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"Once upon a time," said the Arab, "I lost my way in the desert, and, having not a morsel of food remaining, settled in my heart that I must die. I lighted upon a bag which felt to be full of grain. Never can I forget the relish and the joy, of thinking that it was parched corn, and then the agony and despair to find it only a bag of pearls!"

- Sadi, Persian poet

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EDITORIAL:

Ordinarily our editorial blood pressure is quite low, as is common with vegetarians, but it rises a bit when we get letters from student-readers who say they would like to help us in our work but cannot afford to do so, -meaning of course, without the slight inconvenience of sacrificing some trifle or non-essential from the program of their present social life. Kahlil Gibran, the Syrian poet, speaks in his book, *The Prophet*, of the responsibilities of the giver more than those of the receiver. He says: "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." Doubtless many of our readers who could unite with us with their aid to the furtherance of a larger scope of our work sit in judgment of our efforts. Gibran has this to say of those who would give only to the "deserving": "The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture. They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish. Surely he who is worthy to receive his days and his nights, is worthy of all else from you. And he who has deserved to drink from the ocean of life deserves to fill his cup from your little stream... And who are you that men should rend their bosom and unveil their pride, that you may see their worth naked and their pride unabashed? See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver, and an instrument of giving. *For in truth it is life that gives unto life --while you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.*"

A good many letters have come to us pointing out that in our "pro-German attitude" we could not but expect the British Empire to take action in banning us. This is the first time we knew we were pro-German! As a matter of fact, if we let ourselves function on the level with these letter-writers, we would hate Hitler and Germany. One of the first things Hitler did in coming to power was to pass the most stringent laws against vivisection in the world--and we would bless the Devil if he did the same thing. About the second thing Hitler did was to ban our Lessons in Esoteric Freemasonry

(Course V), but we have never held it "agin" him.

As we evolve higher, as the spiritual student well knows, the tests and temptations become more subtle. One that the English-speaking peoples today are in grave error of falling into is the subtle idea being put forth that if Germany can be defeated, the English-speaking peoples can dominate the world. The world has yet to settle with the matter of the white imperialism over the restive dark races which increase in number and restiveness. Spirituality is based upon freedom, and the domination of an English-speaking Dictator would be as wrong as the domination of any other group.

By physical nature we descend from English and French, and in mind accept world citizenship with Thomas Paine, but of the spirit we claim allegiance to the Irish, - the "fighting Irish". Spengler in his *Decline of the West* shows the varying, changing levels of human life expression, somewhat similar and somewhat differing from the Theosophical idea of races and root races. Can it not be possible that our development has now placed us, in spirit, in the stream of the Irish?

Ireland continues to remain neutral, on the very steps of the war zone--though we in the U.S. 3,000 miles away are hysterical with the idea of an enemy invasion. Ireland learned a lesson in the last World War, when England promised Home Rule for their support against Germany. After the war, like India, Home Rule was not forthcoming, but higher taxes and less representation was handed out. For that matter, England has broken every treaty ever made with the Irish.

When the vote was taken on the neutrality of their country --our politicians are afraid of the revelation of such a vote in our own country--the Irish voted solidly for remaining neutral, including the merchants in the coast towns who would have benefited from having bases established there.

If you are not Irish by birth, nor even a "spiritual Irishman" like Ye Editor, still the cockles of your heart ought to be warmed at the thought of a valiant group of people actually doing something practical to remain at peace in a war-mad, hysterical world.

DANGERS OF ORIENTAL BREATHING EXERCISES FOR WESTERN VEHICLES

Marie Harlowe

(Reprinted from Lesson III, 'Breathing Methods Suitable to Western Vehicles')

The most ancient knowledge was concerned with the Breath of Life. Breath, like sleep, is so common that man generally does not recognize that in Breath is the spiritualization process of man, that Breath is more than a physical act of life. Man may live for considerable periods without food and water, but not without breath.

Action and reaction is a basic law of nature and by the action and reaction of the breath the negative and positive elements, the magnetic currents in man, are polarized.

The postures of Yogis consider the magnetic currents of earth and how they will flow through the individual. This is the first point of difference in contending that Eastern or Oriental methods are not suitable to Western bodies or vehicles; we in the West function in an entirely different physical(magnetic)current than those in the East. The food of the East and West is likewise vastly different in kind and quantity. We are still quite far from the development in which man will be able to secure his food directly from the Ether.

A man now in New York City who was born South of the Equator, had difficulties with Western Breathing Exercises until they were used in reverse.

Another vital point of difference between Eastern and Western vehicles is noted in the connection of the Breath and the Zodiac. There is a definite connection between the Breath and the Zodiac. Every person has an aura, a surrounding influence, a Zodiac. At various points in this aura or surrounding bodily Zodiac, at different times, different parts of the body draw in more of the universal life forces than at other times. When the Breath is consciously harmonized to this Zodiacial activity, man works in harmony with the universe and "rules his stars."

The Breath carries the astral forces through the body, the solar (conscious) currents functioning through the right nostril, the lunar (subconscious) through the left nostril. Certain planets govern certain periods of this magnetic flow. Each hour's breathing is normally influenced as follows: Eight minutes of air, twelve minutes of fire, sixteen minutes of water, twenty minutes of earth, and four minutes of ether.

The Twelve Vital Breaths are but twelve phases of expression of the One Life Breath, co-ordinated to the Zodiac. As Breath is God, and there is but One God, so there is but One Breath. There are not twelve different kinds of vital breath, but only twelve modifications of the use of the One Breath. Oriental methods deal chiefly with the seven centers of consciousness of the mental-spiritual body, the Chakras. Western bodies are not as yet developed in the lower plane (vital body) where the centers of consciousness number twelve, and are directly connected with the Zodiaca influences.

The Catholic Church is fully cognizant of this fact, and its Mass is a magical operation of low grade which works only upon the vital bodies of its followers. In the East, the vital body is as yet loosely interwoven with the physical, a state conducive to the successful practice of Yoga upon the higher planes of man's being. In the West, the grosser nature of man's physical being reacts best to Magic (as in the Ceremonial Magic of the Catholic Mass.)

The ancient Mysteries prepared the bodies as well as the minds for holding the greater forces which would be attained in the progressive states of Initiation. Unless so prepared, the body as well as the mind of man would disintegrate under these forces, newly attained.

The *bodies* of men differ greatly. Certain national groups have certain centers within the body developed more than others. Incidentally, the Hindu Swamis, particularly the Vedanta group, are developing the center in the throat,--the center of creative power, more than any other, and they almost all pass out of life with a throat affliction; the physical body simply cannot stand the tremendous force so generated within it.

In the Hyperborean Epoch man was a physiological hermaphrodite; there were no separate sexes--the two poles of generation were active in one body. Man will again so create

when he has developed this creative center in the Chakra within the throat.

Therefore, because bodies are different in the East and West, Eastern methods are apt to derange the physical and mental nature of Western students instead of adding to their spiritualization process. If the Western student is to attain to the desired results, he must work in harmony with the constitution of his own vehicle.

'But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the almighty giveth them understanding.' The Western student must understand his own nature and his point of contact with the Divine Nature or Breath. He cannot best function in the Divine Plan until he first discovers his own part and power of function in that Pan.

WHERE?

Reggy Page

Her trusting eyes were turned to me.
"Where is this setting sun to go?"
Perhaps a child of four could know!

She gazed upon the crimson glow
and seemed the one to wiser be:
"Where is this setting sun to go?"

To her I must have seemed quite slow
as fast the brilliant sun sped free.
Perhaps a child of four should know!

But how was I to tell her so
in simple way to make her see?
'Where is this setting sun to go?'

Oh, foolish man that cannot show
this symbol of Eternity:
"Where is this setting sun to go?"
Perhaps a child of four would know!

HYPNOTIC PHASES OF SPIRITUALISM

Adolph B. Krafft

What is today practiced under the name of Spiritualist Mediumship in a dark room by the method which is known to all participants of this practice, is nothing more or less than SPIRITUAL HYPNOTISM. This method of seeking what is here believed to be "Spiritual Development" is therefore no development at all, but a devolutionary method of spiritual control whereby the ignorant victim loses his (or her) divinely given power of self-determination and ability or opportunity for real spiritual development.

It has furthermore been a matter of common knowledge that these supposed "spiritual prophecies" which are obtained by this method of spiritual self-debasement do not as a rule, come true, and this fact alone perhaps more than anything else has given rise to a great and fatal distrust and suspicion against all demonstrations in this field. The public in general has through this sinful and false practice, which has increased so tremendously during the last 50 years, become highly suspicious that this practice is morally and religiously unauthorized, and does not lead to higher and purer knowledge. The exact truth, however, just HOW a spiritualist medium is created, by this free-willed and artificial, destructive method, is still more or less unknown to the average devotee of modern Spiritualism, and it is purposed to explain it on the exact basis of what is today known on this vital subject, even if it should create a shock and a disillusionment to many who are today its blind devotees.

There are, strictly speaking, two methods of gaining connection with other phases of life than the physical. One is the spiritually-upbuilding, constructive method, and the other is the spiritually debasing, destructive method. That particular form of practice which is today in common use in Spiritualist seance circles, which is also the basis of all the operations in modern Spiritualist churches, is the spiritually destructive method. It is in itself an immoral method of procedure, and truly, when the facts are known as they

are, by all true aspirants of spiritual progress and higher spiritual development, it is no wonder that the modern Spiritualist church, with its false practices, is bebarred from all truly religious and spiritually constructive endeavors of mankind.

It may be asked in all fairness, has not this method of the dark room seance circle brought to our knowledge many facts of the astral side of life which no other method so far has done? It has done that to some degree, but at a great expense, and dangerous as this method is, as well as spiritually destructive, it should never be allowed to be openly and publicly practiced by the ignorant, untaught and unauthorized, but should be confined to the use of well-taught, educated specialists and adepts who can see with their inner spiritual vision just WHO it is that is effecting these results. Spiritual mediumship, in other words, should be regarded and practiced in just the same way as a physician uses a dangerous drug or poison, with which he hopes to cure a certain disease, which he would never give into the hands of ignorant persons to use for their mere pleasure or to satisfy a curiosity. The destructive practice of the spiritualist seance circle should be forbidden to the laity entirely.

But when this dangerous practice of spiritual devolution and debasement, in fact, SPIRITUAL HYPNOTISM, is openly advertised and free to all, then the great public objection against it is clearly explained, for it is a practice which really gives us no true and reliable teaching or information of the higher spiritual laws, and worse than that, those who have been brought under its destructive influence, the professional Spiritualist mediums, gradually lose their own vital forces and finally become spiritless and lifeless, and the mere toys of any 'spirit control' who may happen to have gained access to his (or her) inner sanctuary. Not alone this, but it has been known that many Spiritualist mediums who have practiced this debasing art for some length of time have lost all moral consciousness, and can in no way be regarded as "spiritual" advisers.

Highly advanced spiritual beings on the astral side of life never debase themselves by entering Spiritualist seance circles. Their life and existence is far removed from any and all such debasing practices. It must be known that there

are many very intelligent individuals in the lower astral realms, who under certain circumstances are able to give clever reports, but who are themselves confined in this low and undeveloped astral world precisely for the reason that they, during their earth life, have practiced and cultivated only false and spiritually destructive methods, and have therefore not been able to rise spiritually in the next life. These then, are usually the very ones who simulate a supposedly "highly advanced spirit".

It has often happened that a new-comer in a Spiritualist seance circle is given some apparently good advice from a "control spirit" after his inner resistance has been broken down. Afterwards, when this protective bulwark of nature has once been broken down, then the victim may at any time be open to any destructive spiritual influence that may succeed in gaining access to him. There are countless numbers of such earthbound spirits in the lower astral plane who are desperately waiting for an opportunity of coming in contact with some living person in the flesh for the purpose of gaining control over his faculties, for it is in this way that these earthbound spirits, who have not learned to rise spiritually, can regain a taste of their old earth life and get a satisfaction from their earthly cravings.

What is it that brings such great numbers of spirits into the lower astral plane, and permits them to prey upon those in the flesh? It is primarily our false, earthly teachings, our deification of materialism; our mundane wisdom which seeks to gratify only the things of the senses, and ridicules and derides all higher aspirations as nonsense.

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After the unfortunate victim of the dark room seance circle has been brought to the last stage of his (or her) professional activity and has lost all vital magnetism until only a mere vital shell remains, then comes another period where a new difficulty manifests itself. The Spiritualist medium has established a reputation as a capable medium with a large patronage among the credulous ones. It is now discovered that the medium can no longer get results because the vitality is gone. In this state of desperation, the latter will resort to frauds and artificial methods to simulate an apparent intimate connection with the "spirit world".

MALTESE INTERLUDE

Juanita de Arana

(Continued from March)

Part II. NEMESIS

At the far end of the chamber a dark eyed Circassian girl appeared from behind gold-embroidered arras. She looked wonderingly about, and seeing Adrian, cried out in a mingling of exaltation and bewilderment:

"He's come! He's come! My beloved!" She ran joyously toward him.

Adrian found strength to rise at sight of her. Never had he seen such appeal. A charm all but tangible surrounded her like a magic aura. "When? What?" He was trying to remember when

"Come, Beloved", her voice sounded low as the far-off peal of a temple bell. But he understood her, and followed her into an inner chamber.

Here the walls were hung with tapestries of Persia, and the floor covered with jewelled rugs. An opulence of candelabra cast negligent glimmers over everything. The air hung lulling and narcotic with strange incense. A mass of silken cushions were piled in one corner, and seating herself there, Aylia motioned Adrian to a position beside her.

"Beloved, she whispered, clasping his hand, "how did you find me here?"

"I don't know--I don't remember. I only know I was destined to find you, to love you--"

"Isis," she mused, "it was she who sent you. It was not in vain I served the Goddess of Love."

"Isis? Then why are you here? Why are you not still in her service?"

"Ah," her lips twisted into a bitter smile, "my own father took me from the Temple of Love and placed me here, a hand-maid to the dark-browed Sett because I refused to wed a man I could not love. In vain did I tell of my destined tryst with you..." Her voice trailed off sadly.

"Yes, Adrian returned, destined, I know it well. But how? Tell me more--memory is vague--only intuition recalls--"

"All there is to tell is of your mirrored form in the moon-disc of Isis' Crown, which daily I consecrated in my Temple duties. And on seeing your likeness I knew at once, through daily heed of the soul's inner voice, that some day you would come to bear me away, far away into the future. It was the will of Isis, whose image I have ever worn next my heart." She drew a tiny image of the beneficent Goddess from inside her spangled breastlet. "And daily have I worshipped it, knowing always that someday she would send me you."

"And I have come," Adrian whispered, "never to leave you." He took her dusky head, bound in its many-jewelled fillet, between his hands, and lifted her lips to his. "Never to leave you."

"And you will take me away?"

"Yes--yes-far away. Only now I am tired, so tired--"

"Rest, Beloved," whispered Aylia, "soon you will be strong."

Adrian did not reply, but drew her closer into his arms. The aroma of incense was soporific, intoxicating. An hour passed. Aylia slipped from his arms. She picked up a lyre-like instrument from across the pillows, and passing her fingers over the strings sang to him the ancient tales of love and life, sagas of Persian mirzas, who chanted their passions to the sun, with saffron tunics over their coats of mail.

Her soft tones fell like petals upon the still air, and the vaporous incense, spiralling past her as she sang, caused Adrian to recall tales he had heard of Turkish dreams and houri singers. Aylia was a houri very, very beautiful--but so dim. And how far away she was becoming.

Suddenly Aylia's startled cry rang in his ears. He jerked his eyes open. A drowsiness, heavy as death, was settling over him. He felt life draining slowly from his body. Aylia's face revealed a tragic realization, which, in his sluggish condition, he could not understand. He attempted to reassure her.

"Do not weep, Aylia. I'll be all right. I only--I only--"

"Do not leave me--do not go back into the future."

"I'm not going away, Aylia. Isis sent me here and Isis will keep me."

"Isis! No, I see it now. It was not Isis who sent you here!" She exclaimed with sudden awakening. "It was the work of Black Art." She cast her eyes desperately about the room.

Outside the door the High Priest, Ptahla, stood. A smile of satisfaction flickered across his lips.

"You," she cried in bitterness, "you have done this thing. You, Priest of the Nether God! To you, to Sett, belong the dark arts of death, but to Isis alone belong the white arts of Life! Behold your defeat, minister of Sett!" She snatched from next her heart the image of the benificent Goddess, and holding it at arm's length, beseeched knowingly,

"Isis, in Love's name, your priestess calls, with the supreme sacrifice, the oblation of blood, she breaks the spell of darkness."

A moment later, Adrian felt the force of life return to his body. He opened his eyes in time to see Ptahla bound into the room with a shriek of anguish. Aylia was lying on the floor with a Circassian blade in her heart.

"Aylia, Aylia," he grieved, drawing her into his arms. She opened her eyes, and looked steadily at him, as if to drink deeply of the sight of him with one last look.

"Know, beloved, we have paid a karmic debt, and I die that you might live."

In that moment, all went black before him, and Adrian felt himself falling forward.

Later, it seemed hours later, he opened his eyes in the time-spoiled chamber of a subterranean temple. He arose and made his way through the foyer, and along the musty corridors until he reached the entrance of the catacomb.

He stepped outside. Dawn was coloring the sky with the pale tints of April. The flowered slopes of landscape fell away in a dappling of spring colors, -rose and wheat and mulberry, toward the blue Mediterranean shore. Adrian lifted his head and inhaled the fresh, clean air.

Men of honor, men of loyalty, call your troupes together to establish a peace, not by the sword but by the word that floweth from the hearts of those bent on the mission of life... Band together to outlaw War that generations yet to come may preserve your standards of equality and integrity. - Effa E. Danelson

THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

Rev. Dr. Butler

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To these may be added the frame of the heavens at his death, so fitly suiting with the time of the great business in hand, and describing what was done. And first we note, that on the over-night of the Passover Feast, at what time our Savior was apprehended, the sign of the fourth house in the nativity (which always carries with it the character of death, or the end of every matter) was then ascending; and the Sun, which was therein at birth, was then in the bloody seat of Mars, in the radix, which was at that point of time the fourth house, or bottom of heaven, shewing all the glory of his present life to be lying in the dust, and the end of days hastening apace to overtake him.

The malignant Saturn upon the house of pleasure, enviously eclipsing all his mirth. Jupiter, who was radically a great assisstant in the ascendent, was the lord of the ascendent, and signicator of life at this time, but was locally in the house of service and slavery, in conjunction of Mars, lord of enmity in the nativity and now lord of his end, who was greatly afflicting him in the radical place of Saturn. The signicator of Judas in this scene was Mercury, in his detriment and fall in Pisces, who, as he stands in the third with the lady of the mid-heaven in conjunction, and disposes of his master in the sixth, afflicts him with a malignant quartile; and, lastly, the Moon, which was radically in the eighth, or house of death, was now lady of death, and, being advanced unto the top of heaven, seemeth to stand there trampling on the head of the Sun in the fourth, as it were, in his grave, with the worst of rays, and they too not a little poisoned with the nearness of the Dragon's Tail. Such was the state of heaven at his apprehension by Judas and his company, at 12 o'clock at night, on the evening preceeding Friday, the 3rd of April.

As the Sun approached the ascendant, Jesus was led before Pontius Pilate, the Moon in the seventh maliciously opposing; for so the judges of his first apprehension became now his accusers, and possessing the natural sign of Christ Himself which ascended at birth and which was the sign of justice. As the "labourers in the vineyard", under pretense of religion, cast they him out of his own; and Mercury and Venus, one signifying the traitor and the other the magistrate into whose hands he was betrayed, were then in the twelfth, acting the part of private enemies. But, as the Sun drew into the eleventh, or house of hopes and friends, and there infected by the envious place of Mars in the radix, Pilate, also his somewhat friend, yielding at last to the opposition of the Moon, or the rabble, and turning enemy, condemned him to be crucified.

And, by that time the Sun in the radical chair of Saturn came into the house of honour, the Sun of righteousness was lifted upon the cross, as if he was hastening towards heaven, and that in order to draw all men after him. And here the Moon, signifying the rabble, opposes him with bitter railings. Saturn upon the eleventh and lord of enmity, complete with them to destroy his hopes; and Jupiter, lord of the ninth, signifying the priests, and Mars the soldiers, being both in the twelfth, are private enemies. But, finally, as they continue railing and reviling, lo! at the very point of high noon, an universal darkness overwhelmed all, and the Sun himself blushed to behold what cursed things were acting. The Sun was now where Mars was at birth, as it were, disposed of by his mortal enemies. Jupiter, which ascended at birth, was in the hands of Saturn, in his very seat of the radix, as it were, in the dungeon of bitter restraint; and Mars, the natural enemy, was afflicting him there. The Moon, which was radically lady of the mid-heaven, and placed upon the house of death, was now at length settled and seated with the Dragon's Tail upon the ascendent, or the seat of life, as one would say, the utmost period is now expiring; and even as the darkness fell, the Moon upon this place of life was just under-ground with it.

Lastly, at three in the afternoon the darkness vanished and the light returned; and then was the Sun falling into the house of death, still being in opposition to the Moon. Saturn

was in the ninth enjoying the ecclesiastical, as Mars in the tenth usurping the civil authority. His misery died with him, and that death brought....

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THE UNBORN SPEAKS
Merle Perry

What was it the Voice said to me
Nine months ago
Before I was drawn
Into the vortex
Of a thousand bursting stars?
...earth...birth...
...birth...earth...
I heard those words somewhere
Before this drowsy darkness
Drifted in warm waves of content
Between me and some other vivid world.
...earth...birth...
Strange tumult all about me now
Is breaking the seals of memory...
...oh lost....oh lovely country...
Where no narrow limitation
Of identity makes loving too much pain,
Where I became at will
Music and joy and color...
...oh lovely world...
What broken law has exiled me?
Earth...Birth...
The prison cell is waiting!
This prickling torment
Closing tight around me...
Is it called a body?
I have known this before,
This tortured skull,
These smarting eyes.
Lungs bursting,
Birth-Earth.
The jailer turns the key!

CLAIRVOYANT PROPHECY IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Lila Lesick

"Clairvoyance" is a word that is anathema in Christian Science, yet the English equivalent, "clear-seeing", is frequently used in describing unusual experiences. Clairvoyant vision comes from the development of an inner faculty. It must be earned either heretofore, here or hereafter. If earned in a previous life, the one possessing it is said to have been "born with a gift."

Just as the eye of the camera takes in and registers ugliness as well as beauty, the clairvoyant takes in and surveys what to others is invisible, and this may be either good or evil or just "middlin'". The intelligence back of the hand that holds the camera guides what is to be registered and therefore the clairvoyant must always be the master, and his clairvoyance must be voluntary to be dependable, in contrast to the INvoluntary clairvoyance advocated by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health*, page 84:9.

How many Christian Science students know that their textbook teaches that they can "know the past, present and future"; "foresee and fortell events which concern the universal welfare", and that along these lines the sky is the limit? Study page 84 of *Science and Health* and figure it out yourself.

However, should the student become "sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being" to evolve to the status of a seer or prophet, it would do him no earthly good, for there is a By-Law forbidding prophecy, and this By-Law is read each month in Christian Science Churches throughout the world.

Now Mrs. Eddy did prophesy, and if the student will study *Science and Health*, page 96, he will see that it is a prophecy concerning the present world conditions. This is the breaking-up process, making way for the new. The wreckers are at work, and the world must soon come to definite knowledge of what this is all about. No wreckers--no builders; no Judas, no Christianity,-- and what is Judas but the other side of Jesus, even as darkness is the other side of light? Must we

therefore hate the darkness? It would be well at this point to think deeply over our "pro" and "anti" feelings, and to cultivate understanding. Emerson has said, "If we quake, what matters it at what we quake", and I say if we hate, what matters it what or whom we hate--the result is the same. Fear and hate poison our lives on every plane of being.

Mrs. Eddy was clairaudient as well as clairvoyant. When she was quite small she heard a voice calling "Mary" three times. And her report of what she HEARD her mother say to Mr. Eddy after he passed out of physical existence is a declaration to the world for all time, that she was clairaudient. Judge for yourselves.

Mrs. Eddy's mother had passed on some years before Mr. Eddy. Upon his arrival however she greeted him and proceeded to orientate him into his new mode of existence. He had finally got past the lower astral, and was safely past its dangers. She told him his spirit was emancipated. She called him a brave wrestler, and called mortal joys "toys". She reminded him that his life was untouched by his passing. The sphere he had now entered was "beyond the shadow." Then she asked Mr. Eddy for news of Mary, her daughter.

Mr. Eddy replied that after the transition, Mrs. Eddy deemed he died and couldn't realize what the process meant at that time. He said that Mary had wept over her mother.

All of the above and much more can be found in *Miscellaneous Writings*, page 385-6, in the poem, "Meeting of My Departed Mother and Husband", --a conversation between two departed relatives, heard clairaudiently by Mrs. Eddy?

MRS. EDDY ADDS SHAKESPEARE TO THE CANON *Edmund Kelly Janes*

"Thinking makes it so." Brain-thinking? nonsense.
Will had read Paul--"Thinketh in his heart."
Out of the heart, out of the God in man,
Out of the womb, out of the belly of hell,
Out of the depths we cry unto heaven to save,
To save by the faith within us that we were deceived
In the transient, the unreal, the false report of our eyes.
Hell is not hell where heaven penetrates.

ASTROLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

of persons born in ARIES, the Ram
(March 21 to April 19 of any year)

Marie Harlowe

Ruling Planet, Mars; Governs, Head and Face; Day, Tuesday; Color, Red; Metal, Iron; Element, Fire; Location, Large cities, corner houses and rooms.

Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac (fiery, cardinal) is the most favorable birth sign in the Zodiac. Coming in the spring of the year, it typifies the renewal of all life. People born in this sign usually possess extraordinary characters; notwithstanding the royal and powerful state of Leo natives, those born in Aries attain the greatest honor, esteem, power and position of any birth-sign.

Aries governs the head, and its natives are the natural brain workers of the world. By temperament they dislike manual or mechanical labor, particularly in slow, plodding work. Aries natives are the idealists and pioneers of thought, and are characteristically leaders. They are ambitious, daring self-reliant, energetic, enthusiastic, courageous. They excell as "commander-in-chief" and with the martial Mars as governing planet, they make successes in military and police affairs. Many are successes as executives in steel (iron) mills.

The constitution is strong, and diseases manifest suddenly and are as suddenly cured. Severe headaches and mental troubles are most common. Fevers and stomach and kidney disorders are also noted. Aries natives should practice calmness, avoid excitement and stimulants, maintain regular hours for eating and get much rest and sleep which is their best medicine. Having an unusual supply of physical energy, Arians are long-lived except where they over-work and over-tax their vitality. Through physical daring they often suffer accidental injuries.

The Aries individual is of two physical types, -- tall and short, is usually of lean body with long neck and high cheek bones. Grey or blue eyes with sandy hair, wiry, crisp, curly,

which becomes thin in later life in both men and women. The front teeth are usually large and prominent and there is generally a scar or mole on the face. The tall Aries person tends to the spiritual nature; the shorter native is engrossed in money-making which they do exceedingly well.

People born in the first decanate of Aries, the last week of March, are impulsive, irritable and hard to control, and should avoid being too aggressive or antagonistic.

Public and political work is favored, also mechanical and scientific ability. Women of this decanate are disinterested in home affairs. This decanate furnishes the girl tomboys who will not play with dolls. They suffer heartaches thru love affairs.

Those born in the second decanate, the first ten days of April, are sincere but easily swayed by emotion.

The third decanate, the last ten days of the sign, has natives very changeable and impulsive, and care should be exercised in matrimonial and legal matters.

Arians born between sunrise and noon have the best destiny. Arians born from noon to midnight have difficulties. Arians born between midnight and sunrise have a fortunate latter life.

In the matter of occupation the Aries native is good for anything where brain work is required, and where their ability for leadership may be expressed. Extraordinary occult powers are sometimes developed by Aries persons. Arians must have freedom and cannot be repressed or "bossed." They are more originators than organizers and can plan better than carry out plans. Being excellent conversationalists they make good agent salesmen, auctioneers, promoters. They make brilliant oratorical lawyers, as well as descriptive writers and poets, teachers and public speakers and actors. Mars governing the sign, the natives succeed in steel, iron and all construction work, as well as machinery, aviation and automobile manufacturing.

Women of Aries make excellent dress designers and milliners, and are good in all artistic occupations. Many great teachers are Arian women who, having phenomenally great mental development themselves, are also gifted in instructing others. Aries women prefer work outside the home.

Aries men seldom occupy a minor position in occupation, meeting with rapid promotion. Being determined and aggressive, and having native executive ability, they succeed in whatever

they attempt.

Aries people are romantic, and their emotions and feelings are intense. Being a fire sign, love is a most important factor to Aries natives. They crave affection and sympathy, and because they idealize their mates they often meet great disappointment or disillusionment in their love affairs. Very often Aries natives are merely in love with love and not a person. The Arian requires much freedom in the marital partnership.

Being ambitious, daring, even impulsive, they should unite with a person of conservative temperament who would modify this spontaneity. Aries people do well married to a person born in Sagittarius (November 21-December 20), Libra (September 21-October 22) or Leo (July 22-August 23), or to another Aries person if no children are desired in the union. Some Arians do well married to Gemini persons (May 21-June 20) or Aquarius (January 20-February 19), but marriages with Cancer natives (June 21-July 21) are generally disastrous. Unions, whether marriage or business, with Pisces (February 19-March 20) and Taurus (April 21-May 20) natives are also harmonious with those of Aries, also with Libra (September 23-October 22) which supplies the self-control lacking in the Aries nature. Aries seeks opportunities, but Taurus lays hold of them, and patient, persevering Pisces overcomes all obstacles in carrying out Arian plans. Scorpio (October 23-November 21) and Capricorn (December 21-January 19) are unfortunate for Aries marriages. The Scorpio tendency to superintend clashes with the Aries tendency to lead, and the orderly rigid adherence of Capricorn clashes with Aries freedom.

(*The Aries delineation will conclude next month.*

Taurus delineation will appear next month also.)

BOOK REVIEWS

We regret that space does not permit reviews this month. Next month we will comment upon some outstanding writings, including "The Roosevelt Saga", revealing the subversive work of the Roosevelt family in undermining the Constitution of the U.S.; "It Happened Again", giving the real back-ground of the present war; and "Biography of the Gods", by Eustace Haydon.

PLANETS IN HOUSES

A. A. Voyz

It has been suggested that planets when viewed as being posited in the houses, rather than the signs, should be considered as representing the *type of persons* to be encountered in the affairs of Life indicated by that house, rather than as indicating the *conditions* of those affairs.

Example: If Saturn is in the 7th House, the marriage partner and those with whom partnerships would be formed, would be Saturnians--not that the affairs of the house would be restricted by the influence of the planet.

At first glance this seems to be a contradictory procedure, but a second thought will show that such is not the case. Consider--if the people you meet in 7th House affairs are Saturnians, then certainly the affairs of that house will be stamped by the influence of Saturn!

As a matter of fact, would it not be in accord with truth to expect the human expressions of planets to be the *means* through which the planets effect those not under their dominion?

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