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Space did not permit some hair-raising book reviews which had to be held over until next month.

We have received some pictures of our new contributor, Jada May Swartz, for our "Family Album" which we keep of our subscribers and friends, their families, pets, etc. (Have you sent yours?) And is the young lady a beauty! Before the line forms on the right, I must warn you that I *think* she is already married.

The Occultist does not "take sides" in any war, whether private or international, but seeks ever to align himself with the Principle involved. Thus he may condemn the actions of an individual (or a nation) without hating the individual. So, in the present crazy-quilt pattern of the international situation, when one month England and France are allies and the next bitter enemies, one month Germany and Russia are allies and the next moment fighting each other; when one time we laud Finland to the skies for many virtues and now we are to believe she is the worst sort of scoundrel, the Occultist steers a steady course between the maze of conflicts to the Port of Principle and Truth.

By way of prophecy, the next scheme likely in the whole crazy business will be an alliance of England and Germany, fighting Russia. And the name-calling will start, and the United States will be worse than "Uncle Shylock".

Something of the reason for this war will be given next month when we review a book giving the names and amounts of those in Parliament and the Cabinet in English government who own large blocks of stock in munitions factories.

Those who advocate "Union Now" with Britain assure the doubter that we shall not become merely another colony, that we shall continue to have the freedom of our "democracy", etc. It is a well-known fact that Cecil Rhodes, with his scholarships, and Andrew Carnegie with his libraries, sought these means of propagandizing the American public into a willingness for this union. An experience recently

with the Carnegie Library in Atlanta, Georgia, is a fair example of what we could expect under British "democracy". This Carnegie Library, an AMERICAN Library, has refused our magazine, although sent free from our Memorial Fund for Mrs. Danelson, former Editor of the magazine. They claimed that the magazine was repeatedly stolen, though a watcher saw no such activity. Will not other friends in the larger cities make inquiry in the Public Libraries to see if they are furnishing their readers with the copies we send, and let us know your findings?

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THE HEALING BREATH

Marie Harlowe

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

Healing is a matter of completely changing the mental currents or vibrations in the body and mind, and complete and permanent healing takes place when this is done permanently. "Blessed are the pure in heart" refers to those who maintain a singleness of purpose, a singleness of thought-currents, along the line of contact with the Universal Life and its free expression in the individual.

As the Breath in Man is the God in Man, by Breath, as God-Power, is man healed. The rhythm of the Breath indicates the electrical potentiality of Life.

Though Healing by Breath is usually used in the metaphysical practice of Yoga--the Yogi is so in control of the Breath that he can, by partial inhalations and exhalations, actually massage interior parts of the body--it also has its scientific aspects as well.

Oxidation is definitely connected with the mental, emotional and spiritual experience of life. The very air is charged with subtle forces of sound, smell, color, heat, etc. reacting upon the inner nature of man. In this connection perhaps air-conditioning and air-purifying may have a more far-reaching influence upon the behavioristic pattern of man than is now perceived.

An oxygen preparation injected under the skin enables athletes, by neutralizing the acids of fatigue by removal of toxins such as carbon dioxide, to have longer endurance than usual. Oxygen starvation is common in attacks of fear and fright; the chemical disturbance of the coordination of the respiration with the nervous and muscular system brings about the accompanying (temporary) paralysis. Emotional distress, even to temporary paralysis, can be relieved by simple, deep breathing.

As the Breath is the God-Life of man, and as God-Breath,

is of man's deepest strata of being, the mechanism of breathing is normally below the conscious state, except where the breath is used too quickly in physical-plane activity. By use of the Breath, therefore, man can accomplish deep and permanent healings. Whereas healing methods by mental means are usually of the nature of temporary cures, control of the Breath or the expression of the rhythmic God-Life, produces a deep permanent healing.

All healings are preceded by one of various methods of purification. Errors, both past and present, must be removed from consciousness. A Cleansing Breath must therefore be used to prepare the body for the harmony and perfection of its healing.-----Breathe in naturally, and exhale in similar manner, though with considerable firmness in the latter, holding a sense of expelling the error within the system with the exhalation. Repeat the process for about five minutes each day. In later studies we will consider the cleansing and eliminating of error in more advanced methods through operating upon the Chakra of Elimination located at the base of the spine.

(In August Issue -- *Musical Healing*

In September Issue -- *Mental Cause and Cure of Disease*)

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WE WERE TOGETHER IN THOUGHT

Nellie Baldwin Rudser

The Dawn
Trailed rosy tinted notes
Across a wavering scroll.
I knew
That you were worshipping
Upon a visioned knoll;
I sensed
You watched the morning stars
In their enforced review;
Just twined
Scarf-thought about my soul
And hastened there with you.

THE RETURN OF THE TRUE LIGHT FROM THE WEST

The Supreme Mystery Cult of Ancient Egypt Survives
in Polynesia

Max Freedom Long
(Author of *Recovering the Ancient Magic*)

Pyramid Prophecy indicated the year of 1936 as the beginning of the period during which the Magico-Religio-Psychological "True Light" would be recovered by the modern world. The title of this article gives the prophetic text.

The "True Light" was the great "Secret" *Huna* of the builders of the Great Pyramid. Through a knowledge of this science of *Huna*, the Pyramid itself was built, the future which it predicted was foreseen, and later, the "Secret" was carried away to the distant islands of the Pacific to be preserved down to the Dark Centuries which were to follow.

In 1936, a study carried on for some forty years by Dr. William Tufts Brigham, long curator of the Bishop Museum of Honolulu, came to a successful ending in the hands of the author, who in his turn had spent some twenty years of investigation. In that year enough had been learned concerning the practice and theories of *ka-huna*--"Keepers of the Secret"--in Hawaii, to make possible a report in book form.

Up to that year all religions and occult systems had come to us from the East. But, true to Pyramid Prophecy, *Huna* returned from the West, that is, from Hawaii to America and thence to Europe.

Huna, which is more of a science than a religion, was the one unit of the Arts and Sciences which was not recovered after the Dark Ages. It is the last of the "lost" sciences, and it is far greater than any of the others. Without it men could not understand THEMSELVES. The ancient command, "Know Thyself" was impossible. A perilous gap was left in human knowledge by its loss.

About fifty years ago the gap became so outstanding that efforts were begun to evolve the science of OURSELVES, or of CONSCIOUSNESS, and, with Mesmerism as the springboard, Dr. Freud patiently worked out the primer steps in PSYCHOLOGY.

He discovered in a vague fashion, the "subconscious", then the "complex". Soon the method of recalling memories by way of a process of "association of ideas" was announced. Shortly thereafter the work became stalemated. In the past several years no single additional discovery of worth has been made. None might have been made for another century.

It is fortunate indeed, therefore, that we can now avoid the long toil of evolving *Huna* by recovering it as the last of the lost sciences. At the moment we have a very vague and jumbled idea of THREE of the TEN elements which go to make the CONSCIOUS MAN. As we understand these three elements so incompletely, it may be said that we have evolved ourselves about a tenth of the complete science.

The reason why we did not recover *Huna* along with Mathematics, Astronomy and other sciences, may be listed roughly as follows: (1) No written record of *Huna* was permitted, so none could be found through which to "recover" the science. (2) *Huna* was handed down by word of mouth only, and under vows of utter secrecy. It was discussed only in a language of its own. Thus it was not common property which could be handed down to laymen and come to light in due course of time. (3) The *kahunas* or initiates of Egypt--as of about 2650 B.C. did not remain in lands available to European students after the end of the Dark Ages. Most of them migrated with their immediate tribal followers in the Pacific, there to settle in the most isolated islands in the world. Hawaii, most isolated of all, was the place where the "True Light" of *Huna* was best preserved down the long centuries. This group of Islands was not discovered by moderns until 1778. (4) After the discovery of Hawaii the cult of secrecy still prevailed. No stranger was initiated into the science of *Huna*. In 1820 the Christian Missionaries arrived and began making a dictionary of the ancient language of the people--the language which had once been used in Egypt to discuss *Huna*.. Names of the ten elements in *Huna* were listed in the Hawaii-English dictionary, BUT COULD NOT BE PROPERLY TRANSLATED. In English we had no counterpart words for even such items as the "subconscious". (5) Until we had made the first short steps toward developing *Huna* for ourselves as "Psychology", we were totally unable to comprehend *Huna*, even had the secret been made public. It was inevitable

that we should mistake all *kahunas* or other "native" magic for childish superstition. (6) As *Huna* is the Science of Consciousness of man AFTER DEATH as well as during life, we had also to go well along in our psychic research and begin developing Psychic Science, otherwise how were we to grasp *Huna*, which deals with and EXPLAINS psychic phenomena as a part of its scope. (7) We had also to wait until science had advanced in Physics to a new electronic theory of matter-as-force. *Huna* deals with matter thus, and only in this generation could we have accepted that part of the teaching.

Not only does *Huna* deal with human consciousness in the state after death, it deals also with OTHER GRADES OF CONSCIOUSNESS with which man comes into contact, with conscious entities higher in evolutionary scale and lower. In so doing, touches the field of Religion. But this touch is so sure and deft that it tends to make Religion itself a science. The impact is severe in that it throws a blinding light which destroys religious dogmas, dear though they may be.

Research has not as yet uncovered the exact origin of *Huna*. It can be traced back to tribal peoples living in the Sahara Desert at the time when it was better watered and highly fertile. Its initiates moved quietly into Egypt during the Fourth Dynasty, and left for Polynesia (one tribe going north to Morocco also), as stated, sometime after the completion of the Great Pyramid and before the invasion of the Shepherd Kings.

Huna existed apart from the other Mystery Schools and religions, apparently giving to them only a slight part of itself. Some common knowledge was publicly held at the time, but very little.

By about 1900 the full knowledge of *Huna* began to die out in Polynesia and among the few Berber tribes in Morocco who had retained the lore (also the language of Polynesia in so far as the names of the elements of *Huna* were concerned.)

Today as a recent survey shows, no *kahunas* seem to be left in Hawaii who have more than a smattering of the science. Had Dr. Brigham not begun his study of the *kahunas* in Hawaii when he did, in about 1880, it is almost certain that *Huna* would have been lost to the world beyond recall.

But now the "True Light Returns from the West". Its theory and practice has been explored and it remains only

for students of the occult and for psychologists to become informed as to the findings. Once informed, experimental work can be undertaken to the end of duplicating the performance of the *kahuna* of both distant and recent times past.

For the student of the occult and of Truth, no greater news has broken in long centuries than this rediscovery of *Huna*. For those delving into psychic phenomena, *Huna* offers the explanation of phenomena which years of work have failed to find. For the religionist with open mind, *Huna* will separate the False from the True, and will teach the secret behind the "prayer of faith" which works the miracle of healing--healing of both body and purse.

In articles to follow, the Science of *Huna* will be presented step by step *, going from what little we know into things so new that they may be difficult at first to grasp. The time has come, after how many countless centuries of preparation?--when ALL men shall be privileged to know the Secret which has been undivulged except to the chosen few.

* (To the reader who may have chanced upon my first report, *Recovering the Ancient Magic*, published in England in 1936, may I say this: The information in hand at that time of writing was generally correct, in so far as it went. Few corrections are necessary, although the intervening years of continued investigation have turned up much additional material. Both the old material and the new will be presented in the most condensed possible form in this article series).

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"Be not deceived, God is not mocked". The Kingdom of Heaven which is coming by trials and tribulations as the old is broken up that the new may come to life, is near at hand. In key world positions God has angels, though they least of all may recognize their divine mission. Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, the only Southern Senator to vote against the Lend-Lease Bill, an ardent worker for the peace of the United States, has been made Chairman of the Senate MILITARY Committee, by the sudden death of its former Chairman, and by the seniority rules of the Senate. "I will not leave you comfortless".

- THE EDITOR

REVOLUTION AND FREEMASONRY

Bernard Fay

(Reprinted from *Revolution and Freemasonry*)

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Masonry alone undertook to lay the foundation for national unity in America, because, through the very nature of its organization, it could spread throughout all the colonies and work steadily and silently. It created in a limited way by a very prominent class of people a feeling of American unity without which the American liberty could not have developed, without which there would have been no United States.

The "Craft" had spread very rapidly all over the continent. Long before 1717 we know that there were Masons in all ports, and especially in Philadelphia and Boston; but it seems that while in England and in France Blue Freemasonry had to fight over all these older Masons, in America it had no trouble in attracting them. In 1731 the St. John Lodge of Philadelphia got in touch with the Grand Lodge of London, and the Duke of Norfolk, then Grand Master of English Freemasonry, appointed a Grand Master for the Central Colonies; his name was Daniel Coxe. In 1773, the first regular lodge was established at Boston, and Henry Price made Grand Master. Masonry spread to Georgia in 1734, to New Hampshire in 1736, to New York in 1737, to Virginia in 1734, to Rhode Island in 1749, to Maryland and Connecticut in 1750, to North Carolina in 1753. But, no sooner had regular Freemasonry penetrated all the colonies than ambitious and dissatisfied Masons began to set up unorthodox lodges. In 1754 a lodge of Boston, apparently discontented with the red tape and haughty spirit of the Grand Lodge of London, wrote to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to obtain a special charter, which was granted to it in 1759.

America, where the distinctions between classes were not so rigid as in England, where young people were more aggressive than in the old country, was a good field for the schism of the Ancients. Their lodges were promptly organized and rapidly gained ground in all colonies. In 1760 there was no town, big or small, where Masonry had not spun its web. Every

where it was preaching fraternity and unity.

Its first Grand Master, Daniel Coxe, was the first public man to advise a federation of the colonies with a view to controlling the Indians. The most prominent of all American Masons, Benjamin Franklin, was the first to submit to a body of representatives of all the Colonies a concrete plan of collaboration, military co-operation and political federation. He even spoke for it and strenuously defended it at the Albany Congress (1754); at a time when war was impending he advanced the scheme as the only way by which invasion and the sacking of the frontier settlements could be avoided.

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Franklin, the Masonic apostle, was not only organizing a Masonic intellectual front in America, but was also building up a Masonic press. He was by far the most outstanding newspaperman in the New World. His *Pennsylvania Gazette* was the most energetic and forceful newspaper in America. He was also the first owner and director of a chain of newspapers in America; he lent money to his workmen to enable them to start newspapers in other cities: Whitemarsh in Charleston, Parker in New York, and so on. Thus, he established in all the English Colonies of America a network of Masonic newspapers animated with the same spirit and working in collaboration.

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The center of the revolutionary movement was the St. Andrew Lodge, a Grand Lodge of the Scottish Rite, which was not the wealthiest in Boston, but was by far the most active. It was headed by a famous surgeon, Joseph Warren, an intimate friend of Franklin, and a great man whose intellectual renown and political influence had spread throughout America. The meetings were held in Boston near the harbor at a tavern called the "Green Dragon or the Arms of Freemasonry", owned by the Lodge. The "Green Dragon" housed also the local political club, the North End Caucus, known for its radicalism.

On the afternoon of Thursday, December 16, 1773, the members of the St. Andrew Lodge of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry went to the "Green Dragon", but, as we know from the records of the Lodge, they were too busy to hold their regular meeting. . . . Suddenly there appeared a band of "Redskins", strangely masked and clad in shabby rags, who had not been seen to enter the place but who attracted a great deal of

attention by their tumultuous and noisy exit. Rushing down to the docks, they jumped into some sloops anchored there and, reaching three English ships, boarded them. In a thrice they pillaged the three Indiamen, throwing overboard the three hundred and forty-two cases of tea. Unable to oppose them, the crews did not have time to call the English forces to the rescue. The triumphant Indians got back into their sloops, regained the shore and marched to the tavern with many songs and hurrahs. In the "Green Dragon" they could be heard singing... They must have been magic Indians, because though they were all seen going into the "Green Dragon" none of them were ever seen coming out. Many North-Enders and many Masons, all very excited, were later seen leaving the place... Thus started the American Revolution. The Boston Tea Party was the first revolutionary act of America and this was a great Masonic day. American Masonry cannot decline the honor and responsibility of having given the signal for rebellion.

It cannot be denied, either, that the other principal leader of the St. Andrew Lodge was Paul Revere, an enterprising merchant and a very handy craftsman with a versatile mind, who, having enlisted thirty husky mechanics to spy upon the English troops, learned that the English planned an expedition against American munitions stores, and executed his famed midnight ride. By arousing the Minute Men of Concord and Lexington he started the first English-American battle and became responsible for the first English defeat in America. Later he was rewarded by being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

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In America, national unity was established by a Mason; in Europe, the American cause was saved by a Mason; George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were the columns without which the Temple of American liberty would have crumbled. Washington and Franklin were the two outstanding Masons of the time.

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Wishing to consecrate and emphasize the feeling of faith which would make his armies invincible, George Washington did not follow the examples of the Old World such as Tyrenne or Villars and order a *Te Deum*, or have a great Thanksgiving sermon as Cromwell or Marlborough would have done, and as

the Presidents of the United States did later. His sword at his side, in full Masonic attire, and adorned with all the jewels and insignia of the Brotherhood, Washington marched at the head of a solemn procession of three hundred brethren through the streets of Philadelphia to Christ Church, where a Masonic Divine Service was held.

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Freemasonry itself did not *make* the revolutions, but *prepared* and *achieved* them. It impelled its members to play their part in the revolution, but when the revolution actually started it disappeared, to appear again later more brilliant and alive than ever. This fact has enabled many historians to state that Freemasonry had nothing to do with revolutions. This is an error. Just as the Catholic Church, without engaging in politics, has always played a most important part in politics, because it has always tried to preserve tradition and consequently to impress on people's minds the need of respecting the past and opposing changes, so Freemasonry, similarly but with a completely different aim, was obliged to constantly accept changes.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Freemasonry is being completely curtailed in Europe. Especially have Hitler and Mussolini hindered the work. Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Norway, Netherlands, and France under Petain have suppressed Masonry in the past year. Members of the armed force of Spain are prohibited (since 1935) from belonging to the Masonic Order. Very recently Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Turkey have also banned Masonic activities. Finland now prohibits its army and navy from being Masons. Democratic Switzerland is considering the curtailment of such activities. Ecuador and other South American countries have also added their disapproval of Freemasonry. Obviously much of this is due to the dictates of Hitler and Mussolini, who themselves being occult-minded, do not object to the esoteric nature of Freemasonry, but who do object to the political connections of the lodges, and to the dangers arising from its secret activities, and to the fact that large numbers of Jews have joined these Secret Orders for reasons of their own. The Anti-Masonic (political) Party was formed in the United States in 1826.

CHRIST IN ASTROLOGY

Jada May Swartz

The very word Astrology gives an idea of its true character. Astron--meaning star, and logos--to reason. Star reasoning.

To associate Christ with Astrology might at first glance appear strange, but upon analysis it is found to be perfectly logical.

First, assuming the Christ Mind to be all-pervading, an enlightened spiritual quality, "which was before the world began; and abode with, and was one with the Father"; and that this Christ appears in and manifests Itself through a physical agent, we approach the idea of esoteric Astrology.

The Christ Mind, the intellectual sun, comes to earth through a physical vehicle, and was most strikingly exemplified in that unusual personage, Jeshua Ben Joseph, or Jesus of Nazareth, "upon whom the spirit descended as a dove."

The stories connected with the Christ are all identical with the sun legends, or the physical Christ is a sun personality taking the same journey through matter that the sun does. For as Christ is a spiritual or mind-soul sun and as the sun gives earthly life, so the spiritual sun gives soul life. For without Mind, man would be as the lower forms of biological being.

From spiritual Astronomy we find our fixed sun is not fixed but is travelling through space in an orbit around some other sun. Alcyone, in the constellation Pleiades, has been suggested but at any rate, this sun also has its center and the great Sun behind all the suns controls order in the heavens. And as the greatest is like unto the smallest, the soul sun controls the physical mind.

Taking our sun through its symbolical journey around the Zodiac, we find the ancients believed and were not wrong, in ascribing 24,000 years to the sun in its orbit and spending 2,000 years in each sign of the Zodiac. We are just entering into the age of Aquarius, and we see many changes in this new age being ushered in.

Beginning with Aries, as the sun enters the sign and be-

gins its journey, the symbolic spirit is created in the fire of Aries. The sun is crossing the equator and starting its northerly journey. It is a new cycle after the destruction in Pisces, for nature moves in circles and "world without end", has neither true beginning nor ending. This new spirit then draws to itself a physical body in Taurus, a reasoning mind in Gemini and a psychical mind in Cancer. The sun this while has been moving higher and higher in the ecliptic until it reaches its highest northerly point and its exaltation in Leo. The Grand Man is thus formed--the Adam Kadmon. In Virgo, with a pure mind he is given discrimination to choose his path, the sense or sensible world, which he does in Libra. The sun is beginning its going down, back to the nether regions below the equator. The serpent Hydra has been latent this while and waiting to speak to Man. "That old devil, who seduces the whole world" as St. John says in Revelation. But the serpent is Revelation.

It is the life principle and Man becomes aware of the forces of nature within himself, symbolized by the two triangles--one white, one black, identical in form and substance but the use to which the force is put being vastly different. The White is Christ, Mind or Constructiveness; the Black equally powerful but the inverted use of the same force, the anti-Christ, life of the senses or Destructiveness.

The Man listens to the voice of his physical body which says, "Ye shall not surely die but become as one of the gods knowing right from wrong." The sun by this time is moving south and away from the earth, approaching its most southerly point and consequently Man's least mental sun.

Man, however, is not satisfied with the desire world of Scorpio and senses the destruction of his earth if there is no sun, so the divine Centaur Chiron spurs the Man on to aspiration and learning in Sagittarius. Then takes place the terrible battle of Armageddon as the body and mind battle for supremacy and it is no wonder that so few survive the conflict to receive the mark of the third eye.

Mind triumphs and the infant Christ is born as the sun reaches its most southerly point in the ecliptic and begins its return journey in Capricorn, and as the Immaculate Virgin stands above the horizon to give birth to the Savior Mind, the analysis of the Virgin being the aid of Man in his battle.

And the Christ Mind grows in the Man, and pours the blessings of the spirit upon the earth in Aquarius.

Then duality enters in Pisces, the doubts of Gethsemane, and the crucifixion. For every man is crucified upon his own cross of life. The sun crosses the equator in its ascending journey. The psychical deluge brought about by the conscious use of Christ and anti-Christ power has happened and the spirit re-ascends and is re-absorbed into First Cause. Spirit is liberated from matter and peace "was upon the face of the deep". One cycle is complete--a perfect universe and a perfect soul.

This esoteric philosophy of Astrology makes everyone a Christ-bearer or Perfect Mind. The historical Christ had experiences that are similar to the symbolic sun and through which trials we all must pass to find the indwelling Christ, "which all the sons of God shall one day find no matter how far they stray" to find the perfect peace of God "which passeth all understanding."

BOOK REVIEWS

BACK TO EDEN, by John S. Bayne *David McKay Co., Philadelphia, \$2.50* Sexual teachings found in esoteric Christianity; religious significance of sex; meaning of the Rite of Circumcision; releasing higher powers in man as "Eden" is "regained."

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BAMBOO SHRINE

Max Ernest Treadwell

(Continued from June Issue)

There was a cautious knocking at the door one Sunday night; then the door-bell rang three times in quick succession, jerkily. I opened the door without bothering to peer through the glass partition. No salesman it was who pushed past me and stood tall and gaunt in the light of the anteroom. Black eyes flashing jet and dangerous as though thirty-three long years had not gone by. The hatless head was hoary white, the face was thin and old, but those eyes had the fire of ageless youth.

"Suami Rahm!"

Suami Rahm bowed low. He did not smile. He did not offer his hand. For one frantic second the thought raced through my mind that he was not there! That I was merely Seeing. Then he spoke.

"I have come to warn you, Sahib!" he intoned quietly.

"About what, Suami Rahm?" I tried to speak casually, but my voice choked in my throat.

"Your thirty-three years are finished. Tonight you--die".

"Tonight--die--" I repeated the words mechanically, staring at the black-clad Hindoo.

"Yes. Unless you come with me--come back and renew your gift!"

"My gift? I'm afraid I don't understand, Suami Rahm".

"Oh yes you do, Sahib. Was I not with you when the Tabasheer Gift came upon you? You have forgotten it, mocked it, made naught of it--all who do, Sahib, never outlive thirty-three years. Unless they come again to the feet of the Tabasheer Bamboos. Unless they vow to mend their ways."

"Bamboos! Bamboos! Suami Rahm! I remember now."

Suami Rahm was taking a leather folder from his inside pocket. He opened it. He took out yellowed sheets of paper --paper from a scratch tablet--paper written over in a painful, large, childish scribble, pencilled scribble.

Still legible. I nodded. I remembered.

"But, Suami Rahm! I *have* written! All my life since that day I have written. That has been my one aim, ambition, reason for being!"

With dilated nostrils the towering Hindoo snorted at me.

"You have committed the unpardonable sin, the sin bamboo spirits do not forgive. You never went back to sit under the bamboos to write. Instead, you listened to parents, to teachers, to friends--to other writers. You wrote--yes. You wrote to conform to moulds and forms and rules created for you by other minds! Instead of simply putting down what comes out of your own mind. You made a mockery of your gift!"

I hung my head.

"It is true, Suami Rahm. But--one must live."

"Aye! But not one moment after tonight. Tonight you die."

So it was that by the wee small hours of the following morning, my car drew up at the clump of bamboos growing on the bank, just as they had been growing for thirty-three years. Thicker, taller, wider, that bamboo forest was now--dark and foreboding in the moonless night. To the east, the first faint golden flush lying along the peaks of the great mountain range heralded the coming day.

I smiled.

"The night is over, Suami Rahm!" I said to the man beside me.

"Not until the sunrise, Sahib", he whispered in reply.

"We'll wait here until it does," I ventured.

Suami Rahm shrugged.

"It will mean my death as well as yours, Sahib," he answered. "The police will never believe that you died suddenly, of heart failure, because you waited until the first beams of the sun struck you!"

His voice finished with tingling challenge--he threw open the car door on his side, leaped out, ran around to my side, opened the door for me, offered me his hand.

I shook my head, pointing to my wrist-watch.

"A full hour yet, Suami Rahm."

I had not told him that I had some business matters to attend to in connection with the old homestead, and had come only for that reason--I gave this excuse only to my-

self to explain to myself why I had given in and come two hundred miles--to apologize to a clump of Bamboos!

His smouldering trepidation in my behalf was too good a thing to bring to an end too soon. All that long drive he had been talking--talking of his wanderings--of his trips back to India and his myriad escapes from sudden death--all in behalf of his beloved Mother India. But he would not explain, despite all my promptings, how and why he had sought me out--other than to maintain that he "had been sent".

I smiled into that loyal, wrinkled, worried face, scanning the eastern ridges with dread written in every line of his face.

"Why, Suami Rahm!" I exclaimed, "Why all this about me, when you esteem your own life so lightly?"

He turned burning eyes upon me.

"Not you--it is not you I am caring for, Sahib. The Gift! The Gift that even I have never received, though I have sought it often. You must not die and leave the Gift unused. You must--you will--!"

He ended with a cry. A golden, oblique shaft of light was stealing up over the flushed horizon.

His grasp of steel closed on my wrist. By main force he pulled me, dragged me from the car--dragged me to the very foot of the Bamboo Shrine--his shrine if not mine. And there, still holding tight my wrist, he kneeled and spoke in strange accents--as though pleading for me. Minutes passed. Long minutes.

We were standing now, standing in the light of the sun. Its molten rim, unobscured by haze in that great summer valley, came up like a furious eye over the high horizon. Suami Rahm's steely grip relaxed. He turned to me and smiled, actually smiled.

"You are still in the land of the living, Sahib".

From his inside pocket he took out those yellowed pages of thirty-three long years ago. He turned them over reverently, page by page, so that the blank, back of each page lay up. He handed them to me. He handed me a pencil, and a piece of cardboard.

"See? I have them all ready for you. Take, and sit down, and renew your gift."

I sat down against the bamboos, just as I had done when eleven years of age. I placed the pages on the cardboard on my knee.. I touched the pencil-point to the page. It seemed eager to write, to move. Here is what my pencil wrote:

The truth, incapable of being denied because it is the truth, written large in every sunrise, every cloud and star, every vine and tree, in every other ego circulating around you, in every fiber and pulsating part of you, is this: Intelligence governs the universe, and, equally true, each intelligence is the center of its own universe.

You cannot disown the responsibility of your gifts. To do so is murder, the deliberate destroying of the living flame within. What eternal truths, what mighty vistas of the human mind might have been spread for all to see --if the eyes of seeing spirits had never been gouged out by unseeing human creatures.

Is it any wonder that outraged spirits of frustrated Art drive to madness and death those who are faithless to Art?

I drove back with Suami Rahm the same morning, without waiting to do any business on the old homestead.

"I have much to write," I explained to Suami Rahm. He only smiled.

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EFFA DANELSON SPEAKS

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"What is the occult?" is the question asked by the timid investigator, half afraid to hear the answer. The word *occult*, as defined in the dictionary, means *hidden*. It is generally interpreted to mean anything hidden from the understanding....Occult knowledge is the revelation of the *hidden* powers in *nature* to the mind of man...the understanding of the occult will become universal knowledge.

ASTROLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Of Persons Born in CANCER, the Crab

(June 21 to July 22 of any year)

Marie Harlowe

Ruling Planet, Moon; Governs Stomach; Element, Water; Location: Corner in busy city or town, near large body of water, facing south, on high ground; Color Silver Gray.

Cancer, the fourth sign of the Zodiac (watery, cardinal), governs the home and is typical of Universal Motherhood. It is also the sign of the common people. Although of restless, changeable Moon-influenced type, Cancer natives are very fond of home and family ties. They love comfort and ease and the good things of life including social gaiety. They are agreeable by nature and seldom quarrel. The Moon, governor of Cancer, rules the reflective faculties of the mind. They are mystical, psychic, very intuitive, and on the negative side, very mediumistic. These natives are extremely sensitive to conditions around them, and this sensitiveness makes it important that discrimination be used in the choice of associates.

This influence of the Moon gives the strange contradictory paradox of changeable and at the same time tenacious nature like the surface waves of the sea and the unchanging undercurrent. The unstableness of mind usually expresses itself in much travelling about--they are confirmed globe-trotters, or in frequent changes in occupation, in spite of which they are industrious and frugal.

Cancer natives are of quiet, retiring, retrospective nature, and the memory is remarkably developed. This gives them a tendency to look backward, to value old things, and produces some of the world's best historians, researchers and archeologists. (The sign of Cancer governs the accumulations of life, hence the end of life and things to be left behind). This also gives a very orthodox, conventional viewpoint and extreme conservatism of thought. The natives thus influenced seldom change their religious faith and adhere strictly to formalism and ritualistic ceremony, and being great respecters

of persons and personages, they often demand much deference and attention for themselves. Cancer natives often appear older in youth, and all Cancerians are fond of old people as well as old customs.

The Cancerian is of two types, one the very lazy and the other the extremely ambitious. Physically, the Cancer people are very attractive. They are of medium, squat stature, full-chested with round, delicate face; the feet and hands are usually small, but the upper portion of the body is larger than the lower. They have wide, low foreheads, fair or pale complexion, light or grayish eyes and brown hair. Although strongly emotional, they are dignified and reserved. They have soft, mellow voices.

The Cancer constitution is never strong, suffering chiefly from functional disorders, particularly those of the stomach. Weak digestive action produces a train of diseases, including rheumatism, cancers and tumors, dropsy and scurvy. The women suffer from female weaknesses. Alcoholic stimulants should be avoided, and only simple, wholesome food should be eaten. Plenty of fresh air and rest are also necessary for these natives. Cancerians often suffer chronic ailments.

Those people born in the first decanate of Cancer, the last 10 days of June, are very practical and ambitious, notwithstanding their sensitive, emotional development.

Those born in the 2nd or Scorpio decanate of Cancer, or the first 10 days of July, are very sensitive, highly intuitive and psychic. They experience many vicissitudes in life but often reach a high position particularly in the dramatic or poetic fields of expression.

Those born in the third or Pisces decanate of Cancer, or the last 10 days of the sign, usually have a very hard early life, but the latter part is much better. They are very sympathetic and kind, and their extreme interest in the hidden or unknown makes them excellent in occult and research work.

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