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I Am the Resurrection

From life's interior spheres mankind hears today anew the gracious voice of manifested Deity. Its tones are light itself; its words the powers of life eternal.

The great I Am it is that speaks, and whosoever has attained to I-hood may be partakers of its liberating affirmation.

***I am the resurrection, and
the life: he that believeth
in me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live.***

Thus spake the Christ. Thus speaks the
Christ in you and me.

Love's Armaments

• *He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also.*—1 John 5:20, 21.

This being the Easter issue, we wanted it to carry something bearing directly on the Holy Season, so an article was prepared on *The Easter Promise*. It was all but on its way to the printer when there came to hand a message from that great international Christian educator, Frank C. Laubach. The message is so powerfully charged with the spirit that springs from the Christ Event celebrated at this time of year that we set aside our "prepared" material for the "unprepared."

There is no suggestion of Easter in the title Dr. Laubach has given his message. He calls it *Declaration of War*. And it is! It is a call to arms for world conquest — but not the aggressive type waged for self or nation or race. It is a war as Spirit wages it for humanity's redemption. It is a war of kindness, an assault by helpfulness. The weapons are not forged in the armories of Mars, designed to destroy life and property. They are of another order, another kingdom — instruments fashioned in the human heart for the liberation of mankind from ignorance, poverty, lethargy and all the conditions which militate against his rising into his true spiritual state in joyous freedom, opulence and creativity. The call is to "put on the whole armour of God" and embark upon a crusade transforming this world so that the will of the Father may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

But this is no conventional religious plea to embrace a creedal faith. It has nothing to do with theological doctrines. It is not an appeal for missionaries to preach the Christian gospel to the "benighted heathens." It is a down-to-earth proposal for coming to grips with the hard, cruel actualities of present-day economics, social ideologies and power politics. It is addressed to practical minded and skillfully handed men and women willing and capable of going out into the neglected areas of earth and there rendering service out of an overflowing love for their kind and after the manner of the Lord Christ.

This is not an appeal for preachers or professional reformers, but for agriculturists, business men, scientists, technicians — in short, for men and women who can give to the submerged masses of Asia and Africa the help they need in order to help themselves to the material improvement they so sadly lack and, at the same time, to set before them by example rather than by precept a way of life that will bring comfort and satisfaction to the longings of their hungering spirit.

This call for co-workers comes from a man who is himself carrying the Christ spirit into physically and spiritually impoverished regions as Gandhi carried it to Untouchables in India and as Albert Schweitzer is carrying it to primitives in equatorial Africa.

Here it is in part. Here is Frank Laubach's call. Read one sentence and you are not likely to let go until you come to the last one. Its grip on the need of the hour is so sure, so strong.

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Our survival is at stake.

Asia is rapidly going communist. China went communist in the past four years. In the next four years all Asia will be gone. — half the world's population — unless we change our strategy.

Russia has a new weapon never before used on a world scale. She finds 90% of Asia hungry, sick, in debt, exploited, unhappy. To them she says: "Have a revolution. Go communist. Then you will have health and prosperity. That promise is her weapon. It is conquering Asia and Africa at the rate of 100 million a year. But we can wield a more powerful weapon than her promise. Our weapon is a deed. She can only **promise** to help in the future. We can help **now**. But we are not doing it on a big scale. We are playing at it, hesitating, pottering.

Our weapon does not mean sending money, food or clothes. It means give "know how"; it means send people. It means help the masses of Asia to help themselves out of their destitution. They want to come up. That is why they listen to the communists. We must send people among them to share with them what we know. Send enough — 100,000 skilled men and women, to show them how to use their soil, to cope with diseases and insects, to have better homes, to enjoy recreation, to live a more abundant life. One hundred thousand Americans who will not be afraid to get their clothes dirty and their hands dirty will win millions of friends who would otherwise hate us.

Send one hundred thousand such men and women with good character, high integrity and honor — examples to be admired and followed. Mobilize an army of selfless service. Declare a war of amazing kindness. Recruit this army from our churches, colleges, farms and industries. Train them, organize them, back them, equip them, send them. It will cost two billion dollars. That army of know-how and amazing kindness can recapture all of Asia. It is what the masses want, what they ask of us. The governments in Asia also welcome help because they are scared and want us to save them from the wrath of their masses. The people of Asia want us. The governments want us.

Our American people, too, are eager for a new direction. They are disgusted and millions of them are dismayed at the present drift. American people are ripe for this all-out, nation-wide, world-wide invasion of love in action.

If we use this weapon, the promises of the communists will be paralyzed. In fact, they will play into our hands. They stir up the longings of the masses — we will fulfill those longings. So the communists will push the world into our arms. The more they stir up desire, the better — we will fulfill it.

The communists have the Asiatic governments frightened and

ready to make reforms, and that, too, will play into our hands if we go all-out to help. It will push those governments into our arms, if we use our new weapon adequately everywhere and on time.

The first step up is for all Americans to see the strategy of this war of amazing kindness. YOU WHO SEE IT, TEACH YOUR NEIGHBOR. Fortunately it is as simple as one and one make two.

Eliminate the negative. There must be no dissensions as to whether this job is up to government, business, philanthropy, or religion. It must be all four of them, all-out, nation-wide and soon — or America is doomed. This is total war to the finish. It is a war which we have lost to date. He can turn the tide of battle only by swift, enormous heroic effort. He who throws monkey wrenches is helping the enemy. Don't object to the efforts of the other fellow. Do your best, give your best. Give yourself.

This is the only realistic down-to-earth answer to our present humiliating and terrifying defeat. It is also the Christian answer, one hundred per cent of what Jesus practiced and taught. We have professed Christianity; let's really practice it, and stop our international hypocrisy.

We all practice helping others in our private lives. Home is built on helping one another to grow and be happy. Business success is built on it. All the politicians use it to get votes. Every good teacher spends his time helping others. Preachers build their churches by helping others. This is the weapon with which we can capture the friendship and cooperation of the world. It is applying to international affairs the secret of all real success.

Here is a weapon we need not keep a secret. The more we reveal it the more the world will be conquered. When we start our all-out war of astonishing helpfulness, the Voice of America will have something to boast about, something that will make the world tingle, something to give hope.

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In this appeal Dr. Laubach is channeling into our world spiritual impulses identical with those which were cosmically released into our planetary sphere by the Lord Christ while passing through what esoteric Christianity refers to as the Mystery of Golgotha, and around which revolves the whole glory of the Resurrection Festival. This fact not only links the message to Easter but also throws light on the real significance of the Event it celebrates.

The possibility of waging a war for winning the world to peaceful pursuits, harmonious living and spiritual progression, originated with the first Easter. The sacrificial life and death of Christ Jesus followed by His Resurrection, imparted to humanity an impulse that has worked progressively to draw the souls of men into closer and more helpful association, one with another. Before that time the feeling of brotherhood was limited to those linked by blood ties; but with increased mingling of tribal and racial blood, this cohesive influence became weaker and weaker.

Had no uniting force of a higher order entered into earthly evolution the human family would have disintegrated into self-centered, separated units, every man's hand against others. In the end humanity would have destroyed itself.

To save mankind from such a fate the Christ incarnated in human form. By means of His incarnation in the body prepared for Him by the Master Jesus, this archangelic Spirit, who enshrined in His being the love of God, released into "the center which we call the race of men" this dynamic power, this spiritual force, this divine substance we term *Love*. That power, that force, that substance was a seed planted in the soil of humanity. That the seed germinated and has grown steadily stronger is abundantly evident on a most casual reading of history. Today people are talking about the Brotherhood of Man, the United Nations, the One World — not as abstract ideals but as realistic actualities. Love is the unifying principle underlying this development. In the physical field we know it as the law of attraction which holds both atoms and planets in their ordered place. In the spiritual world it operates in like manner, drawing the souls of men and the kingdoms of life into harmonious relationship.

Everyone is familiar with love as a sentiment. Many know it as a principle and a power. Few, however, have conceived it as *substance*. But this it is in the strictest terminology of spiritual science, and it is in this very literal sense that Dr. Laubach treats of love when he appeals to Christian actionaries to create out of it weapons with which to wage a war of kindness and service.

Evolution of Love

Early humanity was incapable of recognizing compassion and love as belonging to the highest development of the soul. Hence, the necessity for spiritual teachers to reveal progressively the power of these divine virtues. The wisdom of their cultivation and definite guidance for their application to daily living were given the highest and purest presentation by the Buddha in the immortal *Eightfold Path*. Six centuries later the Christ builded on what had gone before, revealing Love to the world as a living force and power. Buddha's teaching acted directly upon man's emotional body; the Christ power extended to man's ego. By His sacrifice, by His descent into human form, the Christ imparted Love as a living substance, giving to man's inmost egoic being the power to ray forth from itself this creating, transforming factor. Writes Rudolph Steiner in his volume of *Anthroposophic lectures on the Gospel of St. Luke*: "It was this substantiality, this living content of love which Christ brought to earth and not merely the 'wisdom-filled' content of love. . . . Christ was the first to set in motion the 'Wheel of Love' (not the 'Wheel

of Law') as a free faculty and force of the human soul . . . To bring the 'Wisdom of Love' was the task of the Buddha; to bring to humanity the 'Power of Love' was the task of the Christ. It is between these that we must distinguish."

In further amplification of the subject, Dr. Steiner explains that "the presence of Christ upon earth for three years — from the Baptism by John to the Mystery of Golgotha — was the reason why love will henceforth flow more and more into the human heart, into the human soul — in other words, into the human ego . . . even as the teaching of compassion and love had first to be given by the Bodhisattva, so too the substance of love had to be brought to earth by Him who brought it in from heavenly heights and allows it to become the property of the individual human ego. [He] flowed, as substance, into the beings of the earth and into human organization."

From this we learn the esoteric truth underlying the tenet of the late philosopher, Herman Keyserling, that we are all "physiological" Christians regardless of what faith we may profess — a statement based on the observations that altruism in varying degrees had become a quality of character common to all men and all people, and that neither individuals nor nations now thought of themselves as living to themselves alone. A recognition of inter-relationship had penetrated, as it were, into the very marrow of our bone, making us literally "physiological" Christians.

The New Strategy

That we need a new strategy for winning the war seems certain. None that we have tried so far has proved successful. Since the rise of militant Communism, we have seen it opposed by varying strategies. When it first erupted in the Russian Revolution of 1917, the Western Powers sent in armies to crush it. This failing, the same nations sought by propaganda to discredit it. In World War II, the revolutionary protagonist, having become our co-belligerent against the Axis powers, was embraced as an ally and a member of the Free Nations. Reconciliation was the "Allied line." The war over, fundamental differences that had previously divided Communist nations from the Democracies, and which the temporary situation created by a common danger had not removed, reappeared more sharply than ever before. Then began the "cold war." Then, too, commenced an armament race so sapping the economies of the Democracies that they may thereby become victims of an aggression which military preparedness are intended to prevent.

It is before such a compound danger that Dr. Laubach is sounding his alarm. He knows well the world from personal contacts. Over fifty governments have availed themselves of his services in an effort to wipe out illiteracy. He has witnessed at first hand how our one-time friends

in Asia and Africa are deserting us for the other side. Surely there are serious flaws in our application of democracy when hundreds of millions, confronted with a choice, prefer Russian leadership to that of the Free Nations of the West. Dr. Laubach recognizes but does not dwell on those shortcomings. It is enough to see they are there, and that the time has come when it is imperative for our future safety to find more effective means of meeting the perilous issues than we are now taking. It is becoming clear that neither the Voice of America nor "billions for defense" are giving us the victory.

Fortunately, there is available a weapon of power we have not yet used. It is this which Dr. Laubach, out of a love-wisdom that floods his being, urges us to adopt before it is too late.

It is helpful to recognize that Communism goes forward, not so much by lies, villification, secret infiltration, sabotage and fomenting confusion and division, as by a social gospel with an alluring promise to underprivileged people of the world. As Dr. Laubach points out, they are assured that by embracing this gospel their sorry lot can be bettered. The promise includes what all people crave, freedom and security. It is what all people have a right to enjoy. It is an attainable condition and the time for its world-wide demonstration is NOW.

But freedom and security are not possible under a totalitarian rule based on a materialistic interpretation of life. Hence Dr. Laubach's unconditional assertion that Communism cannot fulfill the promise by which it is winning so many to its side. No form of social organization imposed from above and maintained by ruthless dominance can bestow freedom. Its methods forbid.

A sufficiently large group making practical application of the ideals set forth by Dr. Laubach can not only promise, but *deliver* both security and freedom. Ways and means for making this possible are within its grasp. As yet they have not been seized upon with the faith and the spirit of self-sacrifice essential for their successful out-working, either for ourselves at home or for peoples abroad. But we have the technological skills and the material substance to fulfill this promise of security, and we have the Christian commandment to love one another. If applied as set forth by Dr. Laubach, these will preserve the dignity and sanctity of the individual while securing for every soul a communal form of life wherein will exist real freedom to unfold the divine potentials unique to its own being. To do all this it is necessary to recapture something of the universal love that animated Paul and those early Christians who had come under the energizing spell of the Lord Christ, by which power they set into motion forces that generated, out of the dying Roman Empire, the beginnings of Western Christian civilization.

Here is Dr. Laubach's formula for turning present defeat into glorious victories.

Concrete Proposals

What is **your** part, and mine? What is every American's part?

1. Cooperate with the rest of us; don't try to fight the war alone.
2. Talk about this idea everywhere. Read, listen, think, plan, pray, discuss. Make yourself a specialist in world need. It is the greatest issue on earth, whether you look at it from the viewpoint of America or the church. Suggested reading: **Wake Up or Blow Up; The Only War We Seek; Peace Can Be Won; Let's Join the Human Race.**
3. Help recruit trained persons qualified to go abroad.
4. Help invest money in this war of amazing kindness. This war is unlike the war in Korea. We cannot tax people for it. We cannot draft our skilled workers as we do our soldiers. It depends upon the intelligent and unselfish dedication of the average man and women to world need. Inspire your church to support more technically trained missionaries. Very few churches in America have done all they could. \$3,000 to \$5,000 adds another worker.
5. Plan what you can do and do it yourself. Then tell every man how he can share. "A NEW WORLD BEGINS IN ME."

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THE RIGHT TIME

"At the right moment," declares Rudolph Steiner, "something is embodied for the first time in a fact of universal significance; then evolution proceeds on its course; humanity makes a start from this point and acquires, only after a long lapse of time, that which was initially set before it as a mighty, exemplary deed."

At such a point stood the Buddha in his day and the Christ in His time. Is it not the hour for a Group Exemplar in the form of a band of Men of Good Will, an army of selfless servers, to arise and give humanity a fresh impulse of universal significance to its future development? The glorious opportunity is at our door. At no season can we lay hold of that opportunity with clearer understanding and firmer resolve than at Eastertime, when transcendent resurrectional forces are enforcing and sustaining its rise to floodtide.

BOOK OF REVELATION and the WORLD CRISIS

By CORRINE HELINE

III

A Cosmic Drama

In Revelation IV:1-8 John's vision deals directly with the celestial operation of the solar organism to which the earth planet belongs. It is a cosmic drama we see, with Angels, Archangles, Cherubim, Seraphim and all the hosts participating as actors. The dramatist is the God of our solar system, the prime Mover in the drama.

The principal key to a present-day interpretation of the Apocalypse is given in Revelation IV:6: *And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*

These four beasts are the four fixed signs, Taurus-Scorpio and Leo-Aquarius, which are the four Hierarchies activating the destiny of Earth. Taurus keeps the karmic books of the nations. When the time is ripe, under Scorpio these debts must be paid in full. It is the Angel of Taurus who comes out of the temple crying, *Thrust in the sickle and reap: for the time has come for thee to reap: for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

Scorpio is the Angel who thrusts his sickle into Earth (Rev. XIV: 15-16), and it is the martial force of Scorpio that is now cutting a swath of destruction through the world.

John portrays Leo as having power over fire and of crying to him with the sharp sickle, *Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth: for the grapes are fully ripe.* (Rev. XIV:18).

The nations of the Earth are being gathered together in the cosmic wine press of God before the sixth subrace—Russian-Slavic—can be established upon this planet, which will come under the Aquarian influence.

Vision of the Seven Seals and Four Horsemen

Rev. VI: 1-2

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

And I saw, and behold a white horse, and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

In the dramatic activities of the four horsemen, John depicts the work of the four karmic Hierarchies purging and regenerating the earth and its inhabitants. The white horse symbolizes peace and harmony of the New Age. It correlates to Leo, Lord of Love, whose benign power will be the foundation stone upon which the new day will be built.

Rev. VI: 3-4

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

And there went out another horse that was red: and power was

given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given him a great sword.

Virgo follows Leo in the zodiac. It rules the sixth house; the house of service and labor. Power is given to labor to take peace from the earth. The cosmic debts of a nation are both domestic and international; hence, the labor problem is acute in all lands today. A few years ago, when Neptune was in Virgo, the sign of labor, the United States had an unprecedented opportunity to solve her labor problems in accordance with the Golden Rule, and thus bring about more amicable relations between capital and labor. This she failed to accomplish, and her failure complicated the situation when Neptune passed into Libra, the sign of public relationships. The result was a nation-wide upheaval with its attendant chaos.

The Revelation series continues in the next issue.

New Light on the Mystery of Infinity

The boundaries of material science are continually receding until they have now admittedly transcended the mechanistic concepts that held sway in the century past. New dimensions of truth loom up before it. Even mathematical propositions are recognized as existing that cannot be fixed within the knowable limits of this "exact" science. Such are the declarations together with their implications of University citation with which a doctorate degree was conferred last June upon Kurt Godel. It reads:

Your proof of the existence of undecidable mathematical propositions shattered the ideal of the mechanization of mathematics and changed the course of mathematical thought. You have thrown new light on the mystery of infinity. Yale confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Russian Folk Dancers Entertain American Soldiers

The American Army recently sponsored an international sports event in Vienna. Russian soldiers participated. Their contribution was an army folk dance carried out by ten men and three girls. An A.P. news dispatch says the five to six hundred soldiers of the western armies gave more spontaneous applause to this number than to their own athletes.

This little incident, trifling in itself, points to developments that will one day prove to be of world significance. The little group of Russian folk dancers were truly representative of their people; for Russia, in spite of the terrible travail through which she has been passing and which is not yet over, can still sing and dance. These arts lie at the very heart of her national genius. And it is by means of them, music and the poetry of motion, that the Slavic peoples are destined to make their major contribution to world culture and racial harmonization.

The Russia of a peaceful tomorrow will rest on foundations of art, not politics. It is only the forbidding exterior of a revolutionary state in transition that finds voice in the invectives we hear from her official representatives to the United Nations, whereas it was the voice of the soul of Russia-in-the-becoming that found expression through the folk dance orchestra and performers in that army recreation hall in Vienna. That voice, scarcely audible today, will sound forth clearly in the world of tomorrow. It is the voice of Orpheus, the voice that quiets turbulence, that cancels discords and that enforces peace.

THE HEBREW APLHABET

A Series of Cosmic Glyphs

BY CORINNE HELINE

YOD

Yod (I, J, Y) is the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Its keyword is Omniscience. Aleph, the White Fire of Godhood, lowers in vibration in order to manifest. Yod is this same Fire after it has come into manifestation as spiritualized Will.

Cosmically, Yod represents the Wheel of Fate presided over by the Sphinx, presaging the development of Universal or Cosmic Consciousness. This universality of Yod is evidenced in the formation of the Hebrew letters for it is a component part of every letter from Aleph to Tau.

Numerically, Yod is Ten (10): the Masculine Principle of Unity (1) brought into equilibrium with the Feminine Principle (0) that no longer lies fallen in degradation, having been raised from its inferior position to stand side by side with the Masculine in regeneration (10).

"The Decad means 'fully accomplished.' It is the grand summit of numbers which, once reached, cannot be passed."

Astrologically and physiologically, Yod is connected with the virgin of the skies, Virgo. This sign has rulership over the stomach for Yod is concerned primarily with assimilation of spiritual essences.

Its musical tone is Middle C, representing the center on focus of new beginnings.

The Tarot glyph is the Sphinx, the feminine mystery closely related to Virgo. The Sphinx has the fearlessness of the Lion, the wisdom of the Serpent, the strength and tenacity of the Bull and the innate resources of Man. Its wings bestow ability to travel in unbounded realms. It unravels the veils of past and future, linking the tangled threads of *yesterday* and *tomorrow* with the purposes and reactions of *today*.

Jesus, the Master of the New Testament, and Joshua, the Jesus of the Old Testament, are examples of the androgynous powers of Yod or Ten—the Masculine merged with the fully redeemed Feminine. Every world religion, from the Isis of Egypt to the Blessed Mary of Christianity, has both expressed and concealed this aspect of Initiation.

Words Beginning with Yod—

Word	Meaning
JACHIM	<i>He strengthens. A power cypher used to designate one of the two principal columns adorning Solomon's Temple.</i>
JACOB	<i>The supplanter. The innate power of spirit which no obstacle can daunt.</i>

JAIKUS	<i>Enlightened. The daughter of Jaiius was one of the early women disciples of Christ Jesus.</i>
ISRAEL	<i>Father-Mother God.</i>
ISHMAEL*	<i>Wilderness or darkness.</i>
ISSACHAR	<i>He brings pay.</i>
ITHAMAR	<i>Island of the palm tree.</i>
ISAAC	<i>Daughter. Irrefutable soul happiness is born at a certain stage of development.</i>
ISALAH	<i>The salvation of Jehovah. The Prophet-Initiate who describes so exquisitely the Nativity as he sees it in the Akashic Records.</i>
JAMES	<i>Greek form of Jacob.</i>
JEROBOEM	<i>Increase of people. Struggle for the people.</i>
JESSE	<i>Wealthy. Jehovah is. Father of Jesus' line.</i>
JOSEPH	<i>Increase. Adding.</i>
JOSHUA OR HOSHEA	<i>Saviour. Jehovah is salvation.</i>
JESUS	<i>Greek for Joshua.</i>
JUDITH	<i>Courage and beauty.</i>
JACOB'S BLESSINGS	<i>Fragments of ancient hymnals called Hebrew Vedas.</i>
JABESH-GILEAD	<i>The dry place of Gilead. The Path beset with low and high places of the soul.</i>
JASHAR-BOOK OF	<i>Book of the Upright. An early fragment of a deeply esoteric book.</i>
JAPHETH	<i>He enlarges.</i>
JARED	<i>Descend.</i>
JASHER	<i>Upright.</i>
JEHOVAH	<i>J. H. V. H. Name of magic power.</i>
JEPHTAH	<i>God opens.</i>
JEREMIAH	<i>Jehovah foundeth. One of the four major Prophets.</i>
JERICHO	<i>Moon City.</i>
JETHRO	<i>Excellence. Initiate Teacher of Moses.</i>
JOB	<i>Cries of lamentations. The story of Job personifies the discipline of Saturn in the life of man.</i>
JOHANAN OR JOHN	<i>God is gracious.</i>
JONAH	<i>Done.</i>
JONATHAN	<i>Jehovah gave.</i>
JUDAH	<i>Praise.</i>
JUDAS	<i>A form of Judah.</i>

This is the ninth in a series on the Hebrew Alphabet. Back numbers available at twenty cents each.

The Angel of Death

By CORINNE HELINE

Editor's Note: The following article was published in the *Interpreter*, August, 1943. Since there have been repeated requests for its reprint, we are taking the occasion to do so at this Eastertide when all Christendom unites in celebrating life's triumph over the powers of the grave and in affirming anew the glorious truth that "there is no death, what seems so is transition."

Recently it was my great privilege to abide for a time in the blessed aura of the Angel of Death as the sands of finite time were running low for one of earth's rare and sainted spirits. So powerful were the radiations of this benign Being that they enveloped the immediate surroundings with an atmosphere of love and harmony. To all who came near, it gave uplift and blessing.

To the pure all things are pure—a statement of a deeply occult truth. Each Ego makes its own environment, hence when answering the summons of the Angel of death it but meets itself. The Presence that draws near is a composite of its own character, a sum total of the radiations that have made up the life just closing. It is for this reason that the Angel of Death has been variously described. To some it is a cold, sinister, terrifying Being; to others a tender, loving Presence; or, again, a Visitor of divine majesty and sublimity.

The bright spirit whose earth pilgrimage was just ending had been a benediction of love and beauty to all whose lives she touched. Such, therefore, was the very essence of her life which this Death Angel gathered and now radiated into the environment of the departing spirit. Here came no dark and forbidding Being, but one who was luminous and fragrant with the qualities of the parting spirit's life and works. Such being its character, everything within its sphere was blessed and renewed by it.

For many hours this great Presence hovered near, transforming the very atmosphere into a radiant glory, while above the departing one groups of angels sang in triumpharnt chorusing. "It is finished—It is finished—It is finished."

The outward setting harmonized with the inner scene. Added to the white aura of the prayers of her many loving friends were the fragrance of flowers and the soft strains of earthly music. Softly, gently as the golden glow of the setting sun crowns a perfect day, did the spirit pass from this plane to another. Mortality was put aside for immortality and earth exchanged for heaven. Amid angelic companioning an exalted spirit was at home.

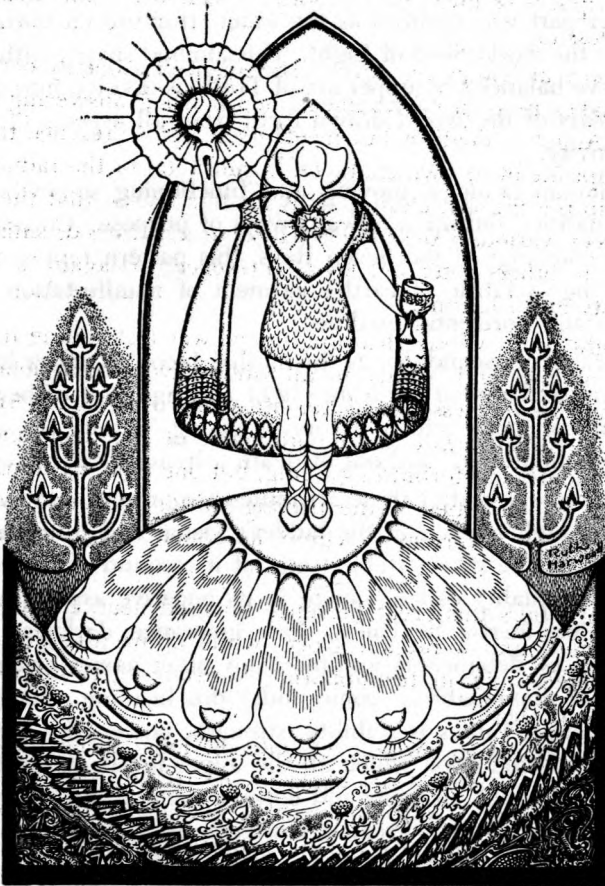
It was to such illumined ones that Paul addressed his words: O death, where is thy sting; O grave, where is thy victory!

Ascendant Chalice

By RUTH HARWOOD

*I have been making all life long
A shining vessel of my song,
Nor dreamed its purpose from the first
Was holding water for man's thirst.*

The Light Templar figure holding high the chalice, symbol of man's eternal Holy Grail, is a goal pattern not only for the aspiring poet but for all humanity.



In creating the design of the Light Templar the upper portion was clearly conceived and even though I had promised its use as cover for Corinne Heline's second volume of the New Testament, it could not be completed without true visualization of the lower part. In this type of creative art every least section must express the idea that fits inherently,

like a living child born of the universal polarities of divine Truth and Love.

Needs of pupils will often invoke the inspired answer and it was so in this case. I had sketched an interpretation of the three gunas or qualities of manifestation in form as given in the "Song Celestial" illumined jewel of wisdom from ancient India. It was my art supervisor in college who first spoke of the Bhagavad Gita and I have been grateful for those seeds of Light sowed in a ready field.

With joyous recognition I saw that this design of man's ascending qualities was the perfect arc of answering to the lower concave arc of asking which was my need. Also the vesica piscis form used on vertical axis in upper part was realized as the exact structure on horizontal axis to symbolize the world Seed of Light. This almond shape, with lower arc as divine Love balanced by upper arc of Truth, is divided into seven rays, Light Templars of the world drawn forth from all aspects of life's constructive activity.

Each human being is moving and functioning somewhere within ascending qualities and upon upward ways of purpose. Correlating with the esoteric teachings of the Seven Rays, this pattern represents a wonderful weaving, a fabric of earth's garment of manifestation woven of vertical rays and horizontal qualities.

The miracle of ascendance is the eternal Jacob's Ladder lifting from heaviness and darkness of earth into light and lightness of heaven. It is life's fountain of grace which is forever giving "beauty for ashes," the "oil of joy for mourning," and out of death a living Grail of resurrection.

Wherever there is matter these attributes are present and even though one climbs to higher levels of the ladder's vision and functioning, he is still sustained by the strong stable rungs of its ground structure.

The lower quality called Tamas, in its negative aspects as given in the Gita signifies inertia, heaviness, sloth, ignorance, darkness. Gluttony, lust, drunkenness, debauchery and the many other names given to earth's mortal "cup of abominations" come under this heading. Yet in its positive interpretation Tamas is stability, strength, power, the very groundwork and foundation upon which all the upper levels are sustained, the solid earth from which all fruits and flowers grow. From stone, the most resistant substance, world's greatest masterpieces are carved.

Rajas, the middle level, signifies motion, activity, passion and thirst for life, ambition, toil and workmanship, savory foods and stimulating drinks for strong physical appetites. The great majority of mankind, the getting and begetting man, is here fulfilled without any realization of a whole other realm and world of being above him. In fact he is generally frankly antagonistic to any ways that differ from his own. Because the

woman consciousness is often more intuitively aware than man, many marriages suffer from conflict between the central and higher qualities of being.

The upper level called Sattva is concordant with rhythm, joy, harmony, translucence, an ordered steady control and balance of emotions, with a healthy body formed from eating bland nutritious foods which cooperate with the ideal spiritual service. The devotee of Sattva seeks to keep his whole being clean and clear and upward looking for the risen Christ of earth's recurrent resurrection. This upper level is open to the universal realms of principle above manifested.

The Divine Mother, in her own subtle way, woos her children out of the darkness of illusion into light of Reality. There is no greater drama in the world today than that of degeneration to regeneration, the mystical relation of Mary Magdalene to the Christ.

The ancient wisdom tells of the "Lords of compassion" those luminous dedicated souls who have earned their liberation from the wheels of rebirth yet choose to remain close to struggling humanity to bring into earth's darkness that "bread which feeds the shadow." In the rich field of Catholic sainthood this consecrated service to mankind is revealed in many wondrous ways, none more beautiful or heart-reaching than that of St. Theresa, the Little Flower. Her heaven is being spent near enough to earth to scatter petals of her roses upon all souls who lift their chalices of adoration to receive her benediction.

Words themselves contain their own deeper message. Atheist is mostly theist, and God has His own quiet way of drawing these souls Homeward. Passion blossoms into compassion and lust to lustre for out of the turbulent waters of life the shining pearl of transformation is at last revealed in beauty.

In the design this transformation of lower to higher is suggested in various imageries. The same outer forms can ensoul different levels of being. Dark flames of mortal indulgences, of terror and destruction emerge into the vital fire of life's ongoing through urge of human desires, and then rise into purifying white flame of transmutation into Spirit.

Another example of this ascendancy is seen in the lower section as a downward moving rhythm like the talons or claws of prey echoed above in curving patterns of waves. Jagged irregular triangles which, in this language of form, speak of discord and chaos lift into an ordered repetition and become that force of upward thrusting which builds a bridge between the lowest and middle qualities. Even here we find an answering to the age-old holy song of Temple Building upon earth. The foundation pillars must sink deeply and strongly underground that the upper walls, spires and arches may rise high and firm and beautiful for eyes to see.

Though this transitional triangle is pointed like a wedge that cleaves its way of upward urging, one side echoes the roof structure symbolic of the middle quality in its aspect of laborers in heavy materials of earth. The roof form is also a right angle, carpenter's square of building, lifted into masonic significance in higher planes of architecture. The right arm—torch bearing—of the Light Templar figure reveals a square, the divine Carpenter of our inner spiritual building.

The principal form in this design of ascendent interpretation is the chalice. The black goblet of human indulgence in the lower corners has still a highlight from above, as living seed for that recurrent miracle drama of the prodigal son.

Flowers in the middle section symbolize that blossoming which lifts at times out of pain, suffering, mediocrity and conflict, the clear beautiful chalices of triumphant overcoming. These forms are drawn with the calyx of darkness out of which the white petals unfold.

This same ideal is suggested in the upper level where the heads and shoulders only of the seven human figures are seen as stylized chalices. They are themselves embodiment of the eternal Grail, Light Templars victorious, risen out of the flowing tide of all the ages.

A perfect balance of the divine polarities of Truth and Love form the central radiant figure. The Christ ideal of wholeness is symbolized—strength and power of masculine force with gentleness and compassion of the feminine complement. The Grail held in the left hand, the heart side with an arm graciously curved, represents Love's holy solvent in the world.

This chalice structure offers its own message of completeness in union of our mortal and immortal selves. The stem suggests the human figure of the disciple with arms uplifted as chalice of full giving and receiving. A decorative motif of hair which falls in seven divisions, speaks of life's rainbow of colors at last resolving into the white light of Spirit.

Representing the mother matrix lifted up from earth, the border design upon this chalice is again the zodiac of wholeness with each sign the risen butterfly, apex of the principle of metamorphosis. From ancient times the butterfly has been symbol of immortality, and has vital meaning now in our own conscious creating of the light body of resurrection to carry us winging and triumphant beyond the portals of death.

Thus the grail chalice in the left hand of Love and the torch chalice in the right hand of Truth both echo the one eternal message of the zodiac, heaven's perfect pattern of wholeness to be manifest in beauty, harmony, order, light and joy upon the earth!

TRANSITION

Swami Paramahansa Yogananda

It was a dramatic and high-lighted moment that concluded the remarkable career of Swami Yogananda. It came March 7th in the Biltmore Hotel at Los Angeles, as he was on the platform concluding a brief talk on his favorite subject of goodwill and fraternal relations between peoples prior to introducing His Excellency, Binay R. Sen, India's new ambassador to this country.

Instantly the large audience rose to its feet and remained standing for a brief period of silent prayer, surrounding the Swami with the love his eloquent words had already evoked from their responsive hearts. Under such beneficent auspices it was that his spirit stepped across the border dividing the field of labor here from the sphere of activity over there.

Swami Yogananda's work was of wide scope, of extraordinary power and of rich productivity. On the platform and in the classroom he had reached great numbers through his life-long public ministry. His writings were extensive and his teachings attracted a following numbering millions. Among his best known works are *Whispers from Eternity* and *Autobiography of a Yogi*. The latter, published five years ago, is now in its third edition and has been translated into seven languages. It relates many marvels that the author himself has experienced.

Swami Yogananda was born in India. In 1920 he came to this country as a delegate from India to the International Congress of Religion at Boston, and from then on America became his home. In 1925 he founded the Self-Realization Fellowship Church of All Religions with Western Headquarters at Mount Washington, Los Angeles, which has since grown until it now embraces eighty-four centers scattered in all parts of the world. These centers are of three types: Study Centers, Churches, and Colonies. Mount Washington is a colony where dedicated ones take up residence and give their full time to the work. In California there are two other colonies, one in Hollywood and another in Encinitas. There is also a center, church and vegetarian restaurant in Los Angeles.

Swami Yogananda made an outstanding cultural and spiritual contribution in furthering the cause of better understanding between East and West. He combined in a conspicuous degree the spiritual idealism of India with practical activity and ability to command material resources which is the dominant characteristic of the West. The two found in him a blend, enabling him to accomplish a work of amazing proportions in the course of no more than three brief decades. The Centers he established, the great numbers he inspired to nobler living, and the ideals he planted in the common consciousness of humanity will ever remain a monument to his notable achievement. May his dynamic spirit find multiplied scope for service in the realm of larger freedom where he now functions.

The Soul's Easter

*Until the Christ has risen in your soul,
To claim His everlasting regnancy,
You have not answered to the heaven's call
To Israel — for His ascendancy
Is life eternal, that transmutes the earth
And all its words and ways into rebirth!*

— CLAIR S. BOYER

I KNOW I AM DEATHLESS

I know I am deathless;

*I know this orbit of mine cannot be swept by the carpenter's
compass;*

*I know I shall not pass like a child's curlicue cut with a burnt
stick at night.*

I know I am august;

I do not trouble my spirit to vindicate itself or be understood;

I see that the elementary laws never apologize;

*(I reckon I behave no prouder than the level I plant my house
by, after all.)*

I exist as I am — that is enough;

If no other in the world be aware, I sit content;

And if each and all be aware, I sit content.

*One world is aware, and by far the largest to me, and that is
myself;*

*And whether I come to my own today, or in ten thousand or
ten million years,*

I can cheerfully take it now, or with equal cheerfulness I can wait.

My foothold is tenon'd and mortis'd in granite;

I laugh at what you call dissolution;

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