

# THE ORACLE,

EXPONENT OF WEST GATE PHILOSOPHY.

ISSUED MONTHLY.

CHARLES H. MACKAY, - - - - - Editor and Publisher.

VOL. 2 BOSTON, MASS., MARCH, 1897. No. 9.

## The Fall of Man.

(As considered from its Occult or true standpoint.)

By EDMUND S. YOUNG, M. D.

We find in all ancient religions, an allegory of the "Fall of Man" from a high state of perfection, to one of imperfection and gross materialism. That peculiar and very ancient people, the Chinese, have a proverb, "In the beginning, man was by nature holy." Upon the walls of Thebes and other ancient cities have been found hieroglyphic accounts of the temptation and Fall of Man. Thus it is apparent that the story of the Fall is far older and more universal than the ordinary unlearned reader of the Bible supposes. Let us consider this allegory from a mystical or occult point of view and apply its teachings to our own lives and purposes. We read in Genesis that "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." "Male and female created He them." Thus it appears in the very beginning man's dual nature is recognized, Body and Soul, also the masculine and feminine principles or perfectly equilibrated forces in the one being. This, then, constitutes the "image" or "likeness" of God, or in other words, that perfect condition or harmonious state existing between the body and soul, wherein the soul dominates the body and the body has no will of its own apart from that of the Divine Spirit. Let us consider the body and soul, as represented by Adam and Eve of the Biblical narrative. Adam

will therefore represent the body, or sensuous nature in man, while Eve will represent the psychic and spiritual nature. The two combined become "one flesh," or, mystically, the pure and sinless condition of man is one of complete obedience of the sense nature or "Adam," to the rule of the soul, or Eve. Eve, we read was taken from the side of the sleeping Adam, because, although the soul exists in all men she becomes revealed to those only who have overcome the sense nature or Adam and have lost consciousness of the grosser elements of the body.

"When the Adam or body is asleep, passive, unassertive, the soul is made manifest." The function of the soul is to command, to guide, to possess the body, at the will of the Divine voice or spirit. And just as long as that condition existed, just so long was man perfect or in the Edenic or unfallen state. Again turning to the Biblical narrative we read that the "serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field that the Lord God had made." The serpent has, in all ages, been used as a symbol for many things. For instance, it is used as a symbol of Wisdom, as a symbol of Life, also of the Celestial fire, and of the Astral fire. In the instance alluded to in Genesis, we find that we have the astral or serpent of the dust to deal with. Here it typifies the *lower* reason. The soul becoming over-ruled by the seductions of the lower reason, or the astral serpent thus becomes subject to the body. Then ensues the utter ruin of the sinless condition or Edenic state of man. Henceforth the soul's aspirations are suppressed, intuition gives place to reason, the inner to the outer, and perpetual enmity is established between the woman, or soul, and the astral serpent, or lower sense.

[Concluded next month.]

### Stars of the Zodiac.

Last month I promised to commence a series of articles in the present issue bearing upon the twelve zodiacal constellations. In these articles it is of course understood that

the stars representing the sign of the current months cannot be pointed out, from the fact that the presence of the sun forbids it. Hence we must consider that group which we find in most convenient position for study during the current month. For the present month we will take the constellation of Gemini, and we shall expect "Gemini people" to be particularly interested to thoroughly inform themselves concerning their own stars!! In the early evening hours of March, Gemini occupies a section of the heavens nearly overhead. Upon a clear, moonless night you will easily note the bright path which the Milky Way marks out across the heavens. It starts from the horizon directly beneath the North Star, and bears somewhat toward the west, making a slightly curved line as it wends its way to the southern horizon. Now the stars of Gemini are found directly at the eastern edge of this brilliant path of light, and, as before stated, almost directly overhead. Upon the western side of the Milky Way we note the brilliant constellation of Orion, with which all my readers are doubtless familiar; then directly opposite, separated only by the "Way," we easily find the group under consideration. As you all know, Gemini signifies the "twins" and Castor and Pollux are the only two stars of particular brilliancy. These two stars are situated at a distance of some twenty-five degrees easterly from the Milky Way. Castor is upon the north side of the group and Pollux is some five degrees farther south.

Then, between these two principle members and the Milky Way, the student will have no difficulty in becoming familiar with all the other members. I will particularly call your attention to the many *triangles* of Gemini. That is, the many little stars in groups of three which form almost perfect triangles. As to the significance of this and its possible bearing relative to the peculiar people of this sign I will leave to the "native" to study out. The groups immediately surrounding Gemini are

Orion and Taurus on the west, Auriga on the north, the Lynx, Cancer and Canis Minor on the east and south.

---

—The following beautiful sentiment comes from a W. G. student and is grandly in harmony with our teaching: "To me astrology, like heredity, tells my natural tendencies, but I can overcome all. If I am the child of Him who created the stars, I need not be bound or barred by them." —W. G. B. 163.

—"The Perfect Faith" is the title of a new metaphysical magazine, the first issue of which is promised March 1st. It is to be illustrated and will consist of 16 pages. Price per year, \$1.00. Sample copies free. Address the editor, Mr. H. B. Magill, Box 1455, Denver, Col.

—A reliable delineation of character can now be supplied from this office for one dollar.

—"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He lives most who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

—It is quite possible to suffer many and great griefs, and yet not to feel thoroughly unhappy in consequence, but rather to find our moral and intellectual nature so purified and exalted thereby that we would not change this feeling for any other.—*Humboldt.*

—When a misfortune is impending I cry, "God forbid," but when it falls upon me, I say, "God be praised."—*Sterne.*

—There is but one way to tranquility of mind and happiness, let this, therefore, be always ready at hand with thee, both when thou wakest early in the morning, and all the day long, and when thou goest late to sleep: *to account no external things thine own*, but to commit all these to God.—*Epictetus.*

—“What is a ‘Master’?” This question is discussed in No. 5 of our “Esoteric Development” series, issued in 1891-92. Also in the same series (No. 10) we have the main portion of an able article entitled “The Building of the Temple.” Both pamphlets will be mailed for 10 cents. Silver or one cent stamps accepted.

—Owing to constantly increasing demands upon my time from my students and private lessons I have found it impossible to continue the publication of two papers. Therefore I have decided to stop the MESSENGER, for the present at least. To those who have paid subscriptions for the MESSENGER I submit the following propositions to the end of giving you an equivalent for remittances: I will apply *double* the amount as subscription to the ORACLE, or *three times* the amount toward the payment of any of my lessons. Those who are already subscribers to the ORACLE can have their subscriptions extended under this offer. I trust that this arrangement may be acceptable to all, but if not I will return cash or stamps to those who wish. In replying to this notice kindly state the amount originally paid for the MESSENGER.

—The most marvelous book of the century.—Blavatsky’s Posthumous Memoirs.—Dictated by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, from the Spirit World, upon the typewriter, independent of all human contact, under the supervision of G. W. N. Yost, inventor of the Yost typewriter, who died some years ago, to bring to light the things of Truth, and affirm the continuity of life and the eternal activity of the soul immortal. Price 50 cents. Published by Mr. Joseph M. Wade, 185 Summer St., Boston, Mass. Send stamp for descriptive circular.

—The new W. G. Lessons known as the WHITE EAGLE COURSE have met with the most enthusiastic reception. Letters of praise and gratitude are constantly coming to me from students who are taking these lessons, and who are sufficiently awakened to the true spirit of the teaching. The central thought of this course is the mystery of the cre-

## Ten Pamphlets upon West Gate Philosophy.

These ten lessons deal plainly with our foundation principles such as the Dream Consciousness, Mental and Physical Harmony, the Mystery of Speech, etc. They contain carefully prepared drills and exercises. Very useful to the student during his first years in the path. This course was issued in '91 and '92 under the title "Esoteric Development" and "The West Gate." \$1.00.

**Vibration, \$1.00.** With drills, concentrations, etc., for development and bringing into equilibrium the triune nature. Invaluable for class teaching as well as for home use. This is the principal lesson of the *West Gate Teacher's Course*, (mentioned elsewhere) and is the only one sold separately.

**The Covenant of the West Gate Brotherhood, 50 cts.** This covenant may be taken by all people who desire to exemplify the soul's highest aspirations.

**Star Map, 10 cts.** Shows the principle stars and groups and is of great assistance to the student in astronomy. Very easily understood. An invaluable assistant to the earnest occult student.

---

Have you taken our private lessons, in 16 parts, known as the

## WEST GATE TEACHER'S COURSE?

If you have not, and if you are striving for a comprehension of subjective mysteries, then you are missing a most helpful and inspiring system of culture and training. The suggestions, drills, methods, concentrations, etc., of this course are condensed and easily applied to the individual life and experience in all environments. They are practical, and they indicate *plainly* the safe, though narrow, path to pursue in order to make the grandest attainments possible for man to make upon earth. We have made the price very low, only \$2.50, and we allow easy payments for those who cannot pay the full amount at once. In fact, we do not allow your lack of means to debar you from having the lessons; the main point with us is this: *Do you want them*, and do you feel that you *need* them? If private correspondence is desired with these lessons, the price for all is \$5.00.

*Address all orders and inquiries,*

CHAS. H. MACKAY,  
39 East Springfield Street, Boston, Mass.

---

If a *blue cross* appears in the margin opposite this paragraph it means that your subscription expired several months since. In remitting for subscription it is quite safe to send silver when neatly enclosed in stiff paper. One cent stamps are acceptable.

When a duplicate copy of the *Oracle* falls into your hands will you kindly pass it along where it may be appreciated.

This Journal is published in the interests of all people who are struggling with environment; who are seeking a comprehension of the earth mission; who are striving to know the scope and the right uses of the dormant powers of the "Temple of the Holy Ghost," namely, the human body.



Subscription 50 Cents per Year. Single Copies, 5 Cents.

Address inquiries and make remittances to

CHAS. H. MACKAY, Editor the Oracle.

39 East Springfield St., Boston, Mass.

# THE ORACLE,

EXPONENT OF WEST GATE PHILOSOPHY,

A Journal of Progress, Dedicated to the People of High Ideals

HERALD OF A NEW SYSTEM OF OCCULT TRAINING.



'Tis strange, the miser should his cares employ  
To gain those riches he can ne'er enjoy;  
Is it less strange, the prodigal should waste  
His wealth, to purchase what he ne'er can taste?

—*Pope's Essay on Man.*



Vol 2.

Boston, Mass., April 1897.

No. 10.

ENTERED AT THE BOSTON POST-OFFICE AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.