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The Magic of The Mind

Part 2 - The Fairy Godmother

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In all fairy tales worthy of the name, an essential character is that of the fairy godmother who, by the bestowal of magic gifts or powers upon the hero or heroine, assures a happy ending to the story. Hidden within this theme of a power that comes to the rescue, as in the themes of all myths and legends, is to be found a great truth, because to mankind, from time to time in accordance with human need and evolutionary law, does come divine gifts or manifestations, like fairy godmothers, to lead us out of crisis and supply whatever is needful for the next step in unfoldment.

For present humanity, the instrument of power which functions as a "fairy godmother" is the human mind because the development and spiritualization of this faculty is the evolutionary assignment before Fifth Race man. For this reason, as humanity moves into the latter phases of the Fifth or Aryan Epoch, the focus upon the mind becomes more urgent and it is increasingly important to learn all that can be learned about the wonderful potencies for good that lie latent within this powerful instrument. In the faculties of the human mind, its powers of choice, its attitudes, its cultivated wisdom, lie the secrets of the ability to discern the true values of life (this is always an important part of the fairy tale), to master all circumstances, and to "live happily everafter."

For what light other than the mind, and it spiritualized, can be the bridge to that larger life and lasting joy the soul of man is ever seeking? It is the only lantern man has to carry along the otherwise dark road of physical plane existence. Though it may flicker and grow dim in the outer darkness, if we make use of the light we have, it, like the first of the fairy gifts in the story, will be sufficient for the next step.

When we bring the lantern of the mind into play upon life and its issues we discover that it does have three magic powers, all involving choices, which if rightly applied, will determine the course of our growth and progress. The first power is that of direction. There are three directions toward which the mind of man can look, and in looking, choose to live: one may look in the direction of the past, the present, or the future. The second area of choice is in attitude. One may choose the attitude one will take toward any or all of these directions. A wise one has said that man has little conscious choice in the experiences he faces in life but that he has great choice in the attitude he will assume toward them.

The third great choice available to man has to do with the manipulation of certain mental faculties in relation to both direction and attitude. The whole magic potency of the mind lies in its power to direct the attention to the past, present, or future in right attitudes and in the right manipulations of the faculties inherent in each direction, namely: right memory, as it applies to the past; right concentration, as it applies to the present; and right application of the faculty of creative imagination, that faculty that has the power to project man into his future world. These directions and applications we will consider in sequence.

THE PAST

When the magic of the mind is directed toward the past one looks into the world of experience and makes use of some aspect of the faculty of memory. Unfortunately, while it is generally conceded that life is a school designed so that man can reap wisdom from experience, it does not follow that the result of experience is always wisdom. To the contrary, some essential

factor is often lacking that would appear to have to do with recapitulation.

In a strictly physical sense, the law of recapitulation but binds man to the wheel of birth and death over and over again. It is only when the white light of the mind is applied to the recapitulation process that it lays bare the lessons to be gained. Much of the profit from experience, with all of its pain, its toil, even its joys, is wasted because these things are not balanced by right use of the mental power to recapitulate.

Recapitulation, on mental levels, has two aspects. The first is reflection; the second is memory. In the rapid pace of modern living, man does not reflect very much upon all he has seen, heard, studied, or experienced during even one day of time. Much less does he use the power to reflect in a disciplined way. At best, the practice is confined to a few moments set aside for a spiritual exercise at the close of the day. Seldom is there pause during the day, in those casual moments usually frittered away, to gently and impartially look back upon the path recently trod, the scene just glimpsed, the book just read, the most recent encounter with another.

Such practice is invaluable in every phase of life, but nowhere is it more vital than in the life of spiritual aspiration. We aspire so sincerely; we are so eager to know; we strive so hard to do right; yet, greedy for truth, we do not pause to build it into the consciousness when it has been presented. Instead, we rush precipitately from experience to experience, from lesson to lesson, with never a backward glance.

Purposeful reading and study are necessary. They awaken the mind and provide knowledge. Purposeful reflection classifies knowledge and stimulates the fountain of thought. It associates new ideas with all that has been learned previously and prepares the way for further light. By contrast, purposeless study, without forethought or afterthought, can lull the consciousness to a false security and serve as an escape mechanism to elude the challenge of thinking through evaluating the lessons of experience.

The practice of pausing to reflect upon a glimpse of beauty, and upon ideas and events, might cause one to study and do less, but

surely it would cause one to live more wisely and well, for to build this habit into the life would be to make of every experience an exercise in the development of spiritual insight; it would be to, with the poet Shakespeare, "find sermons in stones and good in everything."

Such practice would also gradually perfect the power of dynamic spiritual will to control the vagrant habits of the lower mind and direct its processes more constructively. When this power is recognized and cultivated, "What shall I think today?" becomes even more important than, "What shall I do today?"

Of equal importance, recapitulation and reflection build the fundamental ability to remember, a power vitally necessary if one is to profit from the lessons of the past. It has been said that history repeats itself, and this is true because, if we fail to remember past mistakes, the history of nations and individuals bears tragic witness that it will be necessary to repeat them.

It has also been sometimes said that one remembers too much. The point rather is that one remembers, not too much, but the wrong things! It is a matter of choice, for what we choose to remember and what we choose to forget governs our lives. Each of us knows that experience wears two faces. One is shadowed. The other is lighted. We may, if we choose, live in the shadow of past regrets, past hurts, sorrows, failures and humiliations, or we may choose to live in the light of the wisdom these experiences have brought. The wise use of the fairy gift of money is to forget past humiliations and past triumphs, even past joys, in a personal sense and to let our attitude toward them be one of gratitude for all they have given us, knowing that their essence of beauty, truth, and goodness are a part of our eternal being.

On the other hand, the more one can carry in memory, and frequently recall, noble ideals and inspiring examples set by great wayshowers, the more rapid will be our own advancement. "Right memory of noble truths" is an important tenet of the Buddha's Eight-fold Path.

One final use of right memory deserves attention. This is the practice of recalling events in the past in which we have been led by the Spirit of Truth out of darkness and despair. The ancient

Hebrews set aside a special time for such remembering. Recounted in the Book of Esther and called the Feast of Purim, it commemorates the time when the race was saved from the persecutions of Haman during the Babylonian captivity. Its purpose has been to stamp upon the consciousness for all time the memory of how spiritual law "turned sorrow into joy and mourning into a good day." The uniquely American Day of Thanksgiving, rightly observed, could serve the same deeply esoteric purpose. Right memory of past protection and spiritual guidance can be a sustainer of hope in present darkness and a bridge of faith to the future upon which we can step without fear or faltering.

THE PRESENT

When we examine the activities of the mind in regard to the present moment, an interesting fact presents itself. We find that the present absorbs relatively little of the attention. It is neglected. As one moves from moment to moment, most of the mental activity is consumed, either in fruitless worry over a past that cannot be changed - at least by worry - or in anticipation of something that may happen in the future. For example, upon examination of one's thoughts and attitudes, one finds that he is seldom concerned about or afraid of the present moment in time. Here we have touched upon one of the great keys to positive use of the mind processes. To be completely focussed in the present, its activities, the service being preformed, the idea being presented, is health renewing to a mind predisposed to negativity.

More importantly, to focus in the challenge of the immediate, giving it full attention, builds the powerful mental tool of concentration - without which nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished. Concentration, as a way of life, is actually no more than paying full attention. It is to pin point attention rather than to diffuse and weaken it. It is to be whole hearted. One can learn much from children in this respect for they live, largely in the present and do joyously with their whole being what ever is the center of interest for them at the time.

To be concentrated in the present means to hear when we

listen; it is to see when we look; it is to always be aware of that which lies around us. Each of us has held a flower in his hand. It has remained for a poet's insight to realize that if it were possible to understand a single blossom in its completeness of meaning, one would know "what God and man is." Concentration is this process of holding focussed attention steadily upon any chosen field of thought so that the full light of consciousness is as clear and brilliant as possible. The Master of Masters said, "If thine eye be single thy body is full of light." (The full brilliancy of consciousness has free play.)

To turn the light of the mind upon the present and hold it steadily there, discarding all worry over the past and dread of the future, is to dispell fear, that dark sister, the evil fairy who seeks to nullify the divine gifts of the mind. It is also the secret of success. There is no project, no subject, no goal of attainment that will not yield its treasures to sufficient disciplined mental concentration.

As a final blessing, this attitude of concentration upon the present is joy producing because it quickens an ever widening response to the life of God imminent and active in His creation. It will eventually lead to that totality of joyous awareness which men call cosmic consciousness.

THE FUTURE

Is one then to take no heed for the future? The answer is that we are to take no anxious heed because we are indeed building tomorrow moment by moment by present thoughts and subsequent actions. Again, one finds upon examination that his attitude toward the future consists either of fear or hope while it should actually be one of positive creativity. Even as the universe is created and sustained by the concentrated imagery of divine Mind, so the individual life of man is created and recreated by imaginative thought, the forward directional power of the human mind, the third, and perhaps the greatest, of its gifts.

There is no faculty more powerful than that of creative imagination. In the magic of its use man comes closest in function to the One who so endowed him and gave him the free will to

express it. The term, "fertile imagination," is apt. The eyes of imagination never cease their activity and, by the law that energy follows attention, our lives move always in the direction of our inward looking; over the track of vision there returns to us that upon which we have fixed our steadfast gaze. Man sees and knows no world but that which he has created - or is in the process of creating.

Because of lack of understanding, the forces of creative imagination have usually been wasted or diverted to negative uses. There is no greater menace to man's well being than an imagination that is untrained, or diseased and running amok. Often stimulated by fear, it is the generator of most human misery. It is so easy to create "ogres" of the mind and then to clothe them in the imagery which gives them the power to manifest before us. The prophet Ezekiel wrote: "Son of man, hast thou seen what every man does in the chambers of his imagery?" He went on to dwell upon the false creatures, "abominable images," which fill the mind of man and steal from the divine intention.

St. Paul understood the activities of the image making faculty. When he said, "I fear lest your minds should be corrupted," he meant, "I fear lest you create false or distorted images." He also indicated the way to freedom from these self-inflicted difficulties when he said, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," and, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Christ Jesus is the one perfect example of one who "thought in the mind of God." There is no higher use one can make of the creative power of the mind.

If one accepts that the power of imagination is responsible for most human woes, then it must be equally true that it is the basis for all progress. Any improvement in physical or spiritual conditions must first be envisioned or imagined as being within the grasp before it can become a reality. In other words, the mind must be renewed or revitalized with new imagery.

When the power of imagination casts the light of the mind into the future it is possible to live in the world of highest ideals. "Hopeless dreamers," say the unaware, "It is only imagination,"

not understanding that man's future becoming is revealed in the dreams he holds for himself. As we imagine ourselves, we become. If, by the use of this power, we shape the images that are our ideals and hold them steadily enough, the inner future self, like a sensitive photographic plate takes on the likeness of the picture until we are what we have dreamed. Dreamer and dream become one. In this way, every noble ideal of the soul can grow day by day in strength and power to manifest in the outer life.

There is one danger in this process that can only be eliminated by honesty and sincerity. To assume before the world, as a mask of the personality, qualities and virtues that have not yet been truly accepted as ideals "in the chambers of our imagery" that lie in the depths of our being and then earned through the hard way of practiced self discipline, is to be the "whited sepulchre" of which Christ Jesus warned. Sooner or later this mask will be torn aside and the true nature of all that has hidden behind it will be revealed in awful truth, both to the one who wears the mask and to those who have been deceived by it.

Down the avenues of all religions has come one supreme edict of Deity: "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I AM GOD and there is none else. I AM THE LORD THY GOD who hath led you out of darkness and into light." If our inner vision is not led astray by "the abominations of our imaginings" we will naturally obey this edict and our imagery will mirror naught else but our Creator and his Plan. If our thoughts are of negation and foreboding it is because we have allowed our imagery to be diverted from that which He holds in His mind for us. "Look unto Me, for there is none else," said the Lord. The disciples of the Christ looked - and beheld the face of the living God.

When man's creative imagery invisions only the patterns held in the mind of his Creator, his outer eyes will be illumined with insight and understanding; his mind will be renewed by that mind which is also in Christ Jesus; and he will enter that world in which it is said that "he shall not behold evil any more."

While "It hath not yet entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God hath prepared for them that love

Him," even in the glory that does stand revealed through the eyes of inner vision, the attitude toward the future can only be one of hope for we know that we are the prince or the princess in the fairy tale of life and the mind is the fairy godmother who bestows upon us the power to shape it to our dreams.

If we look to the past in gratitude for its lessons, filling our memories with "noble truths, then every yesterday "will be a dream of happiness." If we have the faith and courage to live today as if it were eternity - fully, wisely and well, then "Tomorrow will be a vision of hope" because our eyes will be single; our bodies will be filled with light; and our lives will move in ordered beauty from strength to strength, from realization to realization.

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MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL OF THE AUTUMN EQUINOX

by Corinne Heline

Man is a universe in miniature. All that lies about him in the heavens and upon the earth have their small reflection in his being. Man is bound upon the wheel of nature, and he must perforce turn with that wheel until such time as he learns to perform consciously for himself those cosmic functions which he has hitherto performed unconsciously under the impulsion of unseen powers and the guidance of angelic intelligence. The day must come to every man when the veil parts from before the face of nature and he sees in their true form the intelligence which have been his invisible guides and mentors, and among whom he now learns to move and labor in complete consciousness. The late Hebrews and Christians called these Great Beings Angels or Messengers, and as such they are generally known today. Four Great Archangels preside over Four Sacred Seasons and four Cosmic Festivals, and the high import of these must again be recognized by humanity in general before the Christ Mysteries can be restored to earth.

The soul-year opens with the Autumn Equinox, for this is the first of four major contacts which the Cosmic Christ, embodiment of solar force, makes with our planet in the course of the year. At this time a new spiritual impulse descends upon the earth globe and the soul of the earth begins then to awaken. To the esoteric Christian this is the real Crucifixion, for then the Christ Spirit, as a Cosmic being, takes upon Himself the cross of matter, sacrificing His solar freedom so that all life-waves in evolution upon this planet—mineral, vegetable, animal and human—may have life throughout the ensuing year. Since the event on Golgotha, the Cosmic Christ now descends in a very special sense into the heart of the earth globe to govern mankind FROM WITHIN: from within the globe and from within the heart of man himself. Were it not for the planetary Immaculate Conception occurring yearly at

the Autumn Equinox, bringing the Cosmic Christ to us anew, there could be no evolutionary progress upon earth. It is because of the Christ Inflow that evolution continues. It is the Christ Power, working from within, that has prevented mankind from self-destruction, and is now working to break down the barriers of ignorance which have kept our humanity separated from the great universe without. From the Autumn Equinox until the Winter Solstice, every day is a holy day, a time when one who is dedicated may walk increasingly in the Christ Light. During each day of this sacred interval, the Light penetrates more deeply into the body of earth until, at the Winter Solstice, it is focused at the very heart of the planet and the Hosts of heaven chant of the midnight birth of the year's new Sun.

The Four Sacred Seasons are attuned to the four cardinal astrological signs, Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. The Autumn Equinox occurs when the Sun enters Libra, sign of the Scales. As the symbolism of the sign reveals, this is a time of weighing, of measuring, of determining values, of "harmonizing the contraries"; it is a time for decision. These activities require use of the mind.

The spiritualization of the mind is the pivot of the entire scheme of human evolution, for "the Mind is the Path", the avenue through which Spirit works upon and eventually conquers or transmutes all things pertaining to the physical world. It is the glorious Archangel Michael who stands beside the Star Gate of Libra with his shining Sword uplifted, issuing a clarion call for the Christing of the mind of the entire human race. The Christing of the mind is the preparing of human thought as a seed ground for the implantation of the Christ awareness. Any individual thus illumined will think only Christed thoughts, speak only Christed words and perform only Christed deeds. This is the signature, the soul impress, of the New Age man, for inevitably, with the spiritualization of men's minds, human thinking will be raised up out of materiality. The Archangel Michael is responsible for the celestial operations on earth during our historic period, and his most important work is the Christing of men's minds. The work of this mighty Archangel is with the entire human race.

Judgement is continuous, automatic, inescapable; but it has a

special relationship to the celestial phenomena of the Autumn Equinox, which is a time for reaping the karmic fruits of past sowing and a time for sowing spiritual seeds that will come to fruition when the same point is reached in the next annual cycle. Esoterically it is both an end and a beginning, where the head and the tail of the serpent meet. Hence the Feast of the Ingathering becomes the golden harvest of the spirit, merging by imperceptible degrees into the Feast of Dedication.

At the Autumn Equinox nature's forces are in a state of equilibrium under the influence of Libra, the Scales, and humanity comes to Judgement. Then it is that cosmic conditions bring the contest between the lower and the higher self, between light and darkness, to its sharpest focus. A zodiacal call comes from the right and from the left. Humanity is not only free to choose but must choose its way. Michael holds open the door of Light, for always the work of this mighty Archangel has been for purity and transmutation. His glyph is the dragon slayer, a symbolic image which possesses a planetary as well as a personal significance. The collective evil of the race of man creates perennially a miasmic cloud over the earth which, under certain conditions, may suggest the form of a dragon or serpent. Each year at the Autumn Equinox Michael enters into conflict with this dragon-cloud, and each year he vanquishes it anew, "slaying" the evil phantasm so that the fresh inflow of the Christ's magnetic healing currents can course freely through our planet. Michael will continue his struggle with the dragon until the whole human race has been purified.

The glorious Archangel Michael is plenipotentiary or special ambassador of Christ to earth, and is second in power and spiritual stature to none but the Christ Himself. Michael has been depicted as bearing in one hand the uplifted Sword of Truth and in the other a pair of scales evenly balanced. This indicates New Age development under the law of truth, as Michael is even now proclaiming it in every part of the world. The evenly balanced scales symbolize the perfected power of a spiritualized science and a scientific religion, both of which are requisites to the New Age. They also typify the pioneer of the New Day who has learned to "think with his heart and love with his head", for this also is a

requisite of the New Age. When Autumn comes again to the world, and the Christ Spirit descends from His celestial home to resume once more His annual burden, Michael stands before the Star Gate of Libra demanding self-judgement, renunciation and transmutation in preparation for a New Day.

Quoted from Star Gates

INVISIBLES

by

Lorraine Babbitt

Our world spins free in its void of space,
Invisible laws hold us in our place;
Invisible bonds now support us there. . .
(And who can measure the strength of prayer?)

Invisible forces control the seas,
Our days and our nights are both part of these;
Unseen and unfathomed. . . eternal truth. . .
(He shapes a world who enlightens youth.)

Invisible ways? They are not all so,
For Love has marked plainly the way to go;
Since Love makes the paths and Love lays the plan. . .
(With all your heart, serve both God and Man.)

The Father's way keeps the world swinging free,
Our lives daily flow toward eternity;
A strength beyond measure at our command
If we but hold fast to the Father's hand.

ATTRIBUTES OF THE HEALING CONSCIOUSNESS

III HUMILITY

*"What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly,
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."
Micah 6:8.*

Of all the attributes that grace the consciousness of the true healer, none is so illusive, or so profoundly misunderstood, as the quality of spiritual humility. Many earnest servers of the Great Work fail at some point because they become so impressed with the importance of the service they are called upon to render that they become the victims of spiritual pride.

True humility does not consist of the debasement of the self in outer acts of humility. Such acts are unnecessary and unworthy of the serving disciple. They but serve to indicate one who would appear humble before the eyes of others and thus invite praise from those who believe that the Kingdom of God cometh through personal efforts and abilities. This is a difficult test for the one who has assumed responsibility in any kind of service because it leads to feelings of personal satisfactions in seeming attainments. The old axiom, "A virtue claimed has already become a vice," is very real.

While the grace of humility must evidence if one is to offer man the living bread of spiritual healing, it, like the attribute of joy, is a gift of the spirit. It comes as a result of certain realizations rather than as a characteristic which has been developed or sought as an end in itself. Pursued for its own sake, humility will run in a circle and bring one directly back to pride. Said Christ Jesus, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all these things (all graces of the spirit) will be added unto you." Therefore, seek not humility; seek God, and through him, humility will reveal itself. He who seeks God through earnest contemplation of the life laid down by Christ Jesus cannot fail to come to true humility for he will realize how far removed is his own life and accomplishments from the

simplicity and purity it exemplifies.

One is not, however, to be bowed down in humility, even within oneself. One is rather to be at once humble and mighty - mighty in the power to rise to unknown heights through the realization of the power of omnipotent God at work in the most imperfect human instrument: "Not I, but God in me. . . doeth all things."

A seventeenth century writer has said, "They that know God will be humble. He who knows himself cannot be proud." A test of one's humility might be to ask the following questions: Do I resent or feel hurt by criticism? Do I seek to defend my position? Am I willing to learn from everyone, including those who buffet me, or who appear to be puffed up in their own conceit? Am I willing to sit in the lowest seat - to be unknown? Am I willing to have others receive acclaim for my efforts in order that necessary work may go forward? Am I living every moment as I expect others to live?

St. Francis de Sales wrote: "Humility prevents our being worried by our own or other people's imperfections. Why should we wonder to find in others what abounds in ourselves? Humility makes the heart tender towards both the perfect and the imperfect through reverence for the one and compassion for the other. It makes us receive trials patiently, knowing they are deserved, and blessings thankfully, knowing they come by grace."

Humility is the basis for all real spiritual strength and power. It brings perfect trust and perpetual quietness of heart. The truly humble are never fretted or disappointed. They expect nothing - as the world expects; they never feel that anyone or anything is against them; they are equally at rest in praise or blame. Real humility is born when one awakens to the immortal Self. Then one is no longer impatient or disturbed by the little personality for to be so is still to be centered in pride. Instead, when one's life is wholly focussed in the Eternal One who guides and heals forever, the ego fades away until it no longer exists as a thing apart. The individual life is hid with Christ in the life of God.

Beloved, go into the deeps of humility
 and wait there for the divine Comforter.
 Be content, let everything go - and love Me.
 Love Me in the midst of your mistakes.
 When self-centeredness comes,
 know that it can be melted in my Love.
 Absorb It, and willfulness will be dissolved.
 Deep living oneness, deep holy Love
 come as you leave all to Me.
 Wait in trustful stillness
 with no strain of time or effort.
 Cover the eyes with lids of Love,
 and rest in the everlasting Arms.

From the Teachings.

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This past quarter, again, has been an active one in our publishing effort to keep the writings of Corinne and Theodore Heline in print.

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We dedicate our efforts to make these books ever available to those New Age students who seek guidance that their contributions of the New Age might be effective. Without your help, this is not possible.

Reflections

RE-EVALUATION AND HARVEST

The call to the souls of men from the spiritual Hierarchy of the Autumnal season is to re-evaluation and harvest. Among the nations of the earth, it would appear that the summons to such a period of retrospection, holds special significance for these United States, culminating as it does in the uniquely American Festival of Thanksgiving, perhaps the most American in spirit of all our national holidays. Certainly, from the inception of this nation, we of all peoples on earth have the most bountiful harvest for which to be thankful. We have been blessed with a richness of cultural heritage to which all peoples and all lands have contributed. More importantly still, we have³ been blessed with the freedom to develop this heritage, along with all the good things of the earth, both spiritual and physical, to full potential and then, as a national privilege, share them for world good with men of all lands.

Therefore, as never before, are we not called upon to make use of the tide of the season and the spiritual forces so released to re-evaluate our national life and spiritual destiny. Perhaps it is time for some soul-searching questions. Have we been too indifferent and too complacent about our spiritual foundations as a nation? Have we failed to take into account the spiritual foundations of life itself? Have we failed to throw the full weight of all the moral and spiritual power at our command into the scales of life on the side of that which we know to be just and right? Have we fulfilled to the height of our ability our responsibilities as citizens and free men capable of that self-government so hardly won, through the sacrifice of those who have gone before, down through ages of time? Are we worthy of such a heritage? Have we earned the right to be a part of this noblest experiment of mankind - the experiment in which man is tested in his fitness to be truly free because he is individually responsible, self-disciplined, capable of self-government because he would never use the privilege for

advantage over any other human being.

As students of a higher way of life, we believe in the Light and Love and Power of God imminent and active in the affairs of men; we believe in the spiritual worlds and in that invisible government that overshadows the world of men; we believe in the American spirit, and in the American dream of humanitarianism and brotherhood; but we must do more than believe. Let us know that we must come into a deeper realization of our responsibilities toward these things.

Knowing all this, in this Thanksgiving of 1973, just three short years before a significant anniversary, may our prayers of gratitude for the bountiful goodness we have shared throughout the year include the prayer that we may each do our part in bringing this country, to which we all belong, to spiritual majority that it may fulfill its destiny as a nation in the world family of nations. May these United States of America, called by destiny to serve in the vanguard of the race, indeed lead humanity into a new era founded upon the concept of the dignity and worth of the human spirit and the rights of every individual to the full expression of that dignity in freedom and in honor.

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PLUTO—REGENT OF HEAVEN OR HELL

To reach a full understanding of the effect of Pluto, it is wise to be informed of all related symbolism and the symbol of the castle cannot be overlooked. The complexity of this symbol is fascinating in that it gives great scope to its significance. Its meaning is not only that of a house but also of a walled city or an enclosure. In the art of ancient and medieval times, the walled enclosures were symbolic of the transcendent soul. From its high position on a hill or mountain, often overlooking a body of water, it suggests a spiritual power but one that is besieged, obstructed or watchful and embattled. The "black castle" mentioned in legends and myths, and always shown in a very sinister manner with dark clouds or rain, suggests an evil den of sorcery, violence, unpleasant fumes and negation. In some of the myths, the Castle of Darkness, in which abided a black knight, was symbolic of the abode of Pluto. The myth of Theseus' sojourn through Hell suggests this. It is also spoken of as the "castle of no return". In Nordic mythology, Melwas who abducted Guinivere, lived in a castle protected by a deep moat. The only access to the castle was by means of two high and painfully traversed bridges. Certainly abduction and kidnapping and extortion are terms we use for planetary Pluto. Some authorities feel that possible all of the symbolism connected with the mediaeval legends of castles and black knights referred to that sinister abode of the Lord of the Underworld. However, not all castles are referred to as dark and evil. There is also the "Castle of Light", the shining white knight, and the beautiful maiden (often a princess) in distress for whom the knight faces great peril and possibly death to save her from the clutches of the evil knight. The symbol of this may be of the heavenly estate of spiritual oneness with the Creator in which we may dwell; the white knight (masculine) may be the higher self of each of us, termed white as indicative of the 'light' quality of higher consciousness. The act of 'saving' is the redemptive aspect of the Pluto influence and the birth into new light or consciousness of the maiden (the feminine, emotion or desire nature).

It follows, then, that there is a duality in the influence of Pluto. From his abode (castle) by the river Styx (moat), he seeks to repress the maiden who is truly pure but deceived and imprison souls from their rise to spirituality. As there is a "white knight" in each of us eager to transcend the lower nature, if we but realize where it exists and the path to the castle of light (salvation), so the dual aspect of Pluto can transform and redeem us. As the Celtic god, Cernunnos, bore horns but yet carried a sack from which the grain of spiritual nourishment flowed forth.

The death that Pluto brings to us need not be physical death, necessarily, but rather the death of the lower self or animal nature. And as it opens and closes chapters of the life, it can close the chapter on old modes of living that kept us imprisoned and besieged and open a glorious chapter of development and light.

Since the planet pluto is even now in the very early degrees of Libra, would it not be wise to see what spiritual nourishment he carries for us during his sojourn through that sign? Since his influence is most forceful upon the sign he occupies now (Dec. 1970 to Dec. 1983), let us begin with Libra.

The transit of Pluto now tests the LIBRAN in his own inner awareness. He can learn to bring balance into his life by learning first the actions that are of his personal will and those which are of necessity or in consideration of others. He will become more aware of his own potential but only after transforming the negative aspect of indecisiveness and vascillation between the path which is straight and true for personal development and that which is more expedient but less elevating in the spiritual sense.

SCORPIO will feel Pluto's heavy and challenging influence in a most secluded and hidden area of the life. He will not always see the problem in a circumstance for some time and his native awareness may be dulled by a subtle undermining of his self-confidence. For him, the beautiful Plutonian promise of redemption comes from digging deeply and keenly into old psychological hangups and by performing the healing self-surgery which he does so adeptly for if any sign can cut the offending growth from himself, it is this powerful sign.

SAGITTARIUS will be tested many times by associates and by his need to cooperate and serve in an organized group activity. This is often not his cup of tea since the Sagittarian loves to operate and move in an unhampered manner, doing that which he feels is called for by the occasion, without the restrictive force of others who are not so initiating, progressive and active. He will find his greatest spiritual reward comes through the assistance offered to others simply because they are the fellowman and not because they offer him satisfaction in his own motives and accomplishments.

CAPRICORN's greatest dilemma, during this transit, may well be over-extension of his ambitions and his willingness to use plots and schemes to accomplish his goals. This is a temptation which Pluto holds out to us and Capricorn has a natural proclivity for organized planning. Let him be warned to keep his planning and organization in a completely aboveboard manner so that he cannot be injured by the boomerang which will inevitably follow. Capricorn is the most disciplined sign of all so that retribution follows closely on the heels of deeds for these people, especially if the deeds are not above reproach.

AQUARIUS has the greatest promise for regeneration of motives. He will find it necessary to examine his own principles and self-imposed laws; to impartially and penetratingly place them before the governing board of his own conscience. His philosophy is due for a thorough house cleaning and only after this is done will Pluto allow him to gaze into the mirror of self-approval without spiritual and physical illness. Then will he quickly fashion the new laws by which he may allow himself to live in peace with himself and his dearly beloved brotherhood.

PISCES' testing ground is in the secret confines of his determination for occult knowledge. His awareness of this estate is keenly perceptive; his understanding acute; his desire for power through the use of remote occult principles enormous. His susceptibility is through undue influence exerted upon him from the realm of

fantasy and impressionability. He will find Pluto wielding a seductive influence in this direction. He must keep his sights always on the purely spiritual and leave astral experience to others. Through his innate understanding of dissolution and renunciation, he can achieve the exalted state of spiritual regeneration.

ARIES' meeting with Plutonian forces does not come on home ground. Therefore, he will be at a certain disadvantage, for his will be the task of bearding the lion in his den. Other people whom he will meet and with whom he may become closely associated will try his soul. He must use the utmost discrimination in handling and judging others lest his impulsiveness and daring lead him into contact with less than desirable people. However, through the assistance and high regard of certain others, he may be introduced into the higher realms of occultism and spiritual development.

TAURUS may find a completely new understanding and regard for the revitalizing of health measures and the rituals of everyday life. Such ritualistic habits not only improve the health and service but also train him in the fine art of concentration and organization. This organization of his life refine the tastes. The renewal of vitality and glowing health can be an outcome of this or if advantage of this regenerative ritualism is not taken, he may realize that indulgence has brought negative results. For the highly developed Taurean, he may be coming into close contact with a heretofore, latent spiritual value that had been overlooked.

The GEMINI heart center becomes activated and deeper. The Gemini native may be so restless and active that he does not remain long enough in one relationship to allow it to open the heart to its deepest possibility or to pour out the creative fires which may bring great accomplishment and success. Pluto is, even now, stoking the creative embers to bring them to full blaze. Be ready to grasp this potential and use it for communication of intellectual and spiritual concepts which humanity needs so badly. Your rewards are great.

CANCER. In the foundations of your life you are tested and brought to trial. Many things, including home and character, are due for great changes. Pluto's regenerative force can cause you, finally, to relinquish that which you have outgrown and which you have held to your bosom like a corrupted child who will not change his ways but because of your love for him you will cling to him and agonize. It matters not to Pluto and so with ease or with pain, his force will contrive to break the hold of this degenerating influence but only to redeem your vital forces and spiritual strength.

LEO will find that at the end of this Pluto transit, his attitudes and mental development will be an entirely new thing in his life. His ego will be challenged and only through the proper mental conditioning will be able to rise above the personal ego and seek the attainment of higher spiritual consciousness, where all things are placed in their rightful place and nothing of small consequence takes precedent over the greater spiritual things.

VIRGO will find, at long last, the most successful use of its natal potential for discrimination and perfectionism. Now, can he turn his eyes inward and find his own great talents and the deepest and most abiding spiritual resources. Pluto's influence can assist him in finding his own strengths and determinations. The redemptive force is marvelous to consider as he makes a fine comparison between material and spiritual assets.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By FRANCES SMITH

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THE SILENT PATH, Michal J. Eastcott. Paperback, \$2.75, 166 pp. 1969.

The Silent Path is a clear, concise introduction to the study of meditation: what it is; the different methods; and what results may be expected. Mr. Eastcott sums it up very neatly: "The aim of all these different exercises in concentration, imagination and the will is the same. They teach the coordination individually of the physical body, emotions, mind and the integration of these three with the will, into a unified whole." (p 65)

We are familiar with the term Depth Psychology in the study of illness. Here the author makes a nice point: "Pioneers in this field are beginning to speak of Height Psychology, and to make a study of the superconscious functions such as intuition, inspiration and higher creativity." He calls this using the powers of the mind vertically rather than horizontally. We soon get off the treadmill of karmic reincarnations.

This study of meditation has been approached with a thorough knowledge of both the Eastern and Western methods of meditation. "The mode of the East has produced very different physical bodies, brain cells, attitudes and philosophies from those of the West, and often the imposition of eastern methods of meditation - unless under careful supervision - may have disrupting and even harmful effects on those with no experience." Mr. Eastcott recommends a period of study of the Eastern inner abstract, subjective life and the Western mind with its objectivity, organization and will.

To any sincere student this book is a must.

WE ARE NOT THE FIRST, Andrew Tomas. Paperback, 180 pp. \$1.25, 1971.

Several years ago in these pages we had the privilege of reviewing a short book of Andrew Tomas', *Signs, Stars, and Seers*, published in 1966. This book, *We Are Not The First* is concerned solely with the facts and evidences of an understanding and intelligent mankind that has passed completely from our vision.

Mr. Tomas contends that the present legends and myths of our world histories are but stories of past events, and archaeologists are fast proving him right. As he puts it, "very often a myth is a fossil of history and the only record of what actually happened thousands of years ago."

In this book there are chapters on the forgotten art of goldmaking, maps and manuscripts so perfect our advanced technologists cannot improve on them, records of a mastery of gravitation, pictures of ancients in aircrafts and space suits, and many other marvels. The chapter on the discovery in Baghdad in 1938-1939 by a German archaeologist, Wilhelm Koenig, of jars used as galvanic batteries and the number of electroplated articles excavated at the same site is fascinating. The date of the electroplated material is 2,000 B.C. India also has ancient records of the use of electricity.

In fact the whole of this 180 page book is crammed with just such facts. One translation from the *Popul Vuh* of the Mayas bears out the Rosicrucian teaching that the monkey descended from early man, and not vice versa as our contemporary evolutionists teach.

It appears that we still have miles to go before we can practice levitation, true democracy, or live a life as promulgated by the "gods" who once reigned over mankind as the legends of Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Peru affirm. The patience of a hands-off policy of those same wise "gods" is patently long-suffering, as we review our struggles to go under our own steam these past 8,000 years. And right now is not the time to falter!

WATCH YOUR DREAMS, Ann Ree Colton. 449 pp, \$10.00, 1973. ARC Publishing Co.

Another book from the inspired pen of Ann Ree Colton is on the market. As usual it is deeply spiritual and fills a need in this year of 1973. But it is a practical spirituality that fills this book, and no one doubts the urgency of that!

Ann Ree Colton is noted for her interpretation of the prophetic aspect within certain dreams and the recovery of akasic or past life records through dreams. Her book is well organized as to the variety of dreams: night instruction, dream symbols, color vocabulary, jewels, flower and tree symbols, etheric-anatomy series and so forth. She writes on music: "In the night one sometimes is shown the musical scale. He unites himself with the seven key tones of the inner ear's tuning fork. The musical note of "A" represents creation, wonder, reverence, awe, self-denial, renunciation. The note of "B" represents, "Lord, I believe; heal Thou me." The note of "C" releases the discovery power and the seeing-consciousness. The sounding of "D" frees true desiring, effort, sacredness, devotion, discipline. "E" frees the will to relate to the power of God and the Will of God. "F" attunes one to the Father, to healing of the impossibles, to adoration of the Supreme One. "G" unites one with the Christ."

But above all, Ann Ree Colton has the soul of a poet. She writes, "God took Eden away from man and gave him a heaven." One may meditate on that thought most profitably! "The wise dreamer is rocked in the cradle of wisdom." "The Being called the Holy Ghost frees the sound current of the great archetones." "The spirit of man ceases not to manifest spiritually. The soul of man ceases not to live eternally. The mind of man - from morn to night, from birth to death, and death to birth - continues to create for God." Need we continue to quote?

COOPERATOR COLUMN

In this column we regularly call attention to activities of organizations that are making significant contributions to expanding the awareness of humanity as we approach the new age. These activities are usually conducted by groups that are esoterically oriented.

We would like to depart somewhat from this orientation at this time by noting that all of humanity is progressing toward a greater awareness and expansion of consciousness with the incoming tides that are heralding the approach of the Aquarian Age. In each case the meaning is the same, only the words are different.

Our focus therefore is on a number of educational and scientific organizations that are doing something unique in calling to the attention of the general public some of the pressing problems of humanity and some of the options open to us in the control of our own future and in consideration of the well being of the planet.

At no time in the history of the planet or in the life of mankind have we faced greater problems for survival or greater opportunities for ordered growth into a new golden age wherein all mankind are enabled to express their full potential and to become what we are, evolving gods in the making.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration together with the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the University of California and a number of Community College Districts have jointly sponsored a series of twelve lectures.

These lectures have been delivered by some of the nation's leading thinkers from academic, research and industrial fields and are a tribute not only to the individual thinkers but to the foresight of the sponsors in sharing the results of current thought and research on the frontiers of knowledge so that the public might be informed.

The series opened with Margaret Mead exploring OUR OPEN ENDED FUTURE discussing humanity's knowledge of and ability to manipulate the natural world making us participants in the evolutionary process with open options as to the form the future will take.

Dr. Allan Sandage of the Hale and Palomar Observatories looked at COSMIC EVOLUTION: STARS GALAXIES AND THE UNIVERSE describing the origin of the universe from the formation of galaxies, stars and planets.

Dr. Richard Meier from the University of California discussed THE DESIGN OF RESOURCE CONSERVING CITIES. Over the next several generations we must design urban ecosystems with a tenth or less of the American per capita resource demand. Most of the necessary science and technology are at hand, but do they fit together in a resource conserving design with an acceptable quality of life?

Dr. William Cooper of Michigan State University discussed ENERGY AND RESOURCES: THE FUTURE OF HUMAN SOCIETY IN A FINITE WORLD. Will technology allow us to sidestep the impending confrontation between the ideal of unbounded growth and our limited energy and resources or must we seek an accommodation between the principles of civilization and the laws governing the physical world?

Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau discussed AN ARTIFICIAL OCEAN FOR AN ARTIFICIAL PLANET. The extinction of our life giving global ocean and thus human society is eminent if the explosive developments of the last two centuries continues unchecked. Mankind has but a few hundred years left to develop a hyper-technology that will allow conversion of a depleted planet into an artificial environment able to support life.

Dr. Michael Arbib of the University of Massachusetts considered INTELLEAGENT MACHINES: PARTNER OR MASTER. As we build more complex networks to control the ecosystem, the machines in the network must become progressively smarter. Machine intelligence and our concept of justice must evolve together to insure that machine intelligence works to aid rather than to erode human freedom.

Dr. James Bonner of the California Institute of Technology discussed BEYOND MAN'S GENETIC LOTTERY. We have each survived life's greatest gamble, that we will inherit good genes rather than poor and deadly ones. Are there circumstances in which the conscious direction of human evolution is required for

the survival of mankind.

Dr. Bernard Oliver of the Hewlett-Packard Corporation discusses ENDING MAN'S ISOLATION IN THE UNIVERSE. For a modest sum we can mount an effective search for the communications of extraterrestrial civilizations. If successful we will share in a rich heritage of scientific and cultural information accumulated over the past five to seven billion years.

Lord Ritchie-Calder of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions informs us that THE NEXT BILLION YEARS STARTS NOW. On his minuscule planet, homo-sapiens is already notching the benchmark for the future of his species. How competent is he in knowledge and foresight? What would be his prescription for posterity? How is he entailing their material heritage or mortgaging the family estate? What premiums must he pay for their endowment policy?

Dr. Bruce Murray of the California Institute of Technology sums up the Next Billion Years Lecture Series on the note of MAN, THE PLANETS AND THE FUTURE: AN EPILOGUE. Our manipulation of the earth's surface and atmosphere is beginning to rival natural changes that occur over both the short and long time scales. These alterations require accelerated human evolution and may necessitate corrective planetary engineering. What types of natural changes do we expect to occur in the environment? Can we make other planets habitable?

This has been a tremendously successful effort on the part of public sponsored organizations to bring up to the frontiers of knowledge, to the growing edge of planetary development and human evolution. The future is up to us. Will we take our own evolution in hand and the well being of the planet or will we allow the lower aspects of human behavior control which could well mean the end of human society, humanity as a species, all life on earth and the habitability of the planet as well? The choice is ours. Will the New Age be a golden one representative of Aquarius? We choose to think that man will rise to the challenge and the incoming tide of the New Age will bring with it evolutionary impetus and leaders who will assure us that it will be an age of sanity and ordered development.

AUTUMN HAIKU

Autumn harvests us.
Not 'til then we are baptized,
readied and glowing.

The thistle has dried.
Relinquished is its blossom.
Unencumbered love.

In brown, dried seed pods
His plan is tenderly held;
birth wears camouflage.

In autumn we suspect
that the linear tells lies,
that All is right now.

Colors ring their tones.
An aspen in fall raiment
is a symphony.

Suspended, patient,
Forms await new sculpturing
in autumn's quiet.

Fall is afternoon,
wisdom being vigorous,
and honey in tea.

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