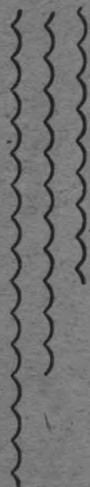


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THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMMUNICATORS

(As nearly all Round Robin Readers know, the Editors and other BSR Associates have long been conducting a series of experimental seances with the 'non-professional' (and unpaid) trance medium, Mark Probert. Though RR does not wish to over-emphasize the psychic aspects of BSR work, the increasing interest in these communications, and the uniformly high level of discourse maintained by the Controls seem to us to justify, for the nonce, the following reprint of a synopsis formerly prepared for Flying Roll (a publication lately discontinued).

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THE CONTINUUM:

Question: Is there any such thing as a continuum in nature - anything which is homogeneous, not particulate, corresponding to the older idea of the ether?

Answer: (by Control speaking thru entranced medium): This is not a yes-or-no question; it has what is called an excluded middle. It depends on what you mean by thing. There is no homogeneous substance or stuff, but there are various ethers of different degrees of fineness.

Remember that ether is a term for an existent in space. Now, space as a projected idea, as some-thing imagined to exist by itself, cannot be a continuum, because the mind cannot produce such a concept without falling into contradiction. But the consciousness which produces the space idea is itself a kind of continuum, because it lives in an eternal Now and Here. Anything existing in time and space has to be discrete - made up of atoms or instants or points. But consciousness does not exist "in" space and time - but these are "in" consciousness, or are modes of its functioning. Consciousness is awareness in a timeless present; it is a timeless or "pure" activity.

In saying this I am speaking of separate individual minds, or persons. We can trace all the phenomena of the sense world back to the functioning of individual minds. Everything you know about an object reduces down to states or activities of awareness. But we are also aware that there is a plural number of minds. "A" is aware that "B" exists, and "B" is aware of "A", and so on. Each is creating his own space-time world. Also, these two separate mind-created worlds have much in common, because "A" and "B" often have what you call the "same" experience at the "same" time. This last fact means that the philosopher has to postulate something in addition to individual minds. A postulate is a necessary assumption. He can't think the universe without this postulate - nor with it either, perhaps! If you try to think of the Absolute, or God, as a First Cause, you are thinking in terms of time and causa -

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(NOTE: We do not have space to present questions and replies verbatim; the present article is a summary and represents the writer's understanding of the Communicators' meaning. The Controls are Orientals for the most part.

tion, which are functions of your own mind. And a first cause is something which has no cause itself, and this destroys the whole principle of causation or reasoning by which you are working. The reason always commits suicide when it looks for a first explanation or First Cause - and yet it cannot get along without one. All the reason can do, really, is to operate in the field of manifestation, and neither to affirm nor deny the Absolute. - Of course, when you speak of emotions and instinct and religious faith and so on, you are in another field of discourse.

Going back to the form of your first question - remember that the world of your physical sciences, of phenomena, of sense impressions, is a world which is projected by, or perhaps through your individual minds. Your minds are so made that the external world, as you call it, is subject to time and space and causation. And so matter, and energy also, has to be discrete or particulate. And the mind finds in itself the laws which obtain in this mind-made world. It is the mind discovering itself. That is what science is. Because Nature is always Nature-as-known-to-consciousness. There is nothing else to appeal to. You cannot say anything at all about Nature-in-itself, but only about Nature-as-perceived by you. Intuition and instinct will give you certain experiences, but now we are talking about reason and logic and the world of sense-perception.

The Ding-an-sich:

The question as to whether the thing-in-itself exists is like your question about a continuum. It is not a yes-or-no question as it stands.

Your mind is a centralized or focalized activity. It forms ideas and images - say, the image of a cube. That energy or power which takes the cube form might be called the cube-in-itself. You don't need to say it is your own mind making the cube; but the cosmic energy or life is functioning through your center and making it. Of course, it is silly to suppose there is some kind of 'material stuff' put 'out there' in space to make a cube. That is not philosophy but only childishness. Stuff and shape and distance and shape are things created by mind - like time and causation. The cube-in-itself is the creative force which produces the cube-form, and that force is of a mental order. All energy is of this same type in the last analysis.

Change:

Certainly, change takes place. And change to you implies time - one thing now, and then another, in time sequence. You ask how the awareness can act in an eternal Now, and still experience change. Wherever there is consciousness there is time and motion and change. But these things are 'inside' consciousness. Consciousness is activity, and activity means change. It is an activity that has duration, but there is no 'outside' time in which it exists. We do not believe the cosmic mind, the Omniverse, is in time, but It has duration in the present, and as our individual minds It thinks time and space and change.

There is nothing in this to interfere with scientific thinking. But the basic concepts of science depend on metaphysics. Whenever science tries for final explanations, it becomes metaphysics or philosophy. When the occultist reduces an atom or an electron to countless myriads of 'holes' in the kailon, he is not doing anything radically different from the scientist who works the atom down to electrons, protons and other components. He is still doing space-time thinking and picture-thinking, and imagining an ether as some kind of energy-stuff 'out there' in 'space'. These ideas are all right as methods for thinking the universe, and because of the nature of our minds we can't avoid them; we have to function in space-time-causation forms. But we should try to recognize the true situation.

The subconscious:

The communicators use this term with great reluctance. They affirm that it should be applied only to the control of the automatisms of the body - digestion, circulation of blood, heart action and so on. Apart from this, there is (they say) no sub- or unconscious mentation. Consciousness is never suspended, but shifts its focus of awareness (i.e., shifts itself). We are always 'unconscious' of anything we are not aware of. If the reader's mind is closely centered on these words, he is 'unconscious' with respect to things about him, and to practically the whole omniverse. But what, then, is recollection or memory? The current notion seems to be that the thing recollected is somehow stored up in the 'subconscious', and that it is from that mysterious region that the mind, acting under the principle of association, is able to bring into consciousness the facts which are 'recollected' or 'remembered.' But this idea is not correct. What actually happens is this. Everything which happens, without exception, is stored in the 'memory of Nature' or astral light or Akashic Record. You can say, if you prefer, that the all-pervading ethers are in some way modified by every fact and event, and this record is permanent. In the effort to remember the mind tries to make contact with this record, and it does this by following the clues or laws of association. When the tuning-in is accomplished, the rapport established, then the 'forgotten' fact reappears in consciousness. This is the general position of the communicators on the extremely important concept of the subconsciousness.

The writer then reminded the communicators that the whole nature of thought has a kind of automatism about it: no one can say, 'I am now going to think the word black - and then think it. One can, however (apparently) decide 'I am now going to think about De Vries experiments' (or Julius Caesar or the binomial theorem or the latest 'movie'), and then proceed to do so. It seems that we can select the category, but the subsequent thinking within the category simply rises in the mind by associational processes. We may dismiss some thoughts and entertain others, but we do not create them. The play of association is automatic and involuntary. Moreover, what we call true and logical thinking is made for us, not by us. We cannot really think, 'two plus two makes five', tho' of course we have the words and can speak them; nor can we really think of an acorn growing into

a cabbage. Certain 'laws' of the mind and the facts of experience predetermine the thought-forms. -- We are accustomed to analyze memory into retention and recollection, and to say that every experience is retained (somehow, somewhere, in the 'subconscious') while only a small portion of these can be recalled by applying certain stimuli - trying to recollect. Under the concept advanced by the communicators there is no un- or subconscious retention by the mind of the individual, but the Mind of Nature retains everything.

The communicators readily concurred with most of this: that is, they took the ground that it is possible to recognize the automatism of thought, and of recollection, without employing the current concept of a subconsciousness at all. They appeared to admit that there was a small region of 'free' volition in thinking, and that we can open or close channels, or decide to 'tune in' or tune-out (which is about equivalent to making a choice of categories). It is in this region that the doctrine of responsibility appears. *

Responsibility:

Some of the communicators have from time to time rejected the doctrine of moral responsibility as this is commonly understood - and have profoundly shocked some of the F.R. readers by doing so. They have declared, for instance, that all moral values are man-made and that the Cosmic Life knows nothing of good or bad. "There's nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so." Of course, the ideas of good and evil go very deep. Their root is, that to our finite perceptions, change exists, and something we call evolution, which seems to be directional and not mere change, which would be chaos. That which conforms to this current, to the 'plan' of Nature, we call good, and that which opposes is bad. All these, however, are clearly time-concepts. They are our way of thinking about the cosmos and human life. But that does not give them any final validity. And much of the emphasis on the responsibility-idea arises from man's self-importance, his effort to feed his own ego. There is really no goal for man except the pursuit of knowledge, and what we call badness disappears in proportion to increase of knowledge. This pursuit is endless, but goodness and badness (relative ideas) disappear as it progresses. The word GOD is a symbol for the cosmic life. The existence of God or the Cosmic Life is a matter of faith, provided faith be defined as a postulate of experience which is rationally undemonstrable. Man is a psycho-physical entity capable of unlimited development. DUTY means "learn, grow, unfold". The mode of unfoldment is increasing attunement to the God-life, Cosmic Life. And each man acts as he does because of his stage of development.

* Note: We invite the attention of psychologists to this very productive hypothesis. We hope that someone closely familiar with the history of psychology will send us references for the historical appearances of this idea, or of closely related ideas.

The doctrine of the High Self is regarded by the Communicators somewhat in the following manner:

The entity which is the personality has a power of selectivity or choice; it can change its vibratory rate and so 'tune in' on different wave lengths. (V.note under 'Responsibility'). Consciousness is continuous experience, and the entity has the power to learn by experience, and so make 'better' and 'higher' selection of subject matter. To invoke the High Self, then, is really to invoke the vast potentialities of the personality. Such invocation is greatly to be commended, because it has a powerful suggestive effect and leads to unfoldment and development.

What constitutes a 'medium': The controls agree in saying that in a mediumistic person the sympathetic nervous system is highly strung and sensitive to etheric vibrations and magnetic influences. No specific cause for such a condition can be assigned; the causes lie deep within the history of the entity. This has reference to the 'natural' medium; the sympathetic nervous system can be sensitized in many persons by processes of 'development.'... There are important differences between sleep, trance, and hypnotic trance ... "As to instrumental communication; any instrument you devise will still have to use energy from the body of a person on your side." (This does not mean that a mediumistic person need always be present). "Yes, I believe that one can go on acquiring knowledge through what you would call endless time... I believe that reincarnation is inescapable for all humans during many thousands of years of your time... As to the war predicted for the near future - foreknowledge of such a war does not exist on this plane, and the other controls here concur in this. IF it is written in the Akashic Records it will take place, but only a few can be sure of reading these Records correctly. I do not say that I myself can read the Records... I do not believe that the Etheric visitors to your planet will permit such a war... I concur with what has been said by other controls about discs or Lokas...."

(Sentences in quotes are from Control "Mr.X").

Brief as this present article must be, it perhaps will convey some idea of the general philosophic outlook of the communicators at the Mark P. seances. All of them, if pressed, appear to accept the concepts of the "all-consciousness school" - which Brunton somewhere refers to as the ultimate secret of occult teachings. Whether the basic problem of self and not-self (of I-self am not not-self) is solved by this school, remains for one's philosophical predilections (it appears to me to advance beyond Hegel and Fichte on this issue)... We trust that our attitude toward these communications is understood by this time; they are not to be regarded as revelations, nor even as superior to the run of philosophic thinking on our own plane. But they represent the attitudes and concepts of highly intelligent minds on the astral (Summerland) level, and are presumably conditioned by the experiences, advantages and instruction of another level of existence than our own; hence (it seems to us) cannot fail to be of peculiar interest and usefulness.

M.L.

An Example of Its Contemporary Use

By

Gina Cerminara, Ph. D.

Mary Baker Eddy was accustomed to refer to hypnotic influence as 'malicious animal magnetism.' But that was in the days when the beneficent influences of hypnotism were little understood. Now it is being used widely as an anaesthetic in hospitals and as a time-saving technique in psychoanalysis. A less frequent but even more striking use of it is in medical diagnosis, a fine example of which is seen in the clairvoyance of Edgar Cayce, who for more than forty years diagnosed and prescribed with uncanny accuracy while in the hypnotic state.

Cayce died in 1945, but the same type of work is being carried on by two earnest women doctors in Los Angeles, who since 1947 have been using hypnotic diagnosis with outstanding success. Their names are Dr. McInerney and Dr. Stalons. Dr. Frances McInerney first became interested in hypnosis as a young woman while attending the University of California in Berkeley, where she obtained her B.S. and M.A. degrees. It was not until many years later, when she was graduated as a D.C. and licensed to practice as a doctor in the State of California, that she began to experiment with it. Dr. Ruth Stalons, who first came to Dr. McInerney as a patient and later became her associate, shared her interests, and they began to study and experiment together, Dr. Stalons proving to be the better subject of the two. They soon learned that Dr. Ruth went easily into the deepest stage of hypnosis, often called somnambulism.

Dr. McInerney was at that time reading Alexander Cannon's book, Sleeping Through Space, in which hypno-diagnosis in medicine is discussed at some length, and its increasing use predicted for the future. This prompted Dr. McInerney to direct their hypnotic experiments along diagnostic lines.

One of their first subjects was the office nurse, who had a severe attack of nausea and vomiting. Dr. Stalons while in the somnambulistic state was asked to observe the nurse's body and tell what was the trouble. Her diagnosis was gallstones; her prescription, special diet and treatment with choline, or colloidal sulphur. The nurse then went to an X-ray clinic, and the X-ray picture exactly confirmed the presence of the stones. Through following the treatment prescribed, under Dr. McInerney's care, the nurse's general feeling of well-being gradually returned and the stones are now smaller. The diagnosis stated that they can be completely dissolved if the instructions given are followed.

The dependability of Dr. Stalons' trance analyses was demonstrated in this and many other purely exploratory cases. Dr. McInerney continued in her practice as before; but now she began to supplement her

professional diagnoses with experimental hypnotic diagnoses from Dr. Stalons. Many times her own analysis was confirmed; sometimes it was contradicted.

An interesting instance of the latter is seen in the recent case of a Los Angeles social worker of about 60 who had suffered for some time with a large and painful swelling on the joints of her right hand. This condition had been diagnosed as arthritis. Hearing of the work of Drs. McInerney and Stalons through one of their patients, she decided to consult them. Dr. McInerney made a routine examination and also diagnosed the condition as being arthritic. Then, still not satisfied, she proceeded to check on it with Dr. Stalons in the hypnotic state. Speaking in trance, Dr. Stalons maintained that the swelling was not arthritic but was due to tuberculosis of the kidneys and a resulting overload of toxins in the lymphatic system. Chlorophyll was to be taken internally and various other treatments were prescribed. Under Dr. McInerney's care, the woman followed this prescription. Within one week the lump had receded to half its size and she experienced great relief from the pain.

In the two years that they have been using hypno-diagnosis, Drs. McInerney and Stalons have treated some 200 to 300 cases with outstanding success. As in the case of Edgar Cayce, methods of treatment prescribed are various. Sometimes adjustments, chiropractic or osteopathic, are recommended; sometimes vitamin therapy; hormone therapy; short wave; diathermy; diet; surgery; medication; hydro-therapy.

Several Los Angeles doctors know of their work and refer patients to them for diagnosis, after which they -- the other physicians -- continue to treat the patients along the lines indicated by the hypno-analysis.

The present writer has observed the doctors work on several occasions, and was struck by the accuracy with which they described the organic problems of persons totally unknown to them. The well-known ammonia test was applied to Dr. Stalons to determine whether or not she was actually in the somnambulistic state. She passed the test successfully.

Drs. McInerney and Stalons have shunned publicity and hope to be able to find time for increasing research in the coming years. One important aspect of their research concerns the relationship of the magnetic force field, or aura, to the various bodily diseases. They have found, for example, that certain marked abnormalities in the aura are invariably associated with epilepsy. Another realm of their interest concerns age regression. They have on some occasions regressed the patient back to the day of birth, and sometimes to previous lives in order to find the basic cause for the pathology of the present. Pressure of time has made it impossible for them to do much of this type of investigation, however. While the doctors are interested in the karmic cause of disease, their primary concern is a practical one -- i.e., the alleviation of human suffering.

REGISTRATION)
OF MEMORY .)

CHIMES magazine for July '49 contains an article under the title opposite, by J. Gilbert E. Wright, which we summarize as follows:

Two facts are usually ignored by spiritualists: (1) The here-living often manifest in seance rooms by all the usual means - trumpet voice, direct voice, materialization, automatic writing and so on. There is no way to tell these communications from those of the "dead". (2) A communicator, say a wife; identifies herself thru medium A. Immediately afterward she may come again thru medium B, and again prove her identity. But she may then have no recollection of her first communication thru A, and may even deny it.

The situation may be something like this: Memory is first registered in the brain cells, but the pattern is soon transferred to the astral or etheric counterpart. At death, body memories are completely transferred to the other vehicle. When we are out of the body in dreams, in astral flights, or expressing ourselves thru mediums, memories of the experience are stamped on the astral mind but are not transferred to the waking consciousness. When a spirit communicates thru a medium, the memory of that fact is impressed on the brain or astral equivalent of the medium; it becomes his property, is available for future sittings, but is not transferable. There is continuity from one seance to another, but not if we change the medium. The sequences of mediums A and B are uninterrupted, but there is no cross-transference. A departing communicator has a "gratulatory sense of reminiscence" but nothing more - tho' at the next meeting it will all come back to him, if the same medium is employed. The stored memories belong to the medium only.

Mr. Wright has formulated these concepts after a study of statements made by a communicator "William", thru the medium Kenneth Manley, at the home of the Rev. Owen R. Washburn, and concerned the failure of communicators to recall recent interviews with someone present.

There are numerous instances, in the Mark P. seances, where a communicator, puzzled by some question, withdraws temporarily and goes in search of information, or of some other entity to take his place. The assumption (perhaps too easy a one) is that he remembers everything that has taken place during his period of control. Also, communicators often refer to recent past happenings not mentioned in any seance, but apparently observed by them from the astral side; here too, the memory flow is from the astral toward and into the physical - which Mr. Wright rules out. These facts admittedly do not prove the case or disprove Mr. Wright's thesis, but the situation appears to be more complex than Mr. Wright believes.

The facts were therefore stated to the communicators of the Mark Probert seances, and the trance control known as Professor Lunts (or Luntz) replied at some length. He replied that our memory of dreams and astral experiences is evidence of a 'memory flow' from the astral and toward the physical. He asserted that on relinquishing control of the medium's organism he retained memory of what had been said and done. But he went on to explain that this was not always true of all communicators. Those who were inexperienced and unskilful often forgot what had taken place during their period of control, or else (and quite often)

remembered it in a vague and confused manner, very comparable to the way in which we remember dreams or astral experiences after waking. Like the latter, these memories quickly fade. This is the explanation of cases cited by Mr. Wright (v. (2), para. 1, this article).

When asked if normal memory, on the astral plane, when no attempt at communication was under way, was better or worse than our normal memory here, he replied that the mind was much clearer and memory better on the astral. (We add, that probably nine-tenths of all the perplexities and contradictions encountered in trying to 'prove identity' of communicating personalities, arise from this fogging-up of the mind of the control, and accompanying susceptibility to suggestion from sitters and from the mind of the medium, which is almost always active in some manner and degree.

This communicator then referred to the fact that a subject under hypnosis could be instructed either to remember or forget events of the hypnotic trance, and that this indicated the memory flow in either (or both) directions. The hypothesis formulated by Mr. Wright was, in his opinion, much too broad.

It also happens at times, that some entity (personality) while communicating thru a medium "A" will refer to previous communications from himself and/or from other astral persons, made thru other mediums, in other places and months or years past. The present writer has observed many such instances. The medium "A" had no knowledge of these previous messages, and the first or earlier medium was not involved in the seance. Evidently these memories existed elsewhere than in the 'subconscious' of the first medium.

It may be of interest to add, that the communicators of the Mark Probert seances, seem to hold that memory consists of recollection only, in the individual; the retention or permanent record is NOT in the brain cells of either the astral or etheric body, but in the "astral light", or "memory of Nature" or the eternal ethers. Recollection consists in turning the focus of consciousness onto this Record; the laws of association still obtain, and the reading of the Record is very sketchy and incomplete. This is due to our lack of control of consciousness. Seership is simply a fuller control of the ability to 'read' the cosmic memory. The whole doctrine that every past experience is somehow 'stored up' in the 'subconsciousness' of the individual, thus goes by the board. Consciousness is capable of functioning on a number of different 'levels' or 'planes', either in sequence or simultaneously (as in the projection of doubles, bilocation, etc.; yet in its basic nature it is a unity, and no one part or form or level can properly be called 'sub-' or 'super' (hence the rejection of the term 'subconscious')). There are simultaneous co-conscious states, and one of these may at times seep through (so to speak) into another. Thus in bilocation the knowledge of being in two places at once may exist in brain-consciousness; or this knowledge may be divided. Brain-consciousness is aware of being 'here', and the double may be elsewhere, and fully conscious also, but without communicating this fact to the other or 'first' self. We recommend these statements to orthodox psychologists, especially to play-boy hypnotists, who continue to juggle dangerously with matters of which they are grossly ignorant. *

* (These final strictures in no way apply to Mr. Wright, who is an able and distinguished investigator with wide experience. ML)

Concerning instrumental Communication - and - Relative Densities

In Round Robin for May 1949 appeared a lengthy article entitled TWO INVENTORS RETURN, by J. Gilbert E. Wright, which included diagrams of the Edison and the Vandermuellen signalling devices for interplane communication. On June 27 an unidentified communicator dictated the following statement to Mark Probert, by clairaudience. It was addressed to Mr. Wright, but contains material of considerable interest to all students of the questions involved.

Communication for J.G.E.W.

The mechanism you have been given to make contact with our side of consciousness, while very helpful in many respects, is of little value unless there is an individual present who has the X-quality that goes to make up what is termed mediumistic force or energy. Energy would be the proper term, force would be the activity generated by the changing of the acid condition of the brain cells. This force goes to work upon the chemistry of the body, and in materialization it extracts quantities of albumin and phosphorus. The amount of phosphorus as a rule is small, but the quantity of albumin is governed by what the visiting entity is going to use it for. The loss of energy noted in almost all materialization mediums is due to the rapid evaporation of these chemicals while projected from the medium's body.

I feel that if such mediums are given a urine test both before and after physical demonstrations a somewhat over-amount of albumin and phosphorus will be found to exist in the kidneys. For an experiment, take some of this albumin and let it dry on black paper, and you will discover, if you have not already, how well it can be used for black paper writing. There is something else we wish you to consider. For many years now, most of your scientists who go into the investigation of physical phenomena do not seem to realize that matter that goes to make up shape and form on the unseen, is much denser than matter on the physical. It is assumed that because your solids can be turned into liquids and then gases, and that certain of these gases become unseen to the physical eye due to the wider separation of their component parts, and the greater acceleration of their atomic motion, that a similar condition exists on other planes of consciousness. If this were so, how could a disembodied entity take your physical matter and spread it over his body? * No, sir, this could not be done if your matter were heavier and denser than ours. One could not spread heavy and dense matter on matter that was less dense than itself; the latter could not hold up under the strain.

Surely this substance called ectoplasm is not the entity itself, any more than is the flesh you wear, you. On death the dense body removes itself from the lightly constructed coat of chemicals, and this causes the physico-chemical body to break up and fall apart, or what you call decay. This is true of all things, that as soon as the life energy withdraws, that substance becomes lighter in weight and density. Weight, like all else, is a relative condition depending not on the thing itself, but on the pressure of attraction another body may have

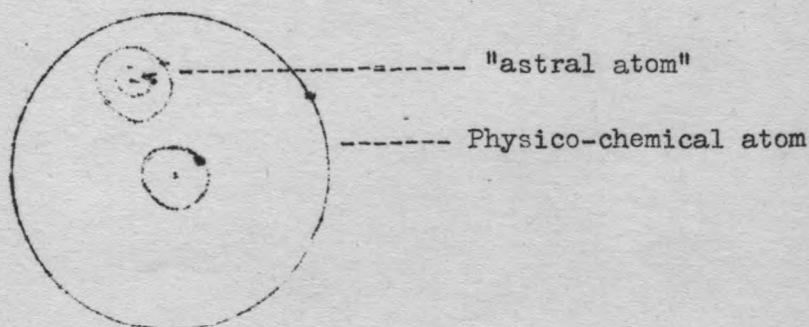
for it. If it were the extreme lack of density in our matter that gave us the ability to pas through physical matter of your plane, then we would automatically pass on through the physical-chemical robe of ectoplasm we tried to cover our bodies with so that you might see us. The fact is, however, the electronic bodies that whirl around the atom or nucleus of our matter are gathered closer to the nucleus, due to the lowering of heat radiations from the nucleus.

This constriction of the electronic field of our atom gives our bodies a greater density and elasticity in comparison to yours; it is also why our atom of matter can pass right on through the electronic field of the atom of your matter without disturbing its field. In demonstrating this activity in a drawing it would appear something like this:

(The communicator then guided the hand of the medium, and drew a fairly large circle to represent the physical-chemical atom, with its nucleus and electrons showing on the outer ring or circumference of the circle; and a small circle with nuclear center, wholly within the first, to represent the "astral atom".

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(We have described the Communicator as "unidentified", but he later stated that he was Ramon Natalli, a 16th century astronomer who has frequently appeared at the Mark Probert seances. ML)



A PROPOS TO }
 "ETHERIA " }

"THE HALF OF THE EARTH'S VORTEX, for example, which
 faceth toward the Sun, is a concave lens to the earth.
 A similar lens, but far larger, is at the sun center.

The convex faces of the two lenses are toward each other forever. They are etherially connected by solutions of corpor (matter, substance) needles linear in position . . . This great hemispherical lens, atmospherea, not only manufactureth light and heat, but it also affordeth man the means of seeing the sun and moon and stars. It hath the power also of magnifying millions of comparatively dense etherean worlds, so that man can see through them (as) a magnifying lens which hath power to distend many things so one can see through their fibres, which to the naked eye seem dense. For etherea is not nearly so rarefied as mortals suppose. Without the earth's atmospherean lens, man could not even see the moon and stars, and the sun itself would seem as a pale red star. (III-7).

"Let it be premised then, that the etherean firmament is not a waste and interminable nothingness; but that on the contrary it is in many regions, even between the earth and the sun, sufficiently dense for a corporeal man to dwell upon and to walk about, even as on the earth. Some of these etherean worlds are as transparent as water or clear glass, and some opaque. Some of them are large as the earth, and some a thousand times larger. Some are as immense facsimiles of snow - flakes, with arches a thousand miles high and broad. Some are as oceans of water; some transparent and some opaque; and some of them dense clouds of ashes. So great are their number and varieties . . . that description is impossible. Yet by the telescopic power of the earth's vortexian lens these worlds are magnified so as to seem to be non - entities. . . These unseen worlds have much power and influence on the vortices of corporeal worlds. In making observations with the spectroscope these worlds are sometimes seen, but in a general way the spectroscope revealeth only the refraction of high altitudes in the earth's vortex. Its revelations pertain to what is contained in the vortexian lens of the earth" (i.e., the colors of the spectrum are not derived from the sun or other stars, nor from any other source than the intervening lens). (VI-pas.)

"It is an error to say that whilst the corporeal worlds are organized, with fixed orbits and uses, the unseen worlds are nothing, or at best not organized. They are organized, with orbits, places, forms, figures and so on, as definitely as are the corporeal worlds. Their times and seasons are regular and well provided." (VII-14).

Thus far, CAHSPE, BOOK OF COSMOGONY AND PROPHECY. This work seems to be beyond contemporary understanding, and quotation from it proves nothing (tho' "proof" has as many meanings as there are loose tongues to gabble about it) - any more than do quotations from the Bible or Book of Mormon or Koran or any other like work. We quote because it is relative, pertinent, important, powerfully suggestive. -- Our thanks to BSR Associate B.F. Greenlee for reference to the lens passage, III-7 sup. (Underscoring in quotations is by RR Editor).

THE OPEN ROAD

Section V

By M. C.

If we make a wheel-diagram of primal matter and its four transformations, or patterns, it is necessary to make some provision in the diagram for the subdivision of the 'southern realm' -- the astral-chemical complex. There are two ways (at least) of doing this. One way is to say that each of the four transformations, or patterns, exists in both a simple form and a complex form -- a conclusion reason and experience can verify. However, in the cases of the other patterns of matter, the division seems to be less distinct, less definite, and more gradually, evenly arrived at. The line of demarcation between simple and complex organizations must be set arbitrarily, and it is possible to set up as many different systems of division as there are people to set them up.

In the case of the astral-chemical division, on the other hand, the difference is observable, because the levels of organization are distinct in nature. A pile of stones of varying sizes could be used as an example of what is meant by 'observable' or 'natural' points of division, in contrast to points of division that may be arbitrarily decided upon.

Suppose there is a pile of stones. The smallest stones, of which there are a great many, are about the size of little peas. The largest are about the size of grapefruit. In between these two sizes are many other stones of graduated sizes, so that if one stone of each size is taken, they may be laid out in a graduated line, like a long string of 'graduated pearls'. Because the increase in size between any two stones would be part of an even progression, it would be difficult to divide the string into sections, by observation or any other means. Any division would be possible, because any division would be completely arbitrary.

However, if the stones in the pile were graduated in size, but, in the middle of the possible 'string' there was a sudden departure from the regular rate of increase, it would be possible to make a division on the basis of this observable difference. If, instead of making a smoothly graduated line, the size suddenly increased between two of the selected stones from, say, walnut-size to the size, for instance, of a small orange, and thereafter proceeded gradually to increase to the grapefruit size, the jump in size would make a 'natural' point of division in the string or line of stones.

To all intents and purposes you would have two divisions -- two 'strings' or possible lines in which to arrange all the stones in the pile. If they were all sandstone pebbles, all made up of grains of sand stuck together, the comparison would be complete. Everything in the astral and chemical divisions of the third transformation, or pattern, of matter is made of combinations of that fun-

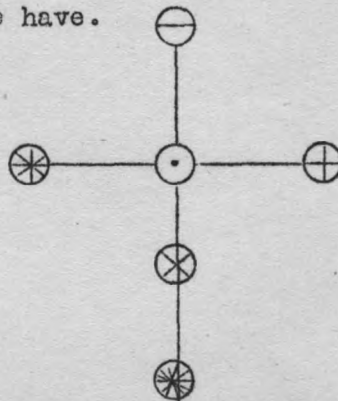
damental pattern. All sandstone pebbles in the pile are made of grains of sand. What makes them different from one another is the number and arrangement of those grains of sand.

The conditions that make astral 'atoms' different from chemical 'atoms' are conditions of number, arrangement, and functional relationship. The biggest difference between the two kinds of atoms lies in the number of fundamental astral pattern-units they contain. A chemical electron, for instance, is heavier and more complicated than an astral liquid molecule.

Now, to return to the problem of charting this difference intelligibly. As was stated above, it can be done by dividing the wheel into eight divisions instead of four. Or it can be done without extending the arbitrary divisions to the other patterns of matter.

First, make the four-sectioned 'wheel', or cross upon the circle, as was done before, placing the four transformations on the four cardinal points of the compass as they appear on a map: north at the top, east at the right, south at the bottom, and west on the left. The astral-chemical complex, we remember, is called 'the southern realm,' and so it appears in the south on our diagram map. The chemical world, constructed from the astral matrix, can be thought about as an extension of the astral world. Therefore it becomes logical to extend a line downward from the south point of the diagram, and place a symbol for the chemical world at the bottom of that extended line. This will also help the remembrance that chemical matter is the heaviest, most complicated form of matter.

Now, let us look at what we have.



If we wish, we can draw this symbol in a variety of forms, and it has been drawn in many forms by the proponents of different 'schools' of symbolic thinking: as a plain cross, as a haloed cross, as a cross with a spiral, or a rose, upon it -- or a man-symbol, as an unfolded cube

You will be able to think of others, and form association patterns of your own that may be revealing.

(To be continued.)

-- PROGRESS IN HUNA STUDIES --

In our opinion, all our Round Robin readers, along with innumerable unfortunate folk who are not, should keep in touch with the work of the Huna Research Associates - at least to the extent of subscribing to all of Max Freedom Long's Bulletins and other mimeo-publications, and including, of course, his remarkably fine book THE SECRET SCIENCE BEHIND MIRACLES. Bulletins xiv and xv for example. Questioning Unihipili (the 'low self') by means of the pendulum - talking with animals or reading their minds - getting unihipili to call the dog for you - conversation with other people at the unihipili level - training the low self and exploring its powers and resources - getting glimpses of the

High Self, the Amakua - experimenting with nature magic in affecting wind and water - bettering one's personal and worldly fortunes - the development of new and startling applications of the pendule (radies - thesis) which should be of great interest to all students of spirit communication - telepathic contacts of all sorts, and especially the almost incredible healing practises, by telepathic methods and use of the AKA cord - experiments (in other bulletins) of affecting plant growth, sexing of seeds, plants, eggs - the new light constantly flowing in from study of the Polynesian sources - and in Bulletin xv, again, a review by Max Freedom Long of

FIRE-WALKING FROM THE INSIDE - an

illustrated booklet report on the four fire-walking tests conducted in Honolulu in 1949, by Charles W. Kenn, who became an initiate fire-walker himself, adopted into family and clan. What is the basic fact involved in this strange immunity to the fierce element of fire? Is there anyone still so dim-witted as to say, 'even if these stories are true, it is only a stunt, a trick, an oddity - nothing to bother about'? On the contrary, there is nothing in the world more important than these facts, these gropings after them, this determined and persistent effort to understand something about them, to expand our knowledge in vitally important ways, for new and beneficent powers - to grasp even a few of the almost incredible implications, for psychology, for philosophy, for religion, for practical daily life. To the discerning mind, the new toys with which science almost daily presents us, television and rocket flight and what-have-you, are negligible by comparison. Well, to each of us his own sense of values, of course - but that is how I see it. But even

though you don't want to study HUNA, it's something to watch very closely, to read about and reflect on very carefully. Our recommendation - see if you can get a full set of HUNA bulletins - I don't know the cost, but send Max \$5.00 anyway, or \$3.50 for the book we mentioned. This is no money-making scheme, it's cooperative study and research, but (or consequently) it's a problem to keep it going, financially. But the values you're getting, if your interest runs to such subjects, cannot be measured in money at all. --- Box 2867 Hollywood Sta., Los Angeles 28, is the HUNA FELLOWSHIP address.

HOO - HI - KI("To Make Possible ")

E na aumakua i ka po	O ye Gods from time immemorial
E na aumakua i ke ao	O ye Gods from the enlightened age*
Na aumakua kumulani	Gods from heaven
Na aumakua kumu honua	Gods from earth
Na aumakua kumu kupuna	Ancestral Gods
O kini, o ka lau	O thousands, tens of thousands
O mano, o ka lehu	Hundreds of thousands, myriads of/
Na aumakua i ka hikina, komohana	O ye Gods from the east, west' (Gods
Na aumakua i ka akau, hema	O ye Gods from the north, south
Na aumakua iluna, ilalo	O ye Gods from above, below
Na aumakua i ke kai, ka wai	Gods in the sea, the water
Na aumakua i ke kuahiwi, ke awa	Gods in the mountains, the valleys
Na aumakua i na wahi a pau	O ye Gods everywhere (universal)
E Ku! E Hina!	O Ku! O Hina! (universal parent pair)
Na aumakua hookumu, hoomalu, hooulu.)	O ye Gods that create, provide growth,
hoola kino, hoolaupai	cure the body, protect, procreate
E hoolohe kuu leo	Harken to my voice
E haawi i ka mana loa	Give me supernormal powers
No ke ola o ka oukou pulapula	That your progeny might live
Amama, ua noa.	My invocation is sanctified; it is freed from ritualistic error.

The foregoing is a 'layman's prayer' from the Huna. "It may be used for all occasions, to heal one's self or others, to fill one with mana, to remedy sterility, and bring about universal good. It is recited like a chant, in a singsong manner." (Charles W. Kenn, H.R.A. Quoted by Max Freedom Long, F.H.F.). "The first 15 lines are given over to an invocation of the Gods . . . as a way of fastening the mind on the higher Beings." 'The term aumakua covers many types of beings, from Nature spirit and group soul to the personal High Self. Above the level of the High Self were several levels of the "Gods of Heaven"... All things are made up of force or Mana, plus the appropriate kind of consciousness... In this prayer there is no special set of thought-forms for affecting the future, such as the Kahunas used, or any effort to accumulate mana and present it to the Gods. But note that there is no form of sacrifice or extended ritual.' (Max Freedom Long, in HRA Bulletin XI, June 15, 1949).

Hawaiian vowels are as in Italian and Spanish (A is AH; i is ee; e is like a in pay; o like o in no; oo like ouou or o in who; ai is a prolonged i (my, sigh); au sounds both vowels but is almost ow (now); u is oo (cool). "The prayer should be memorized perfectly".

* Enlightened age - historical times.

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- EXCERPTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE -

Curious experiences } . . . 'In 1929, near Mobile, Ala., about 11:30
of Dr. J.H.D., D.C. } at night, I told those present (Dr. and Mrs F.)
Houston, Texas.) that I had just seen an old friend injured,
suffering, and seemingly on the other side of a
pane of glass. I wrote to the person 'seen' and two weeks later had an
answer. He had been in a car wreck, the car turned upside down, and it
was necessary to break the rear window to remove the occupants. . .

In 1923-24 I was employed in the Woolworth store at Dublin, Ga., for
the holidays; they could not get any of the local boys to work
in the store room on account of a ghost . . . I saw this ghost under elect-
ric lights and in broad open sunlight and in shadow, about 30 times; at
distances from 30 feet to zero. I held my arm across the passage way
once and he went through my arm (or it through him) as if it wasn't
there. The last time I saw it, it came through the wall from an adjoining
shoe store. The manager of this store heard it walking and went to
investigate; it walked through the wall right by him and he went into
hysterics and ran out screaming. He resigned his job that night. . .

(Dr. D. also relates occurrences in a house in Gainesville, Ala., in
1911. A shot-gun murder had taken place there during the Reconstruction
period. One day he and a young colored boy went exploring in the attic,
and left their hats on the landing. They heard sounds but could not lo-
cate them; then on returning to the landing found that their hats had
been moved. This happened a second time. They then saw the hats picked
up from the floor and thrown to the foot of the stairs. "We hit the
bottom about the same time the hats did and broke the latches on the
door getting out . . . the invisible SOMETHING had been within six feet
of us."

(The second such happening related by Dr. D. has a singularly un-
canny touch). "This happened to a friend and myself, in Bay Minette, Ala.
in the summer of 1917. We were both caught by a big Hand that came up
out of a barrel full of old clothes on which we were sitting. We each
had our hands in plain sight of the other. We emptied the barrel but
found nothing."

"Another experience was with a 'Disc', but it was not flying high.
It was about a foot from the ground, was faintly luminous, and about a
foot across. It followed me for about a block one night near Heath,
Ala. (about Feb. 1941). I was on my way to a party, thought the object
was a dog but could hear no sound of footsteps, so stopped and waited
for it to catch up. I saw that it was not an animal and bent down to
get a good look, as it was pretty dark, but it swerved away from the
straight path and went a couple of feet to my left as it passed. It
was three or four inches thick, faintly luminous, moved without sound,
and after it travelled about 20 feet ahead it made a left turn and went
off across the fields."

Dr. D. gives other experiences also, including a very curious
'Egyptian dream'. RR does not make a practise of printing psychic ex-
periences, since they are very common and very repetitious, but is al-
ways glad to have accounts of very odd happenings observed under good
conditions.

Earthquake -) A former correspondent of Round Robin, well -
 Weather &) known for his occult interests, writes to a San Diego
 Ato-bombs.) friend and gives permission to quote: "On the 9th of
 (F.G.H.)) July there was a severe earthquake reported all over
 the world. Location somewhere around Bering Sea -
 but the usually loquacious observatories had nothing
 to say about it. A Catholic expedition was hustled off the government
 icebreaker on which they were about to sail, and another group instead
 sailed rapidly hush-hush for the north of Greenland. On the next three
 days there were rush conferences at the White House ... All of it
 smelled suspiciously like Russian atobomb explosions " ... (Later came
 reports in European newspapers of such experiments by the Russians).
 This correspondent, however, thinks A-bombs have very slight influence
 on the weather (a propos of article by E.S. Schultz in last RR); also
 that the heat-wave story from Portugal was grossly exaggerated - but
 wouldn't be particularly exceptional even if not exaggerated; he thinks
 we're simply in a general warming-up period and weather crankiness. RR
 Editor wouldn't know.

Etherian inter-) "While reading your opening salvo ("Etheria Call-
 penetration") ing", RR V-5) an idea occurred that to a mind
 like mine gives the clearest image of etherian
 interpenetration that I have heard of. If you set a row of tumblers on
 a table and strike the notes of a piano, you will detect one or more
 glasses that respond to certain notes. Now then, amplify the vibration
 of that note into an atmosphere which is pertinent to the resounding
 glass. It is not pertinent to the others. If these glasses were people
 and one of them avouched his resonancy to the piano, the others would
 flout his statement as impossible. But it is in a similar way that
 sensitives echo instrumentalities in Nature to which the rest of us re-
 main incredulous. Moreover, the vibration of the note must penetrate
 the atoms of the tumbler. The activity of Etheria is a true parallel
 of this physical reflection or infusion."

(Battell Loomis)

Impersonation -)
 & Mark P. seances.) "I was very much interested in the opinions advanc-
 H.W. Chibbett -) ed by the communicator LaoTse and think they de -
 serve wide publicity... If impersonation be a fact
 it is best that it be examined in full light. The question of identity
 is important to thousands of earnest spiritualists, and the 'proofs'
 demanded and received are such as the recipient is prepared to accept,
 and if they bring consolation no great harm is done" (even if imper-
 sonation is being practised). "For the psychic research man, proof of
 identity is not highly important; his chief concern is with the nature
 of the communication. Is it valuable? Does it give good or evil coun-
 sel? Does it throw real light on our problems? These are the stand -
 ards, and seance room statements should be weighed exactly as though
 from an earthly tutor... But for RR readers the question should remain
 one of academic interest and should be discussed freely."

(NOTE: The "LaoTse" communicator asserted that impersonation by

the 'higher mind' of the medium was always theoretically possible, and was sometimes permitted for good purposes only - and that there is no way possible by which sitters may detect such impersonation, since it can imitate any other person, living or 'dead' with the utmost fidelity of memory, characteristics, and appearance. The RR Editor inquired of a number of BSR Associates, whether this statement should be emphasized by publication, and nearly all expressed themselves in favor of this.

Mr. H.W. Chibbett (London, Eng.) is well-known in psychic research circles, and a long-time friend of RR and other BSRA publications).

Hett Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation)
) " I have very many proven cases of cancer who are well from 10 to 14 years. I have 20 medical men using it in different places at the present time, all of whom are obtaining the same successful results. All of them have received instruction on how to give the treatment, as the method cannot be used without such instruction. Every case of cancer is different. I invited any medical man in the world to come here and study my records, and I can give the names of many patients who have had biopsies and are now well. My work has been investigated by a Commission appointed by the Ontario Government, and they have admitted that I have effected cures and want my work to go ahead. We have been granted a Foundation from the Canadian Government. . . Cancer is not a local but a constitutional disease... I have invited members of the big cancer research organizations to come and visit me, but they refuse unless I will first reveal the secret of the serum, but this would be very unwise on account of the instruction required before using it ... All that is necessary is for physicians to come here and make a thorough investigation. I invited them. . ."

Dr. J.E. Hett. 1441 Sandwich St. E., Windsor, Ont.

(NOTE: As RR has repeatedly stated, there are several highly successful treatments for cancer now being employed; they include the KOCH Treatment for cancer and allied allergies, the HOXEY treatment, the NICHOLS treatment by escharotics, the "H-11" used in England - and to these must be added the HETT Treatment referred to above. In the next issue of RR we hope to make a detailed comment on this latter. In the meantime we publish the excerpt from Dr. Hett's letter. The public is being plundered of millions of dollars for alleged 'research' that leads nowhere, while organized medicine bitterly persecutes every attempt to publicise successful curative treatments already in use).

Debunked Again:)
 or Who saw What?) . . ." (About) that yarn perpetrated by AMORC literature, of gold-roofed buildings on Mt. Shasta seen through the Mt. Wilson telescope ... the simple mathematics of the curvature of the earth make it impossible; also, the line goes straight across the peak of Mt. Breckenridge, which is taller than Mt. Wilson! (But, did the boys on Mt. Wilson actually see something on the bearing of Shasta, but closer home on Mt. Breckenridge instead?). . . The question remains, Who on a basis of What produced the yarn in the first place?"

E.K. Claypool (Los Angeles).

"Impersonation" }
 again. Dr.Haley }
 Comments -)

"The BSRA release (2-A-9 page B) is a discussion showing real wisdom. I think LaoTse's remarks should be printed. They are in accord with that principle of emphasis I have noted in the utterances of purported spirits as something in itself intended to produce conviction of identity. . . In searching for proof one should beware of mere repetition. Funk & Wagnalls defines proof as "Evidence and argument sufficient to produce belief".* Only laboratory proof can settle the matter of identity, and that will not be based upon finality, but will be usable . . . One should not attach his faith to the work of any one medium, but to a study of the work of all... There is really no satisfactory proof to be applied in any given instance, that mediumistic personalities are not, more or less, colored by the medium's personality ..."

(NOTE: - * This definition of PROOF has always been insisted on by Round Robin, in asserting that all the major contentions of spiritism have been abundantly proved. It leaves unsettled the questions (a) what constitutes evidence (b) who determines the criteria (c) when and for whom is evidence "sufficient". It is the same thing as legalistic proof... In the light of LaoTse's assertions, "laboratory proof" of identity is as impossible as any other kind - and so it seems to the Editor. . . We much regret that we can print only a small part of Dr. Haley's reply to our inquiry; the quotation is too brief to do it justice).

On this same topic, we acknowledge comments from V.O.J. of San Francisco, Frances S. Pack of Traverse City, Mich., Jon Sonall of Burbank, Calif., and J. Gilbert E. Wright of Schenectady, N.Y. We hope to print the substance of all these letters as opportunity offers, since the subject is one of importance and perennial interest to students of mediumship and spiritistic phenomena.

Doubts and)
 Questions)

Long-time friend of RR., A.H. of Cannon Beach, Oregon, sends us a clip from the Oregon Journal, of a mysterious explosion at an altitude of 10,000 feet over Kelso. A great cloud of smoke suddenly mushroomed up and was visible for about eight minutes. Observed by several fliers and the airport manager. Our correspondent comments: 'I incline to LaoTse's statement about the rupture of the earth's aura. This could very well explain the ingress of alien visitors to our atmosphere. Why don't we get reports from Russia of these strange aerial craft - and why should intelligent Ethereans in our air have resort to titanic explosions. Has it occurred to you that there could be opposing etheric or astral forces, at war with each other for possession of our earth? I doubt very much that what we witness comes from a very "heavenly" order of Ethereans."

(To our way of thinking, there have been, and are, and shall be "wars in heaven". Struggle is not confined to our physical-chemical world. The most ancient myths of our race are deep-rooted in facts - in "old, forgotten, far-off things, and battles long ago". Yet these records still exist and the knowledge of them is still available. Nor have we ever said, that ALL Etherian peoples are loveable, God-like, friendly, and forever at peace with one another. Ed.)

TALE BY A PRINCE OF SIAM

(As told to Round Robin friend VIVIAL CARREL BRINKLEY,
of Astoria, Oregon, and by her to all Round Robin readers,
in a letter to our assistant Editor).

....."By the way, I made a very interesting contact while living in Seattle that might interest BSRA. Through a friend who is a professor at the University of Washington, I met a young man from Siam who is a student there. He comes from one of the royal families and carries the title of 'Prince' in Siam. He is in this country to study ceramic engineering, which he is taking at the University of Washington since it is one of the six universities in the United States with complete facilities for this course.

"One afternoon, the conversation turned to religion and magic, and he told me the following experiences that had happened to him personally:

"It seems that in the royal families each individual has his own "priest" or spiritual advisor and a very close relationship exists between them. One day the Prince (his name has eight syllables and one has to struggle with the pronunciation so I'll just call him the Prince) broke his arm below the elbow. He called his priest, who took him to the temple. After lighting incense in the burner in front of the main temple buddha, the priest anointed the skin over the broken bone with warm coconut oil. He then spoke a certain word to the Prince and told him to put everything out of his mind but that word and to concentrate deeply on it. The priest then tapped on the dais on which the buddha sat, with a teakwood wand, chanting a mantram all the while. Then he gently stroked the skin over the broken bone with the wand, repeating the mantram, and the bone was healed instantly. I asked the Prince if the healing didn't involve faith on his part and he said that it didn't, that in fact at the time he was sure that the break couldn't be healed without going to a doctor and having it set, but that out of regard for his priest he had submitted to the "treatment". Not that he didn't believe it could be done for others, because he knew that it had, but that he was sure it wouldn't work with him. (Like most of us I think, our faith in something generally following personal proof, at least I find that I'm built that way!)

"He also told me that tuberculosis is very prevalent in Siam and is cured by the priests in the following manner, often after no hope of a cure is given by the doctors. The priests bless large bunches of bananas in a sacred ritual which takes about fifteen minutes to perform. This ritual takes place in the temple in front of many buddhas that are seated on a raised dais, and it includes the use of mantrams. The bananas are then given to the patients who are to eat one every morning and one at evening in a small ceremony in their homes. This ceremony is the burning of certain incense in front of the patient's own buddha. The length of treatment depends on the con-

dition of the patient, sometimes being only a few days, and in severe cases, a couple of months. X-rays of severe cases after two months of banana eating (other meals are eaten in regular manner and quantity during this time) show no sign of tuberculosis, not even scar tissue.

"Somehow, after reading "The Secret Science Behind Miracles", I do not find any of the things my little friend told me seem too strange. And they do not all pertain to healings, either. Some of the things done by the priests seem to be done just for the fun of it, or to mystify an audience, as the following incident, which took place in a cemetery or burying ground. The Prince said that it was done one night to entertain a group of his friends. I judged from the way he talked that there must have been probably thirty or more present. Slips of gold-leaf about two by two inches were passed around, one to a guest. Each was told to put his name or any secret mark for identification on this gold-leaf and then roll it into a tight roll and drop it into a container. The container was then shaken up and the tiny rolls were scattered to the winds, some of them even going over the edge of the cliff into the river below, others into the woods at one side, and some fell in tall grass nearby. The guests sat quietly in a circle around the priest and the empty container. The priest then chanted a mantram and entered a state of concentration so deep that it was like a trance and he soon started to shake or shiver as though he had the palsy. Then, in a short time the tightly rolled pieces of gold-leaf started dropping into the container from above. A few at first and then faster until they were all back and each guest identified his own before they left the burying ground. This, of course, sounds to me like teleportation and probably was, but the one thing that I noted in all that the Prince told me was the consistent use of mantrams.

"Another time he told me that astrology is a revered science among the priesthood in Siam and that much care and ceremony goes into the making of natal horoscopes. In fact, though he often shrugged and sometimes belittled some of the other things that he told me, as though he felt that I couldn't possibly believe them to be true, and that he too, doubted them even when they pertained to him personally, he was all seriousness about astrology. He said that the priests of Siam had astrological knowledge that was unknown to the rest of the world and that their horoscopes were so correct that it was really uncanny. I certainly wouldn't be surprised if that were so and I wonder what other esoteric knowledge they hold that probably came down from old Cambodia in ages past....."

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V A R I A - - or THIS-N'- THAT DEPARTMENT :Underground Wonders"

This is the heading of a clip from The Country Guide, Winipeg, Manitoba, Canada. What used to be a good-sized hill some 40 years ago is now a valley 50 feet deep and three-quarters of a mile long. Horses and cattle refused to put foot on it, even before the subsidence. A "peculiar coating" appears on the spring water, and animals will not drink it. All this is in the south-west corner of Saskatchewan. In the northern part of the same province "Thunder Hill" gives forth its rumblings - a series of five "booms" or "hoots like an own", the series coming at "regular intervals of an hour apart". (Clip from Nicholas Gulstine, Foam Lake, Sask., Canada; Rt 2.).

GOOD YARN ANYWAY

"Grizzled desert prospectors" Buck Fitzgerald and Mase Garney" do solemnly aver, that a "whizzing disc" about 24 feet in diameter passed them at about 300 miles per hour and crash landed; then "two little men jumped out and started running when they saw us. They looked human but were very small, like dwarfs. We chased them over a sand dune but lost them. We don't know where they went." First thought: these fellows must have been little toughies, all right, to be able to jump and run after a crash landing at 300 miles per hour. Second thought: wreckage of the "disc" should be still there for inspection. Third thought, it was 138 deg. in the shade, and no shade.

(Clip from Clarkson Dyo: INS dispatch of Aug.19.

"HAUNTED BOY"

We wish to thank the numerous readers who have sent us clips about this matter. That is the kind of cooperation we want, even if we usually fail to make personal acknowledgments. But we're not going to write up this case, because poltergeist phenomena of this type are common as three sneezes in January - and the "impressed" Dr. Rhine and doubly-impressed Dr. Darnell (President, "Society for Parapsychology") are fully aware of this fact, even if the "Washington clergyman" who reported the matter was considerably gravelled by it. The most detailed and circumstantial accounts, from the literature of psychic research and spiritism both past and present, are available in abundance. The P.R. exports, however, do not seem to have learned anything from these records; in fact, the only progress outside of spiritualistic groups has been among the HUNA investigators, who really have something to say. We had to make all these comments, just to say we refuse to comment at all.

"Scads of Evidence"

BSR Associate E.S. Schultz, author of article on Weather Abnormalities in RR last (V-5), writes us that evidence is filtering in from all parts of the world concerning remarkable weather variations. This is not simply a case of a 'general warming up', or cooling off, or general anything except except the abnormal and unpredictable - and Mr. Schultz's hypothesis is impressive and important. But so far only RR has attempted to inform the public on this.

DISCS ARE)
DISCS)

A reader in Ruidoso, N.M., long-time RR friend., reminds us discs are discs, whatever discs may be; thinks there's no point in listing the reports of them; in short, everybody's bored - ho hum! Wind the cat and put out the clock! And maybe she's right. Even man-bites-dog is not news three times running. RR would like to hear from other readers on this delicate point.

STRANGE BUT)
TRUE)

We don't expect to be believed, but the San Diego Union, a sizeable morning newspaper, has lately printed five articles (count 'em - five!) dealing with psychic and spiritistic phenomena, and FOUR of them devoted entirely to the MARK PROBERT SEANCES, especially to the LaoTze communications. This is the medium with whose remarkable work RR has been actively concerned for some three years past. The only phenomenon we know of which is more remarkable, is this journalistic interest, or new nose for news. And it might recur or even continue, if what we're told about the pick-up in sales of this paper is half-way true. (We have never known this paper to print as much as four lines on spiritistic stuff before, in the last forty years anyhow).

METATRON)
THEORY)

The thesis of Mr. John A. Hilliard under this title is being prepared as a mimeographed booklet by RR and will shortly be offered for sale. "Metatronics is the study of the physics of other than physical matter, the continuum etc." writes Mr. Hilliard. It is a mathematical and scientific approach to "borderland" thinking and problems, an anticipation of the inevitable next steps in speculative physics. BSR Associates cannot afford to overlook this essay.

COLUMNIST . . . of AP and UP newspapers, frees his mind about the AMA;
STOKES "the lobbying organization of some 145,000 doctors ... now outclassing business and labor lobbies, has defeated the proposal for a Department of Public Welfare - recommended by Hoover, the Hoover Commission, by President Truman, by Harding in 1923, and other Presidents since." 'Never was there such a bombardment of Congress .. the Senators bowed before the crack of this whip. The AMA is raising a \$3,500,000 fund to fight the health insurance program' - and so on. We quote this, not to take sides on the health insurance issue, but to emphasize once more the enormous power of organized medicine - which can stamp out legislation almost as easily as it can discredit and suppress any remedy or treatment (such as the Koch cancer treatment) which threatens its prestige and enormous revenues.

HEREDITY After nearly a quarter century of Behaviourism, which denies the inheritance of patterns of behaviour, five of our "most distinguished psychologists" have issued a kind of manifesto affirming that "human nature is nine-tenths inborn". We wonder, what "truth", "last word" and "final decision" our distinguished psychologists will come to next? Even the AMA can stick to the same mistake longer than 25 years. The new and temporary illuminates are Carmichael (President of Tufts), Lashley of Yerkes & Harvard, C.T. Morgan of John Hopkins, Beach of Yale, & C.P. Stone of Stanford.

CONCERNING "MEMORANDA FROM THE MARK PROBERT SEANCES"

We are assured by Mr. F.E. Rogers, who is doing the mimeographing on Report No. IX, that this issue will be ready for mailing on October 5, at the usual price of \$1.00.

Our long delay in issuing these Reports has been largely due to lack of funds for clerical help and mimeo. supplies. It will be very helpful if all persons who want Report IX will remit the price in advance, preferably before Oct. 5.

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QUICK-SAND - or tricky sprite? (Hope we may, wish we might -Sometime get an answer right!) . . . Well, that's about a 25 foot piece of garden hose that started to dig in. And how! Boy washing a car, laid down the hose with water running, then the hose started to burrow. Boy (age 17) called his father (weight 250 pounds); dad couldn't hold it either so called on wifie (275 pounds) but still the hose kept going deeper. They tied the hose to the car, then a length of hose snapped off. Water had been turned off by this time, but that made no difference; about 12 feet of nozzle end were now underground - so it was time to call the Fire Department - who took one or two tugs and called the police and the City Department of Public Works. Two detectives also showed up, hopeful of detecting something. Finally, as end of an imperfect day, they tied the extruding tail of the thing to the car again; during the night the hose pulled the car about a foot closer to the hole - but then apparently gave up. It had done its best to get away from it all, but humans kept interfering. Then police and others started digging, went down eight feet before they could pull the hose loose. The top soil was about ten inches deep; below that, a thick layer of sand - - -

Now, all this happened in Detroit, according to a clipping apparently from a Detroit paper of August 25, sent us by BSR Assoc. Edward Schultz. RR, of course, never vouches for the accuracy of anything appearing in the newspapers; but assuming the facts to be as stated, there seem to be formidable objections to every 'commonsense' explanation we can think of. -- But there really are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio

THE DEVIL'S OWN GROUND: The wife of a construction worker wrote RR contributor Eve Firestone, that during the drilling in preparation for a coffer dam (location not given) one of the jackhammers suddenly wouldn't bite. The operator said it bounced as if hitting rubber. A sharp-pointed bit was put in, and finally a 16ft. rod driven. The rod stayed in about 20 minutes, then shot out of the hole into the air about 200 feet. The hole was found to be closed about two feet down.

During surface digging for a diversion tunnel (same job, apparently) a whole crew of men had to be treated for heat prostration. The drag line pulled up a load of rock almost red hot. Rubber on the trolley in the shaft was found burned off. During digging of this tunnel upward from the canyon floor a drag line was used. During one shift, on which no one worked, the line disappeared entirely. The steel cable was cut but no tracks of moving were visible.

(It would help considerably if correspondents would give locality of such happenings, at least in a general way. Certain areas, like those of Mendocino County, Calif., are prolific of curious geophysical phenomena - plus alleged nature spirits and what-have-you. We believe in nature spirits, of course, but like to feel our way around a bit on this borderland bedevilment.

This whole item belongs in contributor BESSOR'S DEPARTMENT of RR - accidentally misplaced).

NANDOR FODOR: THE SEARCH FOR THE BELOVED. A new book and a fine piece of work, by both author and publisher. The by-line reads: A Clinical Investigation of the Trauma of Birth and prenatal Conditioning. Contents is divided into three books: I. The Trauma of Birth (190 pp.) II. Return into the Womb (200 pp.) III. Traumata of the Unborn (80 pp.). Thirteen of the chapters have appeared in various medical Journals. This is a selection of BASIC BOOKS, a psycho-analytic book club, and contains material new to psychic research and of much importance. Round Robin will offer a short review of this book in a later issue.

Price: \$5.00 - but an autographed copy may be had, on request, for \$4.00, by ordering direct from Dr. Nandor Fodor and mentioning Round Robin. Park Central Hotel, Suite 706, West 55th St., New York 19.

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THE MYSTICAL QABALAH

This work can now be had from OCCULT SCIENCES LIBRARY SERVICE 15 No. Maryland Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. A "must" book with no substitute for students of modern esoteric Qabalism, the Glyph of the Tree of Life, and techniques of Golden Dawn Order. Probably \$5.00 (we're not sure of price). Mention Round Robin. - - - The same dealer can supply Beginning & Way of Life, Dr. Charles W. Littlefield, good used condition, \$11.00 prepaid postage. (Dr. Littlefield performed the experiments on effect of mental energy on formation of microscopic crystals - booklet by RR on this). All students of psychokinetics, the pendule etc., should know Littlefield's works. Mention RR).

CURRENT MYSTERIES AND PHENOMENA

by John P. Bessor

MYSTERY LIGHT. Eva Firestone, of Upton, Wyoming, has kindly submitted the following note from Ed. Ludwig, 3304 Bonnie Lane, Stockton, California:

"I had an experience during the war, when I was in the Coast Guard. Our ship was approaching Palmyra, a little island about 800 miles southwest of Hawaii, when we received a radio message saying that a Navy plane had been lost at sea, and we were asked to join in the search. We searched for nearly twenty-four hours and found nothing. Then, the following night, at about midnight, when I was just off watch, I suddenly spied a brilliant, globular light in the sky. It was about three times the brilliancy of the brightest star or planet, and large enough so that I made out its roundness. It appeared stationary for a minute or so, then began to move in slow, slight movements. Our ship was moored in a lagoon and was perfectly still, so there was no influence by the ship's motion.... The brilliant ball came closer, moving for 20 or 30 seconds, and then remaining motionless. Somehow I had the feeling we were being watched, as if the ball were observing our little island. The ball kept moving slowly, pausing now and then; and at last it covered an area of sky perhaps X of 100 degrees. Then it speeded up and traveled away from the island, toward the direction in which the plane was lost."

Mr. Ludwig then says that inquiry the following morning revealed that "NO planes had been in the air that night." The object had moved in absolute silence.... "And it couldn't have been anything Japanese, because this was in June 1944, and no Japs were within a thousand miles of us.... The missing plane, by the way, was lost very mysteriously. Its radio direction finder somehow reversed the direction of the island and the plane flew in exactly the opposite direction --- so said the Captain, with whom I talked. Maybe the inhabitants of the sphere wanted specimens!!" *

V-SHAPED SAUCERS. (Boise, Idaho, July 25, 1949) A Boise Valley pilot (who asked that he remain anonymous) reported that he saw V-shaped objects pass within 1500 feet of his plane at a tremendous speed. "They were V-shape, with an under-belly." No visible means of propulsion; no propeller, no jet trail. Authorities stated that no experimental craft of any kind was stationed there. The same paper (Oregon Journal) on July 26, 1949, carried six reports of flying saucers and similar objects seen from points in the Northwest.

* ("I think we're being hunted." -- Charles Fort)

MYSTERY BLAST IN SKY (Portland, Ore., Journal, Aug. 2, 1949) A mystery explosion, at an altitude of about 10,000 feet, was witnessed by several persons at the Kelso-Longview, Washington, airport last evening. A great cloud of smoke formed, mushroomed up and remained visible for about eight minutes. No plane was reported lost and no wreckage was found, though an extensive search was made by helicopter.

BOYS SEE "ROCKET". A correspondent in Ogden, Utah, in a letter dated July 29, 1949, wrote contributor Eva Firestone: "About 10 P.M. tonight, low in the western sky, the moon was a reddish color, partly an orange hue. A group of boys, watching the moon, said they saw a 'white rocket', high in the sky, move comparatively slowly from north to south.

FLYING SPHERE SEEN OVER LAKE PONCHARTRAIN. (Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, Aug. 9, 1949 -- Credit, Thomas C. Atkinson) Assistant U. S. Attorney and former Navy pilot Oliver P. Schulingkamp described a globe he saw over Lake Pontchartrain, August 8th, as travelling about 600 miles an hour and trailing a "brilliant orange gaseous matter." It was flying a straight level course at about 2,500 feet. He says, "What I saw was man-made."

FLAT SHEET OF "ALUMINUM" (Redmond, Ore., July 26, 1949. INS) "A flat sheet of aluminum, travelling at tremendous speed in a southeast direction, at about six to seven thousand feet, seen by three persons.

"SMOKE FROM HADES?" (From contributor Ralph Holland) A well-driller of 30 years' experience, drilling a water well in St. Helena, Calif., recently reported that, beginning at 100 feet, an odorless smoke rose from the shaft, filling a ten-foot area around mouth of well. At 120 and 125 feet the smoke was still rising. The digging was the hardest he ever encountered

STRING OF DISCS. A Northwest radio broadcast, July 30, 1949, told of a man in Connecticut seeing "a string of fifteen or more discs."

THIS AND THAT. We wrote to farmer Clifford Kline, Union City, Mich., who saw a 'disc' at close range last June, asking for further information. He replied with the following details: He saw it on a clear evening at about 7:40 P.M., 200 feet from him, flying about six feet from the ground. Kept level flight, no noise. Disc "oval" in shape, about 3' x 4' in size. Going from N.E. to S.W. Color, "reddish-brown fringed with white."

STRANGE FLYING LIGHTS IN OREGON. (The Oregonian, Aug. 2, 1949) The two red lights seen in the sky over Portland, Vancouver, and Camas, Oregon, from 10:00 P.M. to 11:05 P.M., July 30, 1949, remain a mystery. Seen by the CAA traffic controller at the Portland airport, and others. Air traffic over Portland was halted. An airliner in flight at 220 miles an hour "was passed at high speed by the red-lighted mystery ship." A Vancouver resident, who watched the lights for some time, stated they were travelling "very slowly". Air force officials said it "could not have been any military plane." It was also reported to

have dropped vari-colored flares. (Just so our aerial visitors don't get wise to dropping flares in our dry timberland.)

ANOTHER "DISC" (Astorian Budget, July 5, 1949.) Jack Hallberg of Astoria, Washington, said he saw a bright, silver disc come out of the east at high altitude, fly along the Washington shore and pass out to sea. Visible "for about 20 seconds."

BIG RAPIDS "DISCS". (Grand Rapids Press, July 30, 1949) Retired mail-carrier James Davidson said he saw discs "a week ago and again Friday night." Brilliantly lit and moving fast. Local WCTU president, Mrs. Russell Barnes and her husband, living next door, also saw them. (Credit Edmond P. Gibson.)

LANCASTER BIRD SHOWER (Undated and no paper title given.) Death of more than a score of starlings, wrens, sparrows and red birds, which appeared to have plummeted out of the sky posed a mystery. (Could they have been literally "frightened to death" by some aerial object not of this world?)

COLUMBUS "SPACE SHIPS" (Columbus, Ohio, August 1, 1949.) David Boyle said he saw, between 7:15 and 7:30 P.M., a "thing", silver in color, which had red stripes on the sides and port holes and "looked like a space ship." At the same time of day, David Walker said he saw "two headlights in the sky but one of them blinked off." Port Columbus officials said no airliners were due in during the period of observation. (On July 30, 1949, remember, the craft with two red lights was seen over Oregon.)

"A VOICE FROM THE GALLERY": This is the name of a small "fan zine" published "from time to time" in connection with a correspondence circle of persons interested in mysterious events. Not sponsored by the circle, but both are under the direction of Ralph M. Holland, 2520 - 4th St. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The August issue of VOICE contains a good deal of information about caverns, a message from "an elderly Tero leader, and minor items. The September number carries a synopsis of the KOCH CASE and KOCH TREATMENT for cancer, with acknowledgment of Round Robin's efforts along the same line and a commendatory paragraph about the BSRA and its publications; also a 1-page article entitled WESTERN CAVERNS. No information about fees or charge for the VOICE, but we assume that Editor Holland will reply to inquiries. . . It's not too easy, always, to deal with sensational facts in a non-sensational and judicious manner, and at the same time not detract from their intrinsic importance. Mr. Holland seems to have this ideal in mind and to be achieving it, and since it is a Round Robin idea too, we extend him our best wishes.

FROG IN CEMENT BLOCK: Fellows Falls, Vt. April 25, 1949. Workmen breaking up cement blocks at local round house released a frog which had been imprisoned for 19 years. Frog was unharmed except for injury to one of its legs by the drill. (Credit Eva Firestone. A number of similar cases of imprisoned frogs are on record, apparently well authenticated).

REINCARNATION ? - Prediction magazine for July, '49, relates that nine-year-old Roberto Benzi, of Italy, is said to have composed no less than ten symphonies, and to have conducted selections from the Barber of Seville and Rigoletto, at Cannes, France. A second item concerns a 12-year-old girl from Calabria, Southern Italy, illiterate, who says she spoke to the Virgin Mary, who told her there are no spinsters in heaven. (!!). The girl speaks Turkish without having learned the language, and converses with departed spirits in their various dialects. (Xenoglossy is of course a familiar aspect of mediumship; the apparition of the Virgin and conversation with her is also extremely common and probably involves a complexity of psychic and religious factors. But the problem of "genius", as with the boy musician poses the kind of data which should have strangled Behaviourism in its cradle).

The TUCSON CITIZEN of April 28, '49, printed a story of a group of university students searching for a lost mine, and of a conversation one of them had with a Mrs. Ayer, who lives "in the Superstition Mountains". Mrs. Ayer says, she has been told of a race of people three or four feet tall, and having a single eye in the center of the forehead, who inhabit caves in these mountains - and adds that she has found foot and hand prints the size for seven-year-old children on the floor and walls of a cave near her home. (This clip comes from Professor Jean Chauvenet of Los Angeles. As he himself points out, the great mass of such "data" is practically unverifiable, and when it can be and is investigated, three-fourths or nine-tenths of it is worthless. Yet what our hasty and cocksure scientists seldom realize, is that the residue, en masse, is very formidable - and that a single "exception" will invalidate a theory, in many cases - and that there is a whole library-full of occult-and-scientific thinking which deals with such outlaw phenomena in a very different way, and makes them lawful and possible and often probable a priori - and is NOT to be disposed of by the simple process of ignoring it. That, in case anyone wants to know, is our real reason for printing these newsprint oddities; there are lies and delusions in them - but to "throw out the baby with the bath water" by rejecting all such stuff in toto is the kind of smart-Alecking best left to "bright young men from Harvard" (Margery case), and to pseudo-research groups who invade seances -but often to their own discomfort. This note by M.L., editor; Mr. Bessor resumes in the next paragraph).

UNEARTHED REPTILE: Baker, Ore., July 28, '48. The staff of the State Board of Geology was puzzled by the unearthing of a lizard-like reptile which might be the survivor of an earlier age. Size; six inches long - and green in color. It was found by two prospectors digging a

mine shaft, embedded in clay, 20 feet below the surface. IT APPEARED DEAD UNTIL WATER WAS POURED ON IT - when it stirred into life. (Suspended animation is a nice problem, and evidently involves factors not present in hibernation, where the body fats are largely used up. Query: is it any more of a problem, or any different, if prolonged from an hour or a day into years or even centuries.-- Mr. Bessor conjectures, maybe such objects as the lizard are Fortean "falls" from a region where suspended animation is a common state; or that maybe teleportation by some kind of poltergeist agency is involved. Ed.)

SARDONIC! One Mr. D.H.Gordon, of Palomar, Calif., has been using his binoculars on "discs" of thistledown "rotating and flashing" near his mountain ridge home, and thinks there's a good chance this is the answer to the mystery of the flying discs. Publisher Wing Anderson sends the clip with the following annotation: "No need to waste any more time on the Discs, now that we know what they are. The only question left is how thistledown can take on so many shapes and fly from 500 to 1000 miles per hour on a still day!" We add, they also carry lights, make noises, have many shapes, and fly in formation. Vive le thistledown! (Ed.)

THE GULF STREAM is showing its vagaries again; it's only 22 miles off the New Jersey coast when it "should be" 80 miles off-shore. Weather experts in England are bothered too, and fishermen off Cornwall caught 170 pound tropical turtle instead of the lobsters they wanted. But it's no new story; the eccentricities of the "world's hot-water bottle" are a matter of long record.

'DISC' SEEN FROM WHITE SANDS (N.M.): by two officers and a technician. One officer reported to have said that "a ballistic formula applied to one observation thru a photo-theodolite showed the 'disc' was 35-40 miles high, an egg-shaped craft of fantastic size travelling at 3 to 4 miles per second." Other officers and engineers "scoffed at the reports."

FACES: Many of our readers have formed the habit of examining photographs, particularly of accidents, explosions and the like, for human-like faces and forms. We are told the photograph of the falling cathedral tower, in LIFE for August 30, is full of such appearances. (Ed.)

For clips and items of many kinds we wish to thank E.P. Gibson, H.M. Wagner, H.K.Hottam (Melbourne), Margaret Whyte (Chilliwack), Pauline Hartwick, Edith Frey, Mae V. Christenson, F.W. Esch, Ione D.Harrold, John A. Hilliard. Please do not think clips are unwanted or ignored when we fail to acknowledge them; that has been due to pressure of clerical work. Hereafter we hope at least to print a name list. And of course not all clips are usable in RR, also a great many of them are duplicates - but there's no way to avoid that, so please send along anyhow, and be sure we appreciate your interest and cooperation.

M.L.

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LOS ANGELES SEANCES of MARK PROBERT: L.A. residents should telephone DAVID D. DAGMAR, CR 16 828 between 1:00 & 3:00 pm for information as to time and place of meetings.

A LAST-MINUTE NOTATION: A note from Seattle that three mountain climbers were buzzed by a "flying saucer", "round, almost transparent, sounding like a flying buzzsaw. And a postal from RR friend P.H.H. of Long Beach, reading: "Los Angeles Evening Herald, Aug. 30, '49: HYPNOSIS CONFIRMS THAT THE DISCS ARE ETHEREAL, SEEM TO BE COMING FROM MOUNTAINS IN JAVA."

The Etheric origin of the Discs has long been insisted on by the Mark Probert seance communicators, and maintained by Round Robin. This does not conflict with the possibility of some kind of base of operations on our own plane. The RR booklet, with addenda, covers much data and theory on these phenomena. (\$1.00).