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ATOMS FOR PEACE

It is difficult to realize how swiftly we are being catapulted into a new world. It is thrilling to think what a grand new world it can be. Peace and plenty are already within our grasp as they have never been since we departed from the Edenic state. Physically, the new transforming agent is the released power of the atom; spiritually, it is the universally awakened "will to good." They arrived together; they belong together; they are destined to travel together into a brightened, abounding future.

With the release of nuclear energy man has come into possession of hitherto unknown powers for building or for tearing down. They can be used to remove blocks and barriers to the free flow of an ever-expanding life and to create new forms for its ample expression, or they can be so mismanaged and misdirected as to bring on universal disaster and self-destruction. Today man stands between the mount of atomic blessings on the one hand and the mount of nuclear curses on the other. So stationed, the words of the God of Israel to His Chosen in ancient days are heard ringing in our ears: "I call heaven and earth to record this day . . . that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live."

The divine injunction has lost none of its force and applicability with the passage of time. Fateful choices had to be made then and have to be made now. In the case of Israel the great issue at stake was the successful inauguration of the Christian Dispensation, for which that nation was called to make specific preparation. With humanity today the issue is the successful inauguration of the Aquarian Age, the Age of the Son of Man, wherein all things are to be made new.

There is comforting evidence that man has chosen to channel the newly discovered atomic energy into the reservoir of life rather than into the channels of death. According to occult authority, this decision, arrived at subjectively by the collective soul of humanity, was brought nearer to the surface of racial consciousness when representatives of the Big Four met in Geneva last summer. The effect of that Conference was to put that decision on record, as it were, not by formal resolution but through a mutual understanding engendered by new conditions which the atomic age has brought into the world. There was no cancellation of existing differences between East and West. The cleavage existing between the Free World and the Totalitarian States was fully and frankly recognized. There was no attempt to minimize conflicting issues. As a matter of fact, they were probably brought into even sharper focus. But so, too, was the realization that atomic war meant annihilation for all. It may be said that what the friendly spirit of the Big Four Conference accomplished was, in effect, a mutually understood renunciation of total war.

But it did not end the "cold war." On the contrary, it appears to have actually sharpened its bite, judging by the negative results of the Foreign Ministers' Conference that followed the "Summit" meeting and which had been directed to carry out "the spirit of Geneva" by further acts of reconciliation. But none were concluded. It seems as if the receding threat of atomic war had lessened the fear of engaging in a somewhat "safer" war.

It would be easy to conclude from this that "the last state is worse than he first," and that hopes raised at the Summit meeting were but an empty bubble that burst at the succeeding Foreign Ministers' meeting. Even though Russia's position became more adamant at this second meeting because she no longer feared total war, nevertheless there is every evidence that the Summit Conference actually had removed a half-paralyzing fear from the world of men and given them reason to breathe easier.

Perhaps it can be said of the two Conferences that the hopes raised by the first and the disappointment registered by the second are both well founded. The second Conference did not cancel out the work of the first. The first Conference lifted a leaden weight from the minds of men. It took the nations a step farther from war and nearer to peace. The second Conference did not retrace that step; it simply failed to take another step forward. Total war is out—that is, if we read the signs aright—but total peace, though on its way, is still afar off. Toward this man must work with perseverance, belief and patience. In the words of President Eisenhower on receiving a first-hand report of the Foreign Ministers' Conference: "The United States will never admit defeat . . . Success may be long in coming, but no setback, no obstacle to progress will ever deter this government and our people from the great effort to establish a just and durable peace." The fact is, mankind's direction is right. Its face is turned toward peace.

The declaration made before the United Nations Assembly by Presi-

dent Eisenhower on December 8, 1953 is certain to remain a starred pronouncement in American history and in this new atomic age. It committed our country to the task of helping to turn the new-found cyclopean power into channels for peace. "The United States," declared the President, "pledges before you—and therefore before the world—its determination to help solve the fearful atomic dilemma—to devote its entire heart and mind to find the way by which the miraculous inventiveness of man shall not be dedicated to his death but consecrated to his life."

In those words, that we can well imagine will go ringing down the corridors of time, the President was voicing more than a personal conviction, more than a governmental decision, more than a national aspiration. He was, in truth, speaking for the masses of humanity that had already in their heart of hearts chosen the way of life rather than the way of death.

President Eisenhower is able to speak for the many because his personality instrument is attuned to humanity's wave-length as, perhaps, is that of no other leader of equal rank and influence. That there is such an attunement between the heartbeat of the President and of the race of men had become manifest to a high degree when, in 1945, he led the Allied Armies in Europe to victory. But it was more universally and dramatically high-lighted on the occasion of the Geneva Conference. Even so, it took his recent illness to reveal more fully the strong attachment which the people of the world have formed for this man of heart, and the hope and trust they have reposed in his leadership during this critical period of transition from a warring to a warless world. The high and the lowly, the near and the far, felt the wrench that deactivated the President, as was evidenced by the solicitous concern expressed for his recovery and the rejoicing that greeted his return to duty. Speaking from London, a radio commentator said the joy over the President's recovery was almost as pronounced throughout Europe as it was in the United States. This is so because President Eisenhower is no longer just a person. He has become a living symbol of peace.

In committing the American people to discovering ways and means for making atomic power available for peaceful purposes, he spoke out of the destiny-consciousness of the nation—whose mission it is to create a *New Order of the Ages*, as proclaimed by our Great Seal—but was also voicing an hierarchical intent for our planet.

President Eisenhower unquestionably wields the greatest power of any man on earth. His devotion to peace is, therefore, naturally of the highest significance. He calls upon the world to commandeer the atoms in service to man's life and well-being. No person of such influence is ever left unaided by the Guardians of Human Destiny. They are near, not to interfere or coerce, but to strengthen and encourage, to give counsel, to sustain constructive action, and to lend their inspiration to lofty ideals. They project into the ethers such archetypal patterns as are due for immediate externalization into the

consciousness of individuals in a position to give them physical-plane expression. Susceptibility to soul impressions, wisdom to discern the true from the false, and strength and courage to give practical implementation to ideals emanating from the Center of Light, such are the qualifications of world disciples who are assisting humankind on its upward way.

The unleashing of nuclear energy and the use man has made of it, marking as they do an epochal event in human evolution, could not possibly occur without the closest concern of the Hierarchy standing guard over the race of men. In the writings of the Tibetan, frequently quoted in these pages, we are told that during the last war, when German scientists were on the verge of harnessing the power of the atom, so great was the danger to civilization from the use of this weapon in the hands of a people which had temporarily come under evil control, that action was taken from inner planes to effect the slowing down of inventiveness on the part of Axis' scientists while at the same time stimulating the minds of those working on a like project in Allied laboratories. As a result of this invisible but potent influence, atomic power came first into the hands of the Free Nations. However, this did not prevent its being used for destruction. The world will never forget the horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But neither will it forget the compensating fact that it brought the war to a speedy conclusion.

By the very nature of this awesome weapon, we may assume something of the sort would have happened had the Axis powers been first to use it. But the consequences would have been tragically different. Instead of a world in which the development of the human spirit in freedom is the supreme objective of organized society, there would have been a victory for forces discounting individual initiative in favor of the abstract state. Thus the spirit of man would have been imprisoned under totalitarian dictatorship. Terrible as was the use of the atomic bomb in the last war, it shortened the war's duration. We are told this was, from the viewpoint of the Hierarchy, a matter of gravest concern, for a prolongation of the conflict would have so exhausted the peoples involved they would have been incapable, from sheer weariness, to respond to the New Age forces of resurrection—a threatening disaster the atomic bomb was largely, if not chiefly, responsible for averting. Besides, in so far as its use shortened the war it undoubtedly lessened the loss of life and property far beyond that suffered as a result of the bombings. Thus, even in its destructive aspects it was so maneuvered under higher guidance as to serve ultimate good. Later, when atomic weapons reached such terrifying destructiveness as to render them impossible of use short of racial suicide, they serve in a negative manner to compel men to seek as never before for human relation formulas that will enable people to live together in a world of peace, free from fear and want and war.

The hopes raised by the Summit Conference were translated into what amounted to a confident faith when atomic scientists from all

over the world met shortly after in the same city. This was the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. It was the direct outcome of President Eisenhower's address delivered before the United Nations Assembly, when he pledged this country's efforts to make the atoms work for peace. Seventy-two nations and about a thousand scientists participated. There were no nationalistic or racial barriers. Knowledge that had been gathered by each was shared by all. Said Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the United States Energy Commission: "The cross-fertilization of the ideas that has gone on in the conversations between men of science in papers that have been presented, in discussions that have followed the presentation of papers, in the informal meetings at luncheon and at dinner, will, I think, in the course of the next few years produce a real state of inventiveness."

"For the first time in the history of the world," writes Harold E. Stassen in the *Ladies Home Journal* for August, 1955, "we have a weapon that is reversible. All through history we have been able to turn the plowshare into a sword; but only today, in the twentieth century, do we have a sword that we can turn into a plowshare."

"Yes," continues Mr. Stassen in the article titled *Atoms for Peace*, "the era of nuclear power is upon us, and I have faith that we can make it an age of plenty and that we can create conditions which will make possible a more perfect brotherhood of men."

Creating an age of plenty through the constructive use of this new-found energy holds out the greatest promise of victory for the Free World in its present struggle with Totalitarianism, a struggle to break the stranglehold it exercises over the natural unfoldment and creative expression of those qualities which are unique and individual in every human ego.

The help we are now extending to underprivileged peoples as a matter of national policy, under what we have come to know as Point Four, has admittedly the double motivation of altruistically relieving want and distress on the one hand and on the other hand self-interestedly attempting to prevent further totalitarian expansion into areas of freedom. With the release of atomic energy for peaceful purposes this program can be tremendously accelerated. What would have required generations to accomplish with the resources formerly at our disposal is now possible of attainment within an unbelievably short span of time.

The possible extensions of peaceful application of atomic energy as envisioned by nuclear physicists is nothing short of breath-taking. We hear talk, for example, of agricultural frontiers being extended into the frozen Arctic and into the sun-baked deserts. Through radiation seeds produce a greatly multiplied yield and plants can actually be re-formed, their basic characteristics changed. Whereas man has hitherto been able to work in a formative way with the mineral kingdom only, he is now beginning to manipulate the forces of life itself and so work creatively with living forms in both the vegetable and animal kingdoms.

The range of benefits inherent in this world-revolutionizing discovery outdoes imaginative science fiction. Radioisotopes, a product of nuclear fission, are credited with performing the most varied tasks. They are used in medicine, in industry, in agriculture, in food preservation and so on. They are used in taking exact measurements, even to the infinitesimal point of determining which tooth paste removes the least amount of enamel in a brushing. Yet the thousands of profitable uses to which this by-product is being turned are secondary to the creation of limitless low-cost power with which to literally rebuild our present civilization's entire physical structure and to bring it into closer conformity to man's envisioned ideals. It can provide the underdeveloped areas with power to rehabilitate land, irrigate deserts, drain swamps and multiply crops. A supply of food, textiles and building materials can be brought within the range of peoples everywhere. New industrial plants can be equipped to turn raw materials into a thousand and one implements and gadgets to lessen labor, increase comforts and provide leisure for cultivating social graces, intellectual interests and a spiritual life. The revolution that has set in with the availability of atomic power is already in the way of transforming man's inner and outer life to a degree and with a rapidity that few, if any, can fully grasp.

The whole of our planetary life is being pitched a rung higher on the ladder of evolution. The very life of God, that has for aeons reposed in the inert mineral kingdom, has literally burst forth with a blinding light. In the human kingdom a corresponding release is taking place under an impact from the planetary power center "where the will of God is known." A fifth kingdom is coming into being, the kingdom of souls. As its influence becomes increasingly manifest so, too, will the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. For it is here, here on earth and not in a yonder heaven, that man must work out his destiny, perfect his nature and actualize his divine potentialities.

We are told that only twice before in the vast spans of human evolution has the power ray from Shamballa been released directly into the life of humanity. Humanity is not yet able to endure a continuous direct inflow of its high voltage, hence its release has been limited to those occasions when extraordinary high tension has been needed to bring forth purposed results. The first time was when individualization took place in remote Lemuria. The second, when the Atlantean continent and civilization were brought to their catastrophic end. The third occurs in our day, when its most immediate and spectacular manifestation is the loosing of power stored in infinitesimally minute atoms.

A new world is in the making. The Master Plan is in the hands of the planetary Hierarchy of Illumined Souls. From their inner-plane Ashrams they work with individuals on the physical plane who are amenable to soul impressions and who have the intelligence, the purpose and the dedication to serve the Plan as it unfolds inwardly and outwardly to their intuitive perception.

The Masters work from seven major Ashrams in carrying forward their world-building program. Three of the seven, according to the

Tibetan in an article in the *Beacon* for May, 1955, are particularly active in the outer world at this time. The first of these controls the building forces; the second, the work of organic fusion; the third is on the Fifth Ray governing science, which relates to the bringing into expression the duality of spirit-matter. "This Ashram," we read, "has an important part to play in the work of preparation, for it is through the scientific use of energy that the world will be rebuilt and the factual nature of the Hierarchy be proved."

There can be no doubt that from this Ashram there is continually flowing a stimulation that enlightens the minds and inspires the hearts of nuclear physicists and atomic engineers the world over, as they labor at fashioning the foundations of a new world out of atoms dedicated to the service of man and the peace of that world.

When primitive men discovered the use of fire they came into possession of a power with which to transform the then existing world from a bestial condition into a human state. The discovery of nuclear fission now gives man the power with which to recreate this human world from its present condition into a habitation suitable to serve as a kingdom of souls.

With every ascension of consciousness comes a corresponding liberation from imprisoning matter. Man functions progressively in a world conditioned less and less by gross matter and more and more in terms of energy. For example, from coal to oil, from oil to gas, from gas to electricity, from electricity to atomic radiation. The mass decreases, the power multiplies. Weight is wiped out, distance annihilated; space is no barrier to sight or hearing. Yet, as Paul reminds us, eye hath not seen nor ear heard what the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him; in other words, for those who serve the divine Plan. But prophets who have peered into the archetypal world have recorded glimpses of glories yet to be. "Behold I create new heavens and a new earth," said the Lord through the prophet Isaiah. "Rejoice in what I create for behold I create Jerusalem, a rejoicing and her people a joy." This is the new heaven and the new earth which John beheld in his vision on the Isle of Patmos. It is the New Jerusalem he saw coming down out of heaven. Spiritually interpreted, the New Jerusalem envisioned by both prophets is not only a city and a geographical place, but a condition, a state of consciousness and, as spelled out Hebraically in the very name itself, "the habitation of peace."

Under whose divine leadership is this new heaven, new earth and new habitation of peace to come into being? The Lord Christ! He it is who stands at the head of the Hierarchy and between the Father, or Power Center, and "the center which we call the race of men." Isaiah proclaimed the coming to earth of this King of Glory. His assumption of human form, and the regenerated, recreated earth that would, in the fullness of time, eventuate from His divine incarnation. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel... For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government

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The Holy Family

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The Madonna at Christmas

The Advent Season fittingly may be designated the Season of the Madonna, for it is at this time that the gates of heaven swing wide and the Divine Mary, accompanied by hosts of ministering Angels, enfolds the earth within a radiant aura of love and blessing.

Christmas is preeminently a children's Festival. No others are so close to the heart of the Madonna as are children. The purpose of her earth life was to show forth to mankind the supreme type pattern of perfect motherhood.

It is at Christmas that she bestows upon every child in physical incarnation, and upon all who are about to come into human re-embodiment, the most precious of all Christmas gifts: her love and blessing. These blessings sometimes manifest as an aroma of indescribable perfume, like the very breath of heaven; and again, as the soft tones of an angelic chorale. Sometimes, as lines of radiant light, they seem to be the reflections from silver lamps aflame upon celestial shrines.

At this season some fortunate ones catch a fleeting glimpse of the Blessed Lady as she hovers above the earth, raying forth her blessings. As transcendently beautiful as an Angel's fairest dream, she is a luminous harbinger of the new Christed race which is to come.

With the Season's Heartfelt Greetings

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEW AGE BIBLE INTERPRETATION

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THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Twelve Steps That Lead to Self Mastery

Joshua was the son of Nun, a Hebrew word meaning fish. In the language of symbolism (it) is synonymous with the son of Initiate-wisdom. Tertullian . . . states, for instance, that Christ and His immediate followers were fishes bred in the waters and saved by the Great Fish. This statement would appear to be related to one in the Zohar which declares of God that "He had His dwelling in the Great Sea, and was a fish therein. Their (the Disciples') task was to help make the way of the Piscean, or fish, Initiation known and open to all who chose to walk therein.

Throughout all time the path of discipleship has consisted of twelve steps or degrees. The ancients frequently referred to them as the Twelve Great Labors that lead to Perfection. The Twelve Labors of Hercules are a familiar instance of an ancient mythological portrayal of the stages by which the Great Work is accomplished.

First Step: Conquest of Amalek

Amalek typifies lust, a mighty power that has to be vanquished when setting out on the Path. It is in the manger where the beasts of the carnal man feed that the Christ Spirit first stirs the fires that bring a new, regenerated life into being.

Joshua discomfited Amalek with the edge of his sword. The sword, like the staff of Mercury, symbolizes the spinal spirit fire which, rightly and wisely used, is a power with which to destroy the dragon of lust (Amalek). While the first step is being taken, both the mind and the body are subjected to a refining process. The inner perceptions are strengthened and spiritual vision awakened. The disciple also comes to recognize the reality of the inner worlds as contrasted with the shadow forms of the outer or material spheres.

Second Step: Divine Communion

At the second step the candidate encounters the Great Silence. He who can remain within its sphere, dauntless and unafraid, has passed beyond the flame of passion . . . The first ordeal of terror now lies behind . . . That Joshua had entered calmly and victoriously into

the Great Silence and shared the experiences therein encountered, is conveyed in the cryptic statement that "Joshua departed not out of the Tabernacle."

Third Step: Test of Humility

At the third step the test is subtle in that it arises out of apparently insignificant trifles which may be encountered any hour in the course of daily living . . . The trial at this stage determines to what extent the candidate relies on the resources of his own personal nature. If his chief dependence be upon these, he is subject to failure . . . Not until the relative weakness of the personality is recognized and admitted, and the unmeasured power of the indwelling spirit is realized and called into action, can the candidate meet the petty provocations that intrude themselves into the passing hours.

Joshua had the strength and the courage to successfully pass this test; he placed his reliance on the promise made to him that the Lord, God was with him whithersoever he went (and thus) became a worthy "servant" of Moses, and a true leader and teacher of his people.

Fourth Step: Expansion of Consciousness

And Joshua . . . sent out . . . two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went out and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. —Joshua 2:1

The spies that Joshua sent out to explore the land represent the pioneers who lead out over unbeaten paths . . . Coming to Jericho, the king of the city sought to take them . . . With stalks of flax laid upon the roof, she (Rahab) shielded the spies, an act which is representative of the manner in which an awakened soul gives hospitality to new revelation, and protects the teaching of the deeper Mysteries from desecration and destruction.

The teachings given by Joshua, and carefully guarded by Rahab, were taught to the masses with the coming of the . . . Piscean Dispensation . . . Many aspire to a place of power and responsibility such as that which devolved upon Joshua, but few there are who have the strength and perseverance to make the rigorous preparation.

Fifth Step: Dedication

Having mastered the initiatory work preparatory to receiving his high commission, Joshua is ready for a complete dedication to a selfless human service . . . Moses attained to a vision of the Holy Land; Joshua entered it . . . The former symbolizes awakened and realized power; the latter that power in active manifestation. Moses exhibits the pattern of preparation; Joshua is that pattern in action. The former is the ideal; the latter, the ideal made actual.

Sixth Step: Passage of the Jordan

At the sixth step the command is given "Arise and go over the Jordan." The ways and means for making that crossing are not

specified. The greater the advancement, the more is left to the individual's own initiative . . .

Joshua's abilities to meet emergencies were quickly tested. The Jordan . . . was at floodtide (yet) . . . all waters, wheresoever they came from, yielded to a power greater than their own. They made way for their master . . .

The "waters of the Jordan" which were "cut off from the waters that came from above" refer to the dividing of the higher elements in the emotional body from the lower.

Seventh Step: Setting Up the Twelve Stones

The twelve stones are the twelve spiritual centers in the body which are "set up" into activity . . . The stones, it is stated, are "there unto this day." In other words, the centers of light and power which Joshua had developed . . . are present now in the body of every person, though they are as yet latent in the majority. The process of their unfoldment is one of the principal subjects of all the Bible.

Eighth Step: Circumcision Renewed

The rite of purification was renewed. This must occur again and again on the ascending spiral of development . . . Circumcision constituted a part of Initiation in the early Mysteries . . . Hence Joshua, the Initiate-Teacher, demanded of the Elect a second circumcision. Early writers tell us that a part of the inner Mysteries had to do with . . . a certain sensitizing development that takes place within the head. Esoterically, circumcision was a part of this work.

Ninth Step: Jericho Encompassed

The capture of Jericho is to be effected not by ordinary weapons of offensive warfare, but by harmonious vibration . . . Herein is to be found the key with which the door may be opened on untold secrets of nature. Within the scope of the vibratory law is concealed the power of life and death, the manifest and the unmanifest. By the rhythm of the Word was all things made. By the rhythm of the Word can they be resolved into the universal ocean of being . . . Impersonality is the keynote of attainment at this stage. To realize it the personality of Joshua suffered for a time both defeat and humiliation. This is the side of human nature that must decrease in order that its divine aspect may increase.

Tenth Step: The Capture of Jericho

In Hebrew the word "city" is feminine in gender. Jericho, specifically, is the "Moon City." It relates to the image-building faculty which is the expression of the feminine pole of spirit. In fallen humanity it is this faculty which has descended into evil ways . . . Joshua is one in whom the "fallen" feminine principle has, through pure and noble thinking and living, been uplifted.

Jericho was taken through the power of seven. The four of mater-

iality was transmuted into the trinity of spirit. Seven marks the ascendancy of spirit over matter Tone is both masculine and feminine Each masculine-feminine note also possesses positive and negative rhythm. It is the feminine note which sounds continuously within the archetype, and the masculine within the outer physical form. By using only negative rhythms (one) can secure instantaneous collapse of the archetype; this in turn will react in the annihilation of the physical form. Joshua understood and used this rhythm in leveling the walls of Jericho.

Eleventh Step: Conquest of Ai

Ai represents the creative fire force in man. Its utter desolation demonstrates Joshua's complete mastery over the most subtle and powerful of all forces in the life of man

The ability to observe and to study the operation of the fire force in nature depends upon the measure of control which the investigator has gained over this same force as it functions within his own body.

Twelfth Step: Sun and Moon Stand Still

The unified consciousness represented by a control of the masculine (Sun) and the feminine (Moon) principles marks the culmination of Joshua's development as a pioneer of the Christed Dispensation. In this early day he was already consciously preparing for further and higher life cycles wherein this identical bright and luminous spirit was to furnish yet more exalted initiatory ideals for man's emulation.

Each step in Joshua's progress moved toward this culmination, its every stage bringing a corresponding experience in the life of every aspirant, both ancient and modern.

Bible Studies

The foregoing article is extracted from Corinne Heline's Old Testament Interpretation Vol. I. This particular volume contains nearly five hundred more pages of equal worth. Correspondence courses based on these Interpretations are available on the free will offering plan. Experienced guidance is also available to those who wish to form groups for the study of Esoteric Christianity based on these Interpretations. Write the New Age Press or the New Age Bible and Philosophy Center, 1139 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif.

Spiritual Calendar

This is not a yearly calendar with accompanying inspirational thoughts as the title might indicate. It is a calendar for the twelve-day interval between Christmas and Twelfth Night, days that contain the spiritual heart of the twelve months of the year and to which they are related in like sequence. The twelve days have aptly been called the Holy of Holies of the year. During this sacred period, the twelve zodiacal Hierarchies that guide earthly evolution concentrate their forces on fashioning a pattern for the coming year.

The text contains a terse astrological characterization for each sign augmented by an appropriate biblical text and a quotation from Emerson. In size, price, message and distinction, many will find it a welcome substitute for the more customary Christmas cards. 4¼ by 5¼, art cover and paper; 25 cents. 10 for \$2.25; 25 for \$5.00; 100 for \$17.50. Envelopes to match 2 cents each; 1 cent each on 25 or more.

LOHENGRIN and the WINTER SOLSTICE

By Corinne Heline

Aptly, the Winter Solstice could be termed an Observance Looking Toward the Coming of the Great Light. As far back in the ages as is known this season has been celebrated by a ritual called the Vigil of the Light, wherein assembled multitudes knelt in adoration before blazing luminants of one type or another. The first observances were conducted in caves or on mounds; later, these gave way to temples, but always there were lights and a midnight vigil of adoration. These, however, were but exoteric ceremonials for the masses—for there has ever been, as St. Paul observed, milk for babes, meat for the strong.

Since the dawn of civilization high priests have gathered their disciples about them and secretly taught of the coming of the Great Light, the one who was to be the Light of the World. Century after century there has run through every racial folklore and every religious creed this secret teaching like a golden thread. Each civilization has made preparations for the coming of the Supreme Light, connecting it with a celebration of the Winter Solstice.

With the advent of the Lord Christ this observance became the Christ Mass. His incarnation was the most momentous of all world events. So important was it that the passage of time is still divided into B. C., before Christ, and A. D., after Christ.

On the night of the first Christ Mass the Christ Ray was focused upon Earth until the entire planet became luminous, as hosts of celestial Beings winged their way through the physical and spiritual realms heralding the coming of the World Redeemer.

Upon this Holy Night the radiant Angel Gabriel assumes guardianship of our earthly sphere and of all its activities for the winter quarter of the year. Gabriel is the Angel assigned to mothers and children. On Holy Night he and the Blessed Virgin bestow a tender benediction upon prospective mothers and those egos who will incarnate during the coming year. Truly, this is a magic night, one dedicated to mothers and children.

Also, upon Holy Night the doors to the Mystery Temples are opened to those who are worthy to enter. The Christian Mystery Temple is located in the ethers above the Holy Land. There it is that Mary, Joseph and the early Disciples still meet to pour out their blessing upon mankind. Every organization, church congregation, consecrated group or individual that spends this period in devout prayer and meditation receives a mighty radiation from the Christian Mystery Temple.

Then it is that the worthy aspirant is permitted to pass into the

presence of the Lord Christ. Caught up momentarily, he becomes one with the Light of the World. After this transcendent experience the successful candidate is a changed person. Personality is conquered, leaving only the divine selfhood. Upon him is impressed the very signature of the Christ. Should someone smite him on one cheek he will turn the other. Should he be asked for his coat he will give also his cloak. If called upon to go one mile he will go two. His whole aim in life is to give himself in loving, self-forgetting service wheresoever needed, for in that moment of at-one-ment he has learned that all life is sacred, that to hurt one is to hurt all and to serve one is to serve all. He has transferred his point of focus from the finite to the infinite, from the temporal to the eternal, and in soul ecstasy found the Allness of the One and the Oneness of the All.

The exquisite legend of Lohengrin could be subtitled "The Coming of the Light," for Lohengrin typifies those compassionate beings who, having been reborn, dedicate themselves completely to the service of others. These emancipated souls oftentimes renounce a merited heaven life to remain within Astral realms so they can minister to those in the agony of earthbound purgation. And one of this high attainment will search the ways of men to aid an aspirant to the Mysteries.

Such is Elsa in the Lohengrin narrative. She has reached an advanced state of consciousness, having developed the power of conscious invisible helpership. She is able to bridge the interval between passing into sleep and returning to wakefulness, and thus brings back into awareness a memory of her inner-world experiences. During her hours of sleep she is instructed by her Teacher, the chaste and beautiful white Knight, Lohengrin. Elsa's entrance into the great Temple accompanied by the Knight symbolizes the passing of an illumined aspirant into the great Hall of the Mysteries, to stand in the presence of the Light of the World. With the aid of Lohengrin Elsa is able to pass into the Temple, but she falters before the subtle test which is to prove whether she is worthy to know his name, his soul signature, or his true spiritual status.

Many there are who have attained to such a high estate and then been unable to go further. And many have been the great spiritual Teachers who have descended to earth only to be repudiated and betrayed. As the poet so graphically expresses this tragic fact, "For Socrates, the hemlock; for Christ, Gethsemane," while the New Testament states, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." The tragedy and pathos of this knowledge, all its sadness and its longing, are expressed by Lohengrin in the ineffable Wagnerian music of his swan song. Yet, despite the failures of mankind, each spiritual Teacher who has descended to earth has promised to return again at a more auspicious time, for the failures and weaknesses of one life can be the stepping stones, the source of strength and aspiration, in another. Richard Wagner himself declared that "Elsa will in time rise up to Lohengrin through rebirth."

Year after year, at the time of the Winter Solstice, and as Light and Love pour forth from the Christ and from centers in the earth, the

planet is being lifted and leavened. Eventually its rhythms will be so accelerated that man can no longer hate his fellow man or destroy him by such cruel atrocities as war. Comes a glad day when there will be no divisions into nations and races. Instead, mankind will be united into one vast brotherhood. Then there will be no more sorrow at the parting called death, no more pain or disease—for, as John describes his vision, the former things will have passed away. This will be the heralded New Day that presages the second coming of the Christ.

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THE FOUR MYSTERY SCHOOLS

and

THE FOUR SACRED SEASONS

By Dr. E. J. Hurdle

There are four Mystery Schools corresponding to the four Gospels and to the four Sacred Elements. They are also represented by the four beasts of St. John's vision in the Book of Revelation, and are as follows:

OCCULT

Rosicrucian Order
Leo—Fire
St. Mark
Deeds
(Evangelists)

Hermetic Order
Aquarius—Air
St. Matthew
Dedication
(Teachers)

MYSTIC

Order of St. John
Scorpio—Water
St. John
Attainment
(Apostles)

Manichean Order
Taurus—Earth
St. Luke
Vision
(Prophets)

Astrological correlations: first four, Cardinal; second four, Fixed; third four, Common.

THE FOUR SACRED SEASONS SHALL BE OBSERVED AS FOLLOWS:

Autumn Equinox
Winter Solstice
Spring Equinox
Summer Solstice

Crucifixion
Nativity
Resurrection
Ascension

Libra—Air
Capicorn—Earth
Aries—Fire
Cancer—Water

Hermetic Rites
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Each of the Solar Festivals shall include the Blessing of the Four Elements and the Celebration of Holy Communion. The purpose of the ceremonials is to assist the aspirant to blend the four Elements within himself, and thus to unite himself with the Universal Saviour, the Solar Christ. The Solar Festivals are attuned to the GREATER MYSTERIES.

The Lunar Services shall be dedicated to the Rosicrucian Order, which is the Western Wisdom School of the Lesser Mysteries.

ROSICRUCIAN ORDER
HERMETIC ORDER
ST. JOHN'S ORDER
MANICHEAN ORDER

WESTERN WISDOM
EASTERN WISDOM
WESTERN WISDOM
EASTERN WISDOM

LESSER MYSTERIES
LESSER MYSTERIES
GREATER MYSTERIES
GREATER MYSTERIES

The four Mystery Schools are located in the following Inner Plane Regions, and their Temples are correlated to the following geographical locations.

ROSICRUCIAN	ETHERIC REGION	PHYSICAL WORLD	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
HERMETIC	SECOND HEAVEN	CONCRETE THOT	EGYPT
ST. JOHN	FIRST HEAVEN	DESIRE WORLD	PERSIA
MANICHEAN	THIRD HEAVEN	ABSTRACT THOT	JERUSALEM

Since the Coming of Christ Jesus, the Initiatory Temples have existed only in the Inner Plane, whereas in ancient times they existed only in the Physical World. In the coming Aquarian Age the Temples will be BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL. This is the coming True Church, and the foundation of the Kingdom of Christ, "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." Every true Esoteric Center in the world today is a cornerstone of a New Age Temple of Initiation.

BOOK REVIEWS

By ELIZABETH HILL

CIVILIZATION OR CHAOS? A study of the present World Crisis in the Light of Eastern Metaphysics. I. H. Conybeare. 1955. Markham House Press, Ltd., 31 Kings Road, Chelsea, London, S. W. 3, England. Heavy paper, Appendix, Glossary 256pp \$2.00.

By taking liberties with the author's well planned continuity, we feel that we have arrived at a very incomplete but significant view of a work meriting more in the way of time and space than we can give it. We hope, however, that our readers will be intrigued into a full and thoughtful perusal of **CIVILIZATION OR CHAOS** in its entirety. So we quote, the arrangement being ours:

"Life today is a discordant symphony, symbolizing the chaotic thinking of a diseased civilization . . . We should know that the world is passing through an avataric period, the signs of which are universal unrest and dissatisfaction with present-day life . . . The conflicting experiments of our age have done nothing but bring about wars and enhance the general misery of the ignorant masses of mankind . . .

"To find the real values of life, we must look to other dimensions than those ordinarily known to the Western World. We have to look to the higher levels of understanding, to the higher planes of existence, where the eternal truths of life take the place of the transient phantasmagoria of earthly experience . . . Once the academic mind applies itself seriously to the study of . . . unknown laws that prove the 'miraculous,' it will be found there is nothing miraculous, only a lack of knowledge on our part as to what constitutes the miraculous . . . Only if (those) principles are respected can humanity build on a broader and more equitable basis.

(But) "how can we make a new world unless we have new men to make it, and how can we have new men without new hearts? We surely need a New Order in which politicians (and all other leaders, let us add) . . . are guided by the Saints and Sages."

We leave you to follow the author through to a righteous conclusion.

WELFARE OF NATIONS, Michele Fiore. 1955 Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16 Cloth 708pp Index, Tables, Graphs \$6.00

Here is a massive and well-grounded work dealing with an even more massive subject: a plan for world peace that, in the opinion of the author, can be made to work despite the variance in human nature and without "infringing our basic laws or departing from established concepts of the present civilization." Is this the plan we've been praying for? A careful reading should answer the question.

PHILOSOPHY AND TEACHINGS OF SRI SWAMI SIVANANDA, Sri Swami Premananda. Yogi-Vedanta Forest University, Ananda Kutir, P. O. Sivananda Nagar, Rishikesh (Himalayas). 1955 paper 22pp 25 cents.

We quote: "The forte of Hinduism is spirituality; Islam excels in

brotherhood; Buddhism thrives on merey and Christianity flourishes on activity. A way of life has to be lived . . . Swami Sivananda has blazed the track for us all.

SIVANANDA—DAY TO DAY, Swami Chidananda. 1955. (Same as above) paper 54pp 50 cents

A tribute to this great master-teacher by one who spent twelve years in close personal contact with him.

WOMEN SAINTS OF CHRISTENDOM, Sri P. Chenchiah. Same publisher as above. 35pp paper 25 cents.

CHRISTIAN DEVIATIONS—Horton Davies Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16 Cloth 126pp Index \$2.75

Few of our readers will be sympathetic with this "defence of the historic Christian faith by distinguishing it from those systems which imitate it, and yet distort it by misrepresentation and unwarrantable additions to the essentials of Christian belief." Theosophy, Christian Science, Mormonism, Astrology, all these and more are classed as imitators. No allowance for added illumination or an honest difference of opinion as to interpretation!

WHAT IS MAN? Ripley Webb. The author, 10 Greville Pl., London, N.W. 6. Paper 15pp 25 cents.

This is an address given before the London Truth Forum, and it takes a discerning mind to en-capsule in fifteen pages the story of man's origin, his "missing the mark," and the plan for his establishment in enhanced godhood. Major Webb has such a mind.

THE EMPTY ROOM, Vincent A. McCrossen. 1955. Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth 156pp Index \$2.75

While our public press facetiously refers to the U. N. room set aside for mediation as "the empty room," author McCrossen writes: "Though it is true I have been emptied from all the evil forces and influences and confusions, I am filled . . . FILLED—with the voices of the nations! They could get in nowhere else. Politicians are everywhere within the hall of the nations." Then he follows with the voices of the various nations as they cry out from the "empty room," and it behooves all of us to listen to them.

A GREATER POWER, Frances Jackling McInerney. 1955 J. F. Rowney Press, 705 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara, Calif. Leatherette 136pp \$3.50

It may seem sacrilegious to associate the terms "prayer" and "technique," the former usually being defined as an emotional outpouring from the heart to Divinity while the latter is given as a "scientific method of execution." But may it not be that the oft repeated wail "I **have** prayed but without avail!" stems from a lack of what is called in industrial parlance "know how?" Believing "the fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves," we enthusiastically present to our readers Dr. McInerney's comprehensive treatise on effective prayer.

BOUT WITH CANCER—Florence Greenhoe Robbins. 1955 Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass. Leatherette, 112pp. Suggested reading, \$2.50

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THIS WORLD OF OURS, Abram Glaser. 1955 Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth 492pp Index \$5.00.

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THE FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD PEACE, A. Hamer Hall. Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth 112pp \$3.00.

Herein the author pleads the need for world peace, discusses the **Rights of Man** under eight headings, then fortifies these Rights with biblical references and historical records of results following various peace efforts on a national and international basis. Showing that the present international picture is not too promising, he asks, "How can this state of affairs be remedied?" and answers by saying: "A start . . . can be made by presenting to the younger generation the following all-important principles: that religion and the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are not merely a set of rules . . . but the most practical and progressive means of ethical education by which to learn self-government, and the path to a successful human career."

APHORISMS—Tid-bits of Philosophy. By Amy Titus Worthington Howe. Paper, 14pp. 50 cents.

Out of a long and rich life, the author shares with others some thoughts that have come from her experiences, personal and professional, together with contemplation on life's deeper realities. An attractive little brochure.

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ATOMS FOR PEACE

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shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end."

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