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## *Open the Gates of the Temple*

by Adrienne Ashley

*Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors;  
and the King of Glory shall come in. Ps. 24.*

The theme of the living Temple is capable of infinite variation because it, in itself, is infinite. In the second quarter of the Interpreter for 1972, the article entitled THE WORLD WITHIN explored some of the aspects of that journey which leads pilgrim humanity from life and consciousness as it is generally known and lived in the outer world to that inner world in which one functions as the Temple of the living God. In that article something of the attributes and attitudes needful for this pilgrimage, as well as some of the obstacles that appear as hindrances to the path were considered. All this was prelude. The Temple Work is far from complete.

The way to the Temple Beautiful, and the consummation of the way (for the way and its consummation are one) is pictured in veiled allegory in all sacred scriptures. It is presented most succinctly and profoundly in the description of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness found in the Old Testament Book of Exodus. In the wilderness of the physical plane where man is indeed a "stranger" having no permanent abiding place of peace and security, but is instead always a pilgrim on the way of return, there does exist a tabernacle in consciousness to which he can retire to gain new strength and sustenance for his journey. Even in the wilderness of the outer world there exists this inner place of peace where the Holy Presence is never absent, although at times it appears to be obscured by the "clouds" that penetrate from without.

Just as the physical forces of nature, the elements of earth, air, fire and water constitute man's physical environment and contain all the constituents necessary for his physical life expression, within the Tabernacle may be found the constituencies of the inner life. Here, symbolically described in the physical furnishings

that are as "the shadow of heavenly things to come," may be found the furnishings "not made with hands" but designed eternally in the heavens that constitute all that will ever be needed to serve the totality of that life which is deep rooted in God.

Here are to be found the seven candlesticks that represent the seven spiritual centers in man which, when quickened into activity, appear as vortices of light.

Here rests the fount of all wisdom and the twin tablets of the Law. The latter signify the dual forces of the outer world which, when reconciled by a higher viewpoint and polarized to cosmic order, convey every guidance that man will ever need.

Here also is to be found the heavenly manna that feeds the immortal life. This is soul substance, the good, and the spiritual power that frequently comes from temporary pain and seeming evil. David knew it as the "table prepared for me in the midst of mine enemies." It is the daily bread of which Christ Jesus spoke saying, "I have food ye know not of," and for which He taught his disciples to pray always.

Here is the rod of prophecy that relates to the spinal fire. It awaits the purification of that fire which, when lighted and lifted to its summit, will open the eyes of vision and illumine past, present and future and reveal the inmost secrets and the hidden meanings in all things.

And here, in the most sacred place, abides enduringly, life after life, the ark of the soul, mediator between the two worlds and between God and man. It is presided over by the Cherubims, guardians of man's lost Eden, and protectors of that point of magnetic contact between the human and Divine where man and God commune. They await his fitness that they may unfold their wings to reveal the Shekinah Glory of the Most High.

Man knows not, nor does he see. "The Light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not." So it is dark in the sanctuary, not the darkness of evil but the darkness of ignorance. And it is the darkness of depth that is yet unplumbed - the still deep darkness of inner being and the promise of that which is to come. The candles are as yet unlit. They await awareness of that powerful lighted Figure who stands at the gates of inner knowing: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him and sup with him - and he with Me."

No power of human effort and will can open the gates to this Figure. Only love can lift the "everlasting doors" for they lead straight to the mercy seat where the heart of love awaits the Presence. It is only possible for the human self to acknowledge the "King of Glory" when it has accepted in its whole being that love, pure, selfless, impersonal love is the greatest power in the universe. No powers in the outer world can withstand this kind of love. Examples of its triumph are rare simply because few, apart from Christ Jesus, have achieved it, but we have witnessed in our day a Ghandi who overcame the greatest empire of his time through the purity of his selfless love. We crown this love as "King" when we resolve that no matter in how many lives we stumble, falter, digress and fail in the commitment, we will make it the lode-star in all the issues of life.

Such is the love that opens the gates to the Temple. Then and then only it flames with the Light of the Presence. In that Light one may drink from the fount of all wisdom; one may be trusted to wield the rod of power that unlocks the secrets of life for such a one knows the Law. He would never betray it by using his powers unwisely or for selfish gain. Such a one no longer relies upon the husks of mortal substance but eats of the bread of immortality. He is at peace. He abides in love deep in the heart of God and communes with all reality; for "God is Love and he who dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God - and God in him."

Yet even this is not enough. Communion with the inner Lord is but a means to an end. When the experience with the Cloistered Christ has served its purpose another step, another aspect of the Great Work lies ahead, for the path is always onward and upward.

An age ago the star of the Mystical Christ rose on the Eastern horizon, symbol of inner and higher worlds. It hovered over a humanity that was in its spiritual infancy. The principle of altruistic love was literally unknown and incomprehensible to the great masses of the World. It could only manifest as an infant in the heart, there to be nourished as a hidden inner quality until strong enough for the light of another day. This other day is now at dawning. The star of the Christ stands before the gates of Aquaria calling upon those who would be His disciples to carry its living waters to a thirsty world. The great shift is from the experiences of Pisces to those of Aquaria, from the Christ in the heart to Christ living, powerful and triumphant in the life of the world.

Perhaps one reason the symbol of the gate is so significant is that it swings both ways. The Light of Love presses always upon the gates of the Temple that they may swing wide in release of a life of Love. Love, by its very nature has no affinity with the separated self. It must be shared.

"Go ye into the world" were the words of the Great Lord two thousand years ago. They are his words now: "Let the Light kindled in the inner Temple so shine that by your fruits all men may know that ye are my disciples - not by what you say but by what you do and are: for the Kingdom of Heaven cometh not by observation. . . . Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for behold it is within you."

When the disciples of Christ Jesus asked him how they were to go - and the way, it is not recorded that he gave them a philosophical dissertation. He gave them the Beatitudes, those blessed attitudes of mind and heart: peace, mercy, gentleness and reconciliation. Then He told them the story of the Good Samaritan and he said, "In as much as ye minister to one, the least of these my little ones ye minister unto Me."

It is not strange that the greatest opportunities for spiritual unfoldment lie in the area of our relations to others, or that today the emphasis is coming to be more and more upon right human relations. It is the very essence and direct outcome of all that the Master taught when He walked among men. It is the keynote of life for the one who has opened the gates of the Temple to the King of Glory and goes forth, with all he has attained, to serve in His Name.

More and more mankind is coming to realize that the only real "sins" we commit are those that harm or hinder another. Most well intentioned "good" people would not dream of harming another by deed. They are often less aware of the powerful harm done in relation to the thought and feeling life of another. Yet, said the Tibetan Teacher, "Think no thought, dream no dream that might place a hindrance in their brother's path." Christ Jesus said it quite simply. "Do unto others (in word and thought and deed) as you would have them do unto you." These words might well be engraved in letters of fire above the gates of the Temple for the one who would go forth to serve the living Christ.

The Christ gave us the powerful soul image of the door as the way to life as He would have us live it. Said He, "I am the door."



Dr. Frederich Rittelmeyer in his book entitled MEDITATION has presented these words for an exercise in spiritual imagery. Some of the following concepts are drawn freely from this source.

When one can form the picture of Christ as the door strongly in one's inner being, the words in His prayer to his Father for his own become very real. He said, "Thou gavest them to me and I have manifested Thy Name to them, and I will return them to Thee lifted up in all things." Then one has the realization that every circumstance of life has but one purpose, that we find in it the manifestation of the Love of the Father and return it to Him, lifted up and transmuted into spiritual life and power.

What would it mean to rise each morning and make Christ the door to all that the day brings? It would mean that one would recognize in every contact, every person, every condition, an opportunity to find the Christ in them and to express the Christ through them. It would mean that one would begin to look upon one's family, business associations, and all men through the eyes of Christ. A new quality would enter into all human relations - a quality of spirit that had not been there before - and all people would become sacredly dear because we would love the Christ in them and we would realize God's thoughts in them and the glory held in their highest being. This, in itself is healing of the highest order. It is the atmosphere in which they can make the most progress on any level, physical, mental and spiritual because it frees them from the burden of our restricted concepts of them.

Under these circumstances one would know how wrong it is to try to interfere egotistically "for his own good" in another's real life. Instead, one would lovingly accept that other just as he is, even in our thoughts and feelings about him. This, in turn would do much to remove the stresses and mutual demands that put such strain upon human relations, for this loving free acceptance of others brings out the very best in them in response.

To go through any other door or in any lesser way is to merit His reproach: "I was the sick in this one, the lonely, the imprisoned, and ye visited Me not. Lovest thou Me - or thyself in this service?"

Is it impossible thus to go? The answer is "yes" from a human standpoint. It is not impossible if one accepts life as a gift from God to be freely released to God, if one accepts that it only flows through us from the one Center which is his Life and Love - and that we are His Temple through which He expresses His Will and His Purpose.

## SEASON OF HARVEST AND TESTING

by Corinne Heline

As the sun enters Libra in its annual circuit of the heavens, both gods and men are attuned to high perceptions and mighty impulses. To man in his lower phases of consciousness, the Autumnal Equinox, represented in nature by the passing from summer's light to winter's darkness, signifies a testing time for the soul. For the advanced aspirant it can and may well be a time of spiritual awakening from the darkness of the finite into the light of infinite and eternal day.

It is at this season of the year, when nature's forces are at a point of equilibrium, that men and spheres are weighed in the balance by the powers of Cosmic Law and their fitness for further progression is determined. It is a time especially when evolving humanity arrives at a place of choice and of divine appraisal, as appropriately symbolized by the scales, signature of the zodiacal sign of Libra.

The choice that confronts humanity at this time may be understood through an interpretation of the signs to the right and left of Libra. Originally, there were but ten signs of the zodiac, Virgo and Scorpio being in one. At a crucial point in the history of humanity when duality and choice were established as the evolutionary means for man's progression, Virgo and Scorpio were separated and Libra, the sign of balance and of choice was inserted.

Now, to the right of Libra is the sign of Virgo, representative of the feminine principle in man or the attributes of the soul. To the left is Scorpio, representative of the way of the flesh that carries man toward death and destruction until the forces of the lower separated personality are transmuted into the higher powers of the spirit, an accomplishment signified by the second pictorial symbol of Scorpio, the Eagle.

Cosmic conditions instigated by the sun's entry into Libra bring this contest between earthly desires and the aspiration of the soul into sharpest focus. Zodiacally, a call comes from the right and from the left. Virgo, the virgin who gives birth to the Christ beckons to the right, and Scorpio, the serpent that brings the sting of death makes enticing advances on the left. It rests with humanity which way it will go, for man is free to choose.

In this same holy season when the earth is heavily laden with

its yearly fruitage, man also reaps the soul's harvest of the year. Saturn, the great disciplinarian, is exalted in Libra. Under his judgment, from which there is no appeal, men, nations and planets reap what they have sown. However, at this season also, the disciple who aspires to take another step on the path of Initiation now has the help of cosmic forces for he has the aid of the beneficent love ray of Venus, ruling star of Libra.

Beyond the outer gloom and darkness of the objective world, the Temple gates now swing wide and the peals of bells and strains of heavenly music invite all "those who are awake" to enter in and partake of the ceremonial of the mystic marriage, sacred to Libra, that unites all the pairs of opposites.

In the Greater Mysteries of Eleusis, celebrated in ancient Greece at the Autumn Equinox, the neophytes carried lighted torches in remembrance of the search made by Demeter, goddess of grain, for her daughter Persephone. These mysteries culminated in the revelation of a reaped corn stalk, symbol of the sacred marriage. This was symbolic of the aspirant who gathered his own harvest and brought it to the Temple door for weighing. According to the "revealing of his cornstalk" did the magic doors open for him so that he might enter and take part in the Initiatory Rites of the mystic marriage which culminated at midnight.

In ancient Egypt at the time of the Harvest Festival the Pharaoh, impersonating the sun god Horus, walked in front of the sacred white Bull and reaped the first sheaves of barley to insure peace and plenty for his people in the year ahead.

In Old Testament times the Autumn observances terminated in the Feast of the Tabernacles when the aspirants to the Mysteries dwelt for seven days in especially constructed booths made of particularly blessed and sacred woods such as olive, cedar and palm. In Babylon this same procedure was observed in preparation for the assimilation of deeper inner truths. These specially prepared booths for meditation and inner preparation were referred to as sacred marriage houses.

The highest meaning of Libra is equilibrium, that "harmonizing of contraries" which is the purpose of all esoteric teaching and which is fundamental to the work of all inner schools. Here also may be found the most profound interpretation of Saturn's exaltation in this sign. In the Time of the Autumn Equinox the disciple must face the Great Temptation, but

strengthened by the eternal wisdom that is Saturn and inspired by the eternal love that is Venus, he will find his appointed place in the dawning of the eternal justice that is Libra.

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### **CORINNE HELINE CELEBRATES HER 90th BIRTHDAY**

Members of the staff of the New Age Press and the staff and friends of the New Age Bible Center helped Corinne Heline celebrate her 90th birthday at a beautiful party. She came into the world on the 13th of August so many years ago to live a full and dedicated life in the service of the Christ and the Unseen Brotherhood that man might have greater light upon his path as he searches for meaning and inspiration in his own life and consciousness. We all join in wishing her the best and in thanking her for her gifts of so many inspiring and informative books.

Throughout the portals of history a few individuals stand out as major contributors to the life and orientation to The Plan that man might have greater understanding in his quest. Corinne Heline certainly ranks highly in the company of those who thus choose to serve and whose contributions will inspire the student of life for many years to come in the opening of the Aquarian Age.

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### **FRAGMENTS FROM OUR INDIAN HERITAGE**

The lead article in a recent issue of the New Age Interpreter has elicited such a response, that the Editor, Adrienne Ashley, will expand it further in a talk to be given on 22 October 1972 for UNDERSTANDORAMA at the Griswold Inn at Claremont, California.

UNDERSTANDORAMA conducts seminars in Southern California twice yearly on timely topics in esoteric philosophy inviting as a guest lecturers outstanding individuals who have made substantial contributions in the many areas to come under this classification.

## ADJUSTMENT TO CRISES

by Theodore Heline

The most important single factor, and the basic condition for survival in the cycle of destruction which is upon our world, is the ability to adjust to crises and to adapt to change. It is obvious in the light of general upheaval that knowledge without flexibility of mind often proves to be a greater hindrance than help. The mind is, by its very constitution, loathe to relinquish hard earned values which it has come to look upon as to be kept and treasured for all time to come.

Our present civilization is focused in material achievement, not spiritual realization. The values most cherished are physical and mental rather than moral and spiritual. Current educational methods are shaped to fit these values. Its aims have been primarily to provide knowledge, to build up the intellect, and to teach successful competition and material achievement. All this has served a necessary stage in evolution. It is not to be scorned. Nevertheless, a condition now develops in the world that reveals the inadequacy of these prevailing motivations of life because they fail to give man that security which comes only from being centered in values that are moral in character and which endure because they are founded upon eternal principles. Thus, a grasp upon a few of these fundamental principles and the ability to adapt to life and its needs is infinitely more necessary than the possession of a whole range of encyclopedic knowledge.

The very continuity of life on earth is dependent upon constant change. Life was born out of motion. The universe is in a state of continual flux. To the degree that we can maintain this same flexibility in our whole nature can we share joyously in the rhythms of the universal life that is ever in the becoming.

This is especially true in relation to man's spiritual ongoing. Since occultism deals with hidden mysteries of being belonging to higher dimensions of life, progress in this subject is possible only when there is a readiness to investigate facts not yet known and to explore new ground, and to change former convictions in the light of new unfolding truths.

When fixities become too rigid there has to be a cataclysmic shattering of outmoded forms such as the world is experiencing now. This is the only way in which the forces of evolution can prevent humanity from becoming permanently set in self-created



molds that were intended to serve for a brief span and then be superseded by new and better forms.

Were man but wise enough and flexible enough these new forms, progressive, improved and greatly expanded could be adopted without so much painful destruction.

Change is difficult at best. The attainment of a receptive attitude toward the new, the unexplored and the unconventional is gradual. To pass from any static state to a vital fluidic stage requires time and effort. The establishment of an habitual openmindedness is reached and retained only by constant watchfulness and cultivation.

Where there is little or no thought life, stagnation and crystallization are inevitable and man becomes quickly and early in life a "mental crustacean." It is a condition that usually increases greatly with age. Harvey, the great discoverer of the circulation of the blood, said that he never found a physician over forty who could accept his theory.

However, the rewards of mental and emotional adaptability are great indeed and worthy of constant effort. They lead, for one thing, to self-reliant thinking and vibrant living. "To a lame person a crutch is necessary. It is no good telling him to 'throw away his crutch,' but rather one should tell him to become so strong that crutches will be unnecessary." People throughout the world at the present time are becoming more and more mentally and emotionally dependent upon others. The mass news media is a contributing factor. It requires considerable strength of mind, integrity of character and firmness of purpose to free oneself from slavish bondage to mass beliefs, forms and systems.

Wrote Herbert Radcliffe: "I say to you, 'Do not be a mental slave to any authority. If you obey anything but your own individual nature you are building further barriers to your own understanding of life.' "

By its very nature a receptive mind attracts knowledge from all angles rather than from one source or stream of authority. This, coupled with the further attitude that avoids premature judgment, often leads to the wisdom that reconciles facts which might on the surface appear to be contradictory. When judgment waits upon full knowledge and wisdom it procludes hasty ill-considered conclusions. "Knowledge is separative and objective, whilst wisdom is synthetic and subjective. Knowledge divides; wisdom unites; knowledge differentiates whilst wisdom blends." A.A. Bailey.

In its present stage of development the nature of the mind itself, together with the fragmentary and incomplete knowledge now available on any subject, it is well nigh impossible completely to separate oneself from all personal bias and prejudice. It first becomes necessary to realize that, "Intellectual knowledge is but a means to an end, not an end in itself. When the rebellious intellect has ceased to criticize and is willing to consider fairly statements which cannot be immediately proven, then, and then only, will esoteric training be effective in developing the higher faculties whereby man passes from faith to first hand knowledge." Max Heindel.

When the attitude of scoffing negation gives way to impartial interest it makes possible the cultivation of the higher faculty of intuition. Pure reason can go far, but it cannot touch the highest truths. The intuition, "the still small voice," the process of knowing from within catches truths from a higher realm by contacting cosmic wisdom.

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## CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

"The Bible was given to humanity by the divine guiding powers, not for hurried reading, but to be worked with inwardly. It contains, in fact, the path to all spiritual heights of humanity. It ought to be made a part of humanity's own life - in a much more thorough, and also a freer, way than ever in the past - a way that guides each man to shape his inner life according to his needs." Dr. Fredrich Rittelmeyer.

It is with this aim in view that the NEW AGE BIBLE AND PHILOSOPHY CENTER, 1139 LINCOLN BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CALIF. 90403, in cooperation with the NEW AGE PRESS, offers CORRESPONDENCE COURSES based upon Corinne Heline's NEW AGE BIBLE INTERPRETATION. These courses are available on a free will offering basis and further information is available upon request.

The Center also offers correspondence courses in BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ESOTERIC PHILOSOPHY using as a textbook THE ROSICRUCIAN COSMO-CONCEPTION by Max Heindel.

## THE FAITH THAT HEALS

The faith in which one performs the tasks set before him each day, and the joy in which he performs them, become the measure of his fitness to serve as a channel of true healing. Even as Christ Jesus healed the centurion's servant from the distance because of the faith of his master, so is to be the faith in things and powers invisible of the one who would serve the Most High in this way.

Such was the faith expressed by the woman who touched the hem of the garment of the Christ knowing, not only that this was the one necessity, but that it was all she could do under the circumstances of her existence. She did what she could do - and all that she could do - in faith - and that which she sought was bestowed upon her; for of such are the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through the long continuing practice of such faith one gradually receives the blessing of peace. This is not only the first requirement for healing but it renders the way easy and joyous - as all service in the Name of God of a necessity is to be. The "Peace that passeth understanding" is the reward for complete faith. In order to achieve it one must be willing to relinquish the self and all things - even the desire to alleviate conditions for the one for whom one prays; for faith is the rest in the assurance that no sharing of Love and Light is ever in vain, although one may never see or know the outcome of the act.

As one begins to realize the beauty of peace, he becomes aware of beauty where it has not appeared before. He becomes aware of beauty in those whom he serves, and in those whom he does not serve, in the unlovely as well as the lovely. These, too, he showers with Love and Light, not as he feels that they deserve it, but as one who is the true servant of God would shower them.

Often the desire to serve expresses within the mind and heart as aspiration and idealism until one encounters disagreeable features. These, like worms in a path, appear before him and cause the desire to weaken and the will to falter. In true service (and all service is healing service) the tendency to retreat from the harsh and the unlovely is to be overcome. Until one learns to serve willingly the weak and the unattractive as well as the physically and mentally attractive, the power to heal the sick in mind and body will be withheld.

To desire to serve God in complete faith in his healing power, to be willing to serve regardless of the nature of the tasks

presented, to render service in gratitude for the privilege, to expect praise from no one, this is to earn and know the Love and the Light that brings peace passing all understanding to the heart - even as the sun bringeth warmth to the earth. This is the faith that heals - the faith that earns its place in the great healing ministry of the Christ.

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## PRAYER

"Prayer is the ardent wish that every way of life be light; that every act be crowned with good; that every living thing be prospered by the ministry of love. A noble deed, a helpful word is prayer. The fount of prayer is in the heart; by loving thought the heart is carried up to God. In the holy silence each heart is blessed." Aquarian Gospel.

Prayer is the act of choosing moment by moment, day by day to live on the highest level of consciousness which we can attain. It is keeping one's eyes upon the mountain, those eternal values which bring truth and peace. Christ taught us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth." Keeping His will, His plan, His good ever and always present in our hearts, using our thought power to bring the Plan to earth, letting the light within us shine, this is true prayer. This is the meaning of the command to "pray without ceasing." By following it we can become channels of light through which God can function in our world.

Caroline Sudduth

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"Far below the surface of these teachings there is a great deal of which we have been able to unveil a little. If we go further we will gradually come into the depths of spiritual life. We will come into depths which cannot be expressed now because we have not the ears to hear them. May these first unveilings give us the desire to penetrate more deeply . . . for if we feel such an impulse we will have understood and responded correctly."

Rudolph Steiner

## THE CREATIVE PRINCIPLE IN MAN

by Irma L. Norman

We are all made well aware, at a very tender age, of the potential within us to create another being in our own likeness. In many cultures, humanity is taught that the reproduction of the human species is practically the total reason for living and that the propagation of the earth's population is a divine mandate.

The cultures that teach this base it upon the biblical passage in the Book of Genesis that reads: "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing. . . . So God created man in his own image, . . . . male and female created he them . . . . and God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it."

This passage clearly states one facet of the human purpose and one aspect of man's creative power. And so mankind was so structured that he could perform this divine duty; and in so doing attain that creativity that is nearest to the God-like that humans can attain: that is, the power to bring forth another life having the intelligence and consciousness of a Divine Being.

The animal kingdom reproduces its own kind, but it cannot produce anything above the level of the animal state of development. If we think carefully we see that man is the only being on earth capable of producing another physical vehicle to house that spark of the Divine Spirit with which each one of us is blessed. If that spark were to penetrate the animal, then that kingdom would have the same mental, and emotional capacities and the same consciousness and conscience that the human has. Obviously, the animal has not been so endowed. Only the human vehicle can house the Divine Spark.

Let us briefly consider the four kingdoms which are a part of God's creation, namely, the human, of which we are members, and the animal, plant and mineral kingdoms. Of these four kingdoms, the mineral is the most crystallized and permanent, from the physical standpoint. Who can deny the relative permanency of the life span of the giant boulders and the mountains formed upon rocks? Now these rocks possess a vibratory rate which is energy the same as the human possesses, but the vibratory rate of the mineral life is vastly different from ours; nor does this life wave possess other attributes of man.



The plant kingdom is not so permanent as the mineral and it reaches a bit closer to other human qualities. It expresses cycles of birth and death and rebirth, and it, too, has certain assigned purposes. One functioning process is the consumption of carbon dioxides for the purification of the atmosphere of that great entity, our planet earth. Another purpose is to nourish the animal and human kingdoms.

Science has, in recent years, discovered some other interesting facts concerning plant life. They relate to a certain degree of intelligence and emotion. The intelligence functions on a basic instinctive level, as witness the instinctive manner in which a plant will turn its face towards the warming, life-giving rays of the sun. Delicate and sophisticated instruments attached to plants have revealed that they register pain when cut, broken, or otherwise mutilated.

As we approach the animal kingdom we are already aware of the great intelligence displayed by certain types of animals. The horse shows a remarkable degree of intelligence and the canine species exhibit this same intelligence and capacity to be trained for purposes of guarding and protection. An outstanding example is the precious seeing-eye dog who learns to act as a substitute for the visual inability of his master. The dog often has a quality of loyalty which equals and frequently surpasses that of the human to whom he is attached. No one who has ever had a dog as a pet or worked with the canine family would deny that they are capable of the emotional reactions of sorrow, happiness, fear, pain, anger, love and devotion. They come so near to the human attributes yet do not quite attain them, for they lack the Divine Spark or that Spiritual Essence which makes the human race God-like and places us on a plane of consciousness from which we can evolve to the state of union with our Creator.

We recognize that all of these kingdoms are the result of the Creative Principle of God. But what of the Creative Principle of man? As already stated, mankind can reproduce the physical vehicle through which the soul operates. However, he cannot produce his own vehicle! It is a physical impossibility. We can only create the vehicle for another soul!

The Bible tells us, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" and in this manner did He demonstrate the pure love principle of giving for the sake of love. In the same

manner, humans create or reproduce a physical vehicle for the sake of a soul who wants embodiment and needs a vehicle in which to function. The soul may come as a stranger or, on the other hand, may unite us with past experience. In any case, we must be aware that we do not create the new soul. It is not our province to do so. We can only be the channel and provide a means to an end.

However, it is essential for the sake of that soul, as well as our own, that we create the vehicle with a selfless and pure love motivation. One of the most beautiful passages ever written concerning the human act of creation comes from THE PROPHET by the poet, Gibran:

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's  
longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you yet they  
belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not  
your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not  
their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of to-  
morrow, which you cannot visit, not even  
in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek  
not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries  
with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as  
living arrows are sent forth.

Having been apprized of these facts from sources of great authenticity one wonders then if we, as human beings, are limited to just creating a physical shell for the use of another. Is that all there is to it? Is there no other way for a human to use his creative power than just that one way? Do we have no part in our own creation and are we subject to the whim of other souls? Must we be content to have our souls pitched headlong, by some willy-nilly quirk of fate, into a vehicle reproduced by the imperfect physical bodies of others?

It is difficult to believe that the answers to these questions would be in the affirmative. Let us examine them in the light of the occult laws governing life, death, and rebirth. There is one school of thought that states that man is born, he lives, he dies, existing only through one cycle of life and that his consciousness dies when the physical body ceases to function.

Then there is the belief prevalent among most of the religions of the western world that man is born, his soul coming directly from heaven, that he lives his allotted span of years and then passes out to lie in slumber until some very distant day when he shall be called to stand and be judged for his acts and experiences during his short life. If his acts are judged to be good, he goes to that etherial plane called heaven, but if his acts are judged to be bad, then he must burn in a hell of fire and brimstone from which there is no escape. The inequalities of birth and the disadvantages of earthly circumstances seem to have no bearing upon what is expected of that soul.

The third, or occult theory of birth teaches that each soul is a part of God and that we are all a spark of his Divine Essence and that only through a succession of life cycles can we reach a state of development which permits us to be reunited with God. As we progress through these cycles we must know experience after experience and all of these must be somehow condensed so that we retain an essence of intelligence, growth, knowledge, and wisdom. This is done by compressing these experiences into what we call memory which is then placed in the seed atom inherent in each of us.

As the time approaches for the soul's re-entry into the earth plane, the soul must exercise judgment to determine the correct circumstances for its return in accordance with its storehouse of memories of the past. However, it is given assistance by the Hierarchies and when a propitious time presents itself that will give the planetary arrangement necessary for the next experience of living, and when the proper vehicle required is available, rebirth takes place. The soul, magnetized by intense attraction from the Desire World, takes its place in the newly prepared physical vehicle.

Thus it would seem that mankind does have some choice of direction in his own created vehicle, as well as the vehicle he creates for others. The answer to one of our questions then is,

"No, the soul does not depend upon a willy-nilly quirk of fate."

We realize also that as we take our allotted nine months to create and build a form, we are following the example of God who took HIS allotted time to create. His seven days of creation were well planned and organized steps in bringing the universe into manifestation. In our human and less significant manner, our period of creation is also organized, and given an allotted time, and the steps of gestation follow each other with amazing precision.

In the same manner, the creative qualities within each of us is designed to bring forth the fruits of our experiences which are the talents of our development, whether they be spiritual, artistic, mental, or physical. Each creative quality is one we have been blessed with. Each signifies one facet of the Divine Spark that we have previously worked with, perfected, and polished to such luster that it gleams and sparkles with Divine Inspiration.

And so another question is answered. Physical creation of the dense vehicle is not all there is to the creative process. The innate potential for the creative word or thought was promised us in the beginning when God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." If the Creative Principle lay within the province of the Divine God Force, He has also given man the gift of this same Principle. We have but to use it, and its use is not limited to the potential for creating the human species. It continues on beyond that and is within the reach of each of us irrespective of age, sex, color, or creed. The more purified and refined the human soul becomes, the more this Creative Force is directed above and beyond the creation of the dense body and into those realms of artistic beauty and inspiration that enrich the cultural life of the race. Man's created works imitate more and more the created works of God until he, at last, becomes that permanent pillar in the Temple and will go out no more.

It is true that we must use our physical senses to see, hear, touch, feel and speak but these expressions of the senses are to bear spiritual truth. In that way we replenish the earth with spiritual creations. We must also follow our developed conscience in all these things because to misuse our gift of creativity on any level is to bring dire consequence and greatly delay us on our path of evolution.

**NATURE'S CEREMONIALS**  
**SUNRISE ON THE DESERT**  
by Corinne Heline

Calm, mysterious, brooding, the desert stretches out toward infinity overshadowed by a benediction of peace. Such is the picture that meets one's objective vision. But when the veil between inner and outer realms is rent, what appears as brooding silence is transformed into rhythms of intensive activity.

Dawn comes and along the horizon appears a faint line of delicate mauve - pink, barely perceptible and melting into purple tones on the desert floor. As morning becomes more clearly defined this line expands until the very atmosphere is suffused with brilliant rose-pink.

Then it is that something wonderful happens. Against the shining horizon is seen an endless procession of celestial Presences. During the hush they seem absorbed in some profound and prayerful meditation. The results of this period become apparent in undulating waves of golden light which emanate from these glorious Presences and suffuse the desert air with streamers of Force.

Some of the bright Beings then float majestically above the desert sands and assemble in groups of twelve over certain areas. Once again their combined meditative prayer results in a veritable downpouring of golden light, this time limited to each group's particular area.

If man is blind to the wonders about him, the innumerable hosts of nature spirits are not. In troops and processions these little creatures approach with reverence these golden light centers to take in as much as they can of the radiant life force. Then they pour it into the roots of plants and shrubs with which they are working.

The rose-pink lines along the horizon change into molten gold. With the appearance of the sun there passes through the heart of the desert a thrill of almost divine ecstasy. The birds trill in higher accords of harmony while supernatural beings, from the nature spirits to the celestial Presences, bow down in homage before its glory.

As the sun's rays rise higher, the glowing Presences disappear into its radiant shining, and the desert, quiet, mysterious, yet vibrant with deep contentment, awaits the miracle of another dawn.



**HOMECOMING**  
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For all who wander,  
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A turning home, a recollection;  
and answered quest, regained affection,  
Though over the cosmos,  
His children roam,  
The Father's house  
calls each one home.

**DESERT NIGHT**  
by Raquel de S. Marshall

Silence.  
The silence of the desert night.  
Softly, gently then is born the consciousness of movement,  
Of sound within one's self.  
The heart beats, blood flows, lungs breathe.  
In the sagebush beside one's knee, etched in silver  
Against the desert dark, the sap is moving:  
Everywhere, in sand and stones and brush are atoms moving;  
Silently the stars above, atoms in the greater Whole, are moving;  
The pulse of Life is beating in earth and sky and me;  
Through it all the breath of God is flowing,  
From the One Who breathes the Word.  
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## REFLECTIONS GATES

All sacred scriptures, and much of esoteric literature, have been written in the universal language of symbolism. For this reason, in many instances, the same symbols are found in all of them. While we recognize that these are universal in meaning and apply to principles that are eternal, it is possible to gain an even richer understanding of them if, in addition to the universal application, we can ascertain why certain symbols held so much original meaning because they were especially appropriate to the times in which they were initially used.

For instance, from the gates of Eden that closed behind Adam and Eve to the gates of the New Jerusalem pictured in the Book of Revelation, this symbol is among the most frequently used in the whole Bible. It pervades the pages of both Old and New Testaments. The reason for this is much better understood if one realizes that gates were far more vital to the life of the people of biblical times than they are in our own. They were perhaps the most important part of an ancient city. Most of its activities took place before them. They were a place of meeting and for buying and selling because here was to be found an open space of ground not available elsewhere.

Also, cities were walled then and gates were the only means of entry and exist. Gates admitted friends and barred foes. They were usually closed at sunset and strengthened by bars of iron or brass.

It is a fascinating study, actually it could be called a journey in consciousness, to trace this particular symbol through the pages of the Bible. One perceives at once, since city is the universal symbol for a state of consciousness, that the general association of ideas with closed gates is one of protection, security, and sanctuary and that the way, or opening, or entry applies to the opening of the consciousness to new states of spiritual understanding. This in itself adds a great deal to the understanding but there is much more for, on a deeper level, each reference to gates indicates inner Temple ritual. Those in the Old Testament all point to stages in the Lesser Mysteries that prepare the consciousness for the coming of the Christ. Those in the New Testament refer to rituals pertaining to the Greater or Chriatian Mysteries associated with His life.

The high priest, Ezekiel, who established the Temple ritual at Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile, gave instructions to those

aspiring to take part: "One shall open him the gate that looketh toward the East (the higher worlds) . . . and he shall prepare his peace offering." This clearly refers to establishing an attitude of inner peace if one would be worthy of entering the sanctuary for prayer and communion with the Most High. To read further in this passage is rewarding for it continues: "Prepare daily . . . to be worthy to enter through the gate into the holy chambers."

In Isaiah we read: "Open ye the gates that truth may enter," and the next line also is significant: "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." All such passages, of course, refer to inner experiences of the aspiring neophyte.

Esther, representative of her people, and an ancestress of Jesus, stood before the gates of the kings. In the language of symbology, people represent the many facets of the personality, so this passage indicates the stage in consciousness in which the integrated and highly developed personality vehicle stands ready to acknowledge and submit to the voice of high inner authority.

Many significant passages in the Old Testament refer to Bethlehem's gate. The implication is clear. All point to fitness to be a part of the Holy Birth. Rachel, beloved of Jacob, lay down her life before the gate at Bethlehem that Benjamin, symbol of that Christed love that bridges anger, pride, jealousy and separateness among the brothers of men, might come to birth.

Ruth, the feminine heart nature, turning symbolically homeward, met Boaz, the enlightened mind principle, before the gates of Bethlehem. Their union became the symbol of the mystic marriage of head and heart on the inner planes that is so important in Temple work. Even more importantly, it became the symbol of the Great Work that was so initiated because here, a thousand years before the Coming, Ruth and Boaz established the physical line of David which was to bring forth the Divine Son of the House of David.

This occurred both symbolically and actually, because Ruth and Boaz also established, on the actual site of the inn that housed the Nativity, the School of the Mysteries that prepared the physical environment surrounding Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus and also provided training for those who were to return at the time of His Incarnation and to gather around him and his mission.

King David "sat in the gate and all his people came before him

to be ruled." Again we rely upon the keys of symbology to recall that the heart is the seat of the inner Christ and that "people" represent the facets of one's own nature. At this stage of inner preparation David signifies, in spite of all his foolish mistakes, the Seed Principle of the Christ, quickened in the wayward heart of man, which has the power to rule over every unregenerated impulse. The actual reference in this passage is to the "gates of Zion" and in Psalm 87 we find: "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion."

The final reference to gates is found in the Book of Revelation where the twelve gates of the city that constitutes the New Jerusalem are described. They represent the culmination of the Temple Work as it is summarized in the words found in the same chapter: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them. . . . He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son."

Here the twelve gates symbolize the twelve zodiacal signs that have provided the fields of experience necessary for the evolving soul. The zodiacal wheel of rebirth has now been transcended and is no longer needed. The transmuted essence of physical plane experience has now become as jewels in the light body of the spiritually illumined. This body has no need for sun or moon, the activators of experience in the polar opposites. It casts no shadow. There is nothing of dark substance in it. The glory of the God Within is its light.

The measure of this "city" is the "measure of a man, that is, of the angel" which is the soul of man. When this Temple of God that is Man is measured and found to be the Angel of the Presence, the outer court which is the personality falls away and the soul knows that the Great Work is completed.

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"Many beautiful structures have been destroyed through unfitting despondency. It always attacks a man on the eve of complete attainment, when it seems as if someone has temporarily extinguished the fires; but the disciple does not know such terror."

—Fiery World II

# BOOK REVIEWS

By FRANCES SMITH

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

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Her Life and Mission, Corinne Heline. 190 pp, \$5.95, 1971. New Age Press, La Canada, Calif.**

Of all the inspired books by Corinne Heline, the book on the *Blessed Virgin Mary* is going to be the standard-bearer for the New Age now gestating. The New Testament of the Christian Bible as we know it was compiled in the 2nd Century, although it was not until the 4th Century that the exact limits of the Canon were finally and firmly drawn. Those dates coincide with the beginning of the Piscean Dispensation.

There were many sacred and inspired books collected from which the present 27 found in the New Testament were selected. Those rejected are now listed in books and catalogs as apocryphal. The Piscean Age, with its opposite sign Virgo (purity and service) are both considered feminine or negative ages, and those Church Fathers who compiled the New Testament were led to choose those books that were strongly masculine and positive in character to polarize the influences felt by mankind. We have Jesus and His twelve apostle, Paul and Barnabas and his helpers, and so on. The feminine counterpart of the population is not stressed.

But now that we approach the Age of Aquarius and Leo, both positive and masculine (brotherhood and fatherhood) we have need to stress the opposite pole. The Virgin Mary is the lodestar that draws our devotion. Many of the New Testament Apocryphal books on Mary, on Paul and Thecla, and on other women characters are slowly being "discovered" under the prodding of those Elder Brothers who guide the development of this planet Earth.

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and the MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION are clearly and beautifully distinguished in this book. Both illustrate a law of genetics that has not yet been formulated by science but which will come as the new Aquarian



Age comes in earnest - we are still on the Piscean side of the cusp.

And when that glorious Aquarian Age is really upon us we are going to find many new problems, new tests and trials that will try our spirits as these old Piscean ones never could. We shall have need of the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and her angels just as surely as an impotent mankind had need for the doctrine of the Vicarious Atonement during those early centuries of the Piscean Age.

**SUNRISE**, Antita in Tala and Enrica. 151 pp., \$4.50, 1971. Vantage Press, Inc., 516 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

This touching story of eternal love and life is in the form of a five part play dramatizing the effects of causes set in motion in past lives and played out over several incarnations. This deceptively simple drama is built around a thesis rather than a plot, that is, the actors are manipulated by outside forces instead of acting from inner compulsions.

The book falls into the category of material we use to "romance" someone into studying the ancient wisdom teachings. A glance at the recommended reading listed notes a book from the Theosophical Publishing House, the Mark-Age Period and Program, the A.R.E. Press and a book by Noel Street.

*Sunrise* is carefully written and edited and is beautifully printed. It includes several of Antita's lovely poems and would make a beautiful gift book.

**THE STONE AND ELIXER**, Pensatia. 55 pp., \$4.00, 1958-1970. Euclid Publishing Co., P.O. Box 121, Cathedral Station, New York, N.Y. 10025.

**THE HIGH MOUNTAIN**, Pensatia, 159 pp. \$5.00, 1965. Euclid Publishing Co.

**THE LOTUS OF WISDOM**, Pensatia. 219 pp., \$6.00, 1968. Euclid Publishing Company.

These three books, *The Stone and Elixer*, *The High Mountain* and *The Lotus of Wisdom* are part of a series received and transmitted by the gifted pen of a lifelong student of the Rosy Cross, Pensatia (Helen Merrick Bond). A high quality of divine inspiration is uniformly sustained throughout the series. We quote at random from one book.

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**I WILL ARISE, Paola Hugh. 191 pp., 1971, \$3.00 paperbound. Fleur-DeLys Foundation, Box 114. Eastsound, Washington, 98245**

The Elder Brother of the Inner Wisdom School who dictated these monographs has used the story of the Prodigal Son and his journey back to God as a framework around which to build his lessons. The practical precepts include color thereapy, definite suggestions on cleansing the four-fold body, and a fine section on building the Sacred Inner Shrine.

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This column is dedicated to bring such efforts to the attention of our readers that they might be informed and realize that all are part of a vast network that will make the principles of the New Age a reality.

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