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PREPARE THE WAY FOR MY RETURN

by George Perkins

Sometime near the turn of the century, the Christ called together a group of perhaps thirty five hundred who had the necessary background and the desire to serve. The assignment was eagerly accepted by all to prepare the way for His return. They were to come into physical incarnation at different times and in many different locations throughout the world. The knowledge of their assignment would be forgotten by all but a few of them. However, there would be something within that would cause each one to search for that something that was missing. Also there would be something approaching instant recognition when another server would cross their path.

Each was to work from the center within his own being and for a long time, be unaware of the existence of the others. But as the time of the reappearance approached, emissaries of the group, those few who had retained memory, would search out other members of the group withersoever dispersed and remind them of their mission and assignment. Memory would then be rapidly regained and what was an inner search veiled in the mists of forgetfulness would become known as the keynote of the directive, "Prepare The Way For My Return", and would begin to ring with crystal clearness within the consciousness.

The time of the reappearance of the Christ is now rapidly approaching and everywhere throughout the world lights are springing forth in the hearts and minds of all world servers reminding them of their assignment and opening the channels of communication and service which were so long closed and veiled in shadows.

The call has now gone forth, "Lift up your eyes to the light, for the days of darkness are limited. A new age is now dawning when men shall work together as brothers and all will be able to live to their highest potential as sons and daughters of God. The planet will be made new and order and beauty will be the keynote of the time. The earth will take its rightful place as a spiritual planet and no longer be quarantined.

See that this message is spread abroad for unless men have hope, the oppressive weight of darkness will overwhelm them. Let all who read these words and all who can tune in to this spirit of brotherhood and goodwill remember that the law of the universe is love. Strive to understand and to trust and to love one another. For how can the masses of humanity learn love and cooperation if it is not demonstrated by those who would be the examples.

The tests and trials and tribulations of the times are very severe. Project peace and serenity abroad to all men and nations. Much tuition is now being given to all who will align themselves with the forces of light. All true servers must truly be a radiating points of light in this age of darkness.

Many of you will now develop a new consciousness and will experience new powers. As you allow these energies to flow through yourselves, many who cross your path will be healed in a very natural manner: Some in high professional positions so that the evidence of the incoming New Age cannot be disputed.

You have been given a great responsibility but one that you are well qualified to handle or you would not have been chosen. For this is the turning point of the ages. Man has walked in darkness for most of his sojourn on this planet. Your life wave is a laggard one, far behind where you might have been but for errors in

judgement by those in high places in the early days of the race. We will infuse a new energy and direction to the path of development of humanity that the earth might truly become a spiritual planet and man might again regain his heritage as enlightened sons and daughters of God.

The Great Ones will leave, for a time, their abodes on the higher planes of consciousness and openly walk among men freely giving of their vast wisdom for the healing of the nations.

A new order of the ages will arise and ordered beauty will prevail. As the consciousness of increasingly larger numbers of humanity awakens, the prototypes of the new institutions and cities will appear. In addition to ordered beauty in yourselves and in your consciousness, everything in your nature and your culture will reflect simplicity. Natural methods will prevail and you will become attuned to the natural rhythm of the cosmos, of the planet and of all manifestation.

My children, the suffering that humanity has experienced over the millenia has developed some unique qualities peculiar to your life wave. This accomplishment has now been assimilated into the consciousness of the race. You are now helping to prepare the way for the advent of a Golden Age when this intense suffering will be no more and all men will be enabled to experience and express the joys of life."

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MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY GRAIL

Part III of III: Mind and Heart United, The Grail Initiation

by Corinne Heline

The aspirant in each of the seven Mystery Schools which teaches the Nine Lesser Mysteries must learn the basic lessons of purity and harmlessness. These are the prerequisites to all true enlightenment. The body must be sustained with pure foods, the mind with pure thoughts, and life filled with high unselfish deeds. Such were the preparatory steps which led the Grail Knight to King Arthur's Court. The vow with which the knight made his allegiance was in substance: "Think pure, speak true, right wrongs, live in fellowship-love, only one maiden and cleave to her so long as life shall last."

A late representation of King Arthur's Round Table consists of twenty-four alternating white and green bands in the center of which is a large red rose in whose heart appears a half-opened rose of pearly white. So each aspirant is taught that he must change the passion-filled blood into the purity and high spiritual attainment typified by the rose. Thirteen seats surrounded the table. Twelve of these seats could be occupied, and they only by knights of the highest fame; the thirteenth seat represented the traitor Judas. It remained empty until almost the end of King Arthur's Court, and was called the Perilous Seat, the Seige Perilous. A magic power wrote upon each seat the name of the knight who was entitled to sit in it. The unqualified would be violently repulsed by a hidden force. Esoterically this means that every aspirant is tested before being given the instruction that will unfold his latent powers. Nothing but the hidden, titanic forces of his own character can forbid a candidate from assuming a place. The Seige Perilous, the most dangerous because the focus of the most powerful cosmic

forces, is for the purest and strongest. It typifies that straight and narrow Path for which many search but few find—and of those who find, how few follow to its end. The perfect knight is represented in the Arthurian legends by Sir Galahad, the Ambassador of Spirit, who when he first dedicated himself to the Seige Perilous, said: "It is here that I must renounce all things in order that I may gain all." In these words Galahad gave utterance to one of the fundamental maxims of occultism.

There was great rejoicing throughout Camelot on the day that Galahad came to Arthur's Court. His coming was announced by marvels. On the river a red stone floated, in which a sword was deeply thrust which bore these words: "No man shall take me hence but he by whose side I should hang, and he shall be the best knight in the world." Lancelot would not touch the sword, declaring that Merlin had prophesied that these marvels should occur when the Sangreal was to be again manifest among men, and that death would come to anyone touching the sword except its rightful owner. As the knights began their banquet, the doors and windows of the great hall suddenly shut themselves and the hall was in deep darkness. Then came a light which hovered over the Seige Perilous, where knight had never sat. King Arthur rose and said: "...Today we will see him who is to have the Seige Perilous and shall achieve the Holy Grail, which has been lost since Balin struck King Pellès; yet now it may be left to this noble Order to bring it to the land again. But only he may attain this Quest who hath clean hands and a pure heart, and a valor and hardihood beyond other men." Then entered an old man leading a youth clad all in red, wearing no armor, although an empty scabbard hung at his side. The old man said to the King: "Lord, I bring thee this young knight who hath the blood of kings and is the kindred of Joseph of Arimathea; whereby the marvels of this court shall be fully accomplished."

In an awe-inspiring moment, King Arthur received the new knight and gave him his blessing. With our highest moments come also our greatest trials. Before Galahad stood the Seige Perilous,

the chair formed through the magic of Merlin before he fell prey to Vivien. "Perilous for good or ill," Merlin had said, "for here no man could sit but he should lose himself." Galahad, sustained by his spiritual preceptor, then proclaimed: "If I lose myself, I save myself." On the Seige Perilous was then inscribed: "This is the seat of Sir Galahad, the good knight." The Seige Perilous is always the throne of the Master of the Mystery Temple.

Galahad next claimed the sword in the floating red stone. Because Arthur years before had proven his kingship by similarly removing a sword from a floating white stone, Galahad is here suggested to be the one destined to succeed Arthur. After removing the sword, Galahad said: "This is the enchanted sword which was Sir Balin's wherewith he slew by mistake his Brother Balan, who also slew him at the same time; and through him came the dolorous wound to my grandsire King Pelles, which is not yet whole, nor shall be till I heal him." Galahad knew that his destiny was to heal King Pelles of the wound inflicted by Sir Balin, the savage young knight who stole the sacred Spear from the Castle Carbonek where the relic had long been guarded by the descendants of Joseph of Arimathea. The inner meaning of Galahad's mission is the healing of the disunion between the outer or exoteric church and the inner or esoteric Mystery Temple. Already in this early day a growing materialism was causing the churches in the West to reject and to persecute the true esoteric Temple and its Teachings. Although we have confined our attention to the purely esoteric interpretation of the legends, we may observe in passing that the rise of the Church of Rome, and its Bishop usurping supreme power, is hinted in these legends as the underlying cause of the loss of the Holy Grail.

Sir Galahad is the only knight of King Arthur's Court capable of achieving the Quest of the Grail. However, even he, the Ambassador of Spirit, must first prove himself in the trials of daily living before the Grail will reveal itself to him. The Initiatory Path traverses both heights and depths. In the life of the Great Exemplar, the glories of the Transfiguration were followed by

Gethsemane and Golgotha, and these again by the Resurrection and Ascension. The height of spiritual ecstasy must always descend into the valley of the common and restricted, in which understanding gained in the high place is put to the test.

Reference has been made to the part played by women in the Grail legends. Each knight took a oath that he would choose but one maiden and remain faithful to her throughout life. We have also shown that the feminine principle, when linked with the lower desire nature, is the cause of all failure, but when linked with Spirit leads to success in the Quest. The Will and Reason, masculine principles of the human spirit, must guide and direct; Imagination and Love, the feminine principles are called the Presence of God. The purity, moral strength and mental illumination of the young Galahad could only attract that which was as pure and beautiful as himself. He met and loved a maiden by the name of Blanchefleur, or White Flower, but he did not immediately marry her. Instead, he proceeded to the Castle of the Grail, Carbonek, and saw the Grail procession, but he failed to ask the fated question. He indeed arrived at his goal; he saw the Procession of the Mysteries, and he was baffled to find that the spell which held the castle and its inmates in thralldom remained unbroken. This dream-like state signifies the stupor of materialism into which all mankind has fallen through misuse of the Love Power which has meant the loss of the Holy Grail. Conservation of the life force is necessary to spiritual awakening, in which all evil and suffering vanishes like a dream of the night. Galahad must return to the world, departing from the Castle of the Grail, to perform some needed service, to amend some fault or shortcoming and so to gain the wisdom and compassion which will enable him to ask the fated question.

The mystic possesses faith; he knows intuitively what truth and goodness mean, but he does not possess understanding. It is the blending of two things—faith or intuition, with understanding—that is Wisdom. Wisdom has been called crystallized pain. This is virtually the universal experience, for men will learn no

otherwise than through sorrow and suffering. Therefore the Way is long and hard, and for each one the achievement of the Quest is long deferred. Many lifetimes are spent in its pursuit. Through disappointment, heartache, disillusionment, the light may sometimes seem no more than a phantasm of the night, and only he who is persistent and patient will follow Galahad to the end of the Quest. In Galahad's life the failure came when he did not marry Blanchefleur, who was his predestined wife, for in the Kingship of the Grail a certain maiden was sent to earth to rule with a certain King, and the King must marry and live a chaste life of Christian love, leaving a son to rule after him. This is not a dynasty of celibates, as in the Church.

Having gone into the world once more, Galahad took up those labors of the soul which every aspirant must perform on the way to the Grail and to the Spiritual City. In the valley below Camelot, he encountered the Loathly Damsel and her two companions, who typify the physical, the etheric and the desire bodies of man. Desire was the dominant power, and all three beings were clad in dark apparel. The Loathly Damsel was once a beautiful maiden, but now her countenance is distorted with evil passions. She hurled fierce invective against Galahad, blaming him for her lowly, degraded condition. Here Galahad realized why he failed at the Castle of the Grail; he did not question the conditions he found there. Galahad, sorrowfully admitted his fault, realizing as every aspirant must in moments of self-revelation, that he himself was responsible for the loathsome images which drove through his imagination and emotions. Modern mental science is rediscovering the part which thought and emotion play in the health and beauty of the physical body. Envy, hatred, malice, every sort of evil emotion and evil thought leave their mark in the organs of the body. Later when Galahad had attained the powers of the Holy Grail, the Loathly Damsel was made wholesome again. Her transformation is symbolic of the awakening of the Divine within every human being, manifesting beauty and wisdom which are man's supernatural heritage.

Sir Galahad's next adventure was to meet in mortal combat seven evil brothers, which imprison the seven holy maidens. The evil brothers symbolize the seven deadly sins of the Christian neophyte, envy, sloth, lust, anger, gluttony, pride and avarice. Grey and dark colors appear in the aura of a person who is still subject to these sins, for fear in one form or another attends upon them all. After Galahad's conquest of the seven evils, an old man gave him a key to the castle wherewith to liberate the seven maidens. This key is self control, and the old man, the Magus, represents the Wisdom which Galahad won through his conquest over the seven evils and which made it possible for him to acquire their corresponding virtues. The seven lovely maidens symbolize the seven spiritual centers which lie dormant in every individual until awakened by spiritual development. The Castle of the Maidens is the inner world, the center of life; the outer world is the world of death. So long as the quest of *things* supersedes the quest of Spirit, so long as man lives in the separative consciousness of "me and mine", he is living in the death-consciousness and not in life. All were refreshed and encouraged by the coming of Sir Galahad. This is the purpose of the life and work of one who is an Ambassador of Spirit.

Now Galahad returned to Blanchefleur and married her. The next morning he set out again for the Castle of the Holy Grail. This incident signifies the sacrifice of the personal life to the life of service, which is undoubtedly the most difficult initiatory test of all, but one that each aspirant must meet in some life upon the Way of true attainment. The holy purpose of Galahad's marriage leaves no room for personal sorrow, since in this union Galahad went forward to complete the Quest with the masculine and feminine united within himself.

Arriving the second time at Carbonek, Galahad did not fail to ask the question which was to release the Castle from its spell. This question concerns the mystery of the Four Sacred Letters, the Tetragrammaton, which stands in the place of the Ineffable Name of God. These four letters are the four cosmic roots of

creation. They signify the four mystical elements, Fire, Earth, Air and Water, and their working for the union which produces the cosmos. Saint John says that "the Word was made flesh" in Christ Jesus, and this is also implicit in the Grail story, for the Christ was seen to rise up out of the Cup which was blessed by the mighty Hierophant Joseph of Arimathea. The Christ administered the Grail Feast to Sir Galahad, Sir Percival, Sir Bors and nine knights from other Courts. *The Grail Himself* sent Galahad and his two companions to Sarras, the Holy City. Before doing this, Galahad was directed to heal the maimed king, which he did. King Pelles signifies our present earth's humanity, which lives amid suffering and limitations caused by the misuse of the sacred life forces. Galahad represents the pioneers of the new race, living and teaching the way to regeneration through purity. The earth and its humanity are regenerated and redeemed through pure and holy living and the building of the power of the Holy Grail within—a power which is the true atomic force.

The knights departed for Sarras in Solomon's ship. When Solomon built this ship he foretold that it was to be used by one of his line, a man who should be also a maid, and that it should bear him to the holy city of Sarras. Solomon's Ship means divine Wisdom through which the soul body is built. That it was Solomon's Ship in which Galahad sailed reveals a mystery: namely, that Solomon was the founder of the kabbalistic school which is figured in the Grail. Solomon's name means "Wisdom of the Sun". In esotericism the ship symbolizes the "soul body" or "celestial body" within which the illumined one rises into the angelic realms. The "New Jerusalem", or City of the Holy Grail, Sarras, is a Mystery Temple located in the etheric realms over its physical counterpart. Here the Lord Christ, the blessed Mary, the disciples and the holy people who created the early Christian community continue to meet and work with those yet living on earth, if they are sufficiently advanced to come to them there. The new Christed Initiation is received in full waking consciousness, the trance conditions of the ancient form no longer necessary.

When Galahad entered the holy place, he was received with great rejoicing. This is always the case when one still alive on earth learns to sever the bonds and soars to work at will in the cosmic realms. Galahad transmuted the seven deadly sins into powers of the spirit—faith, hope, love, compassion, service, universality and humility. He claimed for his own the most glorious heritage which man, while living upon this earth, can ever know: the first-hand experience of *conscious immortality*. He truly found “a life beyond this life”. Sir Galahad is the perfect type-pattern of the Christed man of the New Age. This is not something limited to the members of a single cult or sect; it is the promised pattern for the entire human race. Here Sir Galahad is, in himself, the symbol of the 144,000 “saved”—a kabbalistic cipher signifying all mankind as Adam’s seed. Although the majority of the knights who came to King Arthur’s Court were unable to abide in the high vision of the Table Round, yet out of their midst came Sir Galahad, who treaded the Path victoriously to the very end and thence passed through the portals of light.

The word Initiation comes from a Greek word meaning “to enter into”, and in the early Christian community was a term applied to the Baptism. In our own day Initiation still means entering into a new life, a higher phase of consciousness in which we know Christ face to face and discover that we, like Him, are children of the Most High. Initiation is a shortcut to wisdom. To follow its strait and narrow upward-climbing Path is hard, but it enables one to accomplish in a few short lifetimes on earth what the masses of mankind will achieve only after many millenia. They are ascending, too, but they climb by slow and easy stages, on a broad road that winds gently around the mountain. The initiated one, who is a Child of the Light, takes the rugged path upward which concentrates but does not shorten labor, bringing him to the summit ages in advance of his brethren.

No one is ever forced to enter upon the steep Path which climbs dangerously to the summit. Each man must enter of his own free choice, but before he enters certain preparations must be

made. The requisite qualities are courage, devotion, persistence, discrimination and continuity of purpose. Some degree of these qualities must be present at the outset before leaving the broad highway of mass evolution, if Initiation is to be achieved.

In our discussions of the Holy Grail and the knightly epics of Initiation, we have drawn largely from Tennyson's "Idylls of the King", because Tennyson has chosen, out of the great mass of legends, those which best lend themselves to a philosophical and mystical interpretation. To make clearer certain esoteric principles we have also drawn upon Malory's "Morte d' Arthur" and the anonymous "High History of the Holy Grail", which is earlier. Thus we have elucidated some of the experiences which the aspirant today, as centuries ago, faces on the Path of the Disciple, and we have shown how these experiences are a reflection of traits of character and understanding—or lack of them. This Path of the Higher Life was known in the pre-Christian world as the Path of Initiation. The early Christians called it The Way. For the medieval knight it was the Quest of the Holy Grail, and for the modern aspirant it is the Way of Attainment. The Path is the same and the Goal is One. When the Lord Christ departed from the earth He left the Cup of Remembrance to bring together all those who belonged to Him; and so it is said that from the early years of the Church, through the Orders of Chivalry and Mystery Schools such as King Arthur's Round Table, through Masonic and Rosicrucian brotherhoods and collegia, and down to the seekers of our own time, there is a golden chain, each link of which is a soul, binding all ages together in unity of truth about the feet of the Christ.

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THE ART OF HEALING

by Master Bayboo

Teachings of The Great White Brotherhood

Good evening brothers of the flame. I am Beyboo. I greet you in the name of Christ and all the ascended master host. This temple is anchored tonight as usual at each corner. In the Northeast corner next to the door is Maha Chohan, in the Northwest corner is Master Jesus, in the Southeast corner behind the podium Guatama Buddha and in the Southwest corner by the organ Goddess Kwan Yin. To my left stands beloved Kuthumi and in the Temple is Master Hilarion. We would have you know the columns of light have been established again. Be aware of them, be aware of the Light feeding into your heart chakra. All of this will be brought to your attention later.

I am back once again to discuss with you the art of healing. I said 'Good evening brothers in Christ.' I am quite aware that you are all in the feminine form, but I want you to be aware that that matters not. It is simply a terminology that we must see. Brother, sister, what difference does it really make when we are all one in one?

I want to talk to you tonight concerning becoming personally involved in healing and becoming impersonal about it. That may sound like a contradiction to you, but indeed it is not. You must become personally aware and personally desirous to be able to help others. When you give that help you must be impersonal about it. You cannot let personality intrude.

I would like to give you a point of explanation concerning my function. I am a transformer for the Maha Shanti* in that I receive the power of the Holy Spirit, which is used in healing, and I transform it, decreasing its power to the point that the physical channel can accept. This is ever on the increase, as it is with all

who are in the physical. Perhaps you have heard of people who are able to build themselves to electrical resistance by starting with small electrical shocks and taking more and more voltage each time until they can let their body be transformers and channels for harnessed electric power of thousands of volts that would kill other people. This is what we do for you in the physical. We transform this tremendous force, energy, magnetic and electric, so that your physical body can be used as a channel for it. This is how you may become impersonal about it, because you recognize yourself only as a transformer between you and whomever may be receiving. Only a transformer, an intermediate stage, as I am an intermediate stage for the one power that is ever flowing. If you bring the personality into it at that point you are interfering, you are stopping, you are blocking, you are not allowing it to flow. You can only be personal about it in that you recognize it and are willing to be that transformer.

There is about each and every one of you a magnetic field. . . To regress just for a moment, I want all of you to have absolutely no doubt in your mind that you are in a class of training. You have willingly come here and you are in training to learn to be transformers in whatever way you are best fitted for the power of God. You *are* in training.

Around each and every one of you there is a magnetic field and an electric field. Think of a magnet. What is its action? Ah, you think it only draws. No, a magnet also repels. Have you never tried to put two magnets of the same polarity together and see them repel each other time and time again absolutely not accepting? A magnet has polarities to both attract and repel. It is the same with you. You have both polarities. You can attract and you can give out, another way of repelling, another use of repelling. Think of it as giving, attracting and giving, giving out the power.

There will be times when you will consciously recognize that the power that is extending through you is not being received or taken by the object to which you are directing it, the object being another person. It is their free will to accept it or reject it, to use

their own magnet in whatever way they wish. If you recognize consciously a rejection of the power that you are sending, you may turn that in some other direction or you may just let it go and let God. This is your choice. However, you may not reject that person simply because you have recognized their rejection of you. You should most likely keep quiet about it. If you tell them that they are rejecting you, they automatically will. You have increased their power to reject. It is also likely that only your mortal consciousness recognizes this, as the over-selves of you and the subject are in harmony. Only if you are rejected discourteously, orally or physically may you return the same. If it is a physical rejection and perhaps you are pushed away, then you should be a gentle person about it and just express sorrow. If you are orally rejected and it tends to be degrading, then again you should be a gentle person and say "I am sorry that you are not able to accept at this time," and turn the power to some other use.

Be very careful when you feel that you are being rejected without some overt physical manifestation of that rejection. Think carefully about it, making sure that it is not just your own consciousness, or perhaps your own little "I" expressing itself, because if it should be that then you are becoming personal about it and, therefore, you are blocking yourself.

Whenever you are receiving and sending consciously, this magnificent power of the Holy Spirit, do it freely and unencumbered, not asking to see results, only asking that you do the Father's will. This is the way to become impersonal about the direction of that power. If you should tend to be disheartened about something, perhaps you feel that it wasn't recognized or that it wasn't working, turn quietly within and say "Father, lift this burden from my mind," because when you are depressed you are burdened. Say, "Father, let Thy will be done." As our Master Jesus said, "Cast your bread upon the water and it will return to you." You have freely thrown it out and the tides of time will bring it back. When you can freely give it and release it is when it can do the most great good, the most work and be the most

powerful because you are then becoming a clean and clear channel.

There will be times in all of your lives when doubt will creep in, when rejection will be there, but do not take that doubt and that rejection personally. This is what you are in training for, to love impersonally no matter who, what, when or where. Give your love and your healing power freely, give it openly, impersonally, and it will return to you. It will increase, it will grow, and you will become more personally aware of it. You will become more personally confident that you are a channel. This is becoming consciously aware of it, this you hold within between you and the Father, and out of this arises joy, ultimate joy, to know that you and the Father are one. And simply because of the joy that will radiate from your physical face, the joy that will radiate from your physical body, you will be recognized. You will be recognized consciously by others. Not through any effort of your own, but because you have held that joy and that spark of Light that is God and you are in communion with it. Because you hold it within, become quiet and know that you are God, and out of that heart chakra will spring forth all of the essence of God, all of the manifestations of God, and through no effort of your own you will be recognized and known. You will be recognized as the Light of God, which is the important thing. You will be recognized as a channel of that healing power, of that love, that one source which is God. So become personal about it within yourself, become impersonal about it externally. Commune with your own mighty "I AM" presence. There you can be very personal. Commune with the mighty "I AM" presence of all those around you and there be impersonal.

The above message was received through Reverend Charles L. Loyd, Temple of Peace, Mission Hills, California on October 9, 1973.

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SPIRITUAL HARVESTS

by Irma L. Norman

In the season of the fall of the year, we find our way to the days of fulfillment and accomplishment. We have experienced the winter, spring, summer and finally approach the autumnal equinox which signifies the time of earthly harvests. It is a common thing to look upon the farmers crops and say, "This will be a good year for wheat", or this has been a bad year for corn and watch the price of feed go up." At that time we either celebrate with the farmer, in thought at least, or we sympathize with him and hope he has a backlog of feed for his animals and money in the bank to last him through the winter and following spring until he can again plant his crops.

In a certain sense, the farmer is fortunate for he always has another spring to anticipate, another crop to look forward to hopefully. He can optimistically expect to regain his losses. For GOD promises that as surely as the earth continues to turn upon its axis and revolve about the sun, we have the winter of the night time of the earth and the summer of its daytime, the springtime of its dawn for sewing and the autumn of its evening for harvesting.

Humanity has its cycle also but we have the dawn, daytime, evening and night of but one life cycle at a time. However, we also are fortunate and have a great advantage over the farmer. It is never too late to sew our spiritual crops and we bring the fruits of our previous harvests with us into each cycle and have not the necessity to begin anew each time we journey forth into another cycle of growth.

Since it is written, "as above, so below" we know that the cycles of the planting of earthly harvests is but a reflection of the planting of spiritual harvest that exists eternally in GOD's kingdom. And in like manner, the kind of sowing and reaping existing in GOD's realm must be the kind of spiritual harvest on

earth. An entire discourse could be obtained from those two words, "spiritual harvest."

Let us, first of all, consider the astrological significance of this season of harvesting. It occurs in the autumn which is the time of the autumnal equinox. The signature of that season is the passage of the Sun into the sign of Libra. Libra, the sign of the scales, denotes the point of mind reaching the level of equilibrium where the physical becomes balanced with the spiritual and the real spiritual development of man begins as he goes into the final phases of spiritual attainment. In a broader sense, it represents the first point of balance between involution and evolution, as the soul of man evolves in its spiraling path of development. The path is one of repeated harvests of the soul.

Now let us take the process of which we speak and step by step, investigate its true meaning. First before anything can be done and the thing upon which this entire process of harvesting depends is "the seed." Of what purpose is the farmer, the soil, the plow and the harvesting equipment if we have not the seed to begin with? And from whence comes this seed? We are all familiar with the little seeds that drop from the flowers, grain, trees. The mighty oak drops the tiny acorn which, given proper opportunity, develops, in turn, into a mighty oak. But what of spiritual seeds? Before seeds of thought, emotion or desire can become an integral part of our spiritual growth, there obviously must be the seed of life. Unquestionably, we are told that GOD breathed into us the breath of life. Can we then be wrong to say that the spiritual seeds are the breath of GOD? From MacKenzie's NEW REFORMER we take this passage, "In man's deepest nature lies hidden the seed of infinite possibilities and the spirit of GOD must find access to that seed in order to germinate it into actual life. From R.J. Campbell's THE CHRISTHOOD OF JESUS, we have "Within the human soul itself is a portion, so to speak, of the eternal divine essence, the being of GOD himself. Every soul is like a seedling in which is wrapped up a mysterious potency of life. . ." The book of Luke, chapter VIII verse 12 says "The seed is the word of GOD": What a

glorious thing to think that the seed within each of us has come from that magnificent, beautiful, full blown blossom of the divine creator. We may be sure that seed of a celestial origin is the seed of love, humility, understanding and spirituality.

Once having found the origin of the seed, our next task is to determine what soil shall be used. In what garden do we plant? The seeds of earth of grain and food or flowers would require fertile, loamy soil, rich in the minerals of earth. But GOD will plant wherever he can for the soul is a garden rich beyond belief in its potential, having more wealth than the greatest most powerful king on earth. Campbell said in SONG OF AGES, "the soul is in a sense the use that a man makes of his own divinity, the soul is the moral and spiritual consciousness of a man." What a powerful thing, then, is each soul which is the garden in which GOD plants his seed.

While man sows seeds in his prepared soil, GOD must sow the seeds originally for his garden of souls. Thus, he took his own essence, his own divine and eternal nature and broadcast the seeds upon the earth as upon a ploughed field. Each soul must receive some of that divine seed and it becomes his commitment to furnish the opportunity for it to grow to maturity.

Perhaps the most tedious portion of development is the ploughing and cultivation of a field of grain or corn, or for that matter, of our spiritual talents. And who shall plough the soil in preparation for planting and who shall cultivate it and water it? The farmer must see to his own cultivation. Surely no one else shall do it for him. This portion of the process of spiritual harvesting is ours to do also. The digging out of the passional desires, the sensual emotions and the avidity for personal wealth and gain is the means by which we stamp out the weeds that choke the fruitful seeds. The Higher Self of man, which is the higher consciousness, inhabiting the same vehicle as the Lower Self in each of us becomes the Tiller of the soil, the divine Husbandman, the Knower of the Field, whose duty it is to clean the field, stamp out the thoughts and urges of the Lower Self in

order that the Total Man shall bring forth spiritual fruit in abundance. And both shall profit therefrom. In the 14th chapter of John verse 36 we find, "He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Apparently, then, from that passage we would know that the Lower nature can develop no higher than the Higher nature of man and consequently the Higher nature must instruct and cultivate and then wait patiently for the Lower nature's growth for one cannot reap except that the other reap also.

Now at last our crop has grown and fulfilled itself, the heads of wheat are ripe and full and the spiritual essence of the man has developed into a harvest beautiful to behold. Now is the time of harvest, the time to reap. At this point of harvest, we have arrived at the period in the evolution of the soul where the consciousness is ready to rise to the next level of spiritual attainment. We have reached the first point of Libra, the autumnal equinox.

And what shoud our attitude be concerning this harvesting? Our instruction for this was given us in the words of Jesus in the parable of the Rich Fool. From the 12th chapter of Luke verses 16 - 21. "The ground of a certain man brought forth plentifully. And he reasoned within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits. And he said this will I do, I will pull down my barns, and build greater, and there will I bestow all my corn and my goods. And I will say to my Soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat and drink and be merry. But GOD said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy Soul required of thee, and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward GOD." How often have we heard the expression taken directly from this passage of the bible, "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we may die"? There can be no question what our instruction is concerning this point.

The fact which seems hidden from us so often is that we cannot

become islands unto ourselves. The glorious truth is that we must indeed, affect the entire world each time one of us elevates to a new spiritual plateau; for each of us is just one seed planted by the Creator and HE has scattered billions of seeds about the face of the earth for the earth is HIS garden. One seed cannot grow into maturity and spiritual enlightenment without adding one more fulfillment to HIS divine crop. But will all of HIS seeds grow to such maturity and fruitfulness? Sadly enough, some seeds will not be tended. This JESUS told HIS disciples in the parable of the Sower. Mathew XIII verses 3 to 9: Behold the sower went forth to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured them. And others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth, and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth. And when the sun was risen they were scorched and withered away because they had no root. And others fell upon the thorns and the thorns grew up and choked them. And others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. He that hath ears, let him hear." But Jesus's disciples were not always able to understand his parables and when they questioned him concerning the meaning he said, "Hear then the parable of the Sower. The sower soweth the word. When anyone heareth the word of the Kingdom and understandeth it not then cometh the evil one and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the wayside. But he that was sown upon the rocky places is he that heareth the word and straightway with joy receiveth it. Yet hath he not root in himself but endureth for awhile, and when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, straightway he stumbleth. He that was sown amongst the thorn, this is he that heareth the word, and the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and he becometh unfruitful. But he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word and understandeth it, who verily beareth fruit and bringeth forth some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty." With the great wealth of words and

instruction on the process of spiritual sowing and harvesting, how can we hear and not understand.

Harvesting brings the close of a cycle, whether it be the cycle of spring, summer and autumn or whether we are speaking of the cycle of a human life. The soil will accomplish in a few months what it will take us perhaps years to do. But both cycles are infinitesimal compared to another cycle - the cycle of the earth. Difficult as it may be to bring the thought of this apparently eternal, timeless earth to a related thought of cycles, it is necessary to do so. The word cycle implies limitation, a beginning and an ending. The earth, too, is an entity and is fulfilling the cycle of her karmic destiny. Lest we think that we and the earth have endless time to accomplish our mission, regard the words of Jesus in John IV, verse 35: "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest. Behold I say unto you, life up your eyes and look on the fields that they are white already unto harvest." Therefore, we know the time of reaping is always at hand so that preparation and cultivation becomes our watchword. Who among us can say with surety, "tomorrow I shall accomplish my life's mission and be complete" or "I have learned it all, there is nothing left to know"? Surely, the time of harvest may be at hand this moment for any one of us, and our cycle, which is a passage through time from one moment until the passage curves back into itself, may become complete. Such is our destiny and such is our harvest.

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By FRANCES SMITH

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This is a story of love, and death...and love beyond death. . .the story of a quest for a love from a past life, whose eyes haunted her dreams. . .of contact with a Great Being from the Other Side whose influence brought illumination to one in search of Light.

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PSYCHIC HEALERS, David St. Clair, (Doubleday) 1974, \$8.95, 328 pp.

This is a difficult book to review: one would like to quote all of it! The biographies of eleven successful psychic healers are investigated and written up. The author, Mr. St. Clair, has used a tape recorder in his interviews so actual conversations are a great part of the book. The addresses of each is given in the back of the book.

Not one of the eleven healers claims that he or she does the healing. They insist they are but channels. Some say God works through them, others use doctore "not quite of this world," others call it an intelligent force that is all around us much as electricity is, and so on.

All but one of them works on the vital or etheric body, removing growths, replacing diseased cells with healthy ones, straightening teeth or filling them. One healer, Rosita Rodriguez, has studied under Tony Agpoa of the Philippines and works in the office of the Panamanian Consulate in Chicago, since she cannot legally practice in the United States.

Each healer has developed his own technique but all have a great sympathy for ill people, and an all-consuming desire to help. It is this dedication that unifies the whole book. One man insists on a hymn and the Lord's Prayer before he goes into a trance and lets his spirit doctor operate and/or heal. Another sits quietly meditating for a few minutes, smoking a cigarette or drinking a pepsi. But each has a good record of successful healings, and each is a dedicated person.

One chapter is devoted to Dr. William McGarey who heads up the Medical Research Division of the Edgar Cayce Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. McGarey received his medical degree in 1947 from the University of Cincinnati and practiced for eight years before he ever heard of Edgar Cayce. He is now working with some of the prescriptions Edgar Cayce gave - such as castor oil packs. But he insists he is not a psychic. "I can't look inside the body and I won't be given a second chance."

There are photographs of all eleven healers while in the act of healing, and that adds to the impact of the book. Suddenly one realizes that these men and women, most of them over fifty years of age, have spent years in healing. Somehow it doesn't seem miraculous at all. It is beautiful, it is life-saving, it is from the heart, but it also seems normal and natural. And there are many, many more such healers working on our planet. Many of these healers have classes teaching others to heal, as well as keeping up a busy schedule of healing themselves.

Mr. St. Clair raises the question in the last chapter of this book about charlatans, the A.M.A. and the legality of it all. At present these healers are considered criminals. "It is against the law for a healer to diagnose. Even if he sees a tumor on the side of a man's

face, he is legally prohibited from telling the patient that he has a tumor. It is illegal for a healer even to suggest the taking of an aspirin, for this is considered 'prescribing medicine without a license' and is subject to a jail term, a heavy fine, or both." Most healers obtain a minister's license since the law still permits church activity without interference.

But there are many registered M.D.'s who are changing. Perhaps the average person is maturing too, and does not need a paternal A.M.A. or government to overly protect him. Where would we be if we were still afraid of being burned by fire?

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The gardens where peace blossoms
are the hearts who give it care,
who nourish love and faith
and tend the three against all storms. . .
For these, peace has not vanished
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You mortal men for many years have fouled your own pure airs, nor seen the beauty of God's laws, nor cared to guard the beauty of God's earth.

We are immortal too, nor know the mortal dust, but we must fade with pain to see your gleaming souls imprisoned in such dirt.

Keep clean those poor affrighted bodies that you have. They fear their glorious lords and draw away and seek to blind their sight with things of earth.

They bind dead leaves upon their eyes and hide within a cave down in the forest dark, lest they should see again that splendid way that they must tread; from star to star, from firmament to firmament, until the very domes of time shall split and let the glory of eternal life shine into men's hearts.

We see and know and pity this frail shell that holds and fetters such a glorious sun. It dare not let its lord glance into all the glory that shall come, lest it destroy the feeble sight and shatter once for all that frail abode.

I come from fields of asphodel where zephyrs play and flowers gleam in chains of fairest colour and respond and grow to melody.

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