against impostors, for they are on the increase today. Unless a person has an understanding of himself and is alert to his impressions - this does not mean personal desires - I would never advise him to accept an invitation from a stranger to go anywhere. - Again, we must know ourselves before we can recognize our brothers from other worlds. For they differ from us only in understanding." - These booklets are certainly a 'must' for all who strive ahead!