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## WARRING NATIONS

**B**OLSHEVISM, Communism, Socialism, Marxism and the hundred and one unrest groups in the world are ONE. They all mean just this: that the downtrodden and oppressed people of every country are rising mentally to the real meaning of Life and **their** right to share in the bounties of the earth and the fruits of their own labor.

What each nation should do is to unite under one banner—the banner of RIGHTS—and stand together without regard to Nation, Race or country's flag; they should organize in each country and form a representative government with headquarters for representatives and committees in every country and should form laws to govern and elect representatives to enforce their laws. Their motto should be, "One world, One principle, One law governing all people," a Law that recognizes the right of each individual to live to the highest requirement of a well balanced life with well-appointed home comforts and opportunities for advancement.

There is no law that says the rich shall become richer at the expense of the poor becoming poorer. Live well, yes, but not at the expense of the Nation's workers. A well fed, clothed and housed nation would soon seek avenues to intellectual advancement for themselves and their children.

All governments should busy themselves in productive activities for the general betterment of the whole world. Rear boys and girls in schools of lucrative education and healthful association, taking care of the helpless, deformed and afflicted from birth that they may not propagate, thus reducing the Nation's debt and make the world safe from morons who become criminals as they approach the age of puberty.

Warring nations—you are wantonly wasting the fruits of the past, destroying not only the fruits of the present but you are destroying the seeds of the future and are creating a barren world as an inheritance for the WAR crippled survivors, covering yourselves with the crown of ruthless destroyers of the children of the earth—burdening yourselves with the murderer's cross, for cycles of **Time** bound to the barren world you laid waste.

Warring nations of the world, you cannot escape your responsibility. Death does not release nor condone. Death does not build bridges or fountains of salvation. Death releases all the pent-up faculties, all the created and uncreated deeds of your imagining and **YOU** are left alone with your record which holds you accountable to the **Trust** you accepted when you became heads of governments. The greater your office the greater your responsibility and as night follows day just so surely will your **Evil** deeds follow you through the door of Death.

Warring Nations—declare the end of strife and while yet it is day, RESTORE—RESTORE—RESTORE.

# UNIVERSE SPEAKING

EFFA E. DANIELSON, *Editor*



## SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF CRIME

IF THE mighty machinery of the United States of America would be set into action exploring the cause of crime and eliminating it, the crime question would be settled in a very short time. The cause of crime is found in the seed which flourishes and scatters its productive fruit throughout the length and breadth of the land. Theaters, novels, detective stories and the so-called "funnies" in practically every magazine and newspaper are the direct cause of the 20th century crimes. All through ancient history is found dramatized and glorified criminals. Each succeeding generation gets a little more dramatic. Each succeeding generation required more and more stimulus in their expression. Sane and sensible sports no longer satisfy their thirst for excitement. Duels, bull fights, dog fights, rooster fights, became too tame and there was instituted boxing matches between men. A clean fight gave these morons of the ring no thrill; they were used to seeing blood spilled. Thus the vicious side of man was fed.

At the beginning of the 20th century the harvest from these destructive elements was brought to capitalization. Yearly there has been greater facilities for encouraging crime and creating criminals. We have the greatest educational fiction which crowns them all—the radio with its added accomplishment—television. The things which should be the greatest blessing have become the greatest menace.

The Government, instead of preventing the fire has climbed to the roof to blow away the smoke as it pours forth from the chimney. Crime would not flourish today if it were not given prominence through every invention which science has given to the world. The criminal, fleeing from the scene of his crime sees his name blazoned across the front pages of the newspapers—he listens over the radio; immediately there jumps into action a coterie of photographers. His cleverness and cunning are magnified a thousand times. When he is brought to trial, out from seemingly nowhere come men who call themselves lawyers, to prevent justice being done.

The cause of crime began thousands of years ago. Little or nothing was known of crime; the centuries came and went but with each succeeding century crime became more noticeable because humanity, in their development found ways and means to overcome distance until today all the world is moving together. No one is farther away than their telephone or their radio though they may be on opposite points of the globe. The turn of the dial brings the world's news to every fireside if they possess a radio.

The last fifty years have been spent in developing grotesque and absurd caricatures, illustrating not only the news of the day but the private life of citizens and of citizens to be. The children of each generation have been robbed of the inheritance which should have been theirs. The good that men and women do is not news. Everything that can be turned into gossip becomes the news of the day. The grotesque has thrived until today the only things given great publicity deal conclusively with instruments of **death**—instruments of destruction in some form or other.

The strips in the newspapers, once known as "comics," created to give a lighter vein, a little recreation, has become a murderous, crime creating school, educating the children, twisting their brains, rearing them for master criminals. They are

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# EDITORIALS IN JUNE

## *Without Fear or Favor*

### Ascension Day

JANUARY first is the day of ascension. In nature it is the day when the seeds begin to move with new life in preparation for the Spring or the resurrection. In ancient days, before calendars were in vogue, people counted time by the moon, by the sun and by certain stars. They knew when to plant, when to cultivate and when to harvest and the observance of certain seasons was established. In the very early days, gratitude pouring forth from the hearts of the people created rituals of devotion, loyalty and gratefulness. Just as time has changed customs in the memory of your days so these ancient days not only created customs, but changed them. We can carry you back to the days when man stood in awe of the sun and the marvel of the waning moon and its return, held the observers of it spellbound. When the moon was receding the people went into mourning until again the crescent and its beautiful star appeared as an omen of hope and a time of rejoicing. Up through the centuries man has observed, then compared and then he analyzed. Slowly, very slowly, man rose to his feet. During the last centuries, marked progress has been made. In the last fifty years great streams of energy have been released. Man has contacted men of other years, men of other centuries and other cycles. From man's earliest perception the influx of knowledge has been continuous and in spite of all destructive elements released man has steadily progressed, sometimes led, sometimes driven by those of an earlier period who left perhaps only a sign for those who followed them.

Once the Torch of Knowledge is lighted it never goes out. It may become dim under adverse circumstances but it will find a way to shed its light in greater effulgence, and so today, in this 20th century, men are being guided and driven by the torch bearers of time long recorded. The earth is changing its course. It is coming again in contact with the more effulgent luminaries of the universe out of which there will come new species of life and into which will be injected minds of great perception and greater power of correlation. The earth is moving rapidly away from the warring planets of diversified minds into the strata of the unification of thought governing the nations and their people. As the earth moves into this rarefied atmosphere the war lords will be shorn of their powers and the peace makers will be placed at the heads of governments. In this great movement—in the foregoing vanguard there is a place reserved for those who have been called and chosen as the mouthpieces and guardians of those of ancient days—ancient beyond the memory of man—ancient beyond the forming of governments—ancient before the recording of man of his mark upon the earth

and when the time is ready they will bring knowledge concerning the worlds before the earth had yet taken form.

Man, speculating on the earth's age and its formation from a religious standpoint, is so absurd, so devoid of logic, so devoid of truth but the day *does* come when, through revelation, man will learn to open the vaults and read the records, not only of his own world but of *all* the worlds and their universes. The time is coming when through the development of the eye of perception the supply for every need will be given to man according to his development and his worthiness to possess.

In the last hundred years humanity has made great strides, bringing into concrete form the things which have been waiting; and yet these great things which are such a marvel today will be as ancient as the beasts of burden recorded in the book known as the Bible. Let us bid farewell to the old and turn our faces to conquering and grasping the new and greater possessions which will be revealed daily to those whose perception has been quickened by the power to grasp and proclaim the greater truths for the progress of the races.

### And the Comforter Has Come

THE comforter came and the world knew it not because of its mental blindness. Through all the pages of history there is recorded visitations of beings called by men—Angels. According to history man has been visited by beings who instructed him, who warned him. In the more modern times the visitations have become more numerous and of greater variety. Among these were the rappings at the Hydesville cottage, coded and interpreted by children who were attracted by them and from that incident sprang the cult known as Spiritualists and in a very short time, from all parts of the world there was recorded psychic happenings. The comforter had come to dry the weeping eyes—to bring gladness to those who mourned. Many saw their loved ones as it were, through the gates of Paradise. Angel friends visited the homes of the mourners but the world denied them entrance. Time sped on; the comforter was found in the homes of the rich and poor alike yet the world denied the *dead* a voice.

The comforter came again; the loved one had arisen; they had loosed the bonds that bound them—the grave clothes had been cast aside and they walked forth. The skeptic said: "It cannot be." The physician said: "It is an hallucination of grief." "It *must* not be so" the churches cried. Men of science declared it was the subconscious mind. The envious cried "Imposter" and so through the years the comforter walked with the world and the world knew it not. A small group here, another small group there, knew the promise

# WITH OUR TIMES

BY EFFA DANIELSON



had been kept. Ridicule, blasphemy and persecution could not still the voice of the comforter. The visits became more numerous; the voice became stronger and stronger through each decade until today the mourning shroud has turned from black to white and Death is no longer called Death. The dreaded word has passed with time. Somehow the darkness and gloom has passed. The comforter, though men knew it not and refused to call it such had pierced the gloom and at the transition of a loved one the gates open because the vision is clear and the parting is calm and sweet. The garment of flesh loosens its hold and the dear one stands in the presence of those they love. Eyes are no longer blind—ears are no longer deaf—the voice is no longer silenced, for behold—Death is a transition which rends the veil and leaves Life face to face with Life. The comforter, so long sought, so long evasive, becomes a reality—the tears are dried, the smile wreathes the face of the mourner and in that moment there is born the assurance that the loved ones have found a new world.

Time has removed the sting of Death—Time has dried the river of tears—Time has dissolved the bolts and bars and Time holds the hands of yesterday clasped in the hands of today and Life has become a reality because the comforter came and was recognized by those who mourned. In every city and town and, we might say, in every home, there is one whose eyes have beheld the glories of that silent world and the anthem has a new meaning for the songs of the Angels pierce the minds of men bringing into reality the *risen* loved one whom the world called dead. They rolled away the stone and came forth, the comforter, and in all the years to come the voices of loved ones mingling in the glorious anthem "There are no dead—Death has lost its sting and the grave its victory." Hope, once gone, has returned and the tears of the mourner are dried because the day has come when every eye shall see and every ear shall hear and they shall walk side by side; some may call them Angels, but to those who understand they are the loved ones who have passed through the transition and live—live as we live, loving, working for the good and for the enlightenment of the world. Open your eyes, ye who are blind—open the doors of your understanding ye doubters and let the light of wisdom flood your minds until the dark caverns of prejudice and fear and the selfishness of your sinfulness is destroyed forever.

Ye doubters, ye scoffers, ye pious ones and doctors—ye men of science, cloak yourselves no longer in ignorance and scorn. Come forth from your dungeons and wear the crown of Wisdom that the world may call you blessed.

Behold the dawn of day—the night has passed—the comforter has brought rejoicing—weep no more.

## As We Go to Press

AS WE go to press history is being made in nearly every country in the world. Vows are being broken, faith is being trodden down, men in responsible positions are forsaking their positions. Chaos reigns where a short time before the people were gathered together in peaceful assembly, families united in joyous celebrations, countries making laws for the co-operation of not only their own legislatures but friendly encounter, man to man. It is as though the heavens had opened a deadly rain of hail and a trustful and peaceful world becomes a panic stricken mob. Time writes the history for the next two and a half years of the outpouring of the human blood on the pages of history for the surviving children of men to read. The black and dreadful avenger mobilizes his last squadron. Close upon his heels there follows the Archangel of Peace on the white horse, carrying the message to the stricken countries that the avenging monster has been conquered. The Master Peace Star has arisen. The Great White Light shines forth in blessing, restoring the stricken areas, drying up the rivers of blood and restoring the birthright to those who have survived.

From far and near the call comes—Humanity, unite! Humanity, unite! and the deadliest of all wars comes to an end. Europe has been shaken to its very foundation—bitterness has been washed away by the bloody tidal wave. At last man arises from the shackles that have bound him through all the centuries of the past. Behold, the doors of the dungeon swing open and the political prisoners breathe again the pure air which is the inheritance of all. The exile returns again to his home and family. Time, the universal king governing the lives of all men and all nations, heals all wounds. Glorious, indeed, in that day of judgment will be the light that shines forth in universal brilliance upon the brotherhood of man, the sisterhood of woman and the little children can truly sing "Hark the Holy Angel cometh on the wings of Peace."

The hand that held the weapon of destruction once again stretches forth in greeting to the foe. Yes, Peace will come and with its healing balm humanity will unite. The dark days will be no more for governments will unite in a bond of peace and give to the children of men an honorable birth place from which there will spring a new race—a race bound together by the ties of sorrow and suffering and on the pages of history will be written these words: "The United worlds—one coat of arms—one standard—one mission—one flag and one ideal—one purpose—THE DEFENSE OF PEACE."

# A Remarkable Revelation

By ARDEN DEARBENE, B.A., LL.B.

## Psychic Experiences

ABOUT two years ago I called at the executive offices of the "Occult Digest" and met a genial person of deep spiritual understanding. Instantly I broached the subject of the science of names, which had been my special study for some years past, and wanted to know if there was any printed matter on that subject which I could purchase. She did not know of any. Then I asked her if she believed in such a science. She said she did, and told me of her experience in attending church services one Sunday morning, conducted by a Swedish pastor. She said she listened to his sermon delivered in the Swedish language and understood it so well that she translated it into English to her Swedish friend after leaving the church. I asked her if she understood French; she said she did not read or write in French, but could understand it from the sound of the words, so I began reciting Massenet's "Elegie" in French. Just as I began: "O doux printemps d'autrefois," she remarked that she saw budding flowers, green leaves, and beautiful trees in a distant land, reminding her of springtime. I recited the entire verse, and she did not miss one word. Her interpretation was perfect.

Such a remarkable test is sufficient evidence that words and names are so delicately correlated, that some kind of system could be evolved whereby we could understand the meaning of names as readily as the meaning of words. Furthermore, a name has the same relation to a person, thing, animal, country, nation or government, and even an organization, as the title has to a book. So, if you mention "Paradise Lost" or "Les Miserables," you immediately have the history of that literary masterpiece in your mind's eye. Is it not therefore logical to deduce that if you mention the name of "Ethel" the history of that name should reveal itself to you? Is it not logical to deduce that at the mention of 1937 you should be able to see just what kind of volume Father Time is presenting to mankind? Yes, indeed, it is possible to analyze the significance of any year as applied to a person, nation or government. It is possible to foretell which political party will be in ascendancy during that year, which corporation will succeed, which cities will thrive or degenerate, which nations will be dissatisfied and which will be profited.

Aside from their phonetic values, names have color, degrees of strength, power, weight, appeal, durability, metallic qualities, elemental nature, and

dozens of other traits which characterize them as individualistic potentialities.

During the World War I was extremely interested in the elusive "EMDEN," the German cruiser which created havoc in English shipping, but when she met "Sydney" the Australian battleship, off Cocos Island, I knew she was doomed.

During the last election, my friends were jokingly alluding to my prediction of President Roosevelt's re-election as purely an imaginary one. I told them there is only one Republican candidate who can defeat Roosevelt, and the name Landon did not carry sufficient power to overcome the present incumbent at the White House. The Republicans could have nominated THAT ONE candidate who would have won the election, but they could not boss him; he entertains President Roosevelt's ideas and would have continued his program of rehabilitation. This one candidate would probably win the 1940 nomination if the Republican party wishes to survive.

The foregoing excerpts as to the value and significance of names would convince the astute skeptic as to metaphysical matters, that possibilities along these lines are fathomless. This knowledge came to me from astral planes during my silent meditations and it is yet far from perfection, but it is revealing itself and enlightening my understanding gradually.

During the year 1901 (or, it might have been the latter part of 1900) I was shaken out of my bed at 5 o'clock in the morning and felt someone was standing by me and talking to me. I opened my eyes in bewilderment and saw in the dark room a miniature of the Battle Creek sanitarium in flames. I gazed and wondered but could not move. The figure standing in my room then told me that within two weeks the Battle Creek Sanitarium would burn down. I leaped out of my bed and turned on the electric light. There was nothing and nobody in the room. About 9 o'clock that morning I went to the office of Battle Creek (Mich.) "Daily Moon" and saw Mr. Barnes, then editor of said daily. I told him of the strange experience. He wrote it down in his diary and told me to come back to see him after the expiration of two weeks.

The two weeks had expired, but I had forgotten about it. As I walked along the main street in Battle Creek, I saw dozens of residents coming toward me and congratulating me for something which I could not understand. They showed me several papers

from Detroit, Buffalo and Chicago giving an account of my prediction. The Sanitarium had been consumed by flames, Mr. Barnes had wired the United Press and the dailies had printed the news. I received letters from all parts of the world concerning this experience, but I had no means of keeping up my correspondence.

About fifteen years ago I was standing in the front room of my apartment and looking out of the window. My mind became blank and a column of white clouds appeared before my eyes. Just then I heard someone running up toward me crying: "Look out for the baby." This was repeated three times. I looked back and saw my little girl about ten feet away, whose hair was being curled by her mother. I asked them if they were talking to me or if they heard a voice, but neither had heard nor seen anything. I told my wife that something would happen to the child in the following three days, and we should be very careful as to her whereabouts during that period.

Three days had elapsed and I was driving past a boulevard, my wife and child occupying the back seat in the car. I slowed down but did not come to a stop. Just as I cleared the boulevard, a large yellow sedan coming at the rate of fifty miles per hour struck my car with such a force that it overturned it and all three of us were pinned under it. I turned off the ignition, and extricated myself, then the child, then my wife. Would you believe that there wasn't even a scratch on that child? I wasn't even bruised and my wife had a few small cuts on her wrist.

The Astral Plane is invisible to our physical eyes, but if and when we become receptive to the vibrations of that plane, we establish a contact, we attune ourselves to it and we see, we hear with our spiritual senses. This state of living is the happiest one upon this earth, because thereby we create a spiritual dynamo within our physical frame which emanates health, cheer and abundance to all those surrounding us. We can heal the sick, we can raise the downtrodden and we can guide into the paths of light those groping souls who do not know why they have come into this world and whither are they going.

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*If you do not see and hear, hammer away, hammer away on your psychic nerves. Unless you can develop your psychic brain you cannot reason on psychic subjects. Develop your psychic nerves, they feed the psychic brain.—*  
Effa E. Danelson.

# More Occult Fragrance

By G. J. ST. WALD

SINCE my contribution of an experience entitled "Occult Fragrances" in the November issue of this magazine, I have incidentally noted by the newspapers the transition of "Cheiro," the world's most noted palmist; one who was also a mystic and who had spent most of his life in the study of the occult.

As the strange phenomenon, which occurred at the time of his passing from this earth plane, included one of the many phases such as the one I have termed "occult fragrance," and being of deep significance, little understood and more often questioned by the skeptically-minded, I thought it worthy of further consideration here and as an added testimony of the truth of my former experience, as well as be of added interest to the readers of the OCCULT DIGEST, who may or may not have heard or read about this wonderful public character. As it will necessitate the quoting of more than usual, I hope the kind and patient readers will bear with me. I shall here then quote the statements made in *The National Spiritualist* December issue, 1936, by Mrs. Phelan, the nurse in attendance at the time of the passing away of Cheiro:

"I am a registered nurse," said Mrs. Phelan.

"I've seen hundreds of people die and I don't believe in spooks. I came to this house four days before the patient passed away. I did not even know his name when the doctor called me.

"At about midnight on the night he went, I checked his condition for the chart and noted that he was sinking rapidly. I went in and told his wife and Mrs. Frances Kernan, who were in the house, that he could not last long.

"They were just asking me how long I thought his strength would hold out when the clock struck one. My wrist watch showed 12:15. I thought nothing of it, except that perhaps the big clock on the stairs was wrong. Twice again at about ten-minute intervals it struck one. He died at 1:05 by my watch.

"In the last hour I went outside his room and sat at the head of the stairs, reading. Suddenly they began to creak as though an army of people were coming and going. My hair stood on end, although I am never easily impressed by such things. I switched on the big flood lights at the head of the staircase. Nothing was visible there, yet I could have sworn scores of feet were moving on those steps.

"At the last moment the whole house was filled with an over-powering fragrance of flowers. There were none in the room and none outside, yet we all smelled it and could still smell it in the morning."

"Mrs. Kernan, a friend, and the widowed countess corroborated these statements. They said they were in separate parts of the house during the night."

In the foregoing we have an instance of such a fragrance which remains to be identified with some invisible or unseen source, being or intelligence, and which may be said to be occult because there seems to be no one to whom we may turn for a comprehensive and satisfactory explanation or interpretation. All attempts of the average person to explain or interpret such things are inadequate to meet the demands of the sincere seeker of Truth. While I myself do not claim to be able to explain such things at all times and under every circumstance, I feel privileged, however, to offer some suggestions here whereby the more serious-minded reader may be able to think about and form his or her own conclusions, as all progressive beings must sooner or later learn to think more for themselves on this earth plane as well as on any other transcending this one; for the true purpose of every soul-being is to experience and express more and more love, perfection and goodness here as well as hereafter. Such thoughts may not seem to be related to the subject here, but they will help to take much of the mist out of mystery, and help us all to see more clearly by the light of our own soul.

In the instance then and in consideration of the foregoing fragrance we cannot state positively as to its intended purpose or spiritual significance. Yet if we knew we would be wonderfully blessed in knowledge, wisdom and peace of mind. Personally, I would be the last to question that this fragrance might not have been intended as a signal or token of the departure of the self-conscious soul for the purpose of inspiring others with greater faith in their own immortality; or perhaps significant of the delight of some other soul or host of souls in the invisible world strewing the pathway with invisible spirit-flowers for the newly arriving soul. As flowers are symbolic of thought ideas, their fragrance does also convey thoughts and truths inadequate to words. As we do many different things in many different ways here on earth, so the soul most closely associated with another might make its presence known by endless different means.

The phenomenon of the soul, the psychic and the spiritual astound us only

because we have become too self-centered and self-absorbed in the petty things of this work-a-day world. As we let go of these ever-changing objects of sense and let go of all our prejudices, false beliefs, man-made doctrines and preconceived opinions, the mental fogs and mists of our own making will clear away and *we shall both see and realize the truth* of that which is most true, perfect and delightful here and now as well as hereafter.

It is indeed wonderful to realize that the borderland of the Spiritual World where still live the souls of those who have passed on is just as close to ourselves as is our own faith and belief.

Without the recognition of the spiritual there can be no complete and satisfactory understanding of the mystery of life and of so-called death. Those who claim that "all is Spirit" and that matter does not exist and who deny the reality of every human emotion, deny unknowingly also the All-ness and the tangible Ever-Presence of GOD. The Right emotion at the Right time in the Right place may be as important as anything else, and as the ways of GOD are infinite, who would attempt to explain such a mystery as that of perhaps some mere strange and unidentified fragrance or its influence, help and assistance for those who must be made to think or perhaps need such a more direct tangible demonstration for their future good and unfoldment here and now.

"Okay"

by EDNA G. McDOW

He rode away one autumn day,  
Our gay young caballero,  
With jingling spurs and flying scarf  
He waved his wide sombrero  
And called to us across the plain  
I'll soon be seeing you again,  
So adios just for today  
Please do not grieve for I'm O. K.

Along the trail the campfires gleam  
Loves ember glow,  
Life's rippling stream  
Flowing so swift and strong  
Sings to our hearts the happy song  
Of your return.  
Our hearts with love filled to the brim  
O'erflow for you, our darling Jim.

So ride, little cowboy, right tonight  
The open range across the border  
We'll keep our tryst, the home fires  
bright  
Still burn, glad welcomes are in order.  
A soft footfall in the shadows dim,  
A gentle rap—is that you, Jim?  
'Tis good to hear you laugh and say  
You're happy and that you're okay.

# "THE DESTINY OF

TO SECURE an adequate method of appreciation of anything, it is necessary to place the subject-matter in its true perspective. This is the only way to get accurate understanding of its relative being. To know its actual relation to the force generating it, is essential to understanding.

When an attempt is made to study the evolution of a leading nation, this essential method, based upon perspective, requires consideration not only from a material and worldly angle, but from the spiritual viewpoint as well.

As a matter of fact, the latter is primordial. All earnest students of fundamental truth are fully aware of this. It is their good fortune to be conscious of spiritual force as the source, the originator of every manifestation of life and as an element indispensable for lasting progress.

This spiritual force, because of its essential nature, is not and could not be confined within earthly limits. Therefore, only universal ideas can provide a true perspective in this discussion.

And, if we hope to develop an intelligent understanding of the relative fundamental character of this nation's existence, we must realize the need of a cosmic viewpoint, and conform our discussion to it.

Recent progress in science gives a better understanding of the Universe and its mechanism. Increasing knowledge, particularly advancement in astronomy, makes it easier to realize that the wonderful perfection of the universal mechanism cannot be accidental, for in order to work so exactly, with such precise co-ordination, this vast Universe must necessarily be governed with knowledge and constant power of a most supreme kind.

That added knowledge reveals more clearly the need for Infinite Intelligence, completely beyond the conception of the average human mind, to govern the Universe. And, an intelligent assimilation of scientific progress and knowledge should actually reveal to the earnest student the existence of this Infinite Intelligence.

Therefore, we welcome eagerly each further enlightenment in astronomy. We enjoy from this a better universal understanding as more of the apparently limitless cosmos and a greater number of its celestial occupants are revealed to us, each time a more powerful telescope extends our "view" further into more distant parts of the firmament.

In addition, we derive now the cumulative benefits of recent intensive re-

search work, in the chemical and medical fields, which contributes essential information, shedding more light upon the essential character and the fundamental truth of life.

Relatively, very rapid strides were made during the twentieth century. We are getting nearer and nearer that truth.

We have lifted quite a good deal the veil behind which remained hidden from the masses, for many centuries, the great secrets of fundamental truth. Yet each new revelation causes us to contemplate with greater awe the marvelous powers of (this) Infinite Intelligence.

Paradoxically, progress in science provides knowledge which, while frequently sought for the mere sake of knowledge, strictly material knowledge, nevertheless, contributes much to the understanding, a better understanding of the Supreme Being.

Fundamental truth is sought mainly along two separate avenues, seemingly divergent, and apparently leading into regions considered totally foreign to each other.

One method of search results from extreme conceptions of strict materialism and is based upon so-called scientific research; the other, which we might call theological and theosophical, or the God conception of all things, furnishes the religious teachings and provides the inquirer so inclined, with edification based essentially upon metaphysical and spiritual methods of approach.

To the eventual astonishment of the staunch materialists, and provided both the material scientist and the spiritual searcher remain on the right road leading to the true objective, these two "independent" searching parties, while proceeding forward by seemingly unrelated means, will inevitably meet.

They *have* to meet, since it is generally agreed that there is but one Supreme Power, one source of life.

Therefore, the illusion of divergence will eventually vanish, for the two groups are certainly traveling toward the same spot. They must meet. They shall meet. And when they do, there will occur a most glorious fusion of knowledge leading to a wonderful condition of harmonious understanding: *the befitting apotheosis* of earnest, sincere human endeavor.

Possibly that "meeting" day is not so far off!

And when this magnificent, inspiring event takes place, it will occur, so to speak, suddenly, unexpectedly. It will seem accidental, although it will really be the automatic clicking of the devious works of GOD.

Various factions of knowledge will at once fit into one gigantic universal jigsaw puzzle. All the "pieces" of it will be found in place. Perhaps it will signify the millennium.

Most of us concede the oneness of GOD. It is a generally accepted belief existing with a collateral conviction that either "directly" or through what might be termed "delegated" power, there exists guidance and supervision of individual destinies.

It is logical to conclude from the admitted existence of this Supreme Intelligence governing individual lives, that likely there is also Supreme Guidance of collectivities, of nations, as such.

Whether considered purely on the basis of hypothesis, or whether the result of impressions which crystallized into a conviction, if we think about the evolution of the world in relation to these governing cosmic forces under Supreme Guidance we cannot help but wonder in either case, hypothesis or conviction, about the likelihood of a preordained destiny of a nation.

We are thus naturally led to imagine the possibility of a specific Supreme "mission" involved in the existence of a nation. And when we study carefully the evolution of America from this particular standpoint we find that certain historical events stand out in bold relief and acquire special significance otherwise obscured by the superficial and factual treatment they receive ordinarily in textbooks.

This new perspective, which is broader, results from higher considerations. Only from this higher viewpoint do we behold the true whole of the evolutionary panorama. Consequently, we can gauge more accurately the relative importance of events, with the result that the various historic happenings in America acquire a new meaning, reflecting more accurately their essential evolutionary character, and pointing conclusively to the probability that these United States were "earmarked" and destined to be instrumental in the execution of an important mission.

There is one outstanding fact which strongly supports this contention: the apparent calculated "reservation" for future use. This immense American

# THE UNITED STATES"

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continent remained unknown to the white races many thousands of years while they lived on the old continents.

In the evolution of Christianity, great significance attaches to the fact that this continent began to be settled by the white races only a few hundred years ago, despite its actual proximity to the cradle of the human race and to the centers of the oldest known civilizations.

The paramount significance lies in that state of "conservation" in which this continent remained all these centuries—virgin and unknown—notwithstanding its immensity and this very real proximity to the old world which makes the continued isolation all the more extraordinary and all the more significant.

This is indeed very remarkable because at the extreme northwestern point this continent is hardly 55 miles distant from Asiatic land, and Greenland and Iceland are situated comparatively close to its extreme northeastern coast.

We know that erroneous conceptions about the form of the earth retarded discovery, but still history reveals that Scandinavian settlers occupied Iceland as early as 875, and that some lived on the shores of Greenland in 985. Yet, from five hundred to six hundred years elapsed between these early northern settlements comparatively nearby and the heralded discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, who first approached the North American continent at the opposite geographic extreme, when he landed at San Salvador, one of the Bahama Islands, also known as Watling, in October, 1492. And it was not until 1620, that is more than seven hundred years later, that the first Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth, marking the new era of steady influx and definite acceleration of an immigration move which was to persist for nearly four centuries.

The early civilizations which rose in different parts of the old world invariably drifted into abuse of the Almighty's munificence . . . and invariably after periods of evil and abuse, the fall of these civilizations ensued.

Meanwhile, throughout all these centuries this continent was being held in reserve, uncontaminated by all these excesses committed by the white races elsewhere. Apparently it was being held for a specific purpose. Then, a few hundred years ago, the world was considered ripe for a long-term Chris-

tian endeavor which should transcend anything heretofore undertaken in behalf of mankind.

It seems that by Supreme Decree, America was to then begin its part in the preservation and growth of a Christian civilization.

Through her, through America, the whole world was to be taught a lesson, a fundamental lesson of paramount importance to Christianity and, while this was decreed, the Supreme Forces also foresaw the need of the incipient American immigration move, to prepare during the next few centuries a sanctum where Christianity could continue its onward march unhindered by contrary forces.

That this is the true destiny of the United States becomes more and more obvious as major event after major event is consistently and persistently characterized by the same tendency. And as if to leave a mystic message of predestination, even the geologic evolution of the continent seems to bear this out. Close to the very spot where the Pilgrims landed is the Adirondack mountain range. It was the section of the American continent which first rose out of the waters, followed by the gradual emersion of the Great Lakes region, and later on by the slow rise of the Blue Ridge region of the south.

Even if considered only as a mere coincidence it is interesting to note that the sections of the country where the largest centers of population are to be found today happen to be, broadly speaking, in the two regions which first emerged from the ocean in prehistoric times.

This country was originally settled by people eager to enjoy complete religious freedom, by oppressed individuals whose liberal and Christian conceptions of life made them rebel against despotism then generally prevalent. It is a noteworthy fact, deserving emphasis, that both the very earliest east-coast settlements in Florida by the Huguenots, and the first pilgrim establishments in New England were made up largely of people who above all craved religious freedom. The history of America thus furnishes ample justification for the claim that it owes its origin essentially to the intuitive urge for a true Christian commonwealth which drove the early colonists instinctively to the shores of America, country of natural magnificence and abundance, where essential Christian principles should give all an opportunity to enjoy all of God's wonderful gifts.

The early colonists succeeded in living together peacefully and happily. They showed a strong spirit of appreciation which is still manifest, for it has been perpetuated by the national yearly observance of Thanksgiving Day, a befitting American institution.

The successive historical happenings conform to the pre-ordained course of events. And the expression, "In God We Trust" on our coins, the observance of prayers at the opening of Congress, the form of oath, "So help me God," offer beside the annual national thanksgiving manifestations, additional indications that notwithstanding misleading surface appearances and occasional strayings, we are really conscious of the fact that this is a blessed country.

As for the lesson, it has been revealed and is being revealed constantly. It forms the principal factor of progress in our evolution and did prevail significantly throughout its whole period in a most predominant manner. It is so outstanding, so glaring as to be blinding and its significance got lost in its very obviousness. It is the peaceful amalgamation of nationals of various countries, of many countries; the successful amalgamation of people who heretofore, under the influence of hatred and prejudice, steadily nursed, had been mortal enemies. Once in America (away from insidious efforts) these good European people began to fraternize cordially. They lived together, thrived together, they intermarried. And the lesson intended for all was very plain. Obviously there exists here a most magnificent and very convincing proof that strife among people of different nationalities can be avoided. The rapidity and the thoroughness of our successful amalgamation evidences it and is without parallel in the history of the world. It *must* be due to a Supreme Force which intended to demonstrate in this formidable manner that those who under certain circumstances had been led to believe they were mortal enemies, could, in this, God's country, live together peacefully, in harmony.

To further educate humanity regarding its true mission and to demonstrate the limitless possibilities of harmony, events of intermarriage developed situations as a result of which an individual, once a mortal enemy of a family of different nationality, became here the happy grandfather of children born to the daughter of that family.

Undoubtedly this part of the evolution of the United States might have served already as a great lesson. Perhaps the

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# TREMENDOUS TRIFLES

## (The Fifty Dollar Contest Story)

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Tenth Installment

### Enlightenment

OUR constant search is for enlightenment. Every effort of our scientific men is for further knowledge. We want to know how to obtain health and wealth and happiness. If it were not for the thought that we might after all these years, be on the road leading to a life of happiness and success we would die where we sit. Life would hold for us no future, no hope. Yet, the human race learns only through mistakes and defeats. The scientist laboring in his laboratory makes thousands of mistakes and suffers as many defeats before he finally arrives at the successful experiment. It is the successful experiment only which the world sees, approves and lauds. Nothing is known of the heart-rending search, the arduous labor which punctuated the scientist's every waking hour until the task was completed.

Life itself is a continuous experiment in a universal laboratory. All of us are busily engaged in mixing the chemicals, experimenting, eagerly looking for the same results. Many we see who seem to have solved the question and precipitated a life of success and happiness; others seemed only to precipitate failure and weariness. Yet, all of us should be enlightened to a great extent. After all, the soul, bound to this earthly shell we know as physical body, is seeking for enlightenment.

There is no reason for discouragement because our physical state seems not so good as our neighbors. Sometimes the experiments call for a certain mixture of heartaches, sorrows and failures before the successful result is achieved. Sometimes negative experiences in great numbers are required before enlightenment is reached. Even Dean Inge said, "If we want to be invulnerable, a hard heart and a good digestion will do more for us than the Christian virtues." Which proves to us that enlightenment is yet a few experiments off for Dean Inge, all depending as to our acceptance of Christianity.

The Buddha signifies in Sanskrit, *the enlightened*. For twenty-five centuries it has held steadfastly to the same meaning. Why should we Christians call Buddhism allegorical and legendary because Siddartha was miraculously conceived? Was not the whole world conceived miraculously? If we would take to them enlightenment we should learn first not to scoff at their miraculous conception when we are offering to them our own. To the so-called heathen mind one miraculous conception is as good as another and as feasible. If we prove to them that their's is impossible

we are convincing them of the impossibility of our own.

Is it not true that an evil and ill-considered action may lie dormant for a considerable period and then suddenly break out bringing calamity into the lives of people many years after the act had been perpetrated? Have we not seen instances where offspring had been made to suffer for sins committed by their parents? And have we not seen this punishment following even to the third generation and beyond? It may have been that the *act* lying dormant for a generation, broke out suddenly and virulently bringing calamity and sorrow into the lives of unsuspecting innocents. If we have seen this, if we have been the innocents upon whom such punishment has been visited, might we be compelled to the Buddhist belief that human existence is on the whole, miserable—a curse rather than a blessing?

Enlightenment of the soul is a harsh and cruel road for many. We must be made to know that life is whole; that nature is also whole. That is a Christian belief; that is also a Buddhist belief, and Mohammedan and Zoroastrian. At birth the new-born soul is separated from the whole life and nature to become an individual with the limitation of powers which the individual has, to live in error and ignorance; that Buddhist belief is essentially Christian for both advocate that man is born to sin thus making birth necessarily an evil thing. Then the province of man seems to be working up and out from the evil with which he has been saddled by existence. It seems that the Creator was not satisfied with what evil man might pick up by his own instrumentality through his environment, but man must be started out weighted down with sin from the moment he is deposited, a mite of humanity on this sphere.

I prefer to believe with Confucius that man is pure at birth and according to his environment becomes depraved. After all, the man working up from babyhood must depend for his enlightenment on his environment. Was Siddartha, was the Christ born also in sin? If Jesus was, then so was I. There will be no complete happiness from the thought that birth is sin. We return the way we have come; if we come from sin and evil we go likewise to sin and evil. Man is started out with a clean slate, and keeping it clean depends upon him and his environment after he has reached the age of discretion. No infant dying at birth is lost. That is a superstition foisted by an ignorant and unconsciously God-hating clergy on self-deceived souls; that is creed, *not* enlightenment. By understanding that our experiences,

whatever they are, are necessary experiments in this great laboratory of life, we get closer to the great experiment. Copper it is said by scientists, is really metal that was on the way to become gold, and that it was side-tracked just a trifle short of the great consummation. Our experiences and the manner in which we react to them will determine whether we are to be copper or gold.

### Interpretation

SOLVE the *intention* behind the act or the word and you arrive at the solution of the individual's private thought. Misinterpretation lends trouble. The ability to interpret correctly has much to do with the shaping of man's destiny. We are relying upon the word that man has something to do with the shaping of his own destiny through the exercise of his will. It is a small matter but vitally important, that an individual learn the lesson of understanding his neighbors' thoughts, words, acts. The understanding comes only with the attempt to understand. Before you interpret your neighbor's loud laugh as poking fun at you, arrive at the solution of his mirth, and you will find in every case that you misinterpreted his act of laughing. That is one example that could be offered from hundreds. Look about yourself for others, and apply *interpretation* to them from now on and perceive how readily many heretofore misunderstood acts and words clarify themselves.

Now that knowledge of a common human fault is yours, allow me to test your powers of interpretation. Imagine yourself seated in an outer room in some country home, and that the farmer and his wife are in the next room talking. They have been talking for some time. Now the wife raises her voice sharply, and says:

"Will you ride to town today?"

A simple sentence, certainly. One that is asked by hundreds of wives in many country homes daily. But in the exercising of your interpretative powers, what does the wife mean? Just exactly what is she trying to find out? At first thought, it appears to you a simple question answerable by one word, yet after asking a few questions you find that this one, simple little question is defying your powers of interpretation. The woman asks the question again:

"Will you ride to town today?"

The first time she asked it, she indicated that she knew someone was going to town, and the second time she asked it she indicated clearly that she wanted to know if *he*, her husband, was going to town. But she asks the question again;

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# Poets' Page

## Out of the Shadows

(A paraphrased excerpt from Plato's "Republic"—Book VII.)

by PHIL PRICE

The teacher spoke in allegoric phrase:  
Suppose we lived, as prisoners from our  
birth,  
In some vast cavern where the only  
light  
Is given by a casual, flickering blaze  
That comes from far across a hidden  
way,  
Whereon men walk about and to and fro  
Between us and the fire-light's fitful  
gleam  
That casts their shadows on a further  
wall  
Before our dull, uncomprehending eyes.

And of these men are some both  
straight and tall,  
And others stooped beneath some bur-  
den borne;  
But we, imprisoned, are in such bond-  
age held  
That we may not bestir ourselves, or  
turn,  
To see who walks about, or what they  
bear. . . .  
And all we see are shadows on the wall  
That lifts before our eyes; strange  
images  
That dance from out the gloom and  
weave and merge  
Each into each in weird and goblin rout  
That holds no import, consequence or  
cause,  
To us who puzzle o'er the changing  
scene. . . .

And we may speak together in the  
gloom  
And, knowing not that what we may  
behold  
Are only shadows from some hidden  
source,  
We take the flickering fantasy as real  
And truthful image of the living world;  
And in the cavern's echo of our speech

We hear the shadows speaking, each to  
each,  
In tongue of uncouth jargon—also real  
To us imprisoned in pervading gloom.  
And so, perforce, all we may know as  
Truth  
Will be the shadow-shapes upon a wall;  
And of the Word of Truth—we have  
no more  
Than garbled echoes of our own sur-  
mise. . . .

The Teacher paused a moment; then  
he spoke:  
Suppose again, a prisoner is made free  
Of all his bonds, and brought into the  
light—  
Even of that small blaze — to make  
things clear;  
His dazzled eyes would flinch and fain  
would seek  
The soothing darkness of the prison-  
place;  
And he is told that all he saw therein  
Were but the shadow-images of Truth,  
And what he now may see and gaze  
upon  
Has form and substance and is Real  
and True,  
Seen clearly and without Illusion's veil  
To warp the vision with its fantasies. . .  
Would he not find a measure of mis-  
trust  
In such of Revelation, and a doubt  
That what he had, aforesaid, held as  
Real,  
Could be so changed in semblance and  
in form?  
And would he not hold wonder that  
the words,  
That he now hears as Word of Truth,  
are made  
In his own tongue, and not in garbled  
phrase  
Of whispered murmurs from an echoing  
wall?

And then the erstwhile prisoner is led  
Into the light of day and to behold  
All Nature in its proper guise and  
form;  
Yet he will seek the shadows first, and  
learn  
To know of them as cast by what is  
Real;  
Yet, for a little while, he will be loath  
To shun the shadows for Reality  
That seems to hold a threat, and ter-  
rifies. . . .

The Teacher paused again; then spoke  
anew:  
And in his time the neophyte will seek  
The Sun—the Source from whence all  
Wisdom comes;  
And on some eminence of lonely height  
Will face the Greater Glory, and be  
dazed  
By clearer vision of Reality. . . .  
And doubt that what he came to know  
as Truth  
Could be so well disguised in lesser  
light.  
For he will see the Sun to have its  
course  
Amid a galaxy of greater Suns, and  
learn  
The courses of the seasons and the  
stars. . . .  
And musing, he will think upon the  
scope  
Of former vision in the cavern's gloom,  
With eyes beguiled by fantasies of  
Truth;  
With ears that sought a soul-enlight-  
ening Word  
And heard but echoes of his own sur-  
mise. . . .  
And will he not give glory to the Light?  
And will he not give reverence to the  
Word?

### Love Does Not Die

by ROSA ZAGNONI MARINONI

I drank a toast to yesterday,  
I watched Love die, I crossed his hands,  
And placed him under ground,  
Then I stood watching in the night  
But heard no stir, or sound.  
"This is the end," I said, and went  
Down the gay lighted street.  
And danced on merry feet.  
But now, no matter where I walk  
Beneath the moon or sun,  
Beside my swaying shadow,  
There walks another one!

### Awakening

by BETTSY DAVIS

Love comes like the brush of a bird's  
soft wing,  
As floating petals adown the light  
wind,  
So beautifully and unexpectedly—  
Desire for someone's happiness,  
Without a thought of self or pain.  
Ah, great indeed the lover's gain.  
A world of poignant beauty rare,  
A world not seen with nicest care  
Where clouds do point with fingers  
white  
The myst'ry of the coming night,  
With star-dust trailing in her wake  
A rapture in Love's soul will make.  
All flow'rs their perfume give unbidden,  
And love's own secret here is hidd'n!

### Brotherhood

by MARIE BLACKMAN

When each can look upon the other,  
And see themselves disguised;  
When everyone can hatred smother,  
And hearts stand analyzed;  
When each can lend a helping hand  
And tenderness be born,  
When love is universal and  
In garb of faith is worn—  
When each can look at self and see  
The wisdom of God's plan,  
And find in others unity—  
That's Brotherhood of Man!

# WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU

## Series Success Vignette

By ELLEN NICHOLS

**W**HAT is the matter with you, or can it be possible that there is nothing the matter with you, which would be extraordinary, since there is usually something the matter with each and every one of us—and YOU are probably no exception to this rule. So I repeat: what IS the matter with you?

Are you suffering from an inferiority complex, or an unhappiness complex, or a poverty complex, or perhaps some other kind of complex that is not so easily located or described?

If you ARE—then something surely is the matter with you, and it surely should be looked into.

Are you willing to look into it with me?

Let's begin with a few pertinent questions: are you happy, healthy, successful, prosperous—or do you lack one or more or ALL of these life-necessities?

If you can answer YES to the first four questions you belong to the fortunate and infinitesimal minority; but if you belong to those who lack something or everything you belong to the overwhelming majority, and you are asked to answer this even more pertinent question: If you lack one or more or ALL of these life-attributes—WHY DO YOU LACK THEM?

Perhaps you'll say, as many have said, if I knew why I'd soon change my lack into prompt possession.

But would you—will you?

For, my friend, I'm going to give you a simple rule which will, if applied to your state of lack—no matter what it may be, change it into a gracious and satisfying plenty.

Now when I say that this rule, if followed, will change life-conditions, I mean exactly that. I don't mean that any half-hearted following will do it—any more than the half-hearted doing of anything will bring satisfactory results. You can't expect to loaf on a job and at the same time do the job well.

However, you CAN change your lack into plenty if you will do YOUR part; and the beauty of doing your part in this instance is that it is so very easy to do.

Now for the rule—here it is; and remember, that although it is very simple, it WORKS.

Let us suppose that your particular lack is caused by unhappiness that has been brought about by various unpleasant and undesired things. Begin the rule by telling yourself that you are HAPPY RIGHT NOW and that you LOVE everybody and everything that is connected with your life in any way.

Of course it is quite probable that according to all appearances, and according to your present feelings and beliefs you are NOT happy right now and you do NOT love every person and every condition that is connected with you, and you may even think it

foolish to tell yourself these things when you are convinced that they are untrue.

But, my friend, this rule doesn't require that you BELIEVE that you are happy right now or that you love everybody and everything right now: it doesn't require the impossible of you. The only thing it does require IS that you follow the rule by telling yourself with every bit of earnestness you can muster that you ARE HAPPY, and that you DO LOVE everybody and everything connected with you; and if you do this correctly, that is: if you tell yourself these things with GREAT EARNESTNESS, you are bound to forget your present unhappiness, and your present probable dislike of some people and some conditions, at the INSTANT OF TELLING YOURSELF THESE THINGS, and this is all that is required to begin with.

Talk to yourself about being happy and loving everybody and everything every time you think about it; and if you really want to change your present lack into the possession of plenty, you will think about it often. Talk aloud or to yourself as you prefer, or, as it is most convenient, only be sure to talk, and talk earnestly.

I shall not attempt to explain in this article why these talks to yourself about being HAPPY RIGHT NOW, and loving everybody and everything con-

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# SINCERITY OF PURPOSE

By PAUL JANS

**"INTELLECT"** is apt to misjudge the true spirit of a thing quicker than humility. "It" is a marvelous servant but a tyrant master, yet in neither case is it worth its salt without sincerity.

Sincerity may not always be absolute insurance against stupidity, yet it can generally afford to make more mistakes than sportive ridicule, gone blind and unforgiving.

The way of intellectualism is often a difficult approach to truth—for there are places where the mortal intellect cannot follow, and where it doesn't know, itself, when it is stuck.

The spirit of sincerity, though, is the most worthwhile thing to be sincere about even when life seems most like a bad dream or a nightmare. Sincerity can only be truly sincere with sincerity. Insincerity is ever the discontented cheat which robs itself of all but its discontent. That which is both sacred and free from bondage shall most surely lead away from the darkness of despair. Though the whole world may betray you shamefully, still endeavor to keep alive something sacred—for the

sanctity of the shrine of something sacred is the buoy of the soul despite all current waves of intoxication which rise from the stormy sea of jazz and despite the undercurrents of shallow gaiety playing upon the shoals of selfish self-indulgence.

Just as seaworthiness may keep us from becoming sick on a voyage in a choppy sea, sanctity of spirit may keep us from becoming heartsick, and furnish the everlasting power to guide us toward the lighthouse of intuition and across the ever-receding horizons of hope. And loyalty which insures against mutiny appears as but a short step from sincerity and a safe voyage through all obstacles.

Who takes unfair advantage of sincere souls attacks their own loyalty, or any hope of it, as well as their very own peace of mind.

It is easier to forgive even stupid sincerity than not to condemn adverse criticism—for the one leads us to an ultimate benediction, whereas the other points only to sorrow. But our supreme test is the ability to actually remain

sincere with ourselves even when we meet nothing but insincerity for a long stretch along the way, without wanting to hand someone else a lemon because another has handed us one. In not injuring another we may still be neutral in our relationship to the world—but if we are strong enough to "return evil with good" we have taken a positive stand to convert the world without using force and without having to mount the preacher's platform, or be regimented.

Sincerity of purpose, fear not! Flee not before the night—and your very steadfastness will eventually find the magic key which will open to you a new world as dawn follows darkness to turn night into day. Falter not though you may be both neglected and deceived by your fellows, for you are a worthy servant and as blessed as your elder brother, loyalty. Lean not too much—stand upright! and be weakened not by a dependence, outside self-confidence. In unselfish self-containment find your peace! And make no promises you cannot keep.

# God Necessarily Exists

By JACOB GOLDWASSER

IN THE December issue of the Occult Digest in the article "Immortality of the Body and the Soul" the writer stated:

"Every physicist must be a good mathematician. When we commence with Nothing, and then multiply Nothing by millions, the answer will be Nothing. We cannot commence with Nothing, then chaos, then Something. Something can never come from Nothing."

The above is further proven when our scientists are taken to the task of explaining the following: The material necessary for the many forms that were created, existed fully in the beginning. The scientist cannot explain where all the material came from and must admit that the full mount existed from the beginning. The next thing the scientist will have to admit is that the organizing power existed fully to organize all the forms, or else how can he explain where all the power came from? Next, the full Intelligence must be conceded and also if you please, the full experience. When one must make the earth before a fruit tree, a greater experience must exist, as it must when one constructs a skyscraper and later a bungalow. Therefore how wrong we must be when it is averred that the lesser things resulted because of experience. Therefore we must commence with the Complete thing. There was no ascendancy nor descendancy in the beginning.

Modern science, embittered in its vain attempt to forge through with many atheistic conceptions, presumes that its calculations can halt the on-rushing tides of truth. It then proclaims indignantly, "that man has not yet reached the complete stages of development and the complete thing has not as yet been achieved."

Man to-day can become more perfect, and he can also become less perfect. This leaves present man in the middle points. If man can go up and also go down, it is only because a complete cycle exists. What man can achieve in the higher spheres, he already was; what man can contribute in the lower scale of existence, he already became. The action of the lesser does not reveal the action of the greater, in the same manner as the idiot does not reveal the action of the two normal intelligent humans it came from. Also modern science is thoroughly trounced when it contends that the complete thing has not as yet been reached when we see everything coming to a state of dissolvment in this earth. Can such a condition exist in the process of ascendancy and could such a condition exist in the beginning?

Forever and anon, we behold a perfect factor penetrating the form of man. Objects of any description at times feel cold and at times feel warm. Something is penetrating every object, every moment. The powerful gases that exist in the ether generate heat and cold, and these perfect gases are capable of penetrating all imperfect objects. An imperfect object cannot penetrate another imperfect object and we have the perfect thing, penetrating every imperfect object. Universal Intelligence then made every part flexible, to live together, to live separately, become inflated, deflated, etc., to conform with every condition that may arise.

You can take your mind to the tropics and back in a fraction of a second. In a fraction of a second the human mind travels thousands of miles. You can take your mind to the moon and back and the mileage is increased in the same fraction of a second and this is not the limit. Precisely can we take our minds back one thousand years, one million years, one billion years, and where, or where, is the limit?

We hear the echo from our scientists that "the human mind is incapable of going back to a beginning." If that is so, then our scientists are incapable of going back one million years.

Perceptions and conceptions must necessarily exist in all branches and in all fields, in the science of man. Greater depth and greater vision were incorporated in some advanced sciences dealing with specialized audiences. A few independent biologists are now writing a new science of man and from these works a real science of man will be born in the future. The convictions and conceptions of these newer thoughts can only invite the ridicule of the world and indeed opposition is met within their own ranks. Stirring invectives are hurled from contemporaries, from colleagues, from other branches in the science of man, and strange to say, these men themselves are the victims of perceptions and conceptions, and as in one autocratic, powerful body, deceptions.

Cause and effect, action and re-action exist in every minute particle, in every being, in every globe, in every star, in the moon, the sun, etc. From the Cause came primary effects, from the primary effects came subsequent effects and from them ultimate effects. The Cause is and must be the equal to it all. When we speak of the Cause, we mean the beginning. Our scientists are guilty of this very thing. They complain that the human mind is incapable of perceiving. Every effect is a part of the Cause (God) and every effect is in God as the Cause had to produce every effect that must be in the Cause.

Therefore God exists in every human, every beast, every blade of grass.

If we cannot speak about the beginning, we must stop speaking about the Cause, which is the beginning. The human eye can only see a few effects actually, and must perceive many effects that are invisible, and can never know exactly what the Cause is, and therefore must know nothing. No effect, however, could come from the Cause unless the Cause was complete. The complete thing exists and a thing never was not. Therefore the beginning (God) and the effect exists in every part, everywhere.

Now we must admit that greater effects, bring lesser effects, and the effects which we are, were greater effects at one time. The lesser always comes from the greater.

The thing that organizes the material had to be in existence before the material. If our scientists proceed to develop the material they must proceed to develop the thing that organizes the material and this you will admit is impossible.

Perfection existed at one time and this means that the beings and the environment were perfect. What could become imperfect first? Does man possess the power to make favorable material, unfavorable? A perfect environment, imperfect? What vicious cycle must exist in the ether and in the bowels of the earth? Who is responsible for this vicious cycle and because we have the necessary phenomena of action and re-action, does the thing come back and hit us in the face? Think! Are the corrections from this vicious cycle, the ills that humanity must suffer because of its own vices? Think again. The old sages said wisely, "Man is responsible for all."

It is said that "Man is born from God." Many deny this doctrine. If man were not born from God, why is God so inefficient to-day? Why was not the third, fourth and billionth produced like the second? What generates in man that must exist within him first, before he gathers anything from the other? Did we not have to breathe first before we took anything from ether? Is not this phenomena traceable to some other form of life, back into the infinite, revealing that man was born from God? That Life existed from the beginning and that Life always was? God necessarily exists, by the fact that His Essence, is in each and every part—we cannot deny it.

*If we make ourselves contented with things as they are, things that please us will grow and things that displease us will disappear.—Ella E. Danelson.*

# The Secrets of Handwriting Revealed

## THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS

By KNUTE O. HOLM—*Certified Grapho-Analyst*

ALTHOUGH muscular co-ordination is very necessary no one any longer doubts the statement that thought is the force behind all action. The more forceful the thoughts are the more definite will be the actions that follow. Persons who think weak and indefinite thoughts are undecided in their actions, and as a result they are too easily influenced by circumstances or by other people. When this is the case such an individual very often develops some trait such as obstinacy as a sort of self protection against others.

However, there is one very important point that must be considered and this is that it is not with the whole brain that a person thinks. The average individual uses only a small portion of this major center that he or she has developed for some particular purpose. This is one reason why many scientists or other men and women who specialize in certain branches become eccentric. They develop one or more parts of their brain through which their particular interests operate at the expense of the rest. The result is that they lose interest in many other things outside of their own line of endeavor. Some specialists have been known to lose all taste for music. Others become social failures because they do not care to mingle with anyone except those engaged in their own field, while others become woefully deficient in mathematics or something else that is outside their own interests. So, while a man or woman may be highly efficient in his or her own field the same persons may be at a loss how to act or what to do in connection with something else simply because their thoughts have not operated sufficiently through certain channels.

Assuming, then, that the writing of a person proves that he has a highly analytical brain and a mind for figures. At the same time the condition of the loops below the line disclose the fact that he is not of a very sociable nature. He may like people and be of a friendly disposition but he is not a good mixer. This always shows in the slant of the strokes and the condition of the writing. Such a person would make a good auditor, comptroller or professor of mathematics. However, no matter how efficient he would be in his work he would never be a social success. He could always be depended upon as far as facts and figures are concerned but in mingling with others, especially strangers, he would be almost a total loss. The reason for this is that such people develop that part of their brain that handles figures and everything pertaining to calculations to the detriment of their sociability.

By the way of contrast let us next consider a person who has no head at all for figures but is a good mixer of

the happy-go-lucky type. In instances of this kind the loops below the line are larger and the formation of the letter "n" lacks the exactitude of the analytical and precise person. Many times the letters run out of their regular formation and the writing has a straggly appearance. The condition of the script proves such a person is active and as a rule they go rapidly from one thing to the next.

Very often the "m" discloses the fact that they are not very particular and the "i" may show that they overlook details. It all points to one thing and that is their desire to get matters done. The crossing of the letter "t" may show that they wait a while before they undertake a task but when they have done so they keep at it until they are through. While persons of this type sometimes are inclined to be thoughtless because they are in such a rush they are also honest. This, of course, always shows in the formation of the "a" or the "o".

Where the analytical and precise person thinks in terms of exactitude the physically energetic person thinks in terms of action and generalities. These different ways of thought influence the action and the writing of the individual in question. The former is accurate in details, the latter is not.

In the first paragraph we mentioned people who think weak and indefinite thoughts. Indefiniteness in thinking is always disclosed in the condition of the letters. The strokes are not strong and there is no force disclosed in them. This is simply because the individual in question lacks mental driving power. Such persons are seldom if ever forceful in action or in their association with other people. Their personality suffers and they follow the lead of more energetic individuals.

Indecision is another indication of indefinite thinking. This weakness is always disclosed in the formation of the base line and the condition of the finals. Such an individual is of an unsettled nature. More often than not the mind of such a person swings from one thing to another without forming any positive ideas concerning matters in general. This in itself is bad enough but what makes matters worse is that people often take advantage of persons who are weaker than they are. As a result people who are indefinite in their thoughts often develop a streak of stubbornness in order to protect themselves from others. This negative trait is to be found in the formation of the letter "t" although it may also be disclosed in the letter "h" and also in the "e".

That stubbornness is a form of thought that influences the action of the person concerned is something that has been found to be true by many. When this trait is very strong the individual in question often refuses to budge

either way regardless of right or wrong.

However, when a person is capable of strong and forceful thinking it is very much different. The letters in themselves may sometimes run out of their regular formation, but when they do the finals will be strong enough to prove that the individual concerned is capable of entertaining forceful thoughts. This also shows in the strokes themselves. Such a person is definite in his actions. He knows what he wants and forms his own ideas in regard to matters in which he takes an interest.

Because he is of a positive nature he does not change his mind when others disagree with him. He is prepared to defend whatever ideas he may have and as a rule he is in a position to explain his viewpoint. This is not due to stubbornness but to positiveness that is either natural or has been developed by practice and effort. People of this type are energetic and give the impression of being resourceful. The base line brings out the fact that he is decisive and he is capable of directing his thoughts.

Many persons are direct in their thinking and as a result go at a problem in a definite manner. When they are going to do anything they want to go at it without a fuss or unnecessary ado. This often shows in the formation of the letter "t" especially when this is the initial letter on a word. Very often such persons are of a thoughtful and serious nature. Trivialities and boisterousness goes against them and they spend much time in meditation and reflection. Some of these traits are disclosed in the crossing of the "t" and the formation of the "n". The capital letters also help to establish the characteristics brought out in this paragraph.

As a rule the class of persons discussed in the foregoing paragraph are of the mental type. Their mind is occupied with intellectual pursuits that do not require much physical effort. As a matter of fact many an individual of the intellectual type uses his or her mind in order to avoid that which requires physical activity. They do not want to use their muscles any more than they feel is absolutely necessary. Sometimes this disinclination for physical action is carried to a point where it weakens the muscular system.

Where the writing shows the individual actually has a liking for physical action it is very much different, however. Such persons do not think along intellectual lines or that which requires constant mental application. Their interests lie along lines that differ altogether from the mental type. Their mind is in the outdoors; in sports or

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Elbert Benjamin

BECAUSE illness and affliction so frequently burden the life of man we have a right to expect that those who formulated the spiritual doctrines of the past, which were intended to explain the significance of events and how to take advantage of them, should have commented on these tribulations in their symbolic writing in the sky.

It is true that the constellation Virgo, and the story of the punishment of Eve for partaking of the tree of experience which conferred knowledge, set forth in sufficient detail the advantages of material incarnation with its variegated contacts, including labor and displeasures. But it would seem that trials and pain were sufficiently important in the lives of most, that they should receive more explicit mention; and this they do, for the last decanate of the harvest sign gives them vivid portrayal.

Let us in imagination place ourselves in the position of those who drew the pictured figures in the heavens, and consider that they had in mind the intention of symbolizing in most fitting fashion the tribulations which beset most lives. First of all, the most appropriate section of the zodiac must be chosen, and in making this selection the tenets of astrological practice would be consulted.

Virgo in a natural birth-chart rules the house that governs not only work, but also illness and servitude, the most common afflictions of human life. When the Sun is in this sign it is moving toward the Autumnal Equinox where days and nights are equal, and after crossing which the forces of death prevail and the nights become longer than the days. The forces of Light are still triumphant while the sun remains in any part of Virgo, but the closer the Sun draws to the next sign, Libra, the weaker becomes the power of Day and the more Night is able to inflict its encroaching power of evil upon the solar waning strength.

The last decanate of Virgo, therefore, where the Sun may be found from September 13 to September 23, is the most appropriate place in all the zodiac to represent the afflictions to which man is heir, and his persecution at the hand

# Job Finally Learned to Triumph Over Tribulation

By ELBERT BENJAMINE

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of fate. The writer of Revelation seems to have recognized this when he speaks of the pain accompanying birth on the physical plane, commencing the 12th chapter, thus: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Having selected the place of tribulation in the zodiac, if it were desired to indicate that the proper attitude toward such afflictions would adequately be rewarded, the next step in starry portrayal would be the selection of some object significant of high honors attained. A crown is such an object, used throughout the ages as a reward for victory or a mark of distinction. And thus was it used to denote the triumph over the afflictions symbolically associated with this last decanate of the summer signs.

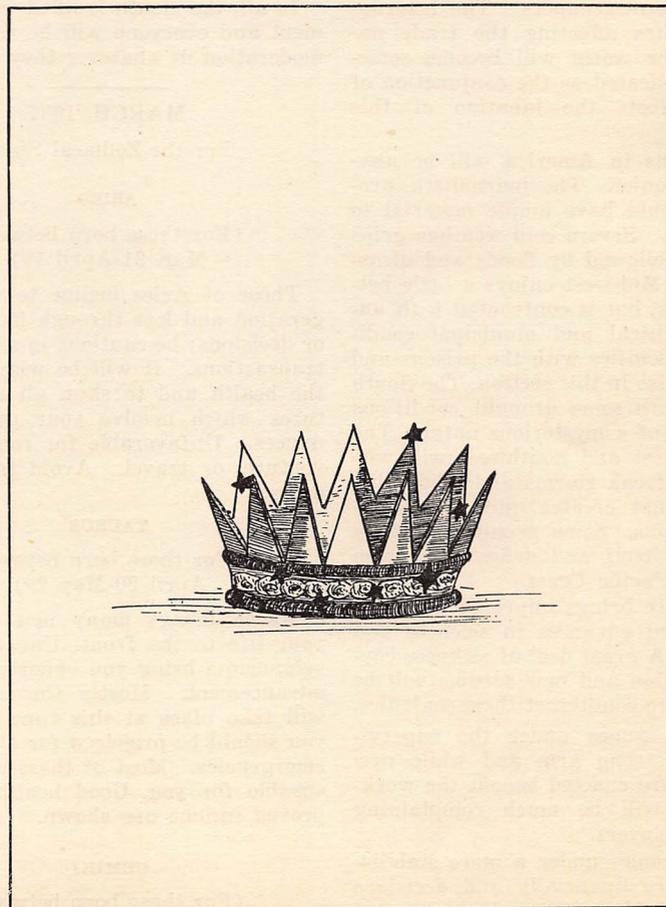
Bearing in mind that the Sun takes just ten days to pass through this

decanate of tribulations, pictured by a crown, not of twelve stars as poetically expressed by St. John the Divine, but of twelve iron spikes, it would be difficult to explain the significance of this section of the zodiac, or the ancient teachings regarding it, more concisely than he did in Revelation, 2:10:

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

It is unnecessary here more than merely to point out that the Sun each year dies on the Autumnal Cross of Libra, even as the Son of Man gave up His life on Calvary; or that preceding this far-reaching tragedy the gentle Nazarine was vilely persecuted and made to wear a crown of thorns, of sim-

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## WORLD OUTLOOK

March, 1937

The planetary aspects ruling this month incline to a great deal of confusion throughout the world. Most every nation will be confronted with problems that are grave in their appearance and will create a great deal of public comment with brazen headlines in the newspapers. The International affairs affecting the trade nations of the world will become somewhat complicated as the conjunction of Saturn affects the lunation of this month.

Conditions in America will be anything but quiet. The journalistic profession should have ample material to work from. Severe cold weather grips the East followed by floods and disasters. The Mid-west enjoys a little better weather, but is confronted with unsettled political and municipal conditions. Difficulties with the prisons and asylums arise in this section. The South is faced with some drought conditions and illness of a mysterious nature. The extreme West and Southwest will witness some freak storms and other phenomenon that creates quite a stir in those sections. Some peculiar mystery propounds itself and defies a solution along the Pacific Coast.

The month brings unprecedented discoveries and advances in sciences and medicine. A great deal of sickness covers the nation and new serums will be discovered to counteract these maladies.

Industry comes under the supervision of a strong arm and while new laws that are enacted benefit the workers there will be much complaining among employers.

Europe comes under a more stabilizing influence financially and decisions of the Central powers relieve a great deal of tension that has existed. Disasters at sea. Accidents in transportation will be common. Airlines will do

well to observe all of the safety rules known to aviation. Railroads will benefit by refusing to put into effect faster passenger schedules at this time.

The Far East is torn between domestic and International entanglements. There is constant bickering in that part of the world, but no serious developments. Tidal waves affect some parts of the Far East.

In all, the month is filled with excitement and everyone will be wise to use moderation in whatever they do.

## MARCH, 1937

For the Zodiacal Signs

## ARIES

(For those born between  
Mar. 21-April 19)

Those of Aries incline toward exaggeration and loss through hasty moves or decisions; be cautious in all personal transactions. It will be wise to guard the health and to shun all risky ventures which involve your personal finances. Unfavorable for romance, adventure, or travel. Avoid traffic accidents.

## TAURUS

(For those born between  
April 20-May 20)

March brings many new things in your life to the front. Unexpected developments bring you opportunities for advancement. Mostly the unexpected will take place at this time, therefore you should be prepared for all kinds of emergencies. Most of these will be favorable for you. Good health and improved income are shown.

## GEMINI

(For those born between  
May 21-June 21)

This month brings you in the Gemini family into productive conditions which

have been evading you in the recent weeks. Now you will forge ahead with your personal desires. A trip seems to loom on the horizon and you will be making hasty plans. Favors from someone surprise you. Your health and finances seem to be of the best.

## CANCER

(For those born between  
June 22-July 22)

There is nothing in this month which would be worth mentioning of an adverse nature if you were not of the nervous type. Only minor vexations occur in your personal affairs. Mostly the month is progressive, healthful and adventurous. News of illness reaches you from a distance. You are making plans for a trip next month.

## LEO

(For those born between  
July 23-Aug. 22)

Go ahead with everything—let nothing hold you back. Release the pent-up energy that is typical of your sign and get something worth while accomplished. Family affairs and friendships take up a great deal of your time now. Generally speaking, your health, finances, home life, etc., are of the very best this month.

## VIRGO

(For those born between  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The only redeeming aspect you have is Venus going into Taurus. This stabilizes the unsettlement caused by the fluctuating of your ruling planet, Mercury, through three of the Zodiacal signs. Force yourself to be patient. Conquer an annoying restlessness. Prevent accidents and do not start any trips. Avoid entering all arguments.

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# Personal Astrological Daily Guide

## Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

MARCH, 1937

- G:** Capital G means a very good day. Ask favors, seek work, sign papers, promote your affairs, take trips, advertise, make friends, investigate, attend to everything of importance. Go places and do things.
- g:** Small g means a slightly good day. On these days attend to usual routine, make offers, entertain company, visit, write letters, send telegrams, take short trips, improve your personal affairs. Buy things, sell and invest.
- A:** Capital A means an adverse day. On these days use care and caution in all dealings, avoid accidents, losses, thefts, and guard your health. Also be careful of misunderstandings and engage in no arguments. Take no risks or chances.
- a:** Small a means a slightly adverse day. On these days attend only to necessary duties, strive to keep cheerful, avoid hurts and wounds, make haste slowly and seek dependable advice before acting. Avoid domestic inharmony.
- D:** Capital D means a doubtful day. Quite likely on these days several alternate good and adverse influences prevail and you should be discreet in all activities. Do not take too much for granted—don't be too sure. Postpone things.
- N:** Capital N means a Neutral day. On this day the influences are equally balanced, therefore it is not a very important day. Go about your usual affairs with usual prudence and it will be a successful but uneventful day.
- C:** Capital C means a Critical day. On these days you should be unusually careful and cautious in everything. Be sure to avoid accidents, sudden losses, explosions, falls, hurts, cuts and bruises. Undertake NOTHING important.
- F:** Forenoon of this day is good, but the afternoon is adverse; therefore the A.M. should be considered as G and the P.M. as A.
- P:** Afternoon is good but the forenoon is adverse. Therefore the day should be considered as A in A.M. and G in P.M.
- E:** This letter will be used in combination with other letters and pertains to the Evening of any day when the Evening influences differ from the influences of the rest of the day. A letter E added to any day means the evening is good for romance, pleasure seeking, amusements, visiting, short trips and general recreations.
- V:** This letter will also be used in combination with other letters

For those whose birthdays occur between:	Mar. 21—Apr. 19	Apr. 20—May 20	May 21—June 21	June 22—July 22	July 23—Aug. 22	Aug. 23—Sept. 22	Sept. 23—Oct. 22	Oct. 23—Nov. 21	Nov. 22—Dec. 21	Dec. 22—Jan. 19	Jan. 20—Feb. 19	Feb. 20—Mar. 20
Date	Ari.	Tau.	Gem.	Can.	Lec.	Vir.	Lib.	Scor.	Sag.	Cap.	Aqu.	Pis.
1	GV	aE	GV	aE	gV	NE	DV	NE	gV	aE	gV	aE
2	A	g	a	G	A	G	a	D	N	G	A	g
3	A	g	a	G	A	G	a	D	N	G	A	g
4	g	a	G	A	g	A	G	A	D	N	G	a
5	g	a	G	A	g	A	G	A	D	N	G	a
6	gV	aE	GV	AE	gV	AE	GV	AE	DV	NE	GV	aE
7	A	G	a	G	A	g	a	G	A	D	N	g
8	A	G	a	G	A	g	a	G	A	D	N	g
9	G	a	G	A	G	a	g	A	G	a	D	N
10	G	a	G	A	G	a	g	A	G	a	D	N
11	A	g	a	g	A	G	a	g	A	g	a	D
12	N	g	a	g	A	G	a	g	A	g	a	D
13	D	N	G	A	g	a	G	A	g	a	G	a
14	D	N	G	A	g	a	G	A	g	a	G	a
15	a	D	N	G	a	g	a	G	a	g	a	g
16	A	D	N	g	a	g	a	g	a	g	A	g
17	G	a	D	N	G	a	G	a	G	a	g	A
18	G	a	D	N	G	a	G	a	G	a	g	A
19	gV	aE	DV	NE	GV	aE	gV	aE	GV	aE	gV	aE
20	A	g	a	D	N	g	a	G	a	g	a	G
21	A	g	a	D	N	g	a	G	a	g	a	G
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23	g	a	G	A	D	N	G	A	g	a	G	a
24	a	g	a	g	a	D	N	g	a	g	a	g
25	a	g	a	g	a	D	N	g	a	g	a	g
26	G	a	g	A	G	a	D	N	G	a	g	A
27	G	a	g	A	G	a	D	N	G	a	g	A
28	g	a	g	a	g	a	D	N	g	a	g	a
29	A	G	a	g	A	g	a	D	N	G	a	G
30	a	G	A	G	A	g	a	D	N	g	A	g
31	g	a	G	A	g	a	G	a	D	N	g	A

**DIRECTIONS:** First find the column which includes your birthday, then look down that column of letters until you come to the date of the month you wish (given at the left). After securing the key-letter for that date refer to the Gallery of Letters to find out the indications for that day. When more than one letter is given for any day look up both letters for that day and govern yourself accordingly.

This is a Daily Guide for each Zodiacal Sign for the present month.

when the evening hours differ from the rest of the day. The letter V added to any day means the evening is adverse for risks or ventures and it is best to remain at home and engage only in quiet recreations with friends or family.

Remember that when a day is marked G it is good for most all progressive things, even though they might not be mentioned in the paragraph. Remember that a day marked A is adverse for most all progressive things, even though they are not mentioned in the paragraph.

# Why "Planetary" Numerology?

BE READY

By PERRY SUITS

WHAT you are determines your course in life, your ultimate destination and the attendant circumstances you will experience. Will you go onward boldly, fearlessly, with your head up, eyes bright and challenging, step firm, with erect mien, confidently expecting success and happiness? To go thus opens doors of opportunity, fast barred or entirely concealed from the view of one who is downcast, fearful or in any way lacking in positivity.

"Knowledge is Power," but so surely as this is a well known fact, so is its opposite, **IGNORANCE IS WEAKNESS**. Before you may lay the outcropping of a rich vein of ore which would bring you the realization of your most extravagant dreams, nearby may be the prospector's hammer or pick which would crack wide the drab outcrop to expose its richness, but you do not know how to recognize what is before you so that for you this wonderful richness might be said not to exist.

What you are is only effective to the extent of the range of knowledge and belief, conscious or otherwise, which you possess. You may, and undoubtedly do, possess potential talent and powers which would lift you well out of the rut you are traveling, or perhaps make a streamlined, deeply upholstered vehicle for traversing the same rut if that were best for you, but you must believe in, recognize and develop such powers before they can be of service and thus become an active part of what you are.

You will observe that knowledge is needed in two ways: first, the knowledge of the possession of a particular talent or latent ability; second, the knowledge of how to put that latent ability into action. Not until both of these points of knowledge are fully possessed does the latent ability become part of what you are.

The next thing to consider is how will you become aware of the latent powers which can change your life and circumstances. To get a better understanding of this subject let us consider some of the facts pertaining to the forces that stamp their characteristics on the plastic matter which is the brain of an infant at the moment of birth.

The part of the human brain which is used in conscious thinking is a mass of cells which constitute a sort of galvanic battery. This generates electrical impulses or waves of varying lengths and intensity of vibration. Confirmation of these statements is at hand in a clipping from a recent edition of a newspaper which tells of experiments by eminent scientists on the brains of both

humans and monkeys with a sensitive instrument which not only made a record of these waves of electrical energy, but also showed that the waves varied according to the degree of concentration or emotion.

The brains of a few people are syntonized, or in perfect sympathy. Others can be brought into such a state of sympathy as is sometimes found in telepathic communication. Still others can be harmonized only in part and yet others are violently opposed.

The position of the Planets at the birth of an individual determines the talents, latent ability and dominant characteristics of the individual, because the cells comprising the galvanic battery spring into activity in response to the pattern of the heavens or set of vibrations which is in operation at that moment. It almost invariably transpires that one planet is in a position which causes it to dominate.

Various parts of the brain are given to the different types of faculty. Thus Saturn rules the Devotional group, ideality, reverence or veneration, philosophical speculation, etc. Mars rules the Self-Care group, self-defense, executive action, destructiveness. Venus rules the Sentimental Group, friendship, loyalty, home-making, harmony. Mercury rules the Intellectual faculties, reason, perception, memory, comparison. Jupiter controls the Sympathetic group, benevolence, imitation, wit, generosity, suavity. The Sun rules the Governing faculties, firmness, conscientiousness, self esteem, love of acclaim. The Moon rules the Instinctual group, conjugality, love of life, amativeness, love of offspring.

Now when a Planet is dominant at birth the child will be given a definite trend in the affairs of life according to the tract of the brain and particular group of faculties ruled by that planet. Should it be Mercury, for instance, the child will be swayed in life by the intellect and all that pertains to intellect or stirs and appeals to that tract of the brain to which Mercury is allied. More than this is involved, however, for let us suppose another planet were in conjunction with Mercury at that moment then the intellect would find expression through the group of faculties controlled by the planet or luminary with which the dominant planet was conjoined.

Properly speaking, you may say these facts are in the realm of Astrology, and truly they are, but you must bear in mind that Planetary Numerology is based upon Astrological facts and merely narrows these facts down to a somewhat finer focus on the life of an individual.

Therefore, to determine the potential powers and dominant faculties of an individual it is only needful to consider the Numerical Symbols of the planets as contained in the birthdate. These symbols properly dealt with yield a wealth of information concerning the rich storehouse of mental and moral equipment, most of which is unused and even unsuspected, given at birth to each individual.

Having thus found the dominant influence of your nature you will be able to see in what general direction the natural powers at your command can be most effectually used **WHEN YOU HAVE DEVELOPED THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO THAT TRADE, PROFESSION, OR AVOCATION**, for, as illustrated by the example of the unrecognized outcrop of rich ore, unless you are ready with a detailed knowledge of the subject you will not grasp such an opportunity when it presents itself and may never even know how close to affluence you stood.

Suppose the dominant influence shows in the birth data as Five (Mercury), and that this was conjoined with Seven (Moon Positive), in this case you should deal with the public in a scientific, commercial or educational capacity. You will readily see that to deal with numbers of people as a doctor, dentist, druggist, lecturer or similar profession requires a period of training and study. Lesser ways of contacting the populace are as salesman, store clerk, proprietor of a small business, restaurant, concession, etc.

If instead of Positive Moon, Mercury conjoined Mars (Nine), the trend of mind would be toward pioneering in scientific and commercial fields. Each individual has a somewhat different make-up. Planetary Numerology shows **WHAT YOU ARE** and also the **POSSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPING** what you are in the **MOST SUCCESSFUL MANNER**.

What you are is reflected in your environment at any given moment. Changing what you are necessarily changes circumstances and environment. Realizing fear and its graduated forms of worry, dismay, disease and depression, circumscribes, restricts and shuts opportunity's doors. When this is present, and the numbers show it clearly, what you are is very disadvantageous. Success, or its reverse, starts with **YOURSELF**.

Until the planetary vibrations, as revealed by their symbols, are adjusted

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Alice Denton Jennings

# Practical Lessons in Palmistry for the Lay Reader

By ALICE DENTON JENNINGS

*(Author's Note — In these talks the word "child" is being used throughout, meaning, of course, young children of both sexes, as well as men and women who may be dissatisfied with their present vocation in life. The use of the term is merely for convenience and to prevent verbiage.)*

## The Mounts

THE fleshy pads of flesh located on the different parts of the hand, one being under each finger, one at the base or the root of the thumb, and two at the percussion or outside parts of the hand are called "Mounts."

The names of the mounts are Jupiter, Saturn, Apollo (sometimes called Sun) Mercury, Mars, Luna (sometimes called Moon) and Venus.

The names applied to the different mounts do not necessarily mean any direct connection with the planets of those names, but these names have been used for thousands of years and the characteristics assigned to them do not contradict the influences said to be given off by the planets. Definite qualities have been associated so long with the names of planets, that their mere mention recalls them, therefore the terms are used to simplify qualities that it is desired to describe. In this connection, I wish to say that I do not for one moment deny that there may be a connection, and a great one between the two, but I do not wish to consider it in conjunction with this study of the hand, which I believe to be, in every way, complete within itself.

The scheme of evolution for humanity as we at present understand it, is that in the beginning seven distinct types of people were first created. Each of these types represented certain qualities, certain aptitudes, certain virtues and certain faults. A combination of the qualities represented in these types was necessary for the harmonious operation of the universe.

The "mount types" indicate the particular direction in which the inherent forces and energies are best used to bring about the most useful results. The first aim, therefore, in examining the mounts is to find which is the strongest one. Whichever it may be,

it will show that the qualities of that mount type are the leading ones. More often than not, a hand will have two mounts equally developed, and in such cases there will be a combination of the two types represented by the mount. To determine which is the stronger of the two mounts, if one of them has a deep vertical line on it or is harder or redder than the other, this will be the leading mount and the characteristics of that mount will predominate.

The mount of Jupiter is located at the base of the index finger and when deficient indicates a cold, self centered nature, a want of dignity and often a lack of self-respect. When full, the indications are of an ambitious nature, noble desires, much generosity and love of religion. When excessive, the indications are of a superstitious nature, exaggerated pride and much self esteem. Thus its virtues are: natural religion, ambition, generosity and refinement. Its failings are: selfishness, idleness, want of dignity.

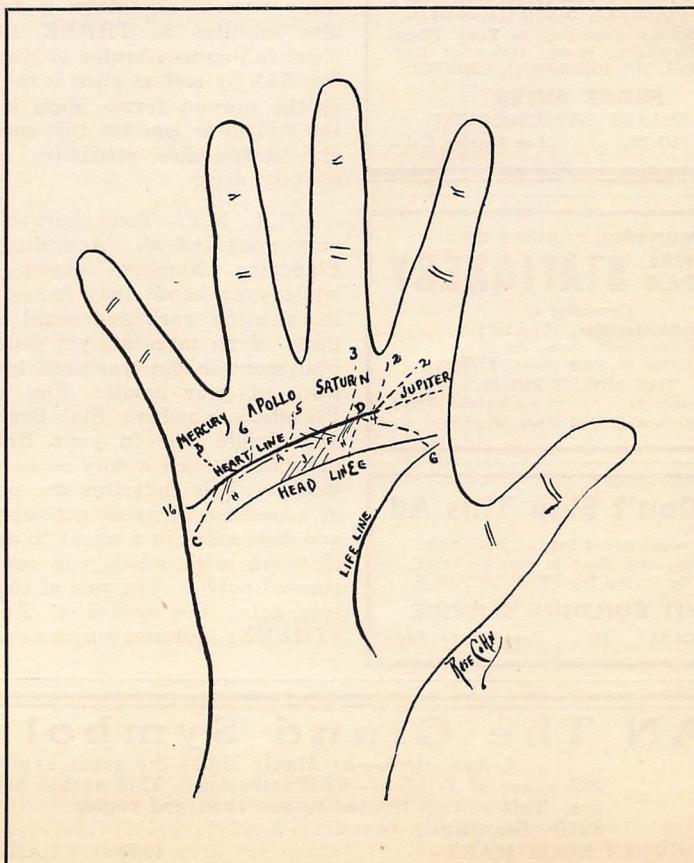
The mount of Saturn is located at the base of the second finger and when deficient the indications are that the individual will lead a rather insignificant life. He will take life as he finds it, doing little to change conditions either one way or the other. When full, the indications are of prudence

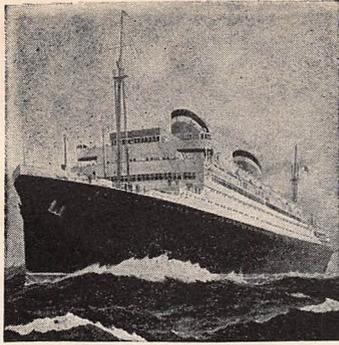
and wisdom, a nature grave and sensitive. When excessive the indications are of a melancholy outlook, one who has a persistent dread of the after life. Thus its virtues are: prudence and reliability. Its failings: fear of consequences and indecision.

The mount of Apollo or Sun is located at the base of the third finger, and when deficient the indications are of a deficiency of artistic ideas and tastes, no desire for adornment, a nature tending more to materialism than to anything high or ethereal. When full, the indications are of love of music, art, literature of a pictorial order, one who loves beauty, perfection, also the applause of the world. When excessive, the indications are more toward a tendency to do anything for the sake of applause or popularity. Thus its virtues are: refinement, courtesy, love of art. Its failings: frivolity and unreliability.

The mount of Mercury is located at the base of the fourth or little finger and when deficient indicates a rather low development of intellect, little capacity for science or literature. Such a one is likely to lead a rather dull, negative existence. When full, the indications are for love of change, a

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F.E. Penna.—Your name vibration is influenced by the Symbol of Sun Negative (the Number FOUR) which shows material possessions, ability to recognize opportunity, gives the nature a practical side, makes for material-mindedness, caution and thrift.

Your birth data shows considerable artistic ability, but there is a Moon Positive, (number SEVEN) and Saturn, (number EIGHT) conjunction which shows delay in experiencing much benefit through this channel. Summed up, your birth vibration answers to the Symbol of Mars (number NINE) showing energy, keen mind, the pioneering spirit; and if not careful might cause one to be quarrelsome.

A.M.C., Wis.—I certainly believe you will work hard this year of 1937 for I see that characteristic in your birth vibration indicated by the number FOUR, which is allied to the Negative Sun and gives the nature a hard working practical side which might become opportunistic and too material minded but for the fact that Jupiter, indicated by the number THREE, is also present in the birth data giving a more noble, generous and expansive viewpoint. Your present signature is fine as it also vibrates to THREE (Jupiter). Your full name vibrates to Mars (number NINE) and as such is not so good as the present form. Mars is energy, the will to action, but this can emphasize undesirable attributes and frequently does.

L.G.K., N.Y.—Your chart of birth is very good indeed. According to the Planetary Numbers shown therein, while your hands may indeed be deft in scientific work and could easily be those of an inventor, yet your mental equipment should transcend by far the work of your hands. You have the Planetary numbers Six, Seven, Five and Triple One in your Birth data grouped in such a way as to work together. This indicates the possibility of a position of great authority, honor and distinction in a scientific and artistic work with which you contact the general public. The sum of these numbers being the symbol of Jupiter, (THREE) indicates success and a wide

scope of operation. I was not conducting this column at the time you mentioned. However, if you are confident of your knowledge and ability in the line of study you mentioned, why not get, from a business directory, the names and addresses of all firms in that line and systematically offer your services, either by letter or in person, and be quite certain in your inner self that there is a place for one who has a specialized service to sell.

M.A.W., Ill.—The year 1937 indicates fulfillment of ambitions for those of your birthdate. If your present position can fill that designation it would be well for you to stay with it. If, however, it does not satisfy you do not hesitate to look for something better. Be confident. Your numbers indicate a keen wit, literary, artistic or dramatic talent, energy and ability to assume responsible positions. Good equipment, indeed. Success should be for you, but this would be facilitated by the use of the initial "A" rather than the full middle name.

J.H.W., Ill.—Your name is very good when written out in full. It is better that way than to use it with the first and middle names as initials. Your numbers indicate ability to promote large business interests affecting many people. You could be an orator. You are inclined to travel and you possess the critical faculty to a large degree.

L.B.S., Tex.—Your birth has the vibration of Three, the symbol of Jupiter, and your name vibration is Nine, the symbol of Mars. With this combination it is probable that what your husband terms "not commercial minded" is not lack of ability to gain money but rather a lack of the faculty of accumulating it. Yours is a generous nature. This can be altered somewhat by not using the middle initial of your name. This will tend to cause you to accumulate more and will give you distinction of personality.

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M.R., Ind.—Not this year. Better opportunity next year.

E.C.S., Texas—You have ability for several real things you could do. You can make use of your education. It is a real asset.

M.B., Minn.—Your question was answered and no other change is indi-

cated. Just hold what you have and await change.

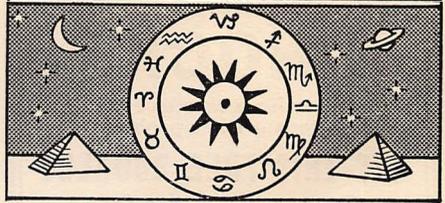
K., Mich.—The union of the two souls you mention would be very successful from all points of view. There need be no hesitation.

G.E.B., Ohio—Changes for the better are evident and your one wish will be granted when you least expect it and from an old acquaintance.

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## Practical Palmistry — (Continued from page 21)

desire for excitement, together with eloquence, cheerfulness and activity. When excessive, the indications are of impudence and falsehood, also a love of gain regardless of the means employed. Thus its virtues are activity, adaptability, quickness, promptness. Its failings are: deception, changeability, impulse and often dishonesty.

There are two mounts of Mars, one located on the percussion of the hand below the mount of Mercury and the other below the mount of Jupiter. When deficient, the indications are of a cowardly spirit, a want of self control, an inability to either take the lead or initiative or to govern others.

When full, the indications are of courage, passive resistance and resolution. There is ability to lead and command, together with ability and enthusiasm in all undertakings. The mount of Mars located under the mount of Mercury and sometimes called upper Mars, indicates passive courage. The mount of Mars located under the mount of Jupiter, and sometimes called lower Mars, indicates active courage or aggression. Where excessive and spreading out into the center of the hand, the indications are of defiance, one violent, cruel and insulting. This formation tends to make the individual hot blooded and impetuous, and unless these tendencies are controlled by other indications of the hand, there is often sensuality and tyranny. Thus its virtues are: courage, decision, energy and enthusiasm. Its failings: defiance, harshness, cruelty and tyranny.

The mount of Moon is located at the base of the thumb, sometimes called the root of the thumb. This mount is separated from the mount of Mars by the extreme end of the middle line or line of head, going across the hand and reaches to the center of the hand at the base of the hand, but does not enter the hollow of the palm. This mount is bordered by the line of life but does not extend into the base of the thumb.

When deficient, the indications are of absence of poetical tastes and imagination, a dreamy, sentimental nature, love of mystery. There is often intuitive perception, reliability in dreams and presentiments. However, there is not much power of expression and little self reliance. Where excessive, the in-

dications are of irritability, caprice, a morbid outlook, and often fanatical imagination.

Such a one would often take pleasure in mournful and painful thoughts. There would be a sort of half mad joy in cherishing pain and woes. Thus, its virtues are meditation, emotional sympathy, intuition, tenderness. Its failings, irritability, love of change.

The mount of Venus is the root or lower part of the thumb on the palm side of the hand. It is enclosed by the line of life running around its base.

When deficient, the indications are of a sordid, mean nature, with no taste and often an absolute dislike of the opposite sex. There is little life force or vitality. When full, the indications are for love of beauty, music, dancing, a tender, affectionate nature. It bespeaks love of pleasure and a benevolent nature, one desirous of giving pleasure to others, a love for society. Where excessive, there is usually a fondness for material and sensual pleasure, a nature often given to debauchery, vanity and flirtation. Thus its virtues are: affection, service, benevolence, agreeableness. Its failings: love of sensualism, inconstancy.

The manner in which a mount may be judged to be deficient, full or excessive is by comparing it with the development of the whole hand. Thus, where the mount of Jupiter is deficient, the hand would appear lean and small in that particular part of the hand. Where the mount is full, there would be a well developed pad of flesh on that part. Where excessive, that part of the hand would appear large in proportion to the other parts of the hand.

In examining a hand, it is often found that two or three mounts show an equal influence. This indicates that the nature will show a combination of the qualities indicated by the mounts, with the strongest mount qualities predominating. The mounts showing the least development, indicate the weakest parts of the nature.

Where the mounts show an equal development, the indications are of a harmonious outlook on life. Such an individual is unusually well balanced and will go through life without much friction. However, such a life will be devoid of great pleasures and an absence of great troubles.

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**Bringing Your Stars to You — (Continued from page 18)**

**LIBRA**

(For those born between Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Those of you who are in love may experience some unhappiness in your personal affairs this month. Guard against misunderstandings. It would be well for all of you in this sign to guard your health from Flu, Colds, and Fevers. This is an uncertain time to undertake big deals or start risky enterprises involving large sums of money.

**SCORPIO**

(For those born between Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

There may be much ado about nothing in your personal life through March. There seems to be quite a bit of wasted energy by worrying over trifles too much. Take things as they come instead of trying to adjust them to suit you. Remember that in a time like this it is best to follow the lines of least resistance. Guard your health.

**SAGITTARIUS**

(For those born between Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

March gives you ideas and inspirations that should be carried out even though everyone tells you you are wrong. Whatever comes to your mind at this time is best for you personally. Health is good and chances to improve your finances occur several times through the month. You will be full of bold enterprise and new ambitions.

**CAPRICORN**

(For those born between Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The stagnant conditions you have just waded through now release their grip upon you and you will come face to face with very productive conditions socially, financially, and domestically. Unexpected gains and favors from influential people are shown. A chance to take a trip on the spur of the moment is indicated strongly in the chart.

**AQUARIUS**

(For those born between Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

This is a time to ponder and plan. Not so good for aggressive activity or extensive expansion of business. Attend to mail order affairs and personal details in your home. Be sure to leave important papers and documents until another time. The health is fairly good if you observe daily hygiene. Avoid accidents on your adverse days.

**PISCES**

(For those born between Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

First half of the month is rather favorable and inclines to gifts and voluntary help from others. This period also shows conquest over some enemies or opponents. Last half of the month shows some ill health and discouragement over trifling affairs that you should not take too seriously. Guard your health now. Postpone travel.

**Handwriting — (Continued from page 16)**

that which makes it necessary for them to use their muscles.

This desire for physical action is always disclosed in the formation of the letter "p". The speed of the script also has a good deal to do with it. People of this type often make good swimming instructors, dancers, physical directors, foresters or rangers. Whether or not they are definite and forceful enough to become leaders depends, of course, upon other things. These may be found in the crossing of the "t" and the finals on the words. If the force that makes for leadership is not there they may still be efficient as far as they go but as a rule they will be found taking orders from others.

People of a versatile nature will always place this evidence in their writing. The strokes are long and many of them have unnecessary curves. The capital letters will very often disclose the fact that such a person likes to have others know that they are present. They may not be egotistic exactly but they want their share of attention. Such persons are always active and animative. If the down strokes prove that they are very restless these combinations of traits will often drive them from one thing to another before they have time to master any of them.

These versatile persons like to travel. They like to see what is going on, and are always interested in new things or projects. As a rule they like people and do not have much difficulty in getting along with others. Their very versatility proves that they are responsive to persons and incidents and usually they can not stand coolness of any kind.

In the versatile individual the mental activity is very great. It has developed many centers in the brain and this is why such a person is sociable. He or she is always interested in everything that is going on no matter what it is. This unusual mental energy has also influenced the body and as a result the person concerned is ready to be up and doing at a minute's notice.

People of this type usually need to learn to concentrate because they are in danger of scattering their talents without accomplishing a great deal. However, many of them make good salesmen, buyers, investigators or social workers. If the formation of the words proves they have musical ability they often make good musicians or kindergarten instructors. In any case they should choose something that keeps their interest alive.

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## Solving the Problem of Crime — (Continued from page 5)

finishing schools for the younger boy and girl and they are master tools for the full fledged criminal. If the Government desires to avert and overcome crime they must begin with the newspapers and magazines, the radios and the courts. They must put out the fire to overcome the destruction of the flames.

A crime should not be publicized. The world should not be informed that a crime had been committed. A crime, like fire, must be corralled to avoid destruction. Each time a major crime has been perpetrated many thousands of dollars have been used to apprehend the criminal. Great decrees have been created to punish the criminal if and when he is apprehended but nothing has been done to destroy the cause of the crime. Nothing has been done further than to enact a law to prevent the manufacture and sale of murderous weapons without a permit.

The schools are a hotbed of crime. Many youthful criminals are to be found in the graduating classes of the high schools and colleges of today where boys and girls of a very tender age are compelled to dissect living creatures. The great crime committed by the Loeb and Leopold boys was instigated in the class room where they learned the art they practiced and as long as

these institutions are allowed to flourish, just so long will crime increase in volume and viciousness. More cruel methods of torture, multiple ways of inflicting pain that these professors in the art may get another thrill—just so long will crime multiply a thousand times and each generation will step into the limelight at a more tender age.

It is not laws we need and it is not armies we need to put down crime. The greatest need of the present day is to curtail the privileges of the publishers of these schools of crime. Curtail these avenues broadcasting crime and place before the youth and the children deeds of great men and great women that their developing brain may grasp the constructive rather than the destructive side of Life.

Crime prevails because crime pays.

Crime pays the criminal—crime pays the deliverers of the criminal—crime is a lucrative business for the fugitive and the pursuer of the fugitive. No reward should ever be offered. The crime itself should be sufficient incentive for the representatives of the law to pursue the fugitive. As long as the schools of crime are allowed to continue and as long as rewards are paid for the capture of the criminal—crime will flourish.

## Planetary Numerology — (Continued from page 20)

to be in harmony the way of advancement thinking is not clear. Straighten out the discordant factors and then, with fear and its disastrous effects eliminated, knowing your talents and powers, boldly and with deliberate, calm determination, with the assurance of success in your inner being, start the necessary development of your powers in the required way that will make you ready to grasp a chance when it comes your way or MAKE ONE FOR YOURSELF.

The best and most fortunate aspect in your personal horoscope can only raise you as you have prepared yourself

to be raised. Aspects work on WHAT WE ARE. For instance, if in your personal horoscope the indications are extremely good for writings and publishing at a certain period, unless you are aware of having that talent and have developed and placed on the market material of that sort the period would do you no good whatever, and so in every walk of life. Knowledge is at a premium. Ignorance is penalized. What we are determines where we are going and what we get. WE MUST BE READY FOR THE GOOD ELSE IT WILL PASS US BY.

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**Job Finally Learned** — (Continued from page 17)

ilar import to Corona Borealis, placed by the ancients in the sky to mark the tribulations of the Sun before it temporarily succumbs each year to the forces of darkness.

The fruits of life, whether they be tares or wholesome grain, are harvested from experience. What that harvest shall be is not determined by the nature of the experiences, but by the mental and emotional reaction toward them; for both the physical conditions attracted in the future, and the spiritual values garnered, are dependent upon the seeds of thought thus sown and tended in the finer form which find heading in the character. In the final winnowing all except the golden grain of character is blown away as tares and chaff.

Constellated Virgo teaches the advantages of physical life if man is to acquire that variety of experience which enables him to gain wisdom. The first decanate of the sign reveals that such experiences as come to hand, whatever may be their nature, if discrimination be applied to them, may be made the source of spiritual values. And the second decanate points out the weaknesses peculiar to each of the twelve signs, and how, through proper labor, these may be converted into types of strength.

Each zodiacal sign also is associated with its own particular type of affliction. The illness that one sign brings is not the same as that indicated by another. The loss attracted by one sign when it is discordant, is not the same type of loss which another sign brings when acting as an affliction. Thus are there twelve different sets of difficulties which man should understand.

To represent these, the crown used to picture the reward of character triumphing over tribulations, was given twelve spikes of hard, unyielding iron, one spike for each type of affliction. Such is the significance of Corona Borealis. Because the call of duty so frequently when followed leads to the relinquishment of fond desires, and because those born while the Sun is in this last decanate of Virgo so frequently must hear this call, the Key-word appropriately is Renunciation.

One whole book within the Bible is devoted exclusively to a discussion of the spiritual teachings which those still more ancient sought to picture as the Northern Crown. In the Book of Job many wise sayings relative to life and its problems can be found; and the story of the afflicted hero is replete with sage advice.

Job was an unusually good and devout man who had prospered exceedingly in all ways and gave constant praise to God for his many blessings. But there came a day when the sons of God came before the Lord and as so frequently happens on earth when good people gather together for some worthy purpose, Satan came among them.

"And the Lord said unto Satan,

Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Thus was the answer given then, some thousands of years ago, the same as that which we should expect today, for certainly trouble has lessened little in this world.

In the course of the conversation which followed the Lord pointed out to Satan what a fine, upstanding model of rectitude Job had proved to be. But Satan, like some people who glory in detracting from the merits of such as receive high commendation, was unwilling to admit the real worthiness of anyone. He contended that Job was a good man merely because he had a fine family, had honors and wealth, and practically everything else he desired, but if these things be taken from him his holiness quickly would depart. So it was arranged that a test should be made. Satan was to have power over him in all ways except that he must not touch his body.

Thereupon, in one catastrophe after another, Job lost his property, and his children, until he had no possessions left. But with the wisdom of those who understand Spiritual Alchemy he maintained as the Lord gave him these things they really belonged to the Lord. They had been given him for use and only for so long as it served the Lord God's purpose.

Satan was chagrined at the outcome of this trial of Job's worthiness and as might have been expected of Satan, when the worst of a deal fell his way, he whined around that it had not been a fair trial. In any real test, he held forth, the man's body must be subjected to affliction also; for, after all, it was not much of a blow no matter what a man lost, if he kept in good health. But, he contended, if Job were sick unto death he would renounce his holiness and turn to evil ways.

Thus was it arranged for a second test in which Satan should do anything he desired to Job so long as he spared his life. Then it was that Job's friends turned against him, that he broke out from head to foot with boils, and that one misery after another came to afflict him and in his wisdom he gave voice, among other things, to this oft-quoted thought:

"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."

There is no surer way to attract a catastrophe than to fear it. Fear, unlike caution, is a negative condition which is never of the slightest benefit to anyone. Even apart from its influence in attracting the event thought about, the emotion acts immediately through the adrenal glands to prepare the body for meeting an emergency.

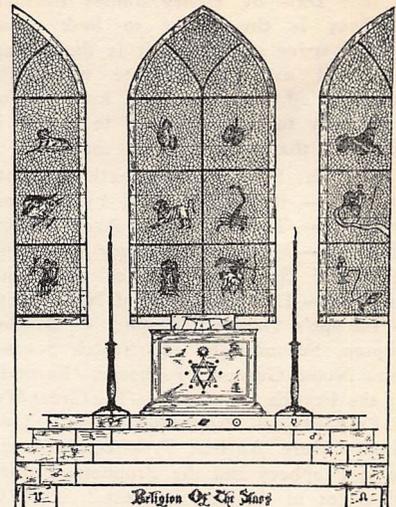
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## Job Finally Learned — (Continued from page 29)

creted into the blood stream through the influence of fear releases sugar from the liver into the blood stream, giving an additional fuel supply, but the emotion of fear inhibits rational thought and tends so to dominate the nerve currents that the orders they carry are not clear and lead to inefficient action, or in extreme instances to temporary paralysis.

When frequently recurring, fear depletes the adrenalin supply. And as, in large measure, the blood depends upon this endocrine to repel invasion, this leads to a condition favoring infection of various kinds. If Job was subject to chronic fear the chemical imbalance thus caused was sufficient in itself to cause his illness. Or worrying over the losses he had sustained would have a similar effect upon the chemistry of his body.

But aside from such chemical reactions to emotional states, to fear a thing is to hold its image vividly in the mind and to feed that image mental energy. It thus creates a thought-form which has a certain power, acting from the four-dimensional plane, to attract into the life the thing thus thought about.

In his time of affliction Job's friends held forth the Oriental doctrine that man's lot in this world is determined by his morality and that the Lord must be punishing him thus for most grievous sins. But Job pointed out numerous examples of those deemed wicked who prospered in a wordly sense and held fast to his belief that even the afflictions which he suffered were for

some good purpose in the scheme of Divine Providence.

If it be true that individuals are undergoing training to fit them in the realms hereafter, each to fill his special place and fulfill a specific function in the cosmic organization, it is natural to suppose that each will attract to himself just those experiences which he requires to develop the qualifications he will need. Yet as the positions to be filled in the universal plan all are somewhat different, the qualifications and the training likewise must be varied.

Yet accomplishment of any worthy kind implies the ability to overcome difficulties. And to overcome difficulties even those of playing a piano or of solving a mathematical equation, there must be previous practice. People who have never had hard problems to solve are unable to solve hard problems when suddenly presented. Only those who have some experience in carrying responsibilities are selected for responsible positions.

Afflictions, therefore, as Job discerned, are not bestowed by heaven to punish man for sin, but to indicate that he has a lesson to learn from them. When he has learned this lesson he will be able to triumph over the affliction as did Job in the end; for Job was healed and the Lord gave him twice as much as he had before. Thereafter, he had a long and prosperous life. The text thus indicated is: He Who Would Live the Life of the Spirit Here and Now Upon This Earth, Seen and Known of Men, Must Have Fortitude in Times of Adversity.

## Success Vignette — (Continued from page 14)

nected with you, WORKS, because results are what is wanted by those in greatest need—but if you will follow this rule faithfully for one month you will find yourself beginning to look at life and reacting to its conditions in a new way. You will find yourself more hopeful, more confident; and you will realize that small but significant changes are beginning to take place.

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## The Destiny of the U. S. A. — (Continued from page 11)

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## Tremendous Trifles — (Continued from page 12)

"Will you *ride* to town today?" The third meaning for the same question. The wife knows her husband is going to town, but now she wants to know *how* he is going. There is a big snow on the ground, the town is several miles distant, her husband has a horse, cow, automobile, and an aeroplane, besides two good legs. Is he going to walk? Will he ride? Will he fly?

"Will you ride to town today?" the wife asks again, and this time you wonder if the farmer intends going all the way into the city.

"Will you ride to town today?" asks the farmer's wife again, and this time you have the idea that maybe the farmer won't even go to town. The question clearly shows that it is town, and nothing else about which the wife is inquiring. It is possible that, in going, however he goes, whether he rides, walks, flies or crawls, the farmer might go every place but town. But the wife asks the question once more;

"Will you ride to town *today*?" Now she knows by the way she asks the question that her husband is going to town, all the way to town and not somewhere else; she knows that he is going to ride and not walk or fly, but she does not know when he is going. Thus, she wants to know not how he is going but whether or not today is the day.

Suppose that you had heard the farmer's wife ask the question once, and once only. Do you believe that your powers of interpretation would give to you the purpose of the wife's question? How would you answer it if asked once? It is but a simple question, yet it taxes the powers of interpretation to arrive at the purpose and intent back of it. If we mistake in solving this little question, how much more liable are we to err in judging other words and acts of our neighbors.

When we take it unto ourselves to pass judgment on the thoughts, acts, words of our fellowman, we are indeed

taking on plenty of work and trouble. When we utter an expression in explanation of word or deed, we are assuming possession of knowledge which only the individual saying the word or performing the deed, has. Seeing the deed, hearing the word, gives us no knowledge of the intent or purpose back of the word or deed. And as disclosed above in the conversation between the farmer and his wife, we are not absolutely positive that we have heard the word aright even after it has been given utterance.

The first step in learning the lesson of interpretation is to refuse to form snap judgments, and even in the forming thereof, refuse to allow them to pass beyond the lips. It is not the sign of possessing wisdom when one gives vent to destructive criticism; rather, it is the sign of defective interpretation, of a small and mean brain, and the tongue of a fool.

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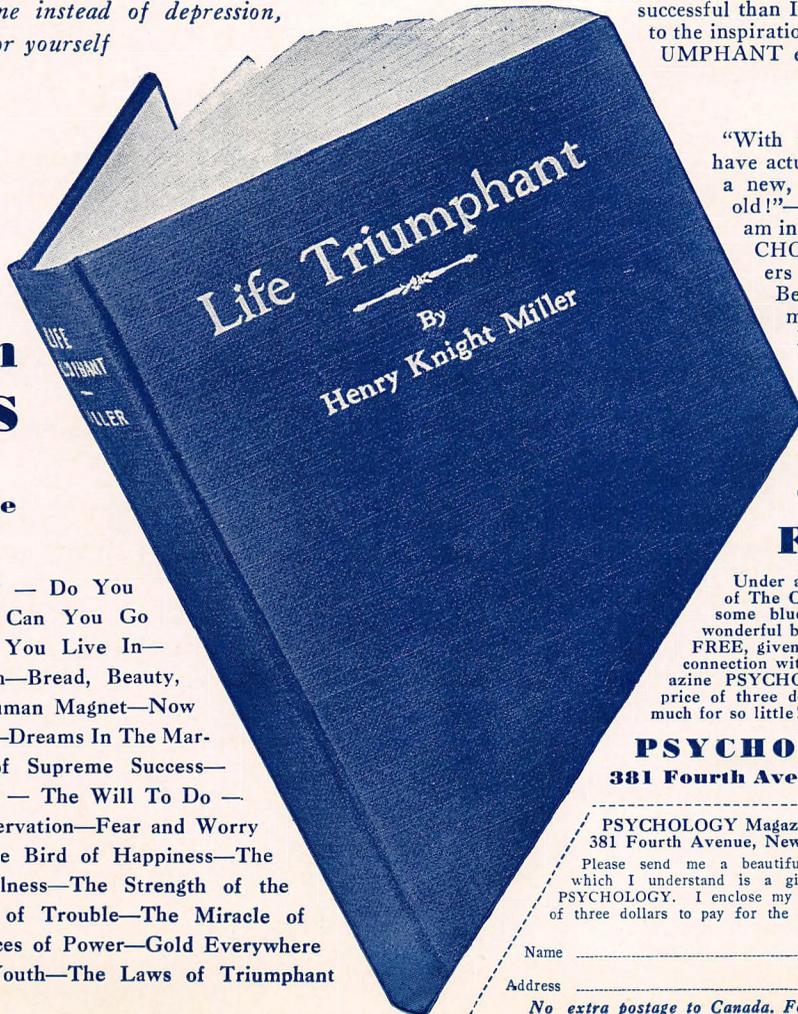
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