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Speak not of death: Tis but a shadow cast by turning – Speak of life . . .

The shadow cast by the turning of Theodore Heline from the objective sphere of life creates a void in service to the Great Work and in the minds and hearts of those who looked, not alone to the genius of his interpretations of life in terms of the Ancient Wisdom, but also to the inspiration of all that he exemplified in his own life. Through the many tributes that have come from those who have known and loved him has run the theme, "He lived the principles he taught." Few, indeed, among those who serve in that vineyard of the Christ about which he spoke so often have earned the privilege of such a long life of continual growth in service.

Theodore Heline was born in Marcus, Iowa, August 14, 1883. After graduating from college, the first preparatory step toward his life work came in the form of a great urge to study Shakespearean drama. This led him to England for three years of study and performance with the Shakespeare Company at Stratford on Avon. With the coming of World War I he returned to New York where he continued to act in Shakespeare. Thus he laid the foundation for his esoteric assignment which was to become permeated with the initiatory wisdom embodied in the plays and later to release this wisdom to the world in masterly interpretations.

In 1922 a copy of the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception by Max Heindel was placed in his hands. Immediately there was soul recognition of the next step. He terminated his stage career and became affiliated with the Rosicrucian Fellowship of Mt. Ecclesia at Oceanside, California. This association continued throughout his life.

In the same year he founded the New York Rosicrucian Center and began a career of writing and lecturing. He spoke wherever he was invited and during this period became a close friend of Alice A. Bailey, lecturing in the school she conducted at that time.

In 1932 he was called to California to serve as Editor of the Rosicrucian Fellowship magazine. Here he met his life partner, Corinne Dunklee, who was also writing for the magazine. Their subsequent marriage initiated thirty-seven years of mutual dedication in which both wrote, lectured, and released many books to the world, including the monumental gift of seven volumes of Bible Interpretation for the New Age.

The New Age Interpreter, of which Mr. Heline was editor for over thirty years, became their organ of expression. It gained world-wide circulation as the scope of their responsibility widened to include an occult view of world affairs.

In 1940 the Helines shifted their center of activity to their home at Madonna Crest in Los Angeles where they remained until they moved to Oceanside in 1965. Here they continued to carry forward their commitment to the Great Ones until he was released to the higher realms February 15, 1971.

As the frailty of his physical vehicle became more apparent during the last months of his earthly life, an increased joyful radiance appeared to emanate from him. It was as though those about him were given glimpses of his immortality while he was yet present on the earth plane. He was actually ill for only a few days, during which he maintained full awareness. His last thoughts were for his dear companion and life partner, Corinne. His last words were a murmur of blessing for the hands that ministered to his comfort. Memorial services were conducted by Gene Sande in the chapel of the Rosicrucian Fellowship at Oceanside, February 19, 1971.

The voice of Theodore Heline is not stilled. He left a heritage of published and unpublished wisdom which the New Age Press hopes to share with its readers in the future.

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Help nature and work with her; and nature will regard thee as one of her creators and make obeisance. She will open wide before thee the portals of her secret chambers and lay bare before thy gaze the treasures hidden in the very depths of her virgin bosom.

SUMMER SOLSTICE Season of Joy and Unity

BY ADRIENNE ASHLEY

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Rhythm is the way of life, and all life expresses in rhythm. The solstices and equinoxes that initiate the changes in the outer rhythms of the earth that we call the changes of season also govern profound esoteric changes in the inner rhythms of man and nature. They serve as focal points for the inflow of tremendous spiritual energies relating to the four elements — earth, air, fire, and water — that regulate all activity and all growth, inward and outward, on the earth plane. The activity of each season is directly related to, and affected by, one of these elements.

Man has always known and made use of these seasonal influences as they affect nature in an objective way. It has remained for the esotericist to realize how fundamentally they apply to the inner life of man himself — and to the planet upon which he lives. They are as propelling forces to the spirit within all things. They supply the impetus to live, to unfold, and to grow, as the seasons grow. Our progress in life would be easier and more rhythmic if we could but remember that there is a proper time and season for inner spiritual growth. In the thought of the sage of Ecclesiastes: "There is a time for planting and a time for reaping, a time for outgoing activity and a time for inner contemplation and replenishment."

Because each season serves a specific purpose within this rhythmic time schedule, both in the material world and in the life of the spirit, the release of energies governing each differs accordingly. For example, the inflow that comes at the time of the Winter Solstice relates to the inner subjective life. In this season of the year when all nature lies in apparent sleep, for the most part nurtured in the depths of earth, man's consciousness also is marked by a deep subjectivity. His awareness is directed toward his inner being. He, too, awaits the release of power that will quicken his dormant urge to awake, to grow, and to unfold his spiritual potential.

The impulse upon which the world awaits as it is channeled through the chalice of the Winter Solstice is related to the element of earth and its propelling power is the capacity to love. Love floods the whole earth at Christmastide and this annual permeation makes possible all the fulfillment in love that takes place in life on earth. The secret of its joy is still subjective for it is rooted in the promise of all that is to come in the six months of

increasing light it inaugurates.

We now approach the culmination of this promise. The light of Mid-Summer brings to consummation the cycle initiated by the One whose life essence permeated the earth at Christmas that the world might learn about God as Love and God as Light. Astrologically, the Summer Solstice is established by the entry of the sun into the zodiacal sign of Cancer on or about June 21 of each year. This time was known to the ancients as Mid-Summer's Eve and was always welcomed in the spirit of joy and gladness. It was considered to be a time when man and nature could draw near to each other in recognition and understanding.

The impetus to progress invested in the forces of the Summer Solstice is related to the element of fire — and its gift is Light. Its quality expresses as the capacity to know, or the capacity to become spiritually illumined. It is not by accident that the outpouring of the Light that endows man with the ability to become the knower coincides with the entry of the sun into Cancer. There is a close relationship between the Cherubim who form the spiritual Hierarchy of Cancer and the power of spiritual illumination. The Cherubim are the guardians of the World of Light, the Father's House, the Home of the Christ. In His annual cycle of ministry to the earth it is to this World that He ascends at the time of the Summer Solstice to renew His Spirit in the fullness of contact with the Source.

At one time man was not separate from this Source. He was at home in this world. It was his World. But when he began his descent into matter its gates, known in the Bible as the gates of Eden, closed behind him, to be guarded ever after by the Cherubim of Cancer until he learned to open them again.

In this original World man lived in a universal consciousness in which every living thing knew itself as a part of every other living thing. Fear was unknown then because there was nothing apart from this divine unity of which to be afraid. There was the closest subjective communion between man and all creatures. He knew the living spirit in his brothers of the lesser kingdoms — and he knew it as a part of himself.

But in the rising mists of matter such an awareness of unity with all of life was lost. Man became apart from that which he once knew. Fear and animosity and separation set in between him and the rest of his world. He began to fight.

However, in order that he might now entirely forget his once high estate and lose all hope of regaining it, the Light of God penetrated the miasma of separation for a brief moment in promise. Said God, "We will not always be apart. I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee... from above the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies that abides between the wings of the Cherubim."

And so it is that when the wings of the Hierarchy of Cancer unfold, symbolically of course, during the period in which the Christ returns to the Father's House, He opens the way for those who would follow his cosmic pattern. There is offered the opportunity, as it were, to look between the opened portals into that heaven World of Light and once more realize the shining intelligence of the spiritual Beings who inhabit it, and to experience something of the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

What is equally important, through the opened doors of Ascension, Light inpours upon our world making it easier for usto understand it — and our relation to it — and as we respond to its influence, it reveals itself more and more as the Light of the One Life ensouling all physical forms. In the words of the Tibetan Teacher, "It is the Light that enables man to find the Kingdom of God in nature and to know the self as a part of it, and more, to know the place and purpose of all the forms through which the Light manifests.

When man can reach this realization it will be the one factor which will dispel all the fears and antagonisms he has aroused in the kingdoms of nature and in the devas who work with the life side of form so that they, in turn, will be able to draw near to man

and work with him for the common good.

Because the Christ ascends to the Father of all life at the time of the Summer Solstice, all the kingdoms are drawn closer together in a common adoration of life — an esoteric truth concealed in the text and music of Midsummer Night's Dream. It is possible during this season as at no other time in all the year, to briefly regain something of that Edenic consciousness that knows

no separation in the whole of God's manifestation.

There can be but one result of such knowing. It can but incite the sense of responsibility in which we realize in the deepest sense that we are our brother's keeper — not in a brotherhood of words but in identity. In this identity we will know beyond words that there can be no action, no thought of the mind, no impulse born in the heart that does not affect immediately — for good or ill — every living thing. The Tibetan Teacher summed it up quite simply in an instruction to one of his disciples, "Think no thought or dream no dream about your brother that might damage his life."

The Great Lord who came to bring us the gift of Light said that as we choose the Light we become responsible for it. He said,

"If you choose to walk in the Light with me, you become the hope of the world for Light." As we face the challenge of His words in a world desperate for the Light of Truth, it is well to meditate upon our shared responsibility knowing that as we do walk in the Light, we become the Light, and we become one with our brothers in Light, throughout the world, and with the Hierarchy of Light in the Heaven Worlds. Thus we can do our part, resting in the security of His words, "Be of good cheer, these things that I do ye can do also... and greater... because I go to my Father."

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THE ANGEL OF DEATH By Corinne Heline (First printed in the Interpreter in 1943)

Recently it was my 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 in an atmosphere of love and harmony.

To the pure all things are pure. 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, a sinister and terrifying Being; to others a tender loving Presence; or again, a Visitor of splendor and majesty.

The spirit whose earthly pilgrimage was ending had been a benediction of love to the lives she touched. Such, therefore, was the essence of her life force which this Death Angel now gathered and radiated into the environment that surrounded her. Here came no dark and forbidding Being but one luminous and fragrant with

the quality of the departing spirit's life and works.

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

The outward setting harmonized with the inner one. Added to the aura of the prayers of friends were the fragrance of flowers and soft strains of earthly music. Softly, gently, as the glow of a setting sun crowns a perfect day, did the spirit pass from this plane to another. Mortality was put aside for immoratlity and earth exchanged for heaven.

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FROM THE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THEODORE HELINE

as conducted by GENE SANDE

Theodore requested the following lines from *The Prophet*, by Gibran.

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you see

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depths of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;

And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Knowledge of the Plan of Life is one of the most important quests of the moment. Men are pressing for answers to those eternal questions: Why are we here? Where are we going?

Life is Spirit, Eternal, expressing in two ways as it builds forms. Paul describes this with great understanding in his letter to

the Corinthians:

There are celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

He describes the unification of the two as he writes of the resurrection. The terrestrial is raised in honor, power and glory.

Henry Van Dyke, a poet of other years described the Plan thus:

The glory of our life below

Comes not from what we do, or what we know,
But dwells forevermore in what we are!

There is an architecture grander far

Than all the fortresses of war,

More inextinguishably bright than learning's
lonely towers of light.

Framing its walls of faith and hope and love
In souls of men, it lifts above the frailty of
our earthly home, an everlasting dome:

The sanctuary of the human host;

The temple of the Holy Ghost.

Here is the Plan and the answers to the Why and the Where. Our Creator is an architect, fashioning, designing solar systems — man!

Man who is made in the image and likeness of his Creator Father God, is also an architect, building terrestrial bodies of physical, emotional and mental material, and celestial bodies of faith, hope and love. As described by the poet, the celestial edifice is built in the souls of men — the temple of the Holy Ghost. Max Heindel described this as the Golden Wedding Garment.

Theodore Heline was an architect — an architect of life, dedicated to the Great Plan, building structures as described by Paul. He was also a builder in a still greater structure — the temple of humanity, the sanctuary of a Christed mankind when souls of men will have constructed a great brotherhood of Goodwill in a new heaven and earth. The glory of our life below, as spoken in the words of the poet, will have become a reality.

He had a deep religious feeling which found expression in his dedication to Christianity; in fact the parable of the prodigal son as told by Christ Jesus, carried a summary of his philosophy of life. He saw, in the son who returned to the Father, the victorious

redemption of all men.

Early in life Theodore experienced an intimate knowledge of the great Shakespearean plays. The plays were written in the 16th century to bring attention to the injustices in the English courts, among the classes of people and among rulers. Drama was used to try to raise the living standards of men. Theodore's deep understanding of life revealed to him another depth in the plays.

He saw, in the Merchant of Venice, the struggle in every individual between the heart and the mind. He saw, in Shylock, the greedy, merciless desire nature demanding its "pound of flesh." Portia was the Inner Self, source of divine wisdom; and Bassanio was the personality, now ready to make a heart choice and unite in conscious recognition with the Divine Self. However, Bassanio had a difficult test to meet, as shown in the famous court scene when he came face to face with the determined powerful desire nature in which there is no mercy or compassion. The Divine Self, Portia, then made a plea for mercy which was not practiced in the courts of the 16th century.

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven above upon the place beneath.
It is twice blessed. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest.

It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown. His scepter shows the force of temporal power, The attribute to awe and majesty Wherein doth set the dread and fear of kings. But mercy is above this sceptered sway, It is enthroned in hearts of kinds; It is an attribute of God Himself, And earthly power doth then show likest gods When mercy seasons justice.

The futility of greed was exposed, and the play climaxes with the mystic marriage of the two selves, head and heart.

There is another aspect to this remarkable drama of life; it is the story of the astrological sign Libra, sign of judgment and balance, with choice being the main theme running through the play. Mercy is the soul quality which balances the scales of justice

with good judgment.

The play Romeo and Juliet, Theodore wrote, comes under the zodiacal sign of Gemini, the twins — the story of the transient personality and the Real Eternal Self. This drama is built around another injustice — the unfair cruelty and rivalry between two families. There is a greater depth — the chasm within the self, the problem of polarity. Early in the play, it is seen in a street brawl, peace cannot be established by instruments of war. The two opposing forces of love and hate, love of soul for soul but hate for family names, results in the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. Juliet was not the ideal; love and hate were still in her heart. She is a symbol of humanity today, with the urge for the ideal relationship but not yet ready to consummate it.

The scope of the architect of life broadened. Theodore's thinking reached out beyond the drama in the plays to the conflict among races, a conflict that parallels individual struggle on a larger scale. He studied the problem of the American Indian and saw, through lack of understanding of their rituals, an aggressive people taking advantage of a "vanishing race". The original source of the American Indian traces back to ancient Atlantis where he built a brilliant civilization. Eventually the continent sank beneath the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and the remnant that survived moved to the Americas. Theodore wrote at length of the Indian tribes, explaining their ideals and tribal customs in a plea for recognition and understanding of the first American. He saw the need for integrating all people in the nation to establish national unity. He saw in races, as in individuals, head and heart must be united to overcome ignorance and misunderstandings in order to build a temple of humanity – the group soul of a people.

He examined America's Destiny as shown in the symbols on the Great Seal of the United States. There he found the words "A New Order of the Ages". This Order was based upon a humanitarian social system in which the rights of ALL individuals are recognized, providing right to work, to rest, the privilege of choice in selection of governing officials, choice of religion — a dream of mankind for centuries. His vision saw the guidance of Unseen Agencies projecting ideas to carry forward the Great Plan. The number 13 is an important part of the Great Seal. Theodore recalled the 12 tribes of Israel now scattered over the world, and then he envisioned a 13th which included the 12. This could be the fulfillment of overcoming racial barriers.

A very significant factor in the evidence of this New Order was the establishment of a Mystery School in the west — the Order of the Rose Cross, an Invisible Order working behind the scene, directing the planning of the design that bore the signature of the Order. Further testimony is that of the rose which is recognized as

the national flower.

In 1937, the architect of life called attention to a world crisis of which the humanity of that time was little aware. With far-reaching vision he saw that it was a crisis, not only of great nations, but planetary in scope. While wars have been a constant part of human affairs, he observed, the Great Ones guiding mankind saw within the conflict then arising, humanity could be ripe for establishing brotherhood. It is usually in sorrow and grief, men seek the comfort of spirit. The coming of Christ 2000 years ago inaugurated the eventual redemption of men from the bondage of war in their ignorant and selfish pursuits for national power.

Since the coming of Christ and the release of His message of love, the power of heart qualities had been struggling to come to birth and set in momentum the regime of the soul. There could be an emergence of a new kingdom on earth. Under the stress of that great conflict, men could re-define love, raising their understanding to levels of the human spirit in acts of humanitarianism. Such an elevation in consciousness was possible with the downpouring of spiritual energies ready to unite heart and mind in a great leap forward. Theodore saw that, while many were shocked at the ugliness and bestiality of that world struggle, this very confusion could bring dissolution of wrongs and evils.

The levelling of man-made laws and social customs which followed has made it possible for the world of tomorrow to move in, not only in dreams, but in actual demand by men as they are

forced to plan a new city of humanity.

"The glory of our life below... dwells forevermore in what we ARE." Here was Theodore, an architect of the human spirit. As writer, lecturer, editor his goal was to raise men's narrow self-involved pursuits to widening horizons of group understanding and responsibility. This was his contribution to humanity as he passed this way. Faith, hope and love for mankind and the Divine Plan were constantly in his heart. He used the great principles of life of help build that spiritual structure, the temple of humanity — the group soul of mankind.

ON DEATH

Study with care the theme of death that it may more surely and sanely take shape in your mind. Seek to arrive at a new slant upon the subject and see law and purpose and the beauty of intention in that which has hitherto been a terror and a major fear.

The whole must be seen as of more vital importance than the part. This connotes death, but death as beauty, as joy, as spirit in action, as the consummation of all good. If we could but realize it, it is one of our most practiced activities. We have died many times and shall die again and again. It is essentially a matter of consciousness. We are conscious one moment on the physical plane and a moment later we have withdrawn onto another plane and are actively conscious there. As long as our consciousness is identified with form, death will hold its ancient terror. Just as soon as we know ourselves as souls, and find that we can focus our consciousness or sense of awareness on any plane at will, or in any direction within the form of God, we shall no longer know death.

— From Esoteric Healing by Alice A. Bailey

DEATH BE NOT PROUD

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so: For those whom thou think'st thou dost overcome Die not, poor Death: nor yet canst thou kill me.

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And Death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die.

- John Donne, sixteenth century poet

Tributes to Theodore Heline

It has been my privilege to know Theodore Heline and his wife for nearly fifty years. Their dedication to the spiritual improvement of mankind has been long and faithful. They have contributed a great deal to our understanding of esoteric philosophy and mystical Christianity. It is with the deepest regret, therefore, that I have learned of the passing of Theodore Heline. We know in our hearts, however, that his labors have earned for him peace and security in his life beyond the grave. My deepest sympathy is with Mrs. Heline in this time of bereavement. She has earned inner peace through years of unselfish labor and the Divine Power is with her in this time of need.

MANLY P. HALL

It is not at all difficult to pen a tribute to Theodore Heline.

I can sincerely say that he was a sincere man.

I can honestly say that he was an honest man.

I can truthfully say that he was a truthful man.

Sincerity, honesty and truthfulness — these are the qualities I saw in him through the years. They are part of his legacy to all of us, and our lives are the richer for his having been with us. For this legacy, we thank him.

ROBERT G. CHANEY for ASTARA A great disciple of the Hierarchy and a loving server of humanity has left our midst but his light and love will shine forever in our hearts.

> Joseph and Louise Busby, Presidents The Spiritual Unity of Nations Editors, The Voice Universal, England

While, for some reason, our paths did not cross often, on the spiritual levels of cognition, all my relationships with him were beautiful and inspiring. The least we can do is to hold his ideals in sacred trust.

Howard John Zitko, President The World University, Tucson, Arizona

My nineteen years of association with Theodore Heline in the New Age Press have been, to me, a liberal education in the eternal verities. Splendid were his attainments; what he was and is defies evaluation, because he is, in practice, all he has taught.

Elizabeth Hill

A man, while he treads the earth can have no greater goal than to discover, explore, and reveal the wisdom of God. Theodore Heline was such a man. He ranked among the great teachers whose God-given work has been to bring some measure of illumination to our world. He accomplished his purpose magnificently. His works remain as a spiritual monument to his great achievements.

Norman Caplan, Philadelphia

The outer world has lost a great light. How the inner dimensions must be gladdened by the return of a loved and gallant son. Theodore Heline had versatile talents. He was a gifted writer and lecturer. He was a brilliant conversationalist. His gentle, lovable way with people, and the merry twinkle in his eyes made him especially lovable.

We shall miss this dedicated teacher who has entered another area in The Christ's service. His loved wife, Corinne, is still with us. Let us give her our expressed love and appreciation for she

deserves our fondest tributes.

Flower Newhouse, Minister Christward Ministry, Vista, California Theodore Heline was a friend alike of men and of angels.

He worked for the Christ. More, he dared to follow the example of the Christ and walked the Way of Sacrifice. Theodore Heline was a good writer, a moving speaker, a wise editor, a knowing observer, an inspiring teacher. So familiar was he with the human stage of the Godward path, that he unfailingly saw the long term value of other men's efforts; he saw their latent virtues, their untested strengths. Then he devoted his many gifts to lifting other men by his keen appreciation of their goals and their gifts.

He hastened many upon their way. Outstandingly, he helped and served at home, devoting his literary talent and editorial labor to the publication and perpetuation of his wife's writings. Thus, by his steadfast lifelong sacrifice, he lifted the most human of

relationships, marriage, to heights of coservice.

He was one of the first to see and highlight in *The New Age Interpreter*, years ago, the future importance to the Occident of the Wesak observance. He was the first, I believe, to see and write about (in his booklet *The Dead Sea Scrolls*) the analogy between, on the one hand the Essene Community as the preparation for the Christ's appearance twenty centuries ago, and on the other hand, the new group of world servers as the vanguard today of the Christ's imminent reappearance.

Already we miss him very much. But because we love him

even more, we wish him Godspeed on his next mission.

Marguerite Rompage Arcana Workshops

A STAR VOICE CALLS

This is the house I lived in While on my cosmic way . . . Let mother earth I loved so well Cradle the willing clay.

Let grief be buried with the clay,
May joy shine through each hour . . .
Other worlds are beckoning,
A star voice calls to me.

- Lorraine Babbitt

A THEODORE HELINE PICTORIAL MONTAGE

In response to many requests for pictures of Theodore Heline, we present in this issue a number of photos taken during his long career.

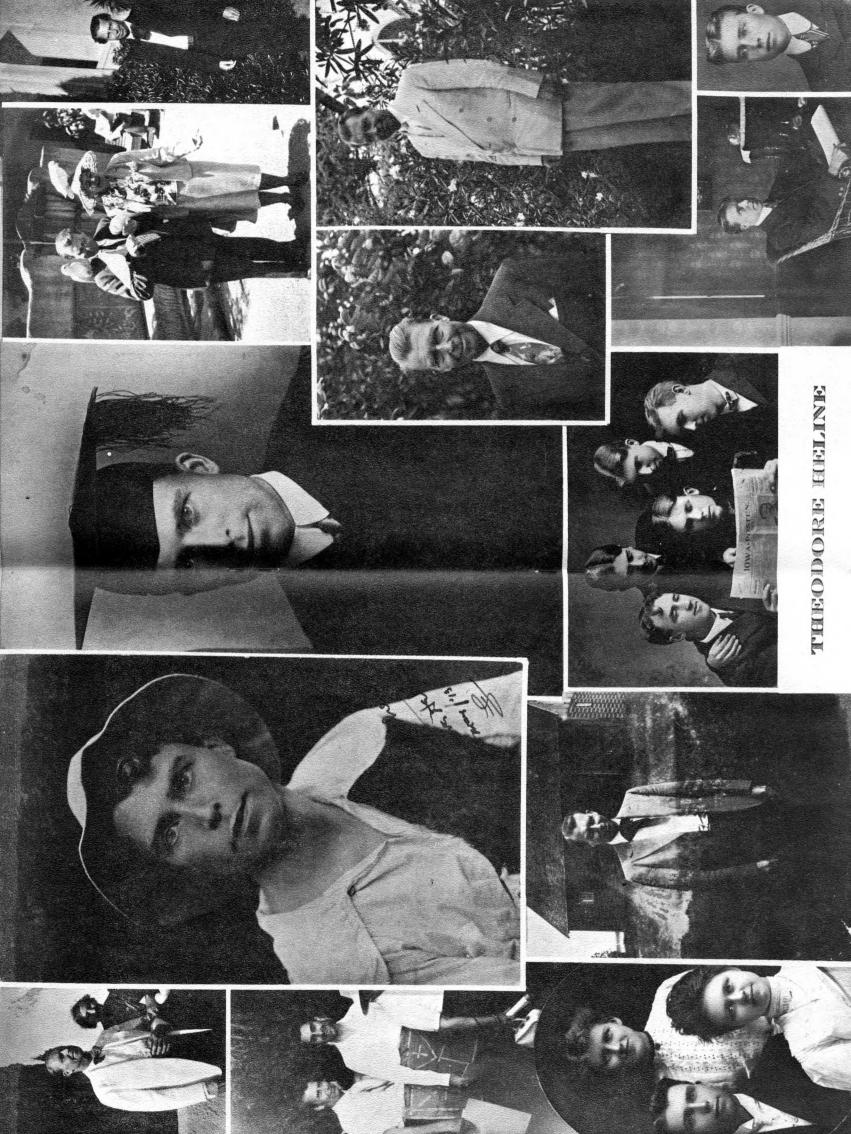
Mr. Heline's literary career started early with his activity in Journalism at Augustana College as shown in the group photo. His graduation picture from Augustana shows him in his cap and gown.

As a Shakespearean actor, he toured Europe and played many parts. He is shown in costume for "As You Like It" around the year 1913.

The family portrait shows him in 1897.

In the late 1940's, Theodore received his apron as a blood brother from the American Indian Council, meeting in Orange, Calif.

At about this same time, he is shown with his wife, Corinne, feeding the birds at Mission San Juan Capistrano.



SOUL'S MOUNTAIN

No one can make this journey for another:
Each for himself must climb this Mystic Mountain.
For each one, the struggle and the growth and the glory,

Spiral upon spiral the Path circles up beyond us. Those who have climbed it, valiant Brothers on the journey,

Our blessed Brothers of all races, through all ages . . . Leave for us the shining of their consecrated spirits, And the warm glowing of their great hearts of compassion

As a constant inspiration and a safeguard for our climbing.

So we are not afraid, but press on and upward toward them.

Having at last a beacon and a challenge for our going, The high goal of our desitny . . . a destiny immortal. On the mountain vastness we meet in Light together, All separation ended, all loneliness transcended.

Heaven melted into earth . . . earth blossomed into heaven!

- Ruth Harwood.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Theodore Heline

The Supreme Court of the United States is now pondering the legality of capital punishment. In 1965 Theodore Heline, under the deep conviction that this barbaric attitude held over from past ages has no place in the New Order, made a survey of this question and published his findings in a booklet that has received worldwide recognition. Excerpts from this study appear below. The complete booklet is available from the New Age Press.

Capital punishment is on its way out. A growing humanitarianism, supported by reasons based on centuries of experience, is demanding the abolition of the death penalty.

The functions of punishment as a whole fall into three categories, retribution, reformation, and deterrence. Retribution, or the vengeance of society is still a powerful factor, but civilization has at least come to the point where it shrinks from admitting to itself that the desire for revenge is present and sometimes asserts itself with great force.

Since vengeance can no longer be defended as a justification for taking the life of another, and as an executed man cannot be rehabilitated, the case for or against capital punishment rests upon its efficacy as a deterrent to crime. This last stand has been proven to rest on shaky ground and is, in fact, approaching complete collapse.... In naked fact the death penalty has been a gross failure. In none of the states which have abolished it has the homicidal rate increased.

A brief summary of the principal arguments against capital punishment runs as follows: The death penalty is a remnant of barbarism; it does violence to the sacredness of life; it is a denial of the highest ethical concepts and the laws of love as taught by Christianity and other world religions. It has a demoralizing effect upon the social body. It is not a proven deterrent. There is gross injustice in the application of the law. It has become more and more a punishment reserved for the weak. The strong can usually escape it. The poor and helpless are more likely to be executed than the rich and powerful. Finally, there is the irreparable danger of the law's miscarriage under which an innocent man may be put to death.

It is paradoxical that opposition to the abolishment of the death penalty is to be found mainly within the body of Christianity itself where the world would expect to find the most ardent abolitionists. This is clear contradiction of the true spirit of Christianity which underlies every humanitarian reform. The spirit of Christ is the law of love in action. He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

When the true Christian doctrine of sympathy, compassion, and forgiveness replaces the baser reactions of condemnation and vengeance there will be no more torture chambers — and no more punishment by death. Their stage of evolution will have been outgrown.

Life is not static. It goes forward. Principles must accommodate to the changes that continually take place in the inner and outer life of man. When the time comes for basic revisions in social conditions and human relations, if unduly obstructed, they eventually come about through major upheaval.

BEYOND THE GRAVE

Impossible you say that man survives?
That there are other lives?
More strange, O Friend, that we should ever rise
Out of the dark to walk below these skies.
Once having risen into life and light,
We need not wonder at our deathless flight.

Life is the unbelievable; but now
That this incredible has taught us how,
We can believe the all-imagining Power
That breathes the Cosmos forth as a golden flower,
Had potence in His breath
To plan us new surprises beyond death—
New spaces and new goals
For the adventure of ascending souls.

It is not strange that man survives the grave: 'Twould be a stranger thing were he destroyed Than that he ever vaulted from the void.

OUR INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA

by Theodore Heline (1966)

The year 1971 finds the United States involved in a painful reappraisal of our national character and of our role in the world as the result of a costly and bloody involvement in Vietnam. In 1966 Theodore Heline wrote in a wisdom we can only recognize in retrospect five years later:

A tidal wave of thought is moving from West to East. Material substance follows in its train. It is carrying into Asia massive military power with which to destroy and colossal largess with which to rebuild, and the present course is not clear. The questions raised are many and disturbing. In the complex entanglements, there are aspects in connection with our presence in Asia on which the national conscience is not at ease. There are misgivings that many find it hard to live with, hence the many strenuous efforts to rationalize our position and justify the course we have embarked upon.

We go into Vietnam with firearms in one hand and a bread basket in the other. We take life with the one; we sustain it with the other. In these double signs we hope to conquer. While our objectives may be worthy, it is the profound conviction of many that the wrong kind of power is being relied upon for achievement. At present it seems as if we have been drawn gradually, almost imperceptibly into the meshes of a mechanical complex devoid of living values which is carrying us where we had not really intended to go and leading us to do what our conscience finds it difficult to approve. Hence our aching concern at the moment is to extricate ourselves from our present entanglement.

All adopted means of achieving great ends are inevitably those of a world made up of imperfect human beings. This is not the way of the perfected Kingdom. The Kingdom that we as a Christian nation pray may be established here on earth as it is in heaven will have to wait on the renunciation of war as a means of attaining our ideals and the employment in its stead of a developed force of a higher order.

The Asian Gandhi called this higher power soul-force. He called upon it, and it alone, to perform his destined task. It succeeded. Over that non-violent route he won freedom for his nation and eliminated rigid class distinctions that had kept his people in unbrotherly relations for ages past.

It was not the West that did this for the East. India did it for herself by summoning to her aid spiritual resources drawn from the depths of her own religious faith. A better understanding on our part of the spiritual resources to be found in Eastern cultures would incline us more to the cultivation of spiritual values and thereby save us from becoming too deeply involved in material pursuits. It would help us to relate our physical advancement more meaningfully to our inner — our soul life.

Gandhi taught the world that its problems can no longer be adequately met and resolved without taking into account the soul or spiritual needs of man. If we heed his example we will see that the key to successful export of our national ideals and humanitarian spirit is to be found in a clearer grasp of our spiritual kinship and from dialogues in which the soul has a voice. This is the plane on which we must begin to function in our international relations. Our spiritual convictions must go beyond church, synagogue, and temple. They must take into account our living connection with the moral order of the universe. When we can arrive at this stage we will create a new image of ourselves in the eyes of the Asiatics.

When we shall have set these higher forces into motion and directed them to friend and foe alike with the same determination we now apply to the destructive forces of war, we shall be on the safe course leading to a glorious victory for all concerned.

While the West is not yet awake to what it needs from the East, a cosmic current is carrying us across the Pacific and into its lands. We are moving in the right direction. It is in accordance with the evolutionary forces encircling the earth. What these powers of the spirit strive to pass along in this advancing current and that for which the soul of the East truly hungers is the Christian ideal which the West has formally adopted but failed to practice. The intrinsic value of our gifts and the enduring merit of our deeds in the East are to be judged as they measure up to this ideal.

None of this can come about without great changes taking place in mind and heart. Atheism and materialism, spiritual illiteracy and self-interest affect the whole of humanity. They vary only in degree and in the emphasis placed on one or the other. Of nations it can be said, as of individuals: "There is not one righteous, no, not one."

When our search for peace can be carried out in the spirit of true humility, with a firm faith in God and man, and in a deep and moving sense of brotherhood the gateway to peace will open as if by the gentle touch of an ever watchful, responsive, and lovingly helpful unseen hand.

For soul-searching times like the present would do well to often recall the comforting and reassuring words of the Christ: "Let not your heart be troubled, I have overcome the world." Like Him, and by invoking His spirit, we too can and must be overcomers.

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THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

While there is much that is wrong, debilitating, and morally corrosive in our national life today, there is still evidence to be found, if we look thoughtfully and deeply enough, that soundness remains at the core. Granting that this be true, we can cling to the faith that our nation will not fail to make its worthy contribution to the creation of Jefferson's envisioned community of man. This we can believe, however mistaken some detouring ventures and enterprises along the way may prove to be.

Theodore Heline

A NEW APPROACH TO DEATH By Corinne Heline (Reprinted from the Interpreter)

Death can hold no dread when it is seen as a beneficent device utilized by life to rescue the soul periodically from its embodiment in matter until such time as it has learned all life's lessons. When consciousness is centered on soul levels death is merely an exchange of the terrestrial body for a celestial vehicle and a shift of focus from the outer plane of activity to the inner planes of being.

The philosopher, Goethe, made the statement that "The oftener we die the better we live." His words are of profound esoteric significance. In the period following release from the body the spirit is busily engaged in recapitulating events of the past life. An extract of these experiences is then incorporated into the permanent seed atom as added soul powers. Upon the spirit's return to physical expression it brings with it an enlarged understanding, a deeper sympathy, a greater compassion, a more intense aspiration for higher and finer living, and a stronger dedication to selfless service as a result of these enhanced powers.

A MODEST APPEAL TO FRIENDS OF THE HELINES AND THE NEW AGE PRESS

The New Age Press was officially founded in 1948 as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of publishing and distributing the esoteric works of Corinne and Theodore Heline.

Mrs. Heline was given a commission by the inner plane teachers to interpret the Bible in the light of the esoteric tradition very early in her career. This task was to consume the greater part of a lifetime. Students for many years to come will be in her debt, for her works are the textbooks for understanding the Plan of evolution and initiation for the Piscean-Aquarian ages as set forth in the Bible.

In addition to her monumental works of interpreting the Bible, Mrs. Heline has written extensively on the esoteric meaning of color, music and healing.

The task set forth and assumed by Theodore Heline in this life was to superintend the publishing and distribution of the teaching of the New Age as set forth in these books in addition to adding his own contribution in the interpretation of world events in the light of the ageless wisdom. His booklets and this magazine are his monuments to a work well done.

The costs of publication and distribution were largely borne by the Helines down through the years. They freely gave of their time and resources that this work could go out to the world.

And now as we approach ever closer to the Age of Aquarius, more and more New Age persons are coming into the world who are eager for the knowledge and wisdom to be found in the works of the Helines. The demand for these books has steadily increased and a number of them must be reprinted as supplies are getting low. This necessitates a substantial outlay of money in the very near future.

So now we must appeal to our many friends who would like to see the work continue and go forth to meet the needs, both informationally and inspirationally, of those incoming persons who will help to usher in the New Age. Any amount, large or small, will be deeply appreciated, and all contributions will go directly into the publication fund. All contributions are tax-deductible. Memorial editions in the name of a person, loved one, or Foundation can be arranged. Please write us for details.

The Staff

ONE MASTER

One master only can man serve,
One purpose only, his to further;
One goal alone that can deserve
His heart and soul's full fervor.

To know the truth, to seek it out In every place and hour; To be a channel of God's Love, A witness of His Power.

- Lorraine Babbitt

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Definite work is required of the student. Each receives personal guidance from someone who has already covered the ground and become qualified for giving such assistance.

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The courses are prepared and distributed by the New Age Bible and Philosophy Center, 1139 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif. 90403. Lessons are sent on a free-will offering basis.

Also available from the Santa Monica Center are correspondence courses in the basic principles of esoteric philosophy using the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception by Max Heindel.

∞BOOK REVIEWS∞

By FRANCES SMITH

Books reviewed in these columns, except foreign publications, are available from New Age Press, Inc.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES, Paul Foster Case; Ninth Edition, 34 pp; J. F. Rowny Press, Santa Barbara, Calif. 65c

We are in receipt of a booklet, timeless in its scope and particularly pertinent right now, from our good friend, J. F. Rowny. Paul Foster Case has been gone from this earth plane several years, but the fruits of his patient research are still of value.

This book was one of the sources that Theodore Heline used in his book, America's Destiny, and we quote from page 27, "Paul Foster Case in his scholarly exposition, The Great Seal of the United States, brings forth added evidence pointing to the inspiration and direction of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in the design of the Seal and in the formulation of the principles on which this nation is founded. By a process of kabbalistic derivations, Mr. Case reads in the colors, gold, silver, and blue, which appear in the crest above the eagle's head, the Hebrew equivalent, ABRC. When these letters are written AB R. C. and translated into English, they read Father R.C., the term given in the seventeenth century manifesto, Fama Fraternitatis, to designate the Founder of the Rosicrucians. This in turn has reference, not to a personality, but to a principle, as a deciphering of the historical allegory referred to makes clear. That principle is love and compassion; it is the Christ spirit in manifestation and the characteristic that will distinguish the Coming Race which is being brought forth as a part of the New Order of the Ages."

The details from the Qabalists and Rosicrucians that influenced Freemasonry are clearly defined and lead Mr. Case to write, "Thus it is that the seal of the United States conveys a code-message in symbolism, to which the number 13 is one of the most important keys. Whether it is there by accident, by intention, or by some mysterious interposition of Providence, guiding the hand of the designer, the reader must judge for himself."

DIRECTIVES FOR NEW LIFE, Dane Rudhyar. Paper, 73 pp; \$1.95; Ecology Center Press, 1971.

Another book by Dane Rudhyar! Really, this is an outline of a book finished in 1970, We Can Begin Again — Together, that is still at a publishing house. Since 1971 seems to be a trend-developing year, he has been persuaded to present in a condensed form the most vital and crucial ideas developed in the completed book.

We could say that *Directives for New Life* is a series of six lectures reassessing individualism and freedom with regard to a global outlook that may lead to new group relationships. This transformation is to be accomplished through instruction, education and initiation, in order to structure a Harmonic Society. The time for mutation is NOW.

One of the personal enjoyments of a reader, aside from that flash of intuitive recognition of a basic truth, is in savoring a well turned phrase. "Where there is no wisdom there can be no real authority." "Diverse races, traditions, cultures have to recognize that they are all children of the earth, then only can we realistically, and not merely idealistically, speak of 'Universal Brotherhood.' "A person can respond to this totality of God's being only to the extent that he is able to experience divinity without seeking exclusively to possess God."

One conclusion drawn in this little book that hints of much more implementation than given here is found in these words: "The development of group-consciousness and of a social functionalism which demands harmony and total cooperation is ultimately the only, or nearly the only way of eradicating this yearning for personal power, power over other human beings; and all educational processes should operate toward this basic aim."

THE UNIVERSAL REVOLUTION OF THE ATOMIC AGE, Wenceslas Portas. 193 pp; \$7.00; 1971; Exposition Press, Inc., 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y.

This very learned book, at least it seems so from a layman's viewpoint, has been researched thoroughly, has a complete bibliography, and is well indexed. It is also deeply religious. Many great thinkers are quoted in it but the most often quoted is Teilhard de Chardin.

The Universal Revolution of the Atomic Age commemorates the 300th anniversary of the death of John Amos Comenius, "Great Teacher of Nations". Comenius was a great Czech educator and religious leader who narrowly missed becoming a president of the newly created Harvard College in 1642. He accepted an invitation from Sweden instead.

Wenceslas Portas is also a native of Czechoslovakia, although he is now a naturalized U.S. citizen, presently teaching in East Catholic High School in Manchester, Connecticut. He also has two advanced degrees from U.S. schools.

It is in expanding and bringing up to date the three main theses of Comenius that Mr. Portas finds it necessary to write this book. Comenius worked to bring peace to the world through the cooperation of a tribunal of the learned — a College of Light; a tribunal of chirchmen — a Consistory; and a tribunal of politicians — a Dicastery. The spirit of the unity and harmony of all of these three institutions he called the Soul of the World.

Mr. Portas expounds this trinitarian principle, this triad, this three-in-one as authority, justice and freedom. These principles are traced through the writings of all the great minds of the past in all races. Now that we are on the threshold of a great new age there is need for a world-wide revision of all educational systems based on enduring fundamentals. He writes, "Observance of the trinitarian principle in our education not only means the maturing of human consciousness through the development of the sense of genetic duration and the sense of collectivity, thus leading to the sense of the universal, but is fraught with promise to release psychic powers whose existence is still unsuspected.

This is a foundation book and we are grateful for the work Mr. Portas has done in his careful analysis of the works of past world leaders, and for sharing this work with us.

ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF THE HUMAN SOUL, Emil Spacek; Paper, 193 pp, \$5.50; Leighton Enterprises, Publishers, P. O. Box 636, Solana Beach, Calif. 92075; 1971.

On whatever step that one may have attained in climbing that spiritual stairway leading from innocence to full illumination, there is always to be found a properly attuned teacher. Emil Spacek is such a leader, dedicated and sincere, serving with no ulterior motive as his words in this book attest.

The first part of this book is a clear simple outline of Creation as the Ancient Mysteries taught. The second part is a personally conducted tour of the psychic realms in Dante fashion. The last five chapters contain explicit directions for developing psychic powers, both individually and in groups. There is one chapter explaining the how and why of Spiritual Guides, and why in America so many of them are American Indians.

But always Rev. Spacek comes back to the basic law: "Anytime a student tries to misuse the psychic powers he will hurt himself. The psychic student has several requirements to comply with in the mastership of himself. He must overcome the things that could hurt him physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. In other words, he must gain complete control of his mortal self so it will harmonize with his divine self."

MININGE COOPERATIVE NOTES

THE COOPERATOR, Joint Publication of the International Cooperation Council and the Cooperators, fostering the Emergence of a New Universal Man and Civilization Based on Unity in Diversity Among All Peoples. Vol. 3, No. 2, March-April, 1971; Northridge, Calif. 75c per copy.

This bi-monthly magazine contains articles by our leading contemporary thinkers, many of whose books have been reviewed in these pages, Karl Heussenstamm, Oliver L. Reiser, Ph.D., Dane Rudhyar and others. The roster of member organizations now numbers 75.

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To advance human fellowship through mutual trust, understanding and respect.

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To foster an enlightening synthesis through education, planning, human encounter and service.

To build with joy a world civilization of freedom, justice and peace founded on reverence for life.

To insure that all factors of man and nature are returned to balance for the health and good of all.

To provide present and future generations with the opportunity for maximum realization of their potential.

HEAR! HEAR!

We have come to expect cosmic aims and understanding from our advanced thinkers but when the lead article in a national magazine, Saturday Review, (May 22, 1971) features "Psychiatry and the Survival of Man", by Judd Marmor, we have concrete evidence that momentum is gathering. Dr. Marmor is director of Divisions of Psychiatry at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and clinical professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Marmor diagnoses our present social ills as free enterprise and the profit system, as nationalism, and as war. His treatment is to change our system of values through group education. "To help provide the scientific guidelines that may facilitate such planning and change in the decades that lie ahead of us is the noblest and most important role that psychiatry can play in the future of man."

NEW AGE BIBLE INTERPRETATIONS

The New Age Bible Interpretations by Corinne Heline have come into being in response to the spiritual needs of the times in which we are living. They are of a preparatory nature for the emerging New Age. They are aimed at being a link between a cycle of time that is closing and the cycle that is now taking form. The religious patterns that have served to channel the spirit into our life in the past must now yield to new formulations in order to accommodate the fresh outpouring of spirit. The basic truths in forms, past and present, remain. They are of God, but the formulations created to give expression to that life are transient. They are human creations.

A very special task is laid upon the pioneers in the transitional period in which we are living. It is a task of preserving the values created and the virtues developed in the past and then integrating them into the more advanced values and virtues that are awaiting universal expression in the New Age now dawning.

There are six volumes of biblical interpretation by Mrs. Heline, three on the Old Testament and three on the New Testament. These interpretations do not follow the familiar pattern of following book by book, chapter by chapter and verse by verse from the opening chapter in Genesis to its final verse in Revelations. While every one of the sixty-six books in the Bible is covered, there is a re-grouping under the major subjects to be covered. This applies both to the Books themselves, and to the chapters making up the books.

Then there is a seventh volume titled *The Mystery of the Christos* which deals with the Christ in His four aspects, namely the cosmic, the planetary, the historical and the mystical.



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