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## EDITORIAL

May we wish all our Readers a most happy and prosperous New Year and **hope** that we shall see this world of ours come out of the darkness which at present seems to harass it.

This coming year will see some drastic and far-reaching changes in national associations, the trend towards selfishness and national pride will receive a set-back and a gap will appear between nations and a re-alignment of nations will cause more friction and suspicion. Unemployment will increase and the financial market will receive a jolt. China will attempt to seize Asian land. There will appear a split in the Anglo-American Alliance with evil consequences. Russia will lean more towards the West and seek a closer understanding, but certain Western Leaders will resist this move for fear and pride.

## THE INITIATION OF THE BIRTH

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Richard, Duc de Palatine

There are many theologians of the Christian church claiming that the teachings of Jesus Christ are sufficient for salvation. When we apply logic and critical analysis to the Canonical Gospels, we will find that they do not concern themselves with the history of a man in time namely *Jesus Christ* who, according to dogmatic history was born about 4 B.C., of a Virgin Mother, taught and was betrayed, died and rose again as a Son of God. This stand is slowly losing favour and in its place is emerging the *Gnostic Christos* within the human heart.

We now know that the early Christian Church took much of its forms and rituals from the Gnostic Mysteries, therefore, it is not surprising that the Christian Fathers were frantic in their attempts to conceal the source of the origins of their "new doctrine", took every opportunity to deride and decry the Gnostic Mysteries representing the chief objects of the Lodges as "works of the Devil". Valentinus, speaks of the purposes of the initiated "*to free us from the molestations of the lower self and the Aeon of this world, they further protect us from the conditions of future incarnations, the man so blessed, becomes the spectator of the entire, the simple, immovable, and blessed vision and union with the Christos, who is resident in the Mystery of the Pleroma of Light*".

Within the Gnostic Mysteries of Jesus these initiations are simply indicated in the five great events in the life of the Christos. The details of these initiations are embodied within the writings of the Four Apostles, each one of these gospels concerns the four vestures of the personality, such as Matthew concerning itself with the First Initiation, Mark with the 2nd and Luke with the Third, whereas John deals with the final and most awful of all earthly initiations,

are taken one after another.

The First Initiation, that of the ordeal of earth, was given to test the neophyte in regard to fear and to show him that the earth can only effect the physical body and not the real He, the Divine Soul. This is known as the Initiation of the Rebirth of Man. The 2nd Initiation, that of water, was given to him to see if he could control his emotional nature. The 3rd, being the ordeal by fire, was given to see if he could control the powers of the lower mind and the subconscious mind. Finally, the 4th, this Initiation deals with the power of air, this is the control of the higher mind. In all of the above Initiations the neophyte was impressed to gain control over these elements within his nature, for unless he had gained control over them he went in danger of being destroyed by them.

When the tyro becomes an accepted pupil of a Master, he is placed under a solemn oath, called *The Sodalian Oath*, that he will never for one moment divulge to the outside world one iota of the knowledge that he or she is a pupil of a Master. This is the first test to see if the neophyte is a person of their word. H.P. Blavatsky echoes this oath, when she says: "*The reason why in every age so little has been generally known of the Mysteries of Initiation, is two-fold, the first has already been explained by more than one author, and lies in the terrible penalty following the least indiscretion. The second, is the superhuman difficulties and even dangers which the daring candidate of old (and even in these days) had to encounter, and either conquer, or die in the attempt when, what is still worse, he did not lose his reason. There is no danger to him whose mind has become thoroughly spiritualised, and so prepared for the terrific sight. He who fully recognised the power of the Immortal Spirit, and ever doubted for one moment its omnipotent protection, had naught to fear. But woe to the candidate in whom the slightest phy-*

*sical fear - sickly child of matter - made him lose sight and faith in his own invulnerability. He who was not wholly confident of his moral fitness to accept the burden of these tremendous secrets was doomed."*

So it is obvious that our present Masons and Rosicrucians can sleep in their beds, thinking that they are enjoying the privileges of being True Initiates of the Sacred Science. How many could stand up to the true Initiations? Very few, we hate to say. So many of them have such big mouths through which they spew out every secret granted to them in their initiations, they boast of being a pupil of the Masters, yet their actions belie their claims, they *will* talk about the events which occur within their Lodges, so how can these open-mouthed individuals be trusted with the Secrets of Life?

When the neophyte had completed his probationary period under the watchful eyes of his Master, *and he has kept his mouth sealed*, he was taken out of his person during the sleep of the body and presented to the Initiator: during this initiation the physical body of the neophyte was sent into a trance and then placed in a highly magnetised sarcophagus in the underground chambers of the emotional temple, they were called *the Stable and the Crib*, the neophyte is then considered as a babe in arms.

This is done in order that the human Soul may be released from its gross counterpart. The Temple is also called the Virgin Mother of Life. Within this Temple the threefold nature of the personality is represented by the rocks and straw, the animals and the angels, therefore you have all the kingdoms of Nature bearing witness to your release from the mortal casket. The Three Kings always symbolised the Rulers of the physical, emotional and mental vestures of man and they have two roles to play, first as the Tempters in order to test the neophytes to see *that they can remain silent*. If the neophyte has

passed through these tests, then the Three will grant to him three boons, their nature we cannot divulge.

Then he is met by the spiritual double of the Initiator who instructs him in the conditions of the region upon which he finds himself, so that while he is passing through the tests he will learn with absolute certainty that he is not the physical body but is an Immortal Soul and that none of the material elements will hurt him. Furthermore, while he is functioning on this region, he is tested to see if he can discriminate between the real and the unreal. The neophyte must have complete mastery over himself, his body, his emotions and above all his mind, and must have purity of these vestures, otherwise he will not be able to control and command the inferior grades of spiritual beings, *i. e.*, the nature spirits and earthbound spirits for, should he have any impurity, he will lay himself open to attack by these elementals who survive on impurity.

If the neophyte has heeded the advice of those who have been sent by God to assist and teach them whilst in the body they will pass through these tests, then the Initiator will turn to the Star of the East which ever shines over him. He will ask that the Star of the Immortal Spirit descend into the new-born Christ-Babe, meaning that the neophyte realises that he is a babe in Truth. The Star begins to descend into the Divine Soul and floods it with power and Light, the Angelic Hosts begin the Hymn of Praise. The link between the human Soul and its Divine Parent is definitely formed, the Son of God reigns triumphant in the human Soul, the man so blessed is now taught by God through the Immortal Soul - he becomes the *Christos of the Gnostics*.

The story of the Birth of the Christ is your story and the story of every living creature, but you must heed the voice of *Those* who have

been initiated before you, they know what you will go through and will help to prepare you for this great event. If you ignore their advice and help then you will not approach the Portals of Initiation for this life.

We have been asked by various persons on many occasions whether they are initiates or not. Since the motive for their question is "pride", we have refused to answer as it is quite obvious that they would not be able to keep silent on this event. Others have been advised by us that if they enter into a particular avenue of labour, they will attain Initiation, but our help has been scorned or ignored. One pupil of the Pleroma received a letter from us, written under instructions from their own Master, this member refused to accept it, saying in effect: If the Master wishes to communicate with me, then He should do it direct to me, I refuse to accept Richard's letter. This very foolish and stupid person stopped themselves from attaining the 1st Initiation in this life. How perverse can human nature get!

## INDIRECT ADVICE

by

Richard, Duc de Palatine

There seems to be an opinion prevailing among some of the members that because in our writing we use the term 'you' we are referring to them personally. Now this is utterly incorrect, we use this term to include all members. This does not mean to say that we are accusing them of the faults we speak about, far from it, we all know that in various conditions and situations, when somebody causes us to become upset. or when we are in a rage, we do things which we normally would not dream of doing in our placid moments. Even though we do break the Divine Law under stress, this is still a crime against the

Law, and we are constantly keeping before you these unforeseen possibilities and it is a full-time job to make sure that we do not break the Moral and Spiritual Laws of God.

If I may be permitted to tell you a short story about myself. In 1935, I left the Roman Catholic Church due to the fact that I could not reconcile their doctrines to my own experience. I then became a member of the Rationalist Society of Australia and remained with them until 1938, during which time my mind was broadened through the study of philosophy, psychology and comparative religious thought. During this time I had tended to become intellectually proud because of my widened knowledge.

In 1938, I joined the Theosophical Society in Victoria and the first books I read were "Isis Unveiled" and "The Secret Doctrine" both by H.P. Blavatsky, I was astonished to find that these books supplied the answers to my searchings. During this year, one of the Leaders of the Society came and gave a series of lectures, and during a private interview with him, he intimated that I should be able to place my foot on the first rung of the Ladder of Initiation, I told two fellow Theosophists about this and consequently brought a storm of jealousy and eventually destructive gossip upon my head. I learnt the first vital lesson every student has to learn - *To KNOW and to keep SILENT.*

During my sojourn in the Society, two members took me under their wing, especially a lady of indeterminate years, whenever I made a mistake she would tell me to my face and explain the causes and how I got into error. Naturally, this hurt my inflated ego and I resented it at first, but gradually it dawned in my thick head that she was only trying to assist me to progress, her valuable advice has always been my guide in the years since.

She always used to say to me: "My boy, you and I are just humble travellers along the Path

To God, we are all liable to fall by the wayside, but if we do then we must get up and try again. The Wisdom of God is beyond us at the moment, but there will come a day when we will come face to face with God, in the meanwhile it is very wise to adopt the attitude of being a beginner and if there are things which do not appear to fit into your experience, do not reject them put them to one side and shortly other information will come along which will enable you to accept that which you have put to one side.

"Try not to be guilty of either listening to or accepting any form of gossip about another person, gossip is nearly always hearsay and it can cause pain and distress to you and the poor victim. Never judge another by hearsay but always by your own experience of them. Be ever ready to accept correction, even though it may hurt your pride, the Love of God will always send you somebody who will tell you about yourself and help you to correct your faults, be not angry with them, but be thankful that God has thought fit to help you. Your greatest thanks to God is to ever try and be like Him in your daily life, then you will become a fount of love and blessing to those who know you."

"Finally, you will soon be in the position to help others, this is a great responsibility, you will always keep straight with people, fear not to tell them the truth in all things they may turn and crucify you, you will always remember those who have gone before you. Fear not to tell your people where they have gone wrong and always give them compassion, you cannot force them to recognise the truth of your words, they can only learn through experience and sometimes pain and frustration."

It was the advice of this grand Old Lady which has helped me in later years, and I wish always to share with you of the wisdom and experience gained through my life. One would say that I was old when I was born, whether this is

true or not I would not like to venture an true opinion, all I know is that I am just a "transmitter" from the Empire of Light to you, my one desire in life is to know that I have helped you towards the Self-Realisation of the Divine within then when my time has come to vacate this mortal frame, I will go with the knowledge that you all will also know of your own Divine Self.

Robert Burns wrote these words<sup>1</sup>:

*"Wad some Power the giftie gie us*

*"To see oursel's as ithers see us!*

*"It wad frae monie a blunder free us,*

*"An' foolish notion.*

How many times in an unguarded moment we let the mask slip away from us and we see ourselves as we really are, how many times has some impersonal writing or statement pierced our mask and hit home, our first impulse being to protect ourselves, whether it be in the eyes of society or from our brothers. We know from experience that many a time our own mask slips and we get a glimpse of our faults, and those things which we have neglected to do, but we have learnt not to push them aside, but to face them and try to eradicate them, the sooner we face up to these long-forgotten defects in our nature, the sooner we will become free and rise again to our Real Home - God.

## THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND SPIRITUALISM

by

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*(This article was first published in 1959, but owing to the number of letters we have received from members who are Spiritualists. We repeat it)*

The various Churches consider Spiritualism as the work of the Devil, and further claim that Spiritualism was never taught by Jesus of Nazareth. Such claims are baseless and there is

not an iota of evidence to prove that the practice of modern Spiritualism is antagonistic to the pure teachings of Christ.

*"The Wisdom Religion claims that Spiritualism is a state or condition of mind opposed to materialism or a material conception of things. Wisdom Religion, a doctrine which teaches that all which exists is animated or informed by the Universal Soul or Secret, and that not an atom in our universe can be outside of this omnipresent Principle - is pure Spiritualism. As to that belief that goes under that name, namely, through the mediumistic powers of oneself or a so-called medium, is no better than the materialisation of spirit, and the degradation of the human and divine Souls. Believers in such communications are simply dishonouring the dead and performing constant sacrilege. IT WAS CALLED NECROMANCY IN DAYS OF OLD. But our modern Spiritualists take offence at being told this simple truth."* by G.R.S.Mead.

As against the theory of Spiritualism, there is the practice of Theurgy, which is the communication with, and a means of bringing down to the earthly plane, the planetary spirits and angels who are called the "gods of light". To perform such practices the practitioner must be absolutely worthy and unselfish and live a life of the strictest purity. The ancient method was to liberate the astral body which, when once thus liberated, would assume the form of the god or hero serving as a medium or channel through which the special current preserving the ideas and knowledge of that hero or god could be reached and manifested.

The main reason for the Churches' denunciation of Spiritualism is that the Churches have no scientific philosophy to account for the conditions which prevail after the death of the mortal body, the other reason being that they have lost the true art of spiritual healing and the inherent powers of the Soul being brought

into operation. The Church can give no hope for the departed, excepting by tradition alone. On the other hand, Spiritualism can and does perform spiritual healing and does render spiritual solace and does secure what could be called "miraculous cures", they can and do demonstrate the knowledge of the life after death in so far as they are able to do so. Whilst it is quite true that their phenomena are brought about with the assistance of passive mediums and are in many respects unreliable and cannot be proved by scientific facts, they do give to their people a definite hope for the future.

As a Christian Bishop we must take our stand alongside the Spiritualists in their claims that the Catholic and Protestant Churches cannot give any scientific proof to their people as to the possibility of a spiritual progression after death. All they have is the promise of Christ that after the death of the body they will either go to heaven if they are good or hell if they are bad, and unless the various Churches leave the world of blind faith and enter the world of scientific faith they will lose the battle to the Spiritualists.

The Purgatory of the Catholics is simply a distorted version of the lower levels of the astral plane, a place of waiting, which is more in keeping with the doctrines of the Greeks, Gnostics and Occultists, excepting that one cannot escape their fate but must pass through this realm until they reach the other side or shore. Their Purgatory is simply Hades, a place or state of retributive justice which can be localised as being earth and no more. The Catholic Church asserts with the Spiritualists that we can help those who have gone to this state by prayers and constructive thinking, but the Church stops there, whereas the Spiritualists go on to other levels of the emotional region. The Protestants know of only two places, Paradise and Hell. They claim that hell is a place of eternal

damnation for those who do not believe in the Man of Sorrows, yet the original transcript has it as "Hades" or the "gates of hell will not prevail" but in the Revised edition of the Bible it says "gates of hell" which is definitely a mistranslation. This becomes peculiar when we know that the ancients always recognised Hades as our earth. Paradise to them is some vague and lofty place ruled over by a 'man' with a long beard, a long robe and with angels harping him. Very poetic, but very unreal and it does not give solace to those who are facing the King of Death.

One of the reasons why Spiritualists cannot prove their claims scientifically to the world is the fact that the same state of affairs exists today which in 1877 caused W. Stainton-Moses, M.A. to write in THE LONDON SPIRITUALIST of March 2nd in that year, and also to say in his lecture before the cream of the leading Spiritualists of England: *"popular Spiritualism is not a science; it does very little in the way of scientific verification. Moreover, exoteric spiritualism is, to a large extent, devoted to the presumed communion with personal friends or to the gratification of curiosity or mere evolution of marvels...the truly esoteric science of spiritualism is very rare."*

The above is one of the main reasons why the Churches will have no truck with Spiritualism, if the leading exponents of Spiritualism were to leave aside these side-lines and try to present to the world a scientific basis for their phenomena they would be in a very strong position to help the Churches to reach a healthy attitude. The mere fact that the Spiritualist journals give undue publicity to circumstantial evidence and not to the scientific aspect of their work is in itself a severe criticism from thinking men and women.

Stainton-Moses goes on to say: *"Our tests are crude and often illusory; we know too little*

of the Protean power of the Spirit. Again, we have not mastered the elementary truths which the ancients  <sup>knew</sup> and acted upon, e.g., the isolation of mediums". Whilst we agree that Occultists and Illuminatae possess this knowledge, the Church will not or cannot investigate this fact, for fear that their elaborate theology will come tumbling down to the ground. Our Spiritualist friends should join hands with the Occultists and Illuminati and force the hands of the Church to recognise the basic truths of Primitive Christianity, which to a great extent were formed from ancient spiritualism.

Mr. Moses really states the true position of the Spiritualists when he says that: "*Spiritualism starts with a fallacy, viz., that all phenomena are caused by the action of departed 'spirits'; they have not looked into the power of the human Spirit; they do not know the extent to which spirits act, how far it reaches, what it underlies*". This baseless claim by the Spiritualists is looked upon with horror by the general run of priests and clergymen, they claim that to hold such views is sacrilege and that their fatal weakness is that they ~~only~~ offer only one theory for their challenged facts and that is that it is the action of human disembodied spirits and the mediums complete subjection to them.

The question is, how can we bridge the gap between Spiritualists and the Church for the Church has much to give the Occultists and vice-versa. Occultism will give to the Church a healthier knowledge regarding their own dogmas and rituals, which are being constantly punctured by the sciences of mythology and comparative religion, the Church is on the defensive. When they had the power and authority to muzzle the spiritual enlightenment of the last 17 hundred years, they were on the offensive, now they find the tables reversed upon them. Yet the Church in the face of modern scholarship still clings to their outgrown dogmas and claims. The Occultists can

and should teach the Church the true meaning of their dogmas and with knowledge bring a healthier attitude by the Church towards human life and its many problems.

Spiritualism can and should be in the position to prove to the Churches that there is a scientific knowledge available to them upon the problem of life and death and the life hereafter, providing they themselves move away from the unhealthy atmosphere of the seance room and come out into the open and light of day and are prepared to be tested by those who are equipped to do so. The Church on the other hand should come to the knowledge that underlying the Christian religion there is a very strong element of spiritualism and it is futile to try and hide this fact from their people any longer. It is up to them to accept the challenge given to them by the Occultists, Illuminati and Spiritualists.

Instead of the Church denying the above facts it should recognise them, and by doing so will return to the teachings of the Gnostics, the Primitive Christians. Once this is accepted by the Church, then we will see the Church, Occultism and Spiritualism working together for the benefit of mankind. These three bodies have within their power, the ability to lead the world away from self-destruction and hate into a new world based upon love, hope, health, scientific faith, service and above all BROTHERHOOD. But, alas, what do we see, the Roman Catholics and Protestants hurling anathemas at the Spiritualists, saying they are anti-Christ and worshippers of the Devil and are on their way to Hell. Nice sentiments from the worshippers of Christ, the Lord of Compassion!

The Occultists, although giving lip-service to the Spiritualists, nevertheless claim that "they are wrong and we are right" refusing to co-operate with the Spiritualists. Where is the quality of tolerance so proudly boasted of by occultists? On the other hand, the Spiritualists

attack the Church and Occultists, against the Church because of their refusal to recognise their claims and against the Occultists because they attempt to scientifically explain the phenomena of the seance room.

How long has the world to wait for the time when the leaders of the three come together and say: "*How can I help you to help us?*" When will they recognise that each form of worship needs the assistance of the other type? And above all, when will they come to recognise the vital fact that no matter how much they differ, how diverse their methods are in helping those who are under their charge, they are all serving the ONE GOD. The Father of Jesus, the Logos of the Occultists and the Father of the Spiritualists are but ONE and the SAME GOD.

*"Gather us in, Thou Love that fillest all,  
"Gather our rival faiths within the fold.  
"Rend each man's temple veil, and bid it fall.  
"That we may know that Thou has been of old.*

*"Gather us in; we worship only Thee;  
"In varied names we stretch a common hand;  
"In diverse forms a common soul we see:  
"In many ships we seek one spirit-land.*

*"O glorious Triune God, embracing all,  
"By many Paths do men approach Thy Throne;  
"All Paths are Thine; Thou hearest every call:  
"Each earnest seeker has Thee for his own."  
(Revd. G. Matheson)*

Editor: We must make it perfectly clear that the Illuminati and Gnostics are one and the same and that the three modern bodies owe their very existence to the Ancient Christians. No matter how much their doctrines have deviated from the the central Stream of the Wisdom, the underlying principles are ever the same, they are manuals to help man to live his life here on earth.

## THE GNOSTIC AEONS and EMANATIONS

by

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The conception of the Seven and the Ten occurs in every religion and philosophy of any substance, it is, in fact, the basis of the Wisdom Religion. The septenary division of the planets, races, regions, chakrams, vestures and the kingdoms of Nature have always been accepted as a universal tradition first given by the Gods (Perfected Men). It is only in Christianity that this doctrine has been allowed to fall into the background to be crowded out by the many theological doctrines which have been formulated in the various Churches in their endeavours to explain the universe and man's place in it.

In the solar spectrum, we find that white light is split into seven colours from which all other colours are produced. The Seven Archangels which stood before God, the Seven Spirits which are before His throne, or the Seven Sons of God sent forth into all the earth and the Seven Angels of the Seven Churches. These Spirits or Angels were known to the early Church as the highest Spiritual Beings who have direct charge of creation and evolution of this planet, they are the Agents of God. They are known to the Hebrews under the names of the planets as being their overriding Providence: MICHAEL, the Sun known as the Angel of the Face of God; GABRIEL, the MOON who was designated as the Ruler of dreams and aspirations; SAMUEL, as Venus the Angel of Love and the primitive home of the Planetary King; ANAEL, Mercury symbolising the power of the mind and progress; RAPHAEL, the Spirit of Destruction in its negative aspect and its positive attribute, the Angel of Healing; ZACHARIEL, Jupiter, the source and Angel of Power and ORIFIEL, Saturn the Angel of the Wilderness and swift progress.

In the Roman Church these Angels were at one

time in danger of being supplanted by the titles of the Planetary Spirits or Rulers, when the Jesuits tried to change them into the Signs of the Zodiac. These Spirits are fully recognised in the Church as the seven virtues and the seven deadly sins, such as the SUN; Faith and Pride; MOON: Hope and Avarice; VENUS: Charity (Love) and Luxury; MARS: Strength and Wrath; MERCURY: Prudence and Idleness; SATURN: Temperance and Gluttony; and JUPITER: Justice and Envy. Is it to be wondered at why the Jesuits and Dominicans took very great pains to hide the real Source of the teachings of the composite Roman Church and for fear above all things the real teachings of the Gnostic AEONS, especially when we know that the Church kept the writings of Saint Paul hidden for 400 years and when they did come to light they were tampered with so as to fit in with the carnalised story of Christ as a human being.

The Wisdom Religion and the Gnostics all claim that the evolutionary process requires for its unfoldment seven worlds of various types of matter which correspond to the seven vestures or veils of matter in which the Soul is encased. We find that there are seven worlds or globes and the Life Force of God is required to ensoul each of the globes in rotation, until the life impulse has attained the fullest unfoldment which is set for them. How many Masons understand the reason for the circumambulation of the Lodge three and a half times before the three principal Officers can take their place to open a regular and perfect Lodge. We are told in Holy Writ that Isreal (MAN) was known for three and a half times and was to be lost (asleep) in the casket of flesh within the valley of death for three and a half times. Isreal in this instance, simply means the whole of Life on this present planet has reached its half-way point around the seven globes which make up this evolutionary scheme.

We are told by the Gnostics in their diagrams, that within each one of the globes there are

seven regions of matter through which the Soul (Christos) makes seven rounds travelling through along the spiral seven times until each rung of of the spiral has become fully developed. This allegory is given in the story of Joshua (the Son of Nun-Fish, half-god and half-man) going around Jericho seven times. Each planet produces seven types of races of men, as shown in the *Book of Enoch*, if we read it with one of the Keys. The story of Salome and the Dance of the Seven Veils, which means that the Soul has to divest Itself of each of the veils of matter which imprison it within the valley of death and as soon as this has been accomplished the mortal man dies - the Baptist has his head off, meaning the Intelligence has departed. We are further told that each one of the races of men are divided into seven sub-races and these again are divided into seven branches or families. This will multiply the whole number of lives or incarnations into a compound of seven or 777 times or lives, this symbol is called STAUROS; the Cross of Matter, upon which the Lamb(Soul), Iesous is slain (buried) by 666 - THE BEAST or the lower mind of desire for sentient existence in the 555 - EPITHUMA, the Red Dragon (subconscious mind): all of this grand drama is worked out in detail in the REVELATION of St. John of Patmos.

It has been found by modern science that man has seven glands (chakrams) each with a different function; the Gnosis tells us more of these seven glands. They are the Chakrams of India, the Seals, Phials or Cities of Revelations. *One does not need to study the Eastern books to find this Wisdom, it is all contained in the Christian Bible with the help of your Inner Eye.* It will be seen that man has to undergo a long series of births and deaths in the valley of death before he can roll away the stone of matter or transgression, it is absolutely necessary to open the Seals before he can reach the higher regions of the Immortal Spiritual Self, he must

accomplish many cycles, perhaps involving hundreds of individual existences until he becomes "*as perfect as his Father in heaven is perfect*". The student can shorten this period by his personal efforts to conquer the Dragon of the animal self.

Perhaps one of the most ingenious veils which hides the truth of this teaching lies in the 33 years of Jesus, the 33 Degrees of Masonry and the 33 vertebrae of the spinal cord. The 33 years of Jesus refers to the number of lives within the valley of death before the candidate for perfection of his human nature must have to gain final liberation from the Red Dragon, calculating from the time when he first becomes aware of his Dual Nature.

The real meaning of the 33 Degrees of True Masonry are perhaps not even known to the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals, in fact they refer to the 33 vertebrae in the spinal cord, and the Fire of Creation located there, at every true initiation the candidate for the "Lost Word" (the Soul) takes the Power of God is lifted up and along the spinal cord. The candidate *should* serve one year of 365 days in each degree, the allusion being that the seven chakras or seals are opened in strict rotation under certain specific conditions. (See: THE GREAT PARABLE by the writer).

There is an old tradition that until a priest reaches a certain age he cannot become a Bishop of the Church, meaning that from his ordination as a priest to the episcopate 33 years should lapse. The allusion to 144,000 saved on the last Book of the Bible concerns the movement of the Life of God around the spiral and the work of the Serpent Power in the spine which opens the seals or lamps of the vital vesture. The Reader, before he can fully grasp the import of this article, must have at least reached the first stage of this progression, as the allusions given all concern the inherent power and ability

of the human Soul to conquer the Beast and come off the Cross of Human Existence.

Now it is no use our theologians and occultists attempting to refute our statements, as the writings of the Gnostic Fathers of the Church clearly show (we are referring to the first three centuries A.D., and to the writings of H.P. Blavatsky and Paracelsus). They knew and taught this system of evolution. The ancient writings on the Mysteries and the well-known Initiates stand as a silent witness to the duplicity of the Christian Church and the modern Occultists. The Sciences of Symbology, Comparative Religion and Philology have shown with irrefutable proofs that the teachings of the Gnostics and Philosophers could give nothing but this system, since it was the religion of the ancients and must according to the Law of Cycles become the religion of the Future.

Such men as Dr. Angus of Australia, Bishop Barnes of Birmingham, Bishop Colonso of South Africa, the Abbe Louis Alphonse Constance (Levi), Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, all men of the Church, were compelled in the light of modern science and research to recognise the underlying principles of all religions as being essentially the same. The Roman Church sought to suppress this Truth by placing their writings on the *Index Expurgatorius* (the list of Forbidden Books for Catholics) and the Protestant Church by placing the offender under a ban of social odium. Both churches have used the most un-christian methods to keep the Truth from their people. Since the knowledge and experience of the Divine Self makes religion and occultism unnecessary to the Illuminatus.

Now let us see how this process of the spiral evolution operates: the word "spiritual" is derived from the Latin word "spirillae" or spiral, this is likened to a continuous curve like a cylinder, like the thread of a screw, around which the unfoldment of the universe

evolves in a septenary division which in itself is a finer analysis of the triple divisions which runs through the whole universe, both the visible and invisible states of being. For instance, there is the human body, the Divine Soul and Immortal Spirit which fulfills the involuntary and evolutionary, the descent and ascent impulses, from the Spirit through the Soul to the human Soul within the body, and on its return from the body to the Soul and then to the Spirit, this process takes many incarnations in an ordered sequence.

The process of the evolution or the unfoldment from latency to potency of the Life of God is likened to a seven-coiled serpent or spiral, which sweeps with a wider curve at every ascent, one side sags down into the material regions and the other side rises into the spiritual regions. It will now be seen that the lowest point of the curve is material and the ascent from the lower side is always a little higher than the previous ascent, until we have an indefinite number of cycles or sweeps. It will be wise to understand that this process of the spiral is not a steady incline, but moves in the form of a spiral. The references to the Two Roads mentioned by Jesus is illuminating, the broad way which leads to destruction (incarnation) and the "strait and narrow way" which leads to the Kingdom of God within, to the Summit of the Mount.

This is the main reason for the many incarnations of the Divine Soul into matter, each life enables the Soul to gain more power and wisdom to rise a little higher than the previous ascent. This process of incarnation is called the "broad way" and the individual who wishes to shorten the number of dips into the casket of flesh, by approximately 33 lives travels the "strait and narrow way" or the ascent to the Mount of the Summit. Cosmically, this process is called the "*Days and Nights of the Lord*" the Seven Days of Creation. It also refers to the incarnations of

the Life of God into matter and its eventual return to Him: from *Potentiality to Actuality*.

The Gnostics claimed that there is the One, without a Second, the *Unknowable First Mystery*, Who sends forth two impulses or Rays of Light into the Ocean of Darkness - SPACE, these are called the primeaval forces of Spirit and Matter, from the ONE proceeds the THREE - *Will, Wisdom and Activity* - The Blessed Trinity of the Church, called by the Gnostics, **THE THREE MYSTERIES**. These Three again send out seven rays or impulses, They (Rays) are the creators of the regions of the Gnostics and are called the Seven Stellar Spirits with their opposites, the Seven Badly-disposed Stellar Spirits (the seven virtues and sins), this is the real reason why the Seven Lights are always shown upon the Catholic Altars and when there is to be a service of Benediction, they stipulate that there must be twelve Lesser Lights upon the Altar, the Seven Planetary Spirits and the Twelve Rulers of the Zodiac and the Sacred Host making the 13, the perfect symbol in matter of the Universe within the Supreme Mystery. The Three then, send out from Themselves seven impulses or rays in an ordered sequence, the first impulse comes forth and differentiates the Virgin Sea of Matter or MAIA (Mary), into the highest or Divine Region, which is ruled over by Michael, the Angel of the Face of God, and after completing the first curve, returns to the Three leaving sufficient life to keep the region in form. The Three send forth the second impulse, which after repeating the process of the first returns to the Three. It then repeats this process until the last and lowest region of matter is formed, which we know as the region of earth. This is the work of the Third Mystery or the "Finger of God's Hand" or God the Holy Ghost of Christianity, the conception of Mary being overshadowed by the Holy Ghost is clearly shown as the Life of God being incarnated in matter. Whilst this process is going on, the Second Mystery, the Christos and Sophia (the

positive and negative forces) begins their descent into the regions one by one, giving consciousness and being to each one in rotation, until it reaches the material region, forming the minerals, then the vegetables, animals, and finally men. At the beginning of the mineral stage the Second and Third Mystery are blended together for the upward ascent.

The Life Impulse of God ensouls the mineral kingdom causing this kingdom to become differentiated into the various kinds of mineral forms, until it reaches the highest form of existence, that of the diamond, and the other six gems and gold and silver. This Life now finding that it has reached the limit of its expression, leaves the mineral and ensouls the lowest forms of the vegetable kingdom, after many millions of years of gradual expression, it then ensouls the orchid, for instance, there we see for the first time the power of movement which is the predominant characteristic of the animal kingdom. Here the Life of God seeks greater expression and moves into the lowest forms of the animal kingdom and by its continual seeking to give expression to the creative power of God, ensouls each of the species in turn until it reaches the highest form of expression of the animal kingdom, such as the cat, dog, horse, etc. Hence the grave responsibility of the human kingdom for their lower brothers, for they must also become men as you and I are now. While this gradual process is going on, there is also descending into the lower regions the Power of the Will of the First Mystery which manifests as Will and Intelligence.

When the Second and Third impulses are sweeping on the upward ascent to the mental region, they meet the downward rush of the First Mystery. When they meet there is a blinding fusion and the "Divine Soul" or EGO of the animal becomes an individual focus of consciousness; this Spark of Life now becomes "MAN" with mind and intelligence. From this point in its long involution,

that is to say the Life of God on the downward and upward urge, this instinctive consciousness now seeks to become self-conscious. The Life moving through the three lower kingdoms of form is guided mainly by instinct and follows a certain set of patterns and forms, but by becoming man, this Life is now moved by intelligence, with the freewill of choice between good and evil, spirit and matter, nevertheless, the urge to the ascent is still manifesting itself and will continue to do so until the life reaches the Source from whence it came. The conception that the Holy Ghost is called the Finger of God's Hand, is likened to God putting His finger into a hole in the ground and being caught there, but the movement of the finger back and forth will loosen the grip of the ground until the finger becomes free and the owner can use it freely. The outgoing of the Life of God is called *In-volution* and the process of its return is called *Evolution*, from the ONE comes the many by the breaking itself into many pieces, each one becoming a human Spark, then the many Sparks seek to become one or a WHOLENESS with the One is the process of the Emanations or AEONS OF GOD.

*(To be continued in our next issue)*

## THE HOUR OF CONSOLATION

You are asked to pray for the following Members and send them help and strength to face the many problems in this life:-

Harieta P. Steltz.	Mabel Bicheno.
Stephan & Barbara Hoeller.	Frank Bicheno.
Robert Slankard.	Mrs. L.D. Desch.
Harold Slankard.	Kenneth Lancaster.
Hilda Barfield.	John Martyn-Baxter.
Warren Niemeyer.	August von Lanza.
William Broadfoot.	Spenilli Santos.
Mabel Stockbridge.	Augusta Cindrich.
Rose James.	Mrs C.A. Smead.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*QUES: Being a Mason I am very curious to know your reasons for not liking Freemasonry.*

*ANS: There is no question of our disliking real Masonry, otherwise we would not have taken all the 33 degrees and accepted the rulership of three High Grade Masonic Rites. The average Craft or Blue Mason knows nothing of the Esoteric or Hidden Masonry which is old as man and has remained a closely guarded secret from the profane. The English, French and American Masonry dates from the 18th century and no more, the High Grade Masonry has a clear history of about 5,000 years of unbroken history behind it. The late Most Illustrious Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, 33, 90 and 96 of the Adoption Lodge of The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry says: "Such high Masons need not be told, though Craftsmen generally do, that the time has come to remodel Masonry, and restore those ancient landmarks, borrowed from the early sodalites, which the 18th century founders of Speculative Freemasonry meant to have incorporated in the fraternity. There are no longer any secrets left unpublished; the Order is degenerating into a convenience for selfish men to use, and bad men to debase... In practice, the Craft turns lickspittle in every monarchical country (and most republics), to any regal (or monied) scion who may deign, for the sake of using it as a political tool, to put on the once symbolical lambskin." ISIS UNVEILED.*

To belong to the Esoteric Masons one must be prepared to undergo the superhuman tests of the four elements which are not symbolical but are actual tests. Of the hundreds who wait at our doors for admission, very few have the strength and courage to go through these tests and thus gain their objective. The majority prefer the easy way which is almost the same as buying a ticket for admission to a theatre or other place of amusement.

*QUES: How can one cure nervous exhaustion?*

*ANS: The cause of this functional complaint is to be found within your own mind and it is wise for you to look back to the time when this condition began to manifest itself, try to see the conditions prevailing at that time, when you have found them, then set into motion constructive mental energies to counteract them. In the meantime, try and remain relaxed and make use of a herbal tonic which will feed and strengthen the nervous system. You may like to write to our own Herbalist for advice and help, he will help you no matter where you live. We suggest you send him £1 or \$3. in the first instance. His address is: Henry W. Rowsell, The Clinic, Dunster, Minehead, Somerset. England. He has been able to help many of the Members in their health troubles. Mention our name when writing.*

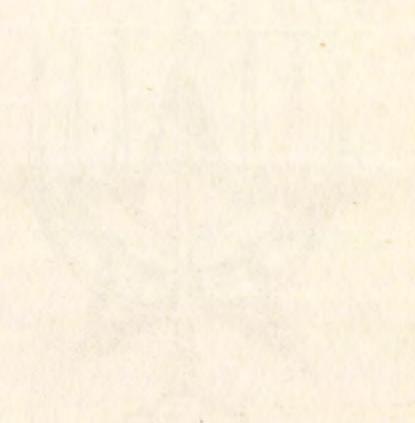
*QUES: Can you tell me the meaning of the Virgin Birth?*

*ANS: There are a number of meanings for the Virgin Birth. In the mystical sense it refers to the Divine Soul who is always a Virgin in its own state of being. When the Soul gives birth to the human Soul within Mary the human personality, it ever remains a virgin. The Soul is called the Virgin Sophia or Mary. This is one of the meanings of the Christian "Virgin Birth".*

*QUES: If your teachings are as simple as you make out, why have they not been taught before?*

*ANS: The answer is quite simple: Mankind loves to revere and accept the "mysterious". The teachings of the Gnosis only become difficult if you will refuse to accept the most logical, that you are a GOD INCARNATE and that you have in your nature the full glory and power of God. So long as you ever look outwards from yourself, you will never realise your Godship. If you will work with the Laws of God, then you will find that Self-Realisation is a complete joy.*

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