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PSYCHIC HIGHLIGHTS

By

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FLOWERS KEEP FRESH *Truth Stranger . . . ?*

In "Psychic News", Mrs. Ings, Leyton, London E. C. 17, relates that, 36 years ago, she lost her baby boy, 6 days old.

"He was about 9 when he first controlled me . . . We have always looked on him as one of the family, and when his birthday comes, cards and flowers are put in my room for him.

"When our birthdays arrive, a card is sent from him, as it was his wish never to be left out.

"A few years ago, on his birthday, his sister brought a bunch of daffodils for him. At night, we had a sitting, he controlled me, and spoke to his Dad, 2 brothers and a sister.

"He took a daffodil from the vase, and gave it to his sister. She laid it on the dressing-table — without putting it in water—and there it remained for 21 days, perfect in colour.

"Then I took it downstairs to show my son-in-law.

"The next day, it was withered up.

"I have a nephew in the flower-trade, and I told him about it. He said: 'Auntie, if I did not know you, I should think you were not telling the truth. No 'daff' can hardly last a week in water.'

"But there, truth is stranger than fiction, isn't it?"

HEALERS WELCOMED *1100 Hospitals*

"Two Worlds," 5 March 1960, reports that, according to the National Federation of Spiritual Healers—which is responsible for the current campaign to ask all hospitals to admit healers, who are Federation members—1,103 hospitals in England have opened their doors to spirit healers to treat patients who request their services.

The healers offer laying-on of hands, and prayer intercession.

The President, Harry Edwards, states that, because of the good results obtained by one healer, hospital authorities are considering asking

her to attend their patients one day a week.

In another case, the medical staff were sympathetic when a patient sought absent treatment by telephone from one healer.

Such is the "great news," that so many hospitals are now willing to allow healers access to patients being surely one of the greatest victories achieved by Spiritualism.

Since the above was typed, news comes that two-thirds of all the hospitals in England now admit psychic healers.

DEAD MAN'S HAND

Necro-Therapy Again

In "Highlights of 27 July 1958, there was an item headed "Dead Man's Hand," in which was described the cure, of what seemed to be a goitre, in a boy, by rubbing a corpse with the hand of a corpse.

This procedure I ventured to call "Necro-Therapy."

Mrs. Helen E. Sulzer, of Philadelphia, now writes me that she has always been psychic, addicted to seeing apparitions, and also events and people unknown to her conscious mind.

Her Irish grandmother, she continues, had often told

her that, in her village, people with certain skin-ailments would be healed by touching the hand of a dead person: others would be healed by placing the affected part of the body on the mark on the rope, made by the neck of a man who had been hanged!

In those days, hangings, on market-days, were plentiful, and sufferers used to bribe jailers to let them touch the ropes as soon as possible after the execution.

Now for another phenomenon, similar to others which have also been mentioned in "Highlights."

My correspondent, having been, against her own inclinations, coaxed to attend a banquet, sat in the front row, while a photograph was taken. Where she sat, the picture showed a complete blank—just the empty chair. Apparently her "spirit" produced evidence of its displeasure at being forced to attend the banquet.

A third story: my correspondent's family had always been attached to birds. A few months after Mrs. Sulzer's mother died, the mother's pet bird also died.

One morning, about 2 a. m., my correspondent heard a bird singing in the living-room. It was not her canary which she found fast asleep. The singing came from the part of the room where the mother's pet had lived.

Having phoned for a psychic neighbour to come over, the two searched the house, in vain.

The unseen bird continued to sing sweetly for several hours.

My friend adds yet another psychic incident. Having had to sell her old home, she moved into an apartment which, for some unknown reason, she disliked from the start.

"Often during the evenings," she writes, "I get the strongest odor, like that of a male cat, and last night I distinctly saw a black cat on the floor by my chair."

Mrs. Sulzer, please accept the thanks of readers and myself for your instructive stories, which I hope will encourage others to find me, for "Highlights" prints of psychic experiences which they have had.

HARMFUL RAYS

Look Out!

"Pendulum" has quite an important article on "Harmful Rays," by J. Calte, translated from "Formes Nouvelles."

Noxious rays, we are told, are becoming more and more numerous, largely due to increase of Rader, Radio and Television sets.

It is observed that cells, exposed to certain magnetic and electrical frequencies, no longer reproduce, and

that these rays are deadly to men and animals.

A scientist noted that microbes, in a culture exposed to a radio or TV beam, fled, each species keeping to one particular direction, the method being useful in segregating the microbes.

In U.S.A., some 2 years ago, 8 soldiers, on maneuvers, were exposed to a beam of rays, focused by a projector, to guide rockets. All the men were rendered impotent and sterile, baffling the doctors.

About the same time, the aerial of a 600 KW radar swayed for a few moments, sweeping the ground on which a sergeant was standing. He collapsed and died instantly.

CIG. BUTT

Curious Experience

A correspondent of mine tells me of a strange experience she had recently.

"Last night, an odd thing happened. After some friends left, I was getting rid of the cigarette butts, as I don't smoke. I hate their smell.

"When I had my hand over the ash-tray, I give you my word, one butt slowly stood up on end! I thought I had a silk thread stuck to my hand, so I put my other hand under and around, but there was nothing.

"It slowly lay down again; then, to test it, I slowly moved my hand over the tray, and I'll be darned if that one butt didn't follow my hand, as if it had been a magnet!

"I noticed that this butt was the only one not marked by lipstick, so it was smoked by a man I am not too crazy about. He is a loud, bragging person, but his wife thinks he is perfect.

"I tried it again, and sure enough it followed my hand in another direction."

Can any reader match this incident, or suggest an explanation?

DOWSING

Ireland

In "The Limping-Foot of Radiesthesia", an article in the British "Pendulum", P. S. Seward recalls an interesting experience he had, while at Glengariff, on the southern Irish coast.

On Garnish Island, near the coast, he met a brother of Lord Burt, who was the English ambassador at Washington, the brother having spent some £200,000 embellishing his property on the island. It was an ideal spot, with ruined castle, Greek temples, Chinese mosaic swimming-pool and the like.

The fly in the ointment was, that all attempts to find water on the island having failed, all fresh water had to be brought from the mainland.

One day, an old Irish labourer told him he could find all the water he wanted un-

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TOM O'NEIL
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Experiments With Paranormal Sounds And Voices

By

RAYMOND BAYLESS

In this article I wish to somewhat briefly describe the history of a series of experiments which Mr. Attila von Sealay and I undertook and which began November 27, 1956. The majority of the experiments had been conducted by Feb. 2, 1958, but occasional tests have been made throughout the continuing years till the present date. It can be said, therefore, that the phenomena described actually still continue.

Our experiments were the result of observing and experiencing spontaneous psychical phenomena primarily consisting of, in this case, paranormal voices and other sounds. The date marking the beginning of the tests then represents the first use of an organized method of procedure, regular sittings, various equipment, etc., and the taping recording of the resultant phenomena.

The case which I am presenting certainly is one of the most remarkable and fascinating series of psychical experiments in modern times. To be exact, to my knowledge, and in the knowledge of the foremost researchers today, other than this case there is simply not one single provable case today involving paranormal voices. As a matter of strict fact, probably no other paranormal effect, excepting perhaps paranormal photography, meets with more scorn than does the very idea of a psychical voice at the present time, and I am sorry to say, very correctly.

As is common knowledge the prevalence of fraud in the psychic field, the spiritualistic field, is really appalling. Due to the low level which popular spiritualism has fallen, the mere concept of a paranormal voice is almost automatically considered ridiculous by present researchers. In fact, a good number of the noted researchers of the past have denied that a paranormal voice has ever existed, and as far as research today is concerned today, such voices have never been.

As mentioned, one of the primary reasons that so little credence is placed in accounts dealing with paranormal voice phenomena, is that the worthwhile investigations by reputable investigators have been completely eclipsed by the vast mass of utterly worthless nonsense found in popular spiritualistic literature. We find glowing accounts of voice phenomena via the "trumpet", along with every other conceivable psychic effect possible, but these accounts, as a rule are completely devoid of any real value. The entire field is riddled with fraud, and fraud generally of the most ridiculous and extraordinarily obvious kind. Those who have been present at a trumpet or materialization seance can best appreciate the above state-

ments.

Voices speak through trumpets in loud, pear-shaped tones; Indian chiefs are present, not to mention spirit doctors, and armies of materialized spirits troop through the seance room carrying on conversations usually of a semi-illiterate type. Needless to say, the reality of these phantom brigades exists only in the minds of those credulous enough to have faith in them.

Unfortunately, one of the quite annoying results of this is that the believers in such nonsense are so completely conditioned by fraud that if "spirit voices" do not bellow long conversations and materializations do not line up by the dozen, any presumed psychical phenomena not measuring up to these ridiculous false standards of sheer volume and quantity are dismissed as too minor to be noticed. While the credulous real phenomena goes a-begging.

As any true scientifically minded student realizes, any phenomena no matter how minute, is of great value. With a thing so extremely rare as a paranormal voice one genuine sound, or word, would in itself be a marvelous event of tremendous scientific worth. As for quantity, it is enough that any thing can be received, much less long orations. It is incredible to reflect that in spite of the obviousness of this point, it is simply impossible to put this self-evident fact over to a vast number of people.

This series of experimental seances resulted from a number of paranormal happenings which led us to attempt our first trials. We were rewarded by a number of genuine psychical effects including high-pitched whistling sounds which on certain occasions definitely sounded in answer to questioning.

Mr. von Sealay and I equipped a closet as an experimental seance cabinet and in the course of our experimentation it was fitted with various types of soundproofing, all types of equipment and at different times had many types of microphonic setups, etc. In general, however, the closet was rendered quite soundproof, an ordinary aluminum trumpet was suspended from the ceiling with a microphone placed inside of the trumpet which led to a tape-recorder outside the cabinet, and frequently use was made of a high-gain amplifier and loud-speaker which enabled an observer to hear any sound that might originate from inside the cabinet, no matter how minute. Both the amplifier and speaker, of course, were outside in the main room. Actually, the majority of our experiments were made with the cabinet door locked and Mr. von Sealay, myself and any other

observer seated outside in the main room.

By setting-up our experiments in this fashion we insured an extraordinary fraud-proof situation, and certainly in the history of scientific psychical experimentation an unparalleled one in that we succeeded in separating the medium totally from the place of origin of the voice. To repeat, by having the medium sitting completely away from the cabinet which in turn was quite sound-proof, and the microphone receiving the voice inside the cabinet, then fraud as a theoretical objection is eliminated. This situation, I maintain, in the field of scientific research is unequaled for strictness and freedom from fraud.

Naturally, the origin of the voice itself was the first problem, and of course, the nature of the closet-cabinet and other equipment in relation to possible fraud was certainly the second. When the cabinet was being altered for experimentation I not only aided in the work done, but also continually observed the cabinet as our tests continued. As a result, it was impossible for any trick devices to have been added, etc. The same conditions held for Mr. von Sealay and he in turn checked on the cabinet and my activities, and by this severe double-check, we have been able to meet theoretical possibilities of fraud in this direction.

With the cabinet and its construction quite cleared then we were able to directly deal with the origin of the voice and possibilities of fraud there. As I have mentioned, a trumpet of aluminum was suspended from the ceiling by a cord — not metallic—and a microphone in turn was placed inside the large end of the trumpet. The microphone in turn led into an amplifier and tape-recorder. The amplifier and recorder were situated outside the cabinet in the main room in full view and consequently free from any fraudulent attempts. Therefore, any sounds heard or recorded had to originate from the closet.

It is true that for a number of experiments Mr. von Sealay actually sat inside the cabinet, and on occasion so also did guest sitters, but for the great majority of tests the cabinet was empty and locked, and all experimenters sat outside generally in full light. Under these last circumstances many of the finest results were obtained and as a result the medium is then proven to be free from any question of fraud.

To quickly dispose of the objection of chance sounds, etc., or outside sources of voices such as receiving under freak circumstances radio communications, it must be remembered that the voices received and recorded made remarks referring to us, our conversations, mentioning our names and similar results. Needless to say, no outside radio interference can answer your questions

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The Amazing Vindication Of H. P. Blavatsky

By
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It is a rare thing to have the gratification of knowing that a well loved friend is at last vindicated, for indeed the scientific world itself has actually vindicated H. P. Blavatsky. Theosophists and occult students all over the world rejoice at the news; few thought such a dramatic vindication possible, in spite of the fact that H. P. Blavatsky herself prophesied that the twentieth century would find the acceptance of her doctrines an accomplished fact.

The infamous "Hodgson Report" dubbed her "the greatest impostor in history"; today we know otherwise; we know that she was among the greatest teachers of history; that she bravely endured a martyrdom of calumny and insult in her endeavour to open the eyes of mankind. For those who have eyes to see, she has written the textbooks of all true Science for centuries to come, and men will know that mere intellect is not enough to unravel the enigmas of mother Nature.

What is it that marks this Russian woman of noble family as such an outstanding figure? Those who knew her intimately had little doubt as to her character. She was titanic; she baffled everyone who met her; her spiritual knowledge was like a torrent of life-giving force from an invisible realm. Colonel Olcott worked with her in close association for seventeen years, yet he freely confessed that this strange woman was still as unfathomable to him as on the day he first met her at Vermont. She baffled everyone who tested her psychic powers, yet at the intellectual level she made scientific men look like fourth-grade schoolboys. Her intellect was guided by spiritual intuition—not by mere academic brain-stuffing. She had a mind like a knife, and most of her traducers were made to look silly indeed, for the courage of her pen confined them all to the proverbial trash-can!

Few people like to be shown that their views are worthless, and those who expose the shams of the day are apt to be hated and vilified to the bitter end. This was the lot of H.P.B. The most amazing and puzzling gift of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was her power to express herself, even when handling the most abstruse metaphysical doctrine. The reader should try to feel the greatness of a person who

could write a book as bewildering and difficult as The Secret Doctrine with nothing but an ordinary education. This book was the greatest enigma for the scholars of 1888; it was worlds ahead of anything published before or since; it exposed the Science of that day for the piffle that it was—a half-baked concoction of wishful thinking.

Spiritual science was then a comparatively new and little explored subject, and H. P.B.'s terrific insight was resented by those who new nothing of "elementals" and the embryonic souls that mingle with the denizens of the finer worlds. Today, folk are more enlightened and experienced; these things are known to be facts—facts which were disregarded, and for which H.P.B. was derided and ridiculed. What a bewildering situation for a great teacher to occupy—especially as her actual knowledge of English was extremely limited, being picked up during her endless wandering in every quarter of the globe, and certainly not mastered until she was about 43. Only a Titan could perform such a feat, and write the masterpiece we know as The Secret Doctrine with its astonishing assertions.

Perhaps the most astonishing of all was the assertion that MAN—as a complete creature with a thinking brain—is 18,000,000 years old. The statement was received with utter derision; the idea insulted the particular enlightenment of the ethnological and scientific world of 1888. Today the statement is vindicated! And that vindication comes from the Science of 1962.

The news came in a report of the Associated Press on March 22, 1962. It read: "Discovery of the remains of a strange creature—14,000,000 years old, and showing characteristics heading toward those of modern man—was announced today by a British scientist." One day Science may fill in the gap of the odd four million years, for The Secret Doctrine stated that in 1887, man was just 18,618,728 years old. The knowledge was not derived from fossil evidence as with Science, but by the computation of esoteric cycles under the Adept tuition that H.P.B. enjoyed for the whole of her life.

All normal creatures are just as much in the womb of mother Nature as they were in the wombs of their earthly mothers, and subject therefore to the cycles of growth known at the gestation period experienced by

all creatures. The earth itself has a definite "world period"—not in actual years, but in terms of energy inherent in its matter. Various sub-periods mark the progress of evolution in all the different kingdoms. And how amusingly different is this figure of 18,000,000 years from that of the christian Bishop Ussher, who in the 17th century estimated the Creation date as 4,004 years B.C.!

As humanity passes through the womb of evolution in a set cycle; many such humanities as ours will have occupied the earth ere the day of its dissolution arrives—as it inevitably must. Each humanity is like a wave—a "life-wave" is the Secret Doctrine term for this enormous period—and if twelve hours on a clockface could represent a complete gestation period, our present progress point is just a little past six-o'clock.

H. P. Blavatsky and Science

The Science of 1887 had certain ideas which presented a mere skeleton of evolution, and some of the old die-hards still hold to these discredited conclusions of a stodgy materialism. Even the most advanced views of matter, force, and gravity, are in conflict with The Secret Doctrine tenets. The contrast of some of these tenets may be of interest to those who still think that Science holds all the trump cards, and demonstrates exact knowledge by its present results. This is a difficult aspect of the subject, especially when one comes to analyze the difference between scientific and occult views concerning light. It is difficult indeed to persuade a Science-adoring public that its actual results to date in no way represent exact knowledge. To make such an assertion appears to be presumption of the most impertinent kind, yet Science has but an OPERATIVE knowledge of the things it handles so effectively for mankind. It uses things without knowing their ultimate cause and nature.

Science uses light in many spectacular ways, yet the explanations of its nature are as confused and sketchy as anything could be imagined. Its "speed" is one of the fundamental physical constants, being basically involved in atomic theory and astronomical measurements. Its present accepted speed is 186,282 miles per second. Because results show such obviously known effects, it seems to scientific minds that light must actually move at the speed stated; the Occultist would assert that light has no such speed; the forward motion is an illusion of impulse-effects.

Professor Max Planck correctly observes in his "quantum" theory that light appears to arrive in tiny packets of energy called "quanta". This is actually true: the wave is certainly related to the properties of the electron, but not in the sense



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that Science accepts that relation. Says H. P. Blavatsky: "Light is the ghost or the shadow of matter in motion". Why this is so must first be illustrated by the waves set up in a pond by the impact of a stone flung into its depths. The waves near the stone do not reach the shore in forward motion, they stay in the same position. Each wave merely rises and falls; the water is folded into curves resembling a letter S—lying horizontally. The rising and falling wave elbows the next into exactly the same motion; a flat surface is merely waved into a mass of wiggling curves which do not change position. Forward movement is not actual, it is an illusion of successively arising waves.

So is it with light, but the action of the wave motion is like that of a sewing needle which takes a thread over

and under a piece of material. We see but one side of light—the side showing the "quanta" or loops of thread simile. The other half of the wave is in the subjective—the Ether—and each lower half of the wave-cycle is the precipitate therefrom. The writer imagines his a reader getting out his six-shooter to raise some obvious brain-born objections to these suggestions.

It will be objected that if one intercepts light by covering the front of a lamp, or if the moon obscures the face of the sun in an eclipse, the light must travel when the darkened area is again filled with light. Remember the simile of the pool: the only time taken is that required to re-establish the waves; when the wave-area is completed, the time element ceases.* Each substance de-

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Entities On Threshold Called Threat To Those Doing Psychic Research

By

Alberta M. O'Connell

Psychism is a subdivision of occultism. It is essential to know something about the psychic realm so that we may avoid it. Persons who take up this line of study are in a position where they must contact very closely the psychic realm; and humanity as a whole, in its evolutionary career, is now beginning to approach the psychic plane.

Psychically advanced members of the human race have contacted this plane already—much to the detriment of some of them. For this reason, some facts should be revealed, even though the revelation may excite the incredulity and scorn of the ignorant and possibly the enmity of those who, in their researches, have contacted the psychic side, and have fallen under its deceptive influences.

The "dwellers on the threshold" are what we all have to face when we contact the psychic realm. Not only do students of occultism have to meet them, but the whole human race, as it develops, must come in contact with this realm.

Many of these "dwellers on the threshold" are detached objective minds. We know that the subjective and objective minds were united and became men. We also know that a battle must be waged between these two minds when the subjective awakens, and undertakes

control of its affairs. Sometimes the fight between these two minds of men becomes so tremendous that there comes a cleavage between the two, and the subjective conquers its lower mind, making it a tractable vehicle. But sometimes the objective mind is stronger than the subjective and refuses to be governed. It is then that a separation comes, and the objective mind, strong in its victory, becomes detached from its subjective. The subjective, unwilling to remain under the domination of its objective mind, leaves it to its ultimate destruction, and returns into the Infinite, to rest until another Cosmic Day shall come, when it can start forth with a new objective mind.

This rebellious objective mind is so strong that it may continue to occupy its physical body for several years after the separation, and goes thru the remainder of that life the semblance of a human being, but devoid of moral character. When it incarnates and its body is destroyed, it may or may not be strong enough to reincarnate. If it does, then it will be of an intellectual animal nature, with no conception of morality or spirituality. In case it is not strong enough to reincarnate, it becomes a "dweller upon the threshold"—an individualized consciousness upon the subjective side of life, invisible to the physical eyes of men, but active in its destructive desires and purposes. It becomes one of the many unpleasant forces or

entities with which we have to come in contact when we reach the psychic realm.

In our study of mankind, we will find many of these objective minds without their subjective or higher minds; this is especially true among the older and subraces. We find them in our own country, but not in such large numbers as in China, Japan, and in Egypt. These are designated as degenerates and perverts, and are also many of our most hardened criminals. Such entities seem to be maliciously wicked, and persistently destroy and pull down everyone with whom they associate.

Every soul that incarnates, if it is not able to pass into the planes beyond because of its undevelopment and strong animal nature, also must remain on that plane and become a dweller on the threshold.

There is a third class of dwellers called "elementals." These centers of consciousness and force have not developed to the point where incarnation is possible. They are the fairies, goblins, brownies, and undines. These entities are not fanciful creatures of the imagination, for they have been seen and described by persons whose psychic sense made them conscious of them. Man cannot imagine that which does not exist, for no one can make a picture of the non-existent.

Elementals are created by the thoughts of men. As man develops he thinks more and more forcefully—and as he thinks, he creates little centers of consciousness within Divine Mind. These centers of consciousness assume different forms according to the quality of the thoughts which created them. The elemental grows very much as the embryo grows inside its mother.

These centers which man creates draw strength and vitality from him, and remain within the photosphere of their creator. Since whatever is created upon the mental plane must, in the course of time, objectivize, or embody itself in a physical form, these elementals eventually must take on material bodies of some kind.

So-called good and bad elementals, when they became embodied in animal or insect form, will assume that form which corresponds to the nature of the consciousness seeking embodiment. If the elemental is mischievous and destructive, then it was the result of mischievous, destructive thoughts of man, and will take upon itself the form of animal or insect that will annoy man and destroy his property. Biting, stinging thoughts embody themselves as flies, wasps, bees, and mosquitoes; poisonous thoughts become spiders and reptiles. Thus man himself creates the destructive things of earth which turn and wage war against him.

Denizens of the next plane,

and especially the excarnated minds of depraved men and women and the detached objective minds, utilize mankind for the purpose of vicarious enjoyment. A drunkard does not lose his love for liquor when he leaves his physical body. There is nothing in the process called "death" which changes character. So, a drunkard selects a subject he can influence. This sensitive, whose will is not strong enough to resist this strange influence thrown upon him, yields to the temptation, and is overpowered. He indulges what he believes to be his own appetite and the more he drinks the more he wants. When he is overcome, he is crowded out of his body by the controlling entity, who takes possession and enjoys a drunk at the expense of his victim.

A love for gambling, intense sex desire, civic wrongs, and all kinds of crimes are often traceable to what many persons call "spirit control"—but actually were instigated by a dweller on the threshold.

It is impossible for ignorant or semi-ignorant persons to investigate the psychic realm without being more or less influenced by it. Investigators of spiritualistic phenomena must be included in this class, because spiritualism is nothing more nor less

than necromancy revamped, and is a practice that has been inveighed against by those who knew the dangers attending it, and by those who wrote the sacred books, since mankind came upon earth. Spiritualism's six chief aspects are automatic writing, inspirational writing, inspirational speaking, trance mediumship, independent slate writing, and materializing mediumship.

And where is this threshold of the "dwellers"? In Catholicism it is known as purgatory; in Protestantism it is Hades. Hades is the place for departed spirits. It is the sidereal realm of the medieval mystic; the astral or psychic plane of the modern mystic and theosophist; it is the first plane of the spiritualist—the plane for earth-bound souls.

This earth is surrounded by five belts, or zones, which extend out into space, according to their color and vibration. This threshold is the first of the subjective planes, and is so-called because it is the crossing-over point from objective life into subjective life, and is the doorway thru which egos re-enter earth life. All must pass thru it, but the higher developed ones stay there but a very short time and never a moment after they are liberated from the physical bodies.

Since souls are magnetically bound to their bodies, and cannot be free until "the silver cord is loosened," cremation of the physical body is urged. By this process, the man in a few moments is free to go to the plane where he belongs instead of being chained to his body on the threshold for an indefinite period.

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Hauntings And Poltergeists

By

Raymond Bayless

In all the varied and fascinating forms manifested by psychical phenomena, probably the most exotic effects encountered are those of the poltergeist. Arthur Machen's comments in *The London Adventure* well express the sense of the wondrous and the bizarre that surround such activity when he wrote, in reference to a poltergeist case that he investigated, "... that the world, the sum of things of which we are cognisant, is infinitely queer, that even in the rind or surface of it the strange essences are lurking, that tremendous beauties, amazing oddities are everywhere present..."

To very briefly describe the characteristics of hauntings and poltergeists it can be said that every form of psychical phenomena observed both in experimental seances and spontaneous cases has been seen and heard. Such cases usually take place in "haunted houses," but exceptions to this general rule exist. We have effects that range from the classic shadowy ghost to mysterious rock fall cases. Usually sounds are heard which may come in the form of raps which at times increases to great poundings. Objects are mysteriously moved or thrown about, footsteps are heard, and cases are reported where strange fires occur, voices speak, and even fantastic monstrous forms are seen. An endless variety of effects have been encountered and the realm of the poltergeist is surely a world of incredible diversity and illusion.

1. A typical case of paranormal rock-throwing was described in a previous article entitled the Lynwood Poltergeist which outlined a mysterious rock fall that bombarded a used car lot in the town of Lynwood, Calif., for two days and was the subject of an extensive police investigation. This case occurred Sept. 9th and 10th, 1960.

To differentiate between a case of haunting and one of poltergeist activity is actually not possible inasmuch as both contain elements of each other and partake of much the same phenomena. A haunted house, for instance, is generally pictured with a "ghost", and at times certain strange sounds, but again the poltergeist behaves the same way. To be strictly factual, serious accounts of famous haunted houses contain the same elements as does the poltergeist house and so I can really see little difference if any between the two.

Today, excepting the truly uninformative and the fanatic, few dispute the existence of

the poltergeist and so many cases have become a matter of public knowledge and the subject of serious scientific study that there is no need at this late date to continue a discussion as to the reality of such phenomena. We can take it for granted that the actuality of these cases is a matter of scientific certainty!

For the purpose of illustrating this discussion of poltergeist phenomena I will give a number of brief descriptions of the more prominent types of activity including a case which I personally observed.

One quite common effect displayed by the poltergeist is the starting of mysterious fires. Many such cases are known, but I will include a recent example described in the Los Angeles Times, April 4th, 1960, which narrates:—"Dozens of Mysterious Fires Plague Family."

"Georgetown, British Guiana, April 3 (AP)—A newspaper reporter tore the shirt off 15-year-old Carl Lopes yesterday when it mysteriously caught fire.

That made the sixth unexplained blaze of the day in the house of John Lopes where, the story is, dozens of fires have broken out for no apparent reason over the last three weeks. The Lopes family of 12 is near distraction as a result of the flames, which have left police and fire departments baffled.

Thursday night, after four blazes which destroyed or damaged articles in the house, a group from the Salvation Army came and offered prayers. Yesterday the fires continued. A book entitled "The Teachings of Jesus Christ" was among the articles burned.

Carl's shirt caught fire in the presence of Daily Chronical reporter Trenton Paul. Lopes had just finished showing Paul how the tail of the shirt had been scorched in an earlier fire when it suddenly broke out into flames.

Paul said several other persons were in the house at the time, but "no one was close enough to the boy to have had any connection with the fire."

A seamstress visited the family yesterday to sympathize. She took along some dress material belonging to a client. Suddenly it caught fire and before she could beat out the flames, the cloth was a charred ruin."

This case so briefly reported shows certain elements very common to this particular activity. In all probability the boy was the focal point of the phenomena and was the "medium." This feature is quite typical in that so many cases revolve about a young boy or girl. Another typical characteristic is the

inefficacy of prayers and services in general so very common to the poltergeist. It must be added though that this is not always so and religious rituals, etc., do have certain influences upon such cases.

A particularly unpleasant form of poltergeist activity is frequently noted during the lives of religious mystics, and has taken at times the form of a deliberate persecution. For example:—

"...Such was the nature of the troubles... which was inflicted upon St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars. These were all exterior attacks and not temptations. St. John Vianney suffered most of these attacks during the winter of 1824-25, when he was 38 years old. Most of the manifestations were grotesque and bizarre, but none the less quite frightening. Over a long period the curtain of his bed was torn to pieces at night. Then the demon knocked on the door or yelled loudly in the courtyard of the parish. Sometimes several voices were heard, and there were times when the shouts and the conversations sounded as though a whole army were camped in the courtyard, talking an unknown language. There was an instant when the demon made his presence felt in the very room where the saint slept. The demon moved the furniture around and cried with a terrifying voice: "Vianney, Vianney, you truffle eater, you! Are you still alive, haven't you died yet? I will set you." 2

The lives of the Catholic mystics are a rich source of accounts of poltergeist phenomena and much of this of a rather malignant nature. These manifestations were, as is common knowledge, considered to be of diabolic origin and it is really quite easy to see why this view came about.

2. *The Book of Miracles*, by Zsolt Aradi, (1956), p. 63.

One of the more fantastic characteristics of poltergeist phenomena is the production of a voice, or voices. As incredible as it seems, such paranormal voices are quite frequently met with during a poltergeist outbreak and Dr. Encausse ("Papus") reported such a case to Professor Camille Flammarion. Other phenomena occurred, but the outstanding feature, the voice, was described as follows:—

"First of all, a gruff voice, very loud and uttering coarse abuse, was heard by a young maid-servant in the cellar. This voice made such an uproar that a dozen neighbors came in and confirmed the fact."

"The following days, "the voice" continued to be heard, but spread itself over the house to such an extent that a week after the commencement of the phenomenon the voice could be heard not only in the cellar, but even in the vestibule, at the front door, in the kitchen, and in all rooms of the first floor."

"The voice seems to come from the ground, but the tone is so high and it breaks out in so many places that any trickery seems impossible."

Another remarkable case entitled the Saragossa Ghost took place in Spain in 1934 and was very unique in that the only manifestation to take place was a very voluble voice which spoke during the daylight hours.

As I have indicated, such voices are usually intermingled with other types of effects as rappings, movement of objects, rock throwings, etc. I might include here the fact that music has on occasion been encountered.

3. *Haunted Houses*, by Professor Camille Flammarion, (1924), pp. 269-271.

4. *Haunted People*, by Hereward Carrington and Nandor Fodor, (1951), pp. 104-112.

Possibly, the one characteristic that comes to mind immediately when hauntings are mentioned is mysterious rock-throwings. Numerous cases are recorded where this phenomenon seems to be the only effect noted and many such cases can be found in the works of Charles Fort.* To pick at random I include the following example:—

"London Times, April 26 1821—that the inhabitants of Truro, Cornwall, were amused, astonished, or alarmed, "according to nerve and judgement," by arrivals of stones, from an unfindable source, upon a house in Carlow Street. The mayor of the town visited the place, and was made so nervous by the rattling stones that he called out a military guard. He investigated, and the soldiers investigated, and the clatter of theorists increased the noise. Times, May 1—stones still rattling, theorists still clattering, but nothing found out."***

A classic example of stone-throwing that I personally investigated took place in the town of Lynwood, California, where a used car lot was bombarded by a shower of stones and other missiles. This mysterious rock-fall occurred Sept. 9th and 10th, 1960.

Strange falls and flights of stones frequently accompany other typical phenomena and as has many, many times been observed, seldom cause anyone serious harm. However, as Fort suggested, many attacks upon people involving other types of missiles that have resulted in injury and death may well have been due to poltergeists. His works should definitely be read in reference to this possibility.

**The Book of the Damned*, New Lands, Lo! Wild Talents, by Charles Fort.

***The Books of Charles Fort*, (1941), p. 557.

Unexplained noises are a favorite from the poltergeist's repertoire. Rappings, poundings, scratchings, footsteps, whistlings, etc., are all very common phenomena during a haunting, and are usually intermingled with other effects. Other noises occur, but they are actually caused by objects being knocked about, and so are of a different nature entirely. With the sounds we are speaking about, nothing is found disturbed, and the noises are therefore quite unexplained. As an illustration

of rapping phenomena I will give a brief history of a "haunted house" which I observed and investigated—and lived in.*

A Mrs. Jean Mather lived in this house for about four months during 1953. She was a secretary at the Air Research Co.

She called the police once after hearing noises which she interpreted as a possible prowler and said that this disturbance had occurred three times. Mrs. Mather described the sounds as though they were caused by someone walking on the front porch. When the police arrived they made a search of the yard and nothing out of the ordinary was discovered.

After Mrs. Mather had moved, Mr. Cecil Smith then lived in the house and also in 1953 he heard a series of abnormal noises. The exact date that this event took place was noted but lost.

About 10:00 p.m., while in bed but not asleep, he heard a loud thump. Immediately following the thump were small noises coming from all sides of the front room and consisting of minor raps, creakings, and ticking sounds. After some time Smith heard a sound that he described as footsteps across the rug sounding as though each foot was dragged after the other. After this all was still. He was completely convinced that these manifestations were paranormal in origin.

*Practically all the sounds that occurred during this case were of a rapping nature with occasional sounds as footsteps, etc. The house itself was torn down—July, 1962.

An unusual phenomenon occurred to Mr. Attila von Seclay who stayed overnight Sept. 15, 1957. He was in the bedroom in bed talking to me (I was in the front room) when he felt something "poking" in his ear. Being very startled, he yelled out and, needless to say, we found

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Tar Heel Ghosts By JOHN HARDEN

Like the state itself, North Carolina's ghost stories have infinite variety. They range from the mountains to the sea and from colonial days to the present. There are gentle ghosts and roistering ghosts; delicate lady ghosts and fishwife ghosts; homesick ghosts and ghosts that just want to be noticed—and some that don't seem to know what they want. Many are driven by a terrible urgency to get something done; others seem to be merely re-enacting their most dramatic moments. There are mysterious signs and symbols—small black crosses, galloping white horses, strangely moving lights, floating veils, lifelike apparitions, skulls, dripping blood, and "things that go bump in the night."

Some of the stories are impressively authenticated. Others are best substantiated by their results—murderers brought to justice; wayward or penurious husbands punished by irate (though dead) wives; cruelty avenged. At least one ghost got himself into a court record, and other ghostly phenomena have attracted scientific investigation (the ghosts usually outlasting the scientists).

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More On Peyote

By
H. M. Wagner

A correspondent in Phoenix, Ariz., warns me that the growing, use, or distribution of Peyote is unlawful in the state of Arizona and that several Indians have been arrested, tried, and convicted under the statute.

While a taste for experiment is laudable, the experimenter is apt to encounter unexpected dangers. Dr. Puharich, in his book **THE SACRED MUSHROOM** tells that the "mushroom" as he called it, must be properly peeled or found poisonous. I have been told that the name "mushroom" as applied to the plant furnishing mescaline is a misnomer; that it, or the usable portion, looks like a mushroom but is from a cactus. Dr. Puharich used material from Central America and Mexico, but this is said to have been the buttons from a cactus, the same as used by the Indians. The buttons alone and dried resemble mushrooms, but are said to be identical with the Peyote of the Indians. Have also been told that a group of experimenters at the Mayo Clinic found the effects of mescaline very undesirable when tried some years ago. No harm to experiment, but "cave" Peyote.

So now we have two sides of the Peyote story and here is still a third. Aside from the fact that the Peyote buttons are used as a stimulant for the psychic channels, is the fact that other parts of the plant is used in a wide variety of methods for various causes and effect. Not only does our present day practitioner use it for medicinal purposes, but the Peyote plant and its close cousins provide just about everything from needles and thread to material on which to use them. Parts of the plant are very purgative while other parts can be used to concoct a very intoxicating beverage. I won't go into the uses of Peyote other than our present discussion.

The Indians used, and still use, Peyote to reach what we call the higher realm of psychic abilities. There is no question of the fact that Peyote does open the psychic mind for a time. During this time it is also possible to train the mind to use this psychic ability at will without the aid of Peyote—OR any other medium.

And Still More -

By
Lowana Julaine

That Peyote is dangerous

is also an accepted fact. If not properly prepared it can make you ill and have a stimulating effect on the liver and intestines. Also some people are allergic to the buttons in any form. I've had persons ask me how it was that both facts could be true and still non-habit forming. As an Indian whose tribe used Peyote, I believe I can give a short satisfactory explanation.

First of all is the fact that it can be dangerous. Most of you know that the "Whiteman" can drink more hard liquor than can the Indian. This is one type of poison that really throws the Indian out of commission. But the Indian's system can accept more mescaline properties than his White-brother. Therefore the Indian can take Peyote in larger and stronger doses, and take it more often. Other people must judge their capacity slowly IF they decide to try it at all. No matter who you are (if not allergic) Peyote can open the psychic channels IF used properly.

As for it being habit forming—Peyote in itself is not so. BUT—there are some persons who can and will make a habit out of anything. A lot of people, Indian as well as his White-brother, can and does become addicted NOT to Peyote but to the thrill of being in the higher planes of consciousness. They use it in the same way that some who have mastered self-hypnosis use THAT to continually escape their normal everyday life. They have the attitude that the higher planes are more attractive so why come down to earth. The constant users of self-hypnosis as well as the constant users of Peyote do themselves bodily and mental harm by staying too long on the higher planes at one time. The body and mind have normal everyday needs of care that is ignored, pushed aside, or forced to wait beyond their limitations.

It is up to you whether you can and want to use either Peyote or self-hypnosis. You are your own judge in that matter. But for your own sake use either of them in moderation and come down to earth once in a while. You just might find something interesting going on.



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

As quoted in the May 1962 issue of the *Searcher*, it was again exciting to read additional data on the flying saucers. This truly is a scientific phenomena and I do believe the truth of this will one day be made to the public.

This could be somewhat of a mirage caused by atmospheric conditions following the dropping of the A bomb in 1945. As quoted its origin dated back to 14 years. This would make an interim of 3 years—1945 to 1948; Why couldn't this have something to do with this unknown incident? Some of the fallout takes six years to fall from the atmosphere to earth. Likewise after bombs are tested we should put a date check following the dates of saucer sightings. This is just a thought that might be of interest.

About the records of landings and near landings of saucers by sightings: Can you explain in detail the demonstrations of hostility? Where were the landings taking place; and why have these been since 1952 instead of 1948? Any object traveling at such a great rate of speed will fall in a direct line providing it is of great weight such as a meteorite would be, especially if atmospheric conditions are calm and undisturbed. Angel hair and fallen fragments could break away from an object falling at that speed. Such a disturbance could cause an electro magnetic effect on any earthly machine of highly technical making: Much the same as an electric storm registers on our stethograph. Too, this could cause a sky quake, near collisions and radiation depending on its path.

I believe there should be much advanced research on weather conditions before sending our astronauts into space, as they could encounter any such obstacles during flights of which they would have absolutely no control. As we have freak storms and damages caused by them here on earth: So can we, as we travel into space expect to experience foreign happenings of which we will have even less control until we advance to this place in time.

All capsules should be insulated against electrical and all shocks encountered while in flight—even to the space suit.

The so-called saucers could be a solid mass of magnetic forces accumulated while going through space, as a result of the explosives that go to make up the bombs.

Laura Bewley

To The *Psychic Observer*:

Dreams are warnings from the "Inner World." They come true. As the following "Dream" did of "Horse and Buggy Days."

I was supervising music in country schools. One morning I awoke screaming, from a horrible dream: a rough box was sitting in my room near the window. The lid was slowly rising and smoke was pouring forth; out of the cloud of smoke came a large hand frantically wav-

ing at me, all the while coming closer and closer. It was a bitter cold morning and my dream "kept returning."

A foot warmer had been placed in my buggy. After driving a distance of four miles, I began to feel quite warm about my feet and limbs. The hand in my dream began waving in my face until the horse and lines were eliminated from my vision.

I bade the horse stop and calmly wound the lines around the whip, deciding to investigate.

In turning down the heavy robes from my lap, the flames leaped to the top of my enclosed rig. Acting on first impulse, I crumbled the robes and blankets beneath, and sat down on the burning robes amidst the flames, crushing them completely out.

A few seconds more, my body would have been badly burned.

Believe it or not, Dreams are warnings and they come true.

Carolyn H. English.

To Editor:

April 1962 copy. Re: Article, "Is sorcery being employed in modern stores?" By Claire Bergson Endersby.

The so-called "sorcery" mentioned in this article is so little employed by salespeople that it is unimportant.

Selling is most difficult. Few salespeople know any of the techniques of selling which simply means the right way to serve customers. Most sales training courses instruct in techniques which they should avoid.

There is no trickery or "pulling the wool" over the customer's eyes. Customers are smart, know what they want and resist anything that seems like pressure or forceful persuasion.

There must be techniques for doing everything. Selling is the only field where no one knows what is the correct technique. There is nothing wrong with the illustration of catering to the person in a group who will make the decision. Selling is serving, the customer wants the merchandise more than the salesperson wants to buy it. To properly serve the customer, the sales person must know how to appeal to her and help her make a decision.

This article shows very little knowledge of the business world, or retail business or selling by this writer.

Leon Levich.

Dear Sir; And now I write—

In February, *Fate* magazine published an article written by Long John Nebel, in which he gave instructions on how to recall events in "past Lives," in his book: **THE WAY OUT WORLD**. Not being a firm believer in reincarnation, just "wishy washy", one day hoping it could be true, next day thinking it impossible, I put the magazine away and for-

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What The Wheat Grass Manna Drink May Do For You

By
Ann Wigmore

Let me begin by saying: I am a minister. I have nothing to sell. I merely wish to share with suffering humanity everywhere what I have learned about "live foods for live human beings." Through a revelation I was led into the Old Testament to the story of King Nebuchadnezzar who, losing his mentality and physical well-being, "ate grass as did the oxen." Thus he recovered his mind and health. Investigating several hundreds of different grasses, I found that grass grown from wheat, has the strongest positive electricity. My simple "kitchen experiments" soon demonstrated that wheat grass has "medicinal qualities" that may regenerate this "the sickest nation on the face of the earth" where 5 out of 7 of our "flower of American youth" are thrown aside as "unfit." To visualize what a home-made drink of fresh-cut wheat grass each day may do for health, let us compare the human body with an automobile. When the car is new, instructions say it is to be driven carefully for 500 miles. In the same way, you are guarded thru babyhood. When the 500 miles are up, it is also up to you whether you end existence thru "wild oats" against a tree or make the juvenile period a start of a useful life.

The food you eat is the gasoline you put in your car. If it is "live food" — like "high test gasoline" — you are extending the duration of existence. The vitamins in food activate digestion as the "sparks" enable your gasoline to work. The car's battery—in your body—is the positive electricity stored in your brain. The Almighty intended that the food you eat should keep your positive electrical supply at top level just as the working of your car's engine is supposed to fully recharge your battery. But with bad gasoline, poor oil and carbon deposits, your battery "runs down" and must be recharged at the filling station. Your body undergoes the same hazards. Modern food is adulterated, drinking water medicated and air polluted, so the vitamin "sparks" cannot do their work and you seek a hospital for "recharging." And this "recharging" is not only costly in drugs and physicians' fees but is extremely costly in your suf-

fering and actual time lost. Isn't it foolish to allow your body to come so close to the "breaking point?" Isn't it better to take a drink of the "recharging" freshly - cut wheat grass manna EACH DAY? Your body should be "recharged" CONTINUOUSLY as the automobile's engine is SUPPOSED to recharge your car's battery.

Freshly-cut wheat grass, placed in a gallon of flouridated drinking water, charges it from WEAK and NEGATIVE to LIVE and POSITIVE. This altering, scientists claim, actually may be helpful to your teeth and bones. Freshly - cut wheat grass, in the water in which you sprayed vegetables and fruit are washed, can make them live and positive; freshly-cut wheat grass put in your weak, negative and doubtful butter, pasteurized milk, canned and dried fruit and vegetables, baby foods—in less than a minute—converts them into live and positive; freshly-cut wheat grass transforms dead and negative meat into a positive substance; when cooked, and still hot — the heat having ruined the "life" — freshly-cut wheat grass will make meat POSITIVE.

Everybody in the civilized world realizes the danger and wants to survive. Yet, strange to say, while researchers are ransacking their laboratories for possible chemicals as "chelating agents" to neutralize the deadly bomb emanations, freshly-cut wheat grass MAY be the answer they are seeking. Careful checking on my "kitchen experiments" with rainwater — gathered in a section of the world where research workers claim the air was "filled with dangerous fall-out poisons"—SEEM to indicate that taking freshly-cut wheat grass internally and placing the fresh pulp in your bath water may "wash away" the dangers of radioactive emanations, as certain other "chelating agents" do with gasses from mercury, bismuth and arsenic.

WE DO NOT CLAIM ANYTHING. I merely wish to SHARE what the Almighty has enabled me to bring forth with these simple experiments. In conclusion: as wheat grass manna drinks cannot possibly harm you, as they probably will better your health and since they MAY erect some sort, of a protective shield about you and your loved ones, isn't it wise to take these precau-

tions NOW than to regretfully admit you SHOULD have taken them when, possibility, it is too late?

"HOW TO GROW WHEAT GRASS"

For those who have an outside garden, the raising of wheat grass, to make 3 wheat grass manna drinks each day, is pure routine if there are earthworms in the soil. These instructions particularly are for those who wish to raise wheat grass all winter or who live in the city and have no outside garden. Wheat grass will grow in a light room without direct sunlight but, of course, some sunlight is best. Select a spot in the house for your indoor garden where the temperature does not fall below freezing all winter and which is as close to the windows as possible.

It is better to set the boxes up on saw horses or tables to keep them within easy reach and permit the floor under them to be swept. The best boxes are ordinary "melon boxes" obtained from groceries or fruit stores. These "melon boxes" are about 6 inches deep, 18 inches wide and 24 inches long. A handy-man can make them easily from planks six inches wide. Line the boxes with oil-cloth or other waterproof material. Loop these linings over the four sides of the boxes and tack in place. This eliminates all danger of dripping water. A family of 2 needs 7 boxes for growing wheat grass with two spare empty ones. These 7 "growing" boxes enables you to "harvest" one each day — which box is also replanted after harvesting. This will provide 3 drinks a day of wheat grass manna for each person. I have 17 boxes which furnish 3 drinks a day for 7 persons.

Any sort of soil, not pure sand, will do to start with. The earthworms and kitchen "peelings" will make the soil progressively more fertile as days pass. Fill each box to the depth of five inches with earth. Put earthworms in each if you have them. Save your kitchen fruit and vegetable tops and peelings to use as fertilizer. To do this simply: have two covered containers — one filled with earth and the other empty. Into the empty container put your peelings each day, covering these peelings with a thin layer of earth from the other container. If you have earthworms, put in about a dozen with the peelings and you'll have no odor from that container.

When the container is full of peelings and earth, you are ready to "tuck" the contents under the soil of the wheat grass box you have harvested that day. Sow with wheat one of your 7 boxes each day so that the wheat will mature for "harvesting" at the rate of 1 box each day. You may buy your wheat in 100 pound bags—

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September 24: W. Bloomfield, New Jersey — Two pilots, one a NICAP member, spotted a tear-drop-shaped UFO about 1:30 p.m., while standing on an airstrip at the local airport. Member William D. Neva said the object zoomed past a jetliner and passed almost directly overhead. The airliner was reflecting sunlight, but the UFO appeared to be self-luminous.

Letters To The Editor

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got it. A few weeks later my daughter was home from school and happened to read the article. She asked if I had tried the experiment and if I thought it possible. We discussed it awhile but neither of us tried the experiment. A few nights later, after she had returned to school, I re-read the article and decided to try it. This is what happened:

First, I "visioned" a long, low room, the floors, walls and ceilings covered in beautiful persian rugs. A girl eighteen or twenty years old dressed as an Egyptian, long black hair covered with a golden head-dress, was walking slowly down the room. Her flowing robe of gold was richly embroidered with dazzling jewels. Her dark beauty was quite startling. There was an air of mystery in the room, and it was quiet as death, although a sense of peace pervaded.

The scene changed and I saw a man's bust, just as if he had just stepped from a life size portrait. I did not know him. He was dressed in grey, wearing a grey hat. He was alive, flesh and blood, even tho I could not see his body below his waist. He was just a living picture without the frame. It seemed like the things he was going to tell me were very important, yet he never spoke. Just stood there in the air, without legs under him and stared at me.

Again the scene shifted and I saw a group of public buildings bordering a tree lined street. They appeared to be a church, courthouse, library, schoolhouse, buildings of that nature. A woman stood in the center of the street shaking hands with the people that were leaving one of the buildings. She was dressed in pink, with a hat of pink flowers. She wore

white gloves. The woman looked like me, yet I knew it wasn't me and, I had the clear, conscious thought, "Could that have been my Grandmother?" The woman was dressed in modern clothes, her dress about the length worn at the present time.

The scene didn't change this time, rather it seemed to enlarge, and from the building down in the right hand corner, I saw a tall lady, dressed entirely in black, descending the steps. She was pale and gaunt and her clothing was old fashioned, the dress reaching the steps. I had the conscious thought, "Why, that's a school teacher!"

Over all this I 'felt' my Father's presence, not seeing him. He is definitely not a believer in reincarnation and has often remonstrated with me when I would express any views of my 'past' or 'future' lives. The whole thing seemed a little eerie, but I had not the slightest bit of fear. Only wonder.

I drifted off into a natural sleep. I slept, sitting in the chair, half an hour or longer. When I awoke I had a drink of water and retired. I always smoke just before falling asleep and while I was smoking I thought, "I know who that man is! It's Oliver Wendell Holmes!" Surprised, but very certain it was Holmes, I tried to remember someone of that name, wondering if he was someone in history. I could

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Fingers That See

By Douglas Hunt

Can you see with your fingers? Over sixty years ago a Russian doctor, head of an asylum in Tambow, published in a medical journal some astounding facts about one of his patients—who could!

M., a highly intelligent young woman, had had a school of her own. She came, however, of a neurotic family, and was for some years under the continual supervision of Dr. Chowrin.

His paper gives in detail the various forms which M's malady took. Chowrin found her suggestible. On one occasion he proposed to cure an ache in her left shoulder by the application of a hot iron. He showed her a stone-cold metal dye, assured her that it was almost red hot, and then applied it to her shoulder. She felt violent pain, and for some hours afterwards the dye was clearly imprinted on her skin—but the ache was banished.

It was quite by accident that Dr. Chowrin discovered her supernormal gifts. As he handed her a letter which had just come by post she paled and exclaimed in tears: "My sister is ill and her baby has died!" This was what the letter actually contained.

The doctor had no belief in the supernatural, but this occurrence impressed him. His immediate reaction was a desire to find if possible some neurological explanation of a type of phenomenon which was not entirely unfamiliar among his patients.

Since he knew of the extraordinary cunning of many neurotics he applied absolutely water-tight controls in his experiments. After exhaustive tests, however, he was left with no alternative but to believe that M. was able to read sealed letters without opening them.

The test letters generally consisted of only a fairly short sentence. It usually took M. a long time to ex-

tract the contents, word by word, by fingering the tightly sealed envelopes.

The experiments exhausted her and at first she showed great reluctance. As time went on she became interested, and finally was able and willing to 'perform' before witnesses. On one occasion the local postmaster, a stranger to Chowrin, wrote a sentence on a piece of paper, folded it in four, sealed it in two envelopes, and handed it to M.

The sentence which she finally wrote down was practically identical with the test sentence. The postmaster examined the package with a magnifying-glass, and declared that it could not possibly have been opened and resealed. A professional conjurer confirmed this.

The final test was made when the message was written on a photographic plate, which could not have been exposed to the light without destroying the message.

Later on M. developed the ability to read words with her finger-tips through five or six thicknesses of paper. She would gaze at a white wall, and gradually a picture of the object named would appear to her.

Could she, Dr. Chowrin wondered, also detect colour with her finger-tips?

Silk or coloured paper was sealed in glass tubes, these were mixed up together, and were then handed to her from behind under a thick rug. Since the experimenter himself did not know what colour was being passed to her telepathy was excluded. In almost every case M. was able to give the correct colour.

These experiments were conducted by the members of the Tambow Medical Society, without the active participation of Dr. Chowrin.

Still bolder—and more baffling—experiments were tried.

On the back of one of seven identical pieces of paper Chowrin made a tiny pencil mark. He then showed this piece of paper to M. and sug-

gested that she should visualize a five-kopek piece in the middle of it. All the papers were then handed to her under a thick rug. Without hesitation she selected the piece with the imaginary coin on it, having actually felt the impression.

The experiment was then reversed. Touching the papers under a rug she imagined the impression of the coin on one of them. It was marked. Later M. picked it out purely by sight.

To test M.'s extraordinary hyperaesthesia of taste another set of experiments was carried out by the Medical Society. In these also Dr. Chowrin took no part.

A doctor from Kiev produced about half a dozen identical bottles of clear water, in each of which salt or sugar of brimstone, etc., had been dissolved. It was only necessary to dab on M.'s hand a piece of wadding which had been soaked in one of the fluids, and she was able to describe the taste.

Most astonishing of all, if one of the doctors held a glass of water in each hand for a few minutes M. was invariably able to tell by tasting the water which glass had been held in which hand. Naturally the holding had been done in another room. Incidentally Dr. Chowrin remarks that this gift is by no means unusual, especially among women.

No reader of Dr. Chowrin's paper can have the least doubt as to the absolute genuineness of the phenomena. It is strange that in sixty years no progress has been made in explaining them. They would seem to open up a field of research of enormous interest and significance.

Eternity

By Effa E. Danelson

From whence cometh Eternity, and whither doth it journey?

The wind whispers, "I carry it not." The zephyr sayeth, "It abideth not with me." The moon and the stars, differing in their glory, reveal not its hiding place. The sun, whose light penetrates all darkness, sheddeth no light upon its whereabouts.

The rivers have not found it in their wanderings. The ocean sayeth, "Though many souls lie on my bed, Eternity is not among them."

The brook murmurs and sighs, "I know not. In glen and dale, in vain I sought. The mountain pass revealed no sign of her who holds all men spellbound because of her very secretiveness."

The stone, in mute despair said to me, "I heard the sands of the seashore were swept by her fury. I do not know."

The flowers, dancing in the moonlight, asked of their shadows, "Do you know how long we shall be casting you?" The shadows answered in an awed voice. "The moon holds our life. We know not Eternity."

The birds caroled their lay and in their song was joy. "We live," they answered us, "today, and are glad. We passed through Eternity in our flight here."

Man has unceasingly sought to know the vastness of Eternity's resources or the depths of its yawning abyss. Before the stars, it was. It is the Past, the Future and the Now. Out of it all, Life came. Into it, all Life will be going. Yesterday carried it into the

silence; tomorrow reveals its treasure; today is its royal diadem. The morning and the evening are its stars, rising and setting in their glory.

What has Eternity brought us? It has brought us magnitude of thought. In the far distance we gaze, and ponder on the wondrous theme of yesterdays. We try to think of that first great dawn. From whence did it come? Did it approach us stealthily like the lynx, creeping upon its prey? Did it herald its coming with trumpet blast? Did it come with flaming torch in the night, or did it come with the faint dawn of day, sowing the seed of promise in the morning of Life, reaping the harvest in the evening of its day of birth?

Can it be said of Eternity that it lies in wait for its prey? Does it hold the scales of justice for all? In our hour of birth it held and caressed us. Is it less mindful of its possessions when the hand of death rocks the cradle?

In that eternal yesterday, many seeds of promise were sown. Time holds them for the great awakening in that eternal present of fulfillment. The harvest comes, revealing the eternal hope for future achievements.

Thus in its round of giving, preserving and taking, Eternity waits. Its great gulf of mystery, opening and closing its yawning jaws day after day, gives to the world a piece of humanity or takes one into its strong fortress.

Eternity! Holder of the Scales of Justice! Do you reward us for our labors, chastise us for our weaknesses? Are you a place through which souls pass, and do you give to some eternal Life within your pearly gates, while others you cast out? And where, O Eternity, is the place held sacred by the just and held in fear by those whose life attractions lead them from the straight and narrow way prescribed by your wardens, the men of God?

'Saucers' From Under The 'Sea' Sightings

Due to a Boston Herald article, which quoted me on a new "flying saucer" theory recently, I have been pressed for further information. Though I do not in reality subscribe to submerged "flying saucers" in the sea, being used to study our planet by outer-space visitors, the following information should nevertheless be of interest to the readers. Credit must be given to "dozens" of UFO researchers.

- 1845—Indian Ocean—Three rotating luminous discs rose from the sea, 1/2 mile from a ship. They were 5 times the size of the Moon and connected with streamers.
- 1879—Persian Gulf—Two huge rotating luminous wheels were seen sinking slowly into the sea.
- 1887—Holland—Strange objects were reported to have fallen into the sea. One was dark, the other was luminous.
- 1891—China Sea—Revolving shafts of light were seen, just below the surface of the sea.
- 1901—Persian Gulf—More rotating luminous wheels reported.
- 1906—Gulf of Oman—Revolving spokes of light on sea sighted.
- 1910—South China Sea—Horizontal glowing wheel just above the water.
- 1950—Steep Rock Lake, Ontario, Canada—A (Continued on Page 15)

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Hauntings And Poltergeists

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this event a subject of conversation for some time.

During the night of Dec. 10, 1958, I awakened at 3:05 a.m. and immediately heard a loud rap, or creak, from the front room. More followed and finally occurred within seconds of each other. Metallic raps were particularly noted sounding as though a metal lamp, or fishtank cover, may have been struck.

The sounds came from all sides of the room and were so loud and frequent that I then was convinced that they were absolutely of a paranormal nature. And I might add that my convictions regarding their nature are still the same.

About 3:30 p.m. a scuffing sound was heard as though cloth was being rubbed and still more raps followed. At this point I awakened my wife telling her to listen and she immediately replied, "Someone's trying to break into the house." I then got up from bed, turned on the lights, checked the time, searched the house, and also looked about the outside of the house. I saw nothing unusual and found nothing that could have been responsible for the evening's entertainment.

As to my final conclusion regarding these strange activities I will repeat my final sentence from my notes describing the night—"I am quite convinced that their origin (the various sounds heard) was definitely supernatural in nature by their frequency, loudness, and change of location."

At 11:00 p.m., Jan. 26, 1959, my wife Marjorie, heard noises that she thought were made by me returning home. These sounds again were located on the porch. When I did not enter she turned on an outside light and looked about the yard and, as usual, found nothing in the least suspicious. She then went into the front house where the landlady lived and told her of this incident.

Another incident of a very similar nature occurred at 7:15 p.m., Nov. 23, 1960, when again my wife while sitting in the front room heard a fast drumming, or rapping, apparently on the window, or front door. She was so sure that it was I that she called out, "Just a minute," and peered out the window in the door. No one was there and then she turned on the porch light and still could see no cause for this noise. I returned at exactly this moment and she told me of these odd happenings.

Other curious incidents have occurred including a strange whistling, other rappings, etc., and one night my

wife was awakened by what she thought was our cat jumping on her chest. This was not the case, for I immediately checked and found the cat in another room. This event took place during 1960. The previous happenings described all took place before we did acquire our cat.

This entire case was quite mild and did not offer phenomena of a violent kind, but did present one feature of considerable value. That is, the phenomena obviously did not depend upon a medium—the usual person necessary for a focal point for this type of phenomena—but by its history definitely showed that the house itself periodically manifested activity regardless of a succession of occupants.

Movement of objects is a well known mark of the poltergeist and these movements can range from small motions to violent throwings and the objects so effected may be of all sizes including large pieces of furniture. Objects may also disappear and reappear and apparently pass through solid walls.

Certainly, one of the most alarming and fantastic cases involving movement of objects, etc., took place in 1907 in Iceland, and was the subject of a paper read at the Warsaw International Congress of Psychic Research in 1923 by the Rev. Haradur Nielsson, who was Professor of Theology in the University of Iceland.*

The "medium", Indridi Indridason, was the subject of a violent persecution which included being dragged roughly out of bed. Two witnesses, a Mr. Thorlaksson and Mr. Oddgeirsson, could hardly prevent this in spite of their greatest efforts. This happened several times.

Candlesticks were tossed about, crockery was smashed, a chair was thrown at one man attempting to aid the medium, and on one occasion the medium was seen balancing in the air with his feet toward the window. He was pulled down by a witness.

Another famous case began on Feb. 3, 1958, in the town of Seaford, Long Island and was the subject of investigation and research and became extremely well-known through extensive publicity. Bottles were tipped over, a 10 pound phonograph sailed 15 feet across a room, a heavy bureau toppled face forward to the floor, etc.

*A description of this case is given in the first chapter of *Ghosts and Poltergeists*, by Dr. Herbert Thurston.

Again, a young boy seemed to be the center of the phenomena.

Ghostly visitants are encountered in poltergeist cases and appear in human form and on occasion as mysterious animals, weird monstrosities, etc. They have been at times recognized, but the majority of such phantoms cannot be placed.

Mr. Joseph Procter reported a complex case to the Society for Society Research which involved numerous abnormal noises, but the remarkable feature of the case was that various members of the family and others saw several phantasmal figures.* These spectres included a priest in a white stole, an old man, a nun, etc. After two years the tenants abandoned the house and the tenants who succeeded them were also bothered by poltergeist phenomena and had to give the house up. It was never rented again. As Professor Lombroso remarks:—

"There is in the foregoing cases clearly no trace of mediums . . . To explain the phenomena (which were repeated for many years with different families, who, when they had changed houses, had no more trouble of the kind) we can have recourse only to the direct influence of phantasmal apparitions, which were, indeed, many a time recognized by those of the tenants who had mediumistic powers."

The list of phenomena that has occurred in poltergeist cases throughout the years offers an almost endless variety and our outline has mentioned only the more prominent effects.

*After death — What?, by Professor Cesare Lombroso, (1909), pp. 291 — 292.

Naturally, these various effects, as I have mentioned may exist singly or in any combination. Certain historic hauntings have been of extraordinary complexity displaying all the phenomena referred to plus numerous other activities.

A good example of the complex type of haunting was, for instance, displayed by the Ringcroft Poltergeist. The house in which the phenomena occurred apparently had a reputation prior to the visitation by the poltergeist. The case proper began in 1695 with the owners' cattle escaping from their shed and a night later one of the animals was found tied high to a beam so that its feet barely touched the ground.

"A large quantity of peat was brought into the house and set on fire and some weeks later stones were thrown "all over the house."

Still later more stones and other objects continually were thrown about and on one occasion a small white hand and arm was seen.

The poltergeist became more violent as time went on and people were scratched, pulled about, hit with objects, and a number of fires broke out.

During the family prayers, a voice repeatedly cried, "hush! hush!" at the close of every sentence and at other times during prayer whistles and groans were heard.

Still more stones and various objects were thrown including a hot stone, and

"fire-balls fell in and about the House, but the Fire vanished as it fell."

The phenomena increased in violence including fires, stone-throwing, an "extraordinary light" appeared, a general bombardment with all types of objects, voices attempting to interrupt prayers, a monstrous black object was seen in the barn, and the last act was to set fire to a small sheep-house. This incredible case is described in some detail in Harry Price's *Poltergeist over England*, and is considered to be a well-documented case.

Other fantastic actions of the poltergeist include a type of persecution characterized by biting, disturbance of tombs, writings on walls, and weird animal forms have been reported. It also should be mentioned that poltergeists have a splendid ability to use coarse language and certain of their actions are, as Fr. Thurston states, unpleasant and unprintable.

Another field of vast extent including phenomena found in nature of a bizarre character has many similarities to poltergeist happenings, and led Charles Fort to postulate a cosmic poltergeist, so to speak. His works should most certainly be read in respect to this theory.

There are a number of oddities in facts and practices which very probably have a definite connection with poltergeist phenomena. One of these practices the pelting of graves of persons of evil life, those accused of black magic, bandits, murderers, etc., with the aim of frustrating the ghost haunting the tainted site. The missiles used are stones, clods, or sticks, and this practice is found in various parts of Africa, in Syria, and Pomerania and West Prussia. The belief that a malignant ghost haunts the spot and the use of stones, etc., as missiles, are both highly reminiscent of the poltergeist and may actually have come about as the result of primitive people encountering poltergeist phenomena in ancient times.

It can be said that these, and similar, accounts of hauntings read more as fairy tales rather than accounts of fact. This is certainly true and if it were not a fact that such stories are based upon real happenings thoroughly validated, and in certain cases, happenings that have been personally observed by scientists of repute, the entire subject could be dismissed as nonsense. A perfect example of this last type of validated case occurred in Turin in a little inn where strange noises were heard and were found to have been caused by wine bottles that were broken in the cellar.

Other phenomena also took place and at last Professor Lombroso began to study the case. He was enabled to actually see the bottles paranoimally move about and smash themselves, and all this under conditions of excellent observation.

As has been remarked at the beginning of this article, today the reality of poltergeist phenomena is so well known both to science and to

the public that no further discussion as to its existence is needed. My position is fortunate for it is both based upon historical knowledge, present evidence, and most valuable of all, personal experience with such phenomena! It should be added, of course, that these fantastic happenings are not relics from the past, but happen today. New cases are constantly being discovered. For all of these reasons, I personally feel little doubt that the cases described in this paper are factual and in the main accurately reported.

As to the explanation and cause of such phenomena—that is another question! Many theories have been advanced and all have proven inadequate in one way or another.

A popular theory today is that a paranormal extension of the subconscious, causes the phenomena. This theory further suggests that poltergeist phenomena is a manifestation of "mental disorder," "not the product of anything supernatural," (whatever that means) and understandable only on the basis of a Freudian, psychoanalytic approach.

I find myself quite unconvinced by such reasoning. One reason being that psychoanalysis is not an accepted science in the least, and to those who are not followers of this movement, not even a science. Further, in the opinion of many authorities, it has not offered evidence in the form of psychological cures, etc., to even be considered a science.

Bearing this in mind, and adding the fact that any interpretation can be made from cases in the past, or present for that matter, by the psychoanalytic method, each man getting his own individual result and no two necessarily matching, I find little convincing in such theorizing.

Another, and similar, theory is that psychological tensions are released by, again, a paranormal extension of the subconscious. Thus we have objects thrown, dishes smashed, etc. I think that this factor does play considerable part in some poltergeist phenomena, but certainly does not explain the very involved cases where talking and arguing—"entities" are encountered.

The straight, out-and-out "spirit" theory surely does not cover rock-fall cases, etc., but does have many points in its favor in certain cases.

Considering the fact that so much of poltergeist activity is simply, and plainly, malignant, it is very easy to see why demons and evil entities have been postulated. Actually, some type of malignant being would explain much that occurs and I must admit such a theoretical possibility exists.

To return to the spiritistic (Continued on Page 16)

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"Some people can be reasoned into sense, and others must be shocked into it."

Gems from the writings of Thomas Paine.

The Amazing Vindication

(Continued From Page 3) terminates the wave-speed; that of the Ether creates the illusion of 186,282 miles per second. A further objection will arise. A "laser" (accelerated light) must surely prove that light moves forward like a missile, since this accelerated light ray will burst a balloon and even bore a hole in a diamond! Not so. The acceleration increases the oscillation of the waves to fearsome speeds; the concentrated ray merely breaks down the molecules of the diamond by the attrition of its wave form, or, "The polarization of light in no way alters this function—even by its constriction in tourmaline, using the simile of the seashore, the expended waves break down the substance of the beach by attrition. Double the wave impulses on a normal beach, and its sand would be created in half the time.

Even so, light is but an effect of energy upon matter in the subjective Ether: it is non-molecular but certainly atomic. Genesis of the Bible tells us: "And darkness was upon the face of the deep". To humans, the real light of the inner planes is darkness, for as Robert Fludd has it: "Darkness adopts illumination in order to make itself visible." It is darkness to all beings on our sense-plane; it is true LIGHT to the awakened. The foregoing in no way pretends to be a complete picture of our earthly light, any more than words could ever convey the taste of a glass of wine. It is at least hoped that the reader will gain a conception of light presented in the Secret Doctrine as it was presented over seventy years ago. The principles do not change; they are as eternal as the twining serpents of the Caduceus and the Hermetic conceptions of light. This symbol has magic potency, and provides many other implications of a profoundly occult character.

H. B. Blavatsky and Death

What have our scientists to say about a dead body? They will inform us that forces that once held that body in balanced health are now speeding to the breakdown of the cells. The stench of decay makes this

acceleration clear to us, but in no way gives us a clue to the power that promoted the health in the first place? A sensible scientist will declare that an invisible soul-principle has withdrawn its control; a materialistic beatnik-scientist has no clue whatever.

The Secret Doctrine would declare that everything in Nature evidences a pressure to continue its existence: it is almost a frantic pressure. The weeds in a garden; the tens of thousands of seeds produced by plants, animals, and humans—in fact all reproductive agencies provide overwhelming evidence that Nature considers our material world a mighty important place in which to be born. Yet death comes to the lot; it comes like a chill contradiction of purpose; it appears to render the whole set up of life a meaningless prank of lunatic energies!

There is one positive thing in the whole Universe: it is LIFE. It never diminishes and never slackens: only forms die. LIFE is the all-surviving power. Our bodies are built from one aspect or channel of its energies, the other aspect provides our wakeful consciousness and sense of identity. One half is our present wakefulness—the other our subconscious functions. When the bodily form breaks down, as it must, the LIFE is not snuffed out: one cannot kill LIFE—that would be contradictory. Yet this LIFE can kill forms—it kills thousands every hour. Is this bodily death caused by a lack of LIFE? Certainly not. It is caused by a surfeit of LIFE—we have too much. The terrific forces within the body burn out the source of conveyance like the filament is burned out in an electric-light bulb.

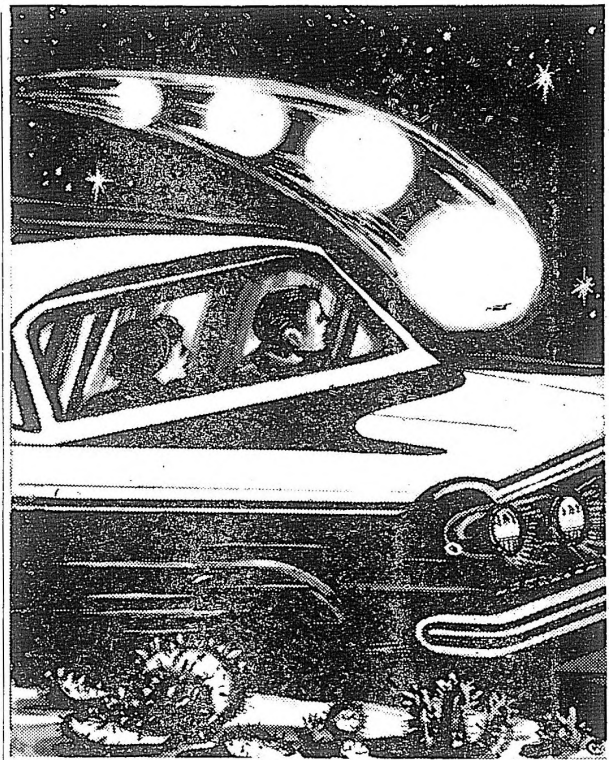
Just as the filament wires have to withstand the same pressure of electricity when worn and decrepit, as they did when they were new and resilient, so also our age-worn bodies break down under the constant pressure of LIFE in the cells. Paradoxically enough—it is LIFE that kills the body! When will Science catch up with this conception of The Secret Doctrine, and vindicate H. P. Blavatsky even more. She has changed the whole

complexion of modern life and religion; even encyclopaedias say this in no uncertain terms, and her assertions have already met with innumerable verifications. We all survive bodily death—even a gnat and an infusorian does the same, for LIFE is everywhere.

But according to the scientists of our world, the Sun, and all the planets will fizzle into decrepitude and final nothingness. Perhaps they will—who cares. Since Nature has formed the warm provision and comforts of life in the present, she will quite reasonably provide an acceptable harmony of life for us in any future world she may call in to being. This is a certainty, not a flippant hope; it is under our noses for all to see. Every creature is nursed into existence; the baby is insulated from shock to the mother by a great provision—it floats on water. Something has a definite eye to our safety and well being.

While materialistic scientists cheer themselves up with yarns of perpetual death, the occult student can see the reality of eternal LIFE. Every sane person who looks at the heavens can see LIFE—millions of galaxies of it bustling with energy. Our Sun is a mirror—a catalytic mirror—that brings eternal forces on the inner side of Nature to the outer and visible side of things. We live in a world of decay, wear, limit, and bodily death—the occult world—the great everywhere at the back of the visible Sun is eternal and never-dying.

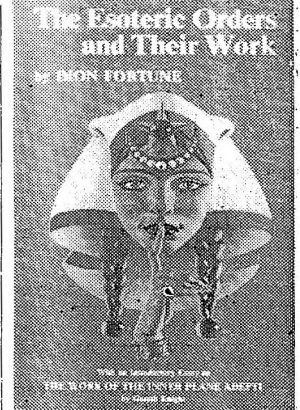
The Secret Doctrine tells us that there are three distinct fields or channels of evolution: The Spiritual, The Intellectual, and the Physical. All three interact, yet each remains as a complete field in itself, and until we reach the condition of true enlightenment, the correlation of these energies will be difficult to comprehend. These are but a few of the wonderfully constructive doctrines of H.P.B. The creation of the Universe and man by cosmic elementals whose graded hierarchies reach to the humblest amoeboid forms, would take many such articles as the present to describe. Students can do this for themselves by study



Another frightening UFO encounter—a thirty mile chase—was reported by Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois, 13481 Shirley Street, Westminster, California. On the night of October 21, returning from a vacation, they were driving along Route 60 in New Mexico. Except for their car, the highway was deserted. It was about 2 a.m. when a "brilliant ball of white light" flashed down above the car, slowed, then turned back and followed alongside. "At first, I thought it was an airplane making an emergency landing," said Mrs. DuBois. But the strange "ball" streaked back into the sky. DuBois' conjecture that it might be an odd moonlight reflection was quickly disproved. For the bright object again flashed down, raced ahead of the car, then slowed to let them catch up. "We were really frightened by this time," Mrs. DuBois reported. And their alarm increased when the strange device pacing them suddenly separated into four smaller, glowing objects. Flying alongside, the formation kept pace with the car until a service station appeared ahead. When DuBois slowed down, the four UFO's flashed upward and went out of sight. "We were so terrified," said Mrs. DuBois, "that my husband drove at 100 miles an hour to the next town. We asked if there had been any reports of flying objects, but people only laughed. They thought it was funny, but we were plenty scared."

of the Doctrine. A teacher should be sought, for much that is of value may otherwise be obscure or indigestible to the raw beginner.

When on May 8th 1891, the soul of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was removed from the suffering body, a great light went out, a great force for the helping of mankind was lost. May she be reborn to us speedily, and above all may we have the inner discernment to know her, even if she comes in quite another type of personality. H.P.B. is vindicated! May she return to a world that will receive her as a benefactor of mankind.



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Experiments With Paranormal Sounds And Voices

(Continued from Page 2) sequently wrote to the producer suggesting that Mr. von appear upon the program.

As a result we arrived at the T.V. station, May 28, 1961, and there Mr. von Sealay was given three polygraph tests by Mr. William A. Schmidt, BA, LL.B who is the Director of Lie Detector Inc., and who does extensive police testing in California. These tests covered the claims of Mr. von Sealay including the paranormal production of the "voice," the production of paranormal and astral projection.

The tests involved extensive questioning as to the use of fraud in producing the voice and other phenomena, the use of fraud in the past, and, I might add, also included my possible use of fraud in our experiments. After these tests were completed Mr. von Sealay was then brought before the camera and given a "public test" for the benefit of the viewers.

As a result of these four tests he was pronounced to be completely truthful and utterly free from any possibility of using fraudulent methods. Naturally, the strange nature of the subject and the near incredible nature of his claims made a great public stir and gained widespread notice.

The producer of the program, Mr. Ralph H. An-

draws, stated that he was, of course, greatly impressed by the results of the polygraph tests and furnished the following letter:

Dear Mr. von Sealay:
I wish to thank you again for consenting to appear on our nationally syndicated television program, "Lie Detector"; a courageous appearance, to say the least, inasmuch as you were publicly putting your reputation and your career in danger.

The reaction to your appearance by the public has been great, and I believe you have added quite a bit to their already high interest in "ESP."

For the benefit of anyone who may not have seen the program on which you appeared, I would like to again make it very clear that you were given a complete and proper polygraph examination under ideal conditions, and, in the opinion of Mr. William A. Schmidt you were telling the truth on every question you answered. It should be made clear, however, that several of the questions concerned your beliefs, and it is beyond the "ability" of the Lie Detector to prove anything concerning beliefs except that you actually did believe them. The other questions, which were concerned with whether or not you used trickery or fakery in the strange photographs and recordings you have were more proper for the lie detector in that we could definitely determine you were telling the truth and had not used trickery or fakery.

I wish you much success in your further work, and will look forward to hearing any further reactions you may receive regarding your lie detector test.

Sincerely yours,
Lie Detector Productions
Ralph H. Andrews
Producer
Times-Mirror Broadcasting Company, KTTV, 5746 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 28, California.

These polygraph tests, so very successful in nature, are certainly to my knowledge unique! I know of no other medium who has ever successfully passed the polygraph, but I do regret to say that I have known the reverse to be true. Without doubt, this event is a first in the history of scientific psychical research.

There are some who do question the validity of the polygraph as an instrument to determine the truth and I will very, very briefly discuss this subject. Business Week, June 18, 1960, had an excellent coverage of this problem and I will use this information as a basis of our discussion.

It is true that the polygraph is disputed and one of the main arguments against its use is the fact that such tests have not yet won admissibility as courtroom evidence. However, it may come EXPERIMENTS with gal. 5 as a surprise to many to know that the reason for this is not concerned with the device's accuracy, but rather the fact that the ma-

chine cannot be cross-examined. Needless to say, this is obviously no reflection on the ability of the polygraph to determine truth and falsity. The other chief objection rests upon its reliability in terms of the operator. In other words, in the hands of an incompetent operator, the results are not conclusive.

Associated Research Corp., one of the handful of manufacturers in the field, says that in laboratory tests, when it has been able to verify whether the person tested was really lying or not, the examiners have been right about 95% of the time. In industrial and law enforcement use, a confession is the only actual check. Polygraphers' findings of lying have been followed by confessions which were verified about 80% of personal cases, and about 60% of criminal cases, according to this corporation's findings.

The record in industry has been startling and the polygraph is definitely coming into wider usage as time goes by. I notice, incidentally, that case after case is printed in the newspapers involving the use of the lie detector by the police and with splendid results and I have little doubt that the lie detector will eventually replace many law enforcement techniques used at the present. I might add that the Business Week also refers to the ever-spreading use of the polygraph.

In view of the fact that, as I have mentioned, certain individuals have expressed skepticism regarding the lie detector, both Mr. von Sealay and I have offered on numerous occasions to bet these persons \$500.00 that they could not beat the polygraph in a correctly conducted test. This challenge was made several times on various television programs and to all individuals who insisted on detracting the lie detector tests. In spite of the previous loud and assertive arguments regarding the detector, suddenly a vast and leaden silence would invariably result. One could truly hear a pin drop. No one, without exception, ever dared take our challenge. This in itself supplies sufficient internal evidence, shall we say, that those who were loudest in their views, simply lacked any real belief in their vocal claims. How can we take any such claims seriously when the very individuals refuse to take a test themselves—we cannot!

Now, to describe our tests and the phenomena itself. After our cabinet and microphonic system had been set up, and a number of preliminary tests conducted with, I must remark, genuine paranormal results consisting of shrill whistles, our first major effect occurred on Dec. 6, 1956. During this experiment Mr. von Sealay sat alone in the cabinet. To our knowledge nothing transpired. We were using a loud speaker during this trial and consequently I was able to hear all that took place in the cabinet. Mr. von Sealay then left the cabinet and we played back the tape recording. We were amazed to hear a loud, clear whisper which said "This is G." This remark did tie up with a question asked the previous evening when a paranormal



October 8; Charleston Heights, South Carolina—A UFO which zig-zagged back and forth over the coastal region in the early morning hours, was reported to NICAP by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Garris. Dull reddish-orange dome-like lights were clearly visible on the top and bottom, and the central portion appeared as a brightly glowing white source of light. In the distance, the object appeared to be round, then oval.

photograph had been produced and a diffused face obtained. The question was, "Whose face is this?" An initial G also was obtained.

Later, while testing the amplifying system and standing a few feet from the cabinet door which was closed, I had Mr. von Sealay whistle at short intervals. Suddenly I noticed that we were receiving single whistles in answer a second or two after each one of our whistles. I had Mr. von Sealay continue whistling and each time an answering whistle was heard. This occurred six or seven times, and at the end of the sequence, twice in answer to single whistles, double whistles replied. We were, it will be noted, under complete observation by each other, and were in full light. The question of fraud, for example, is completely eliminated and, needless to say, so are normal causes.

One major point had been made and that was that the voice saying "This is G" and the answering whistles did definitely indicate intelligence and intention.

During the course of our experiments many raps of undoubted paranormal origin have been heard and recorded. A typical example happened at the conclusion of a test on Dec. 8, 1956, when Mr. von Sealay and a guest sitter were standing near the closed cabinet door in the main room in full light. These raps took place on the wall facing them and under the circumstances it was impossible for the guest to have produced them normally as she was under complete observation at the immediate time.

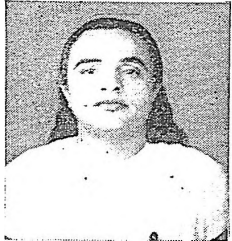
About this general period a remarkable bit of spontaneous phenomena took place one evening when a number of guests were pres-

ent. We were all sitting in the main room in full light discussing the voice case when suddenly a loud rapping, or rattling sound took place on a desk across the room. The desk was completely beyond the reach of anyone present and luckily, it so happened, that I was looking directly at the desk at the very moment the rapping took place. I must add that two of the guests, one a noted professional medium, left immediately, being obviously very frightened. No doubt this rapping was the first example of genuine psychical phenomena the medium had ever seen.

From this point I will describe a number of experimental seances and the results and certain other phenomena noted, but taken from my records without adherence to chronological order. The actual experimental records are, of course listed in this manner, but for ease in description I will deviate from this strict form.

As the experiments continued, the question naturally came up whether or not the voice-phenomena could be obtained away from the closet-cabinet that we had been continually using. We therefore obtained an upright cardboard clothes-closet which we placed in the center of the room. This cabinet measured 20" x 58" high. Within this tall, narrow cabinet we suspended a trumpet with a microphone (Continued on Page 12)

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PSYCHIC HIGHLIGHTS

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 der his feet. When the landowner stated that there was no water on the island, the old fellow protested that there was, plenty of it, on the land on which his house stood.

Geologically, this was most unlikely, but the labourer was adamant: cutting a twig, he indicated the spot. Having already ineffectively spent L8000 on futile boring operations, the proprietor begrudged further expenditure, especially as the old man said he would have to go down over 60 feet.

More to put the old fellow to shame, than in the expectation of finding water, he started to bore, striking water at 30 feet, which, ever since, has provided an unfailling supply.

BEANS AND MUSIC

Mary Lohr
 "Rosicrucian Digest", June 1960, relates that Mary Lohr, 15, sophomore in Vista, California, High School, can say with Henry David Thoreau: "I was determined to know beans."

For a month, she carried out a scientific experiment with soy beans and music. Although only 5 beans were involved, to Mary, at least, the results seemed conclusive.

Each bean she put in water, in a separate jar, in a separate room. For an hour a day, she treated each with a different kind of music.

Four of them got symphonic arias, popular numbers, ragtime, and bongo. The fifth little bean got none.

From the first day, the bean treated to symphonic arias responded: it "seemed to puff out immediately." At the end of the experiment, its sprout was by far the longest.

Then, in order, followed the sprouts produced by popular tunes, ragtime, and bongo.

The fifth little bean, who received no music—died.

Mary repeated the experiment twice more, each time getting the same results.

Now she is certain: soy beans and music go together: and, for good sprouts, "long hair" music is best!

I should like to see this type of experiment tried on many different kinds of

seeds, and also plants. What about some of you Readers having a try?

LOST SPLENDOUR

In the same issue, in an article "Lost Splendour", William H. McKegg, F.R.C., quotes from Katharine Tynan, Irish poet and novelist, who alludes to "A.E.", in her book "Twenty-Five Years".

"He is of the world, unworldly: the world's stain has never touched him; without religion, yet profoundly religious: the peace of God which passeth understanding lies about him. He finds gods in the earth and the air—rather, I would say, he finds God; and his life has unconsciously cast incense on the altar of the Unknown God.

"He told me the story of a friend of his who, in the wilds of America, became friends with an old Indian. He told him of all the marvels of the world—wireless telegraphy, radium, men flying in the air, speech kept long after the speaker was dead.

"Wonderful! wonderful!", said the Indian. "Tell me more."

"At last the reciter paused, wearied. 'The white man is very wonderful,' said the Indian. 'Can he do this?'"

"He stooped, lifted a handful of dust and threw it in the air; stretched himself upwards, and then delicate flames ascended from his hands and his feet and his hair; his body shone in the air; he was a living jewel from head to foot.

"Then the glory faded. There was only an old Indian. 'Can the white man do that?', he asked."

MARK TWAIN

Christian God
 In "The Mysterious Stranger", Mark Twain has this to say about the Christian God:—

"A God who could make good children as easily as bad, yet preferred to make bad ones; who could have made every one of them happy, yet never made a single happy one; who made them prize their bitter lives; yet stintingly cut it short; who gave his angels eternal happiness unearned; yet required his other children to earn it; who gave his angels pain-

less lives, yet cursed his other children with biting miseries and maladies of mind and body; who mouths justice and invented hell—mouths mercy and invented hell—mouths golden rules, and forgiveness multiplied seventy times seven, and invented hell, who mouths morals to others and has none himself; who frowns upon crimes, yet commits them all; who created man without invitation, then tries to shuffle the responsibility for man's acts upon man, instead of honorably placing it where it belongs, upon himself; and finally, with altogether divine obtuseness, invites this poor slave to worship him."

SWAYING TREES

Curious Phenomenon
 "Pendulum" quotes from a letter, by Miss Carol von Polinitz, Manhattan Beach, California, asking a Radiesthesia Society to explain the following:

"Every time I lean on a tree, or even if I touch it lightly with my fingers, it begins to oscillate backwards and forwards, with a movement like that of a radiesthetic pendulum. This happens even if the tree is tall and has a strong trunk.

"At the same moment, even if there has been no trace of a breeze for several hours, a wind gets up.

"A number of times, I have tried the experiment of touching a leaf of a bush, and this immediately begins to move and to oscillate violently.

"This gives me pleasure, and I seem to feel I am no longer alone. Who knows whether something similar has ever happened to other people."

Here is something else for readers to experiment with, and report.

RADIAESTHESIA

A Doctor Heals by Faith
 That is the title of a well-known book by Dr. Christopher Woodard.

He gives an excellent definition of Radiesthesia: "a method of diagnosing disease by measuring the wavelengths coming from the human body."

He speaks also of "a very well-known Roman Catholic doctor, who does nothing else but radiesthetic and homeopathic work in his large practice... who has written of radiesthesia as being the link between Religion and Science.

"He points out that it is a means of measuring 'leaks' of energy from bodies of sick people, and a means by which the sources of the 'leaks' can be detected.

"This can be done, either by using machines, or by developing a hyper-sensitivity in his hands, so that, on placing them over the affected area, he gets either a sensation of heat or cold, or a tingling sensation. Different people get different sensations, taking a variety of forms, even to a measurable electrical impulse."

From what I read, I gather that Radiesthesia is definitely, and rapidly coming

to the front, and looks like becoming recognised as a powerful therapeutic agent in the near future.

YAKA-DURAS

Dancing Out Devils

In "Psychic News", C. D. Ranasinge tells a graphic story of his experiences with yaka-duras, or "witch-doctors" of Ceylon, who lead normal lives, the craft or science of dealing with obsessing spirits being handed on from father to son.

If a woman becomes "possessed", behaving abnormally, she is kept under strict supervision, and a yaka-dura is called in. Some of such women behave like animals, or savages, or become quite sub-human, sometimes only on certain days or in certain seasons, at other times permanently.

Ranasinge claims to have seen several of these cases, who go into trance, behave erratically at the beat of a drum to music, or prayer-chanting by Buddhist monks.

In 1946, he saw a "possessed" woman, about 35, happily married, mother of normal children, locked in a room, while preparations were made for a Thoilaya or de-obsession ceremony.

In the garden were put up altars of coconut leaves, wood and banana trees, on each being placed flowers, oil lamp, and ancient weapons of brass or copper, the altars being in a semicircle.

The yaka-dura and assistants were in hideous costumes, with frightful masks of evil spirits, while two drummers played very rhythmic music that would make almost anyone want to dance.

The audience being a little distance away, the patient was brought in, and held firmly, while the chief yaka-dura chanted mantras, evoking the help of the deities represented by the altars, near which he burnt perfumes. While he chants, the drummers drum, dancing in a very frightful and hideous way.

Then, still dancing, they take flaming torches, rubbing them against their bodies, not a single hair being singed.

The patient, released, danced like the masked men, and even howled like a wolf, for several hours. Then she is given coconut flowers, like whips, with which she lashes herself, faster and faster, on the forehead. Having worn away several flowers, she has to carry heavy weights, with which she dances for more hours.

The masked dancers withdraw, leaving the whole arena to the woman. After hours of agonizing dancing, with extra hard work added, such as creeping under chairs with heavy weights, jumping into cold water, and so on, the spirit is asked if it is willing to leave her.

If unwilling, she may be whipped by the yaka-dura, till at last the "spirit" gives in, and tells the yaka-dura she will leave the body forever if she is given a human life.

This being refused, the ya-

ka-dura whips her again, and tells her he will give her only a fowl.

She agrees. A fowl being given to her, she wrings its neck and drinks the blood.

The yaka-dura demands proof that the evil spirit is vacating. She says she will, when she goes, break the high branch of a near-by tree.

The yaka-dura commands the spirit to leave. She howls and faints—an indication of the spirit leaving the woman.

A branch breaks and falls with a loud noise. The contract has been honored.

The cured woman is taken to her room to sleep, with a charm round her neck, and others in the room, to keep away evil influences.

It is now nearly dawn. In the morning, the woman looks quite normal, but has no knowledge of what has happened to her.

She bears no scars or any marks from the whippings.

While this method of de-obsessing evidently seems to work, I think I should prefer the gentler, more humane and, it seems to me, more rational methods employed by that expert de-obsessor—Dr. Wickland, who used to talk and reason with obsessing spirits, explain to them that they were "dead", that they should leave other people's physical bodies alone, and live on their own plane, where they would soon find that they could lead a life much fuller, and far happier and pleasanter than sharing a physical body with someone else—its rightful owner.

CRIPPLE, 65, HEALED

Rides Horseback

"Two Worlds" of London, Eng. relates that Charles Harms, 65, had to retire in 1952, owing to rheumatoid arthritis: spine rigid, shoulder and hip joints, also knees, severely locked: the last 2 years in 5 hospitals, discharged as "incurable", verdict being that nothing more could be done for him.

In 1954, at the Royal Albert Hall meeting, conducted by Harry Edwards, Olive and George Burton, Harms, the first patient, slowly and painfully made his way to the platform, using 2 sticks, and being half carried up the steps.

6000 people saw Edwards unlock his arms and leg joints, until he could move his limbs freely, vigorously, without pain.

To prove to himself that healing had really occurred, he shook his head firmly. "When did you last do that?", asked Edwards. "Three years ago", he replied, with the vast audience breaking into applause.

Again for the first time in 3 years, he put his hands behind his head. "This is the first time I have stood up straight for over 3 years." He left the platform without sticks.

Afterwards, he walked, without sticks, from the Hall to South Kensington Station. Next day, minus sticks, he walked 3 miles.

In January 1960, came letter and photograph from Durban, South Africa, show-

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PSYCHIC HIGHLIGHTS

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ing Harms, now 70, riding his horse. "I have been here for 2 years. It's been wonderful, and my life has been renewed. I am only 70 years, and I have not had any pain whatsoever for the past 4 years."

So much for the allegations that spiritual Healing cannot be permanent.

Edwards points out that this story is not isolated. A sufferer writes for absent healing. After a letter or two, nothing more is heard from him for a long time.

Then, perhaps years later, when writing for healing for someone else, comes belated tribute that the writer's healing had been effective and complete.

Would you not think that those who have been healed would be a little more vocal and prompt in their acknowledgement of, and gratitude for, what had been done for them?

CRACKPOT

Are You One?

To ascertain if you are one—as I sincerely hope you are—read this, from an article in "The Ark," entitled "What is a Crackpot?"

A crackpot is one who will not admit such self-evident truths as that might is right and that the end justifies the means.

A crackpot is one who rates his moral instincts higher than material gain, the dictates of Fashion, or even the sacred name of Science.

A crackpot is one who respects the life that comes from God, even though it is not his own life or that of his own species.

A crackpot is one who sees beauty and poetry and a divine purpose in even the humblest of living beings, and is awfully averse to destroying them.

A crackpot is one who shows a deplorable lack of the hard-headedness and toughness of feeling which should characterize Modern Man.

A crackpot is one who has the inconvenient habit of putting himself in the place of other sensitive beings so as to share their feelings, to rejoice in their well-being, and sorrow in their pain.

A crackpot is one who would rather suffer than inflict pain.

A crackpot is one whose instinctive sympathies are with the haunted and tormented rather than with the hunters and tormentors.

A crackpot is one who holds, in defiance of high society and ancient tradition, that it is uncivilized, unchristian, immoral and disgraceful to inflict pain or death on other creatures for one's own amusement.

A crackpot is one who persists in these unpopular and

preposterous ideas even when all his neighbors are laughing at him.

HUMAN RADIO ETC.

Uncanny Achievements
"Rosicrucian Digest" reprints, from "The Sunday Standard", Bombay, an article entitled "Uncanny Human Achievements", which is highly intriguing.

During the last war, Otto Zillich, Nuremberg, Germany, in the heavy black-out of that bomb-scarred city, was walking one evening across the forecourt of the hotel in which he worked as a waiter, carrying two light-bulbs. He was sure startled to see that his fingers lit up the bulbs!

Proof of this odd feat came from the air-raid warden, who threatened to shoot Zillich on sight if he did not extinguish the light he was carrying. Zillich had been merely touching the terminals.

In 1942, in a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, Mogosky, an American, complained that he could hear voices and music all day.

The doctors thought he had hallucinations, but, on close examination, found that his brain was picking up broadcasts from the local radio station.

As he was unable to "switch off", the doctors put round his head, to screen off the radio waves, a metal band. From then on, Mogosky was able to lead a normal life.

So astounded were the medics that they put him in an insulated room, where he demonstrated his "reception" by repeating, word for word, the broadcast being relayed from the local radio station.

A similar case (which was reported on this page some time ago) was that of two Czechoslovakians who could turn themselves into human "radios". By breathing deeply, and contracting their muscles, they "charged themselves with electricity". Then they held hands, took hold of two loudspeakers, and produced their own radio station!

A few years ago, Madame Fagnot, of Paris, in her Montparnasse home, took from a vase some flowers which were almost dead, laid them on her kitchen table, and forgot them when she went to answer the telephone.

A couple of hours later, she was mystified to see that the blooms had regained their former lustre, colour and freshness.

She put them back into a vase. Two weeks later, they were still fresh, appearing to be almost the same as when she had brought them in from her garden.

A few days later, she took a fish from her refrigerator and put it in a cupboard, in-

tending to cook it a few hours later. Called to the telephone, she had to leave her house and go to the bedside of a dying relative.

Returning three days later, she was almost horrified to see that the fish was perfectly fresh! In the warm July air, it should have rotted, but it looked as fresh as though just taken from the sea.

Alarmed, she told her doctor what had happened. After putting her through an exhaustive series of tests, he told her that she possessed some mysterious "radiation" in her finger-tips, which preserved food and other perishable goods for an unlimited time.

HUMAN INCINERATION

Puzzling Phenomenon

Never have I come across any acceptable explanation of the numerous cases, that have been reported, of human bodies being incinerated, apparently spontaneously, without any physical cause having been discovered.

In "Search", February 1958, Jim Wentworth has an article on "Charles Fort's Corroboration of the Shaver Mystery", in which he gives a few examples of this strange phenomenon.

In 1869, in Paris, Dr. Bertholle, at the request of police, examined the body of a woman who had been burn-

ed to death. Only the floor under the partially consumed body was burned. Nothing else showed the slightest trace of fire. No one in the house had heard a sound.

In Pittsburg, Pa., in 1907, Albert Houch found, lying on a table, the corpse of his wife, "burned to a crisp". The table, as well as the whole house, showed no marks of fire.

Also in 1907, in a house in Manner village, near Dinapore, two constables found the smoldering corpse of a woman. Her clothes were *unscorched!* There was no sign of a fire anywhere indoors.

In 1916, in the Lake Denmark Hotel, near Dover, N. J., the proprietor, Thomas W. Morpheus, woke to the sound of moaning. Downstairs burned and dying, was his housekeeper, Lillian Green. In her room, except for the charred floor under the body, there was no sign of fire.

In 1930, in Kingston, N. J., was found the lifeless body of Mrs. Stanley Lake, severely burned. But her clothing was unmarked!

In 1953, in St. Petersburg, Florida, in her Cherry Street apartment, was found, by her landlady, the body of Mrs. Mary Hardy Reeser, sitting in an overstuffed easy chair. Dead she was, but certainly not from "natural" causes. Her body had been almost totally cremated.

In other cases of burning,

skulls expand, and sometimes explode; but Mrs. Reeser's skull was shrunk to baseball size. A vertebra lay among the ashes, her left foot, unmarked, was encased in the remains of a black slipper. Of the armchair, only the coil springs remained. The lamp, chair-side table, and carpet directly below the chair, were destroyed. But everything else was untouched.

In 1957, in West Philadelphia, at about 5 p. m. on May 18, was found the body of Mrs. Anna Martin, cremated. The torso of the 68-year-old widow, lying face down before her coal furnace, was so burned as to be almost unrecognizable, the lower limbs completely consumed. The furnace, however, was unlit and unheated. Closely surrounding the corps were newspapers, cartons, etc.—unscorched. Covering about 4 square feet of the floor, round the body, was a stain.

It is worth noting that all the above cases occurred with women.

In "The Books of Charles Fort" are the following cases.

In 1904, the London "Daily News" reported that Mrs. Thomas Cochrane, of Rosehall, Falkirk, was found in her bedroom, burned to death, "almost beyond recognition": there had been no outcry; little if anything else was burned; the body was found sitting in a chair, surrounded by pillows and cushions.

A few days later, the London "Daily News" reported the death of a woman, from "mysterious burns... she could give no account of her injuries."

A few weeks later, the "Hull Daily Mail" reported that, in Trinity Almshouse, was found a woman, her body covered with burns, still living. There had been no outcry; the bed was unscorched. The woman, Elizabeth Clark, died without being able to give any clue to the mystery. There was no fire or light in her room.

Charles Fort, our famous compiler of mysteries, gives a few more cases of spontaneous, apparently internal combustion of humans, in his books, but let the above suffice for the present.

It is said to be a known fact that, for a human body to be completely consumed by fire, requires a temperature of 2000 degrees, for 2 or 3 hours.

If readers know of further instances of this phenomenon, would they be so kind as to bring them to the attention, either of myself or of The Psychic Observer?

Experiments With Paranormal Sounds And Voices

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ent and active.

Mr. von Sealay, as has been observed with other genuine mediums, is not restricted to this particular type of phenomena, but possesses many other paranormal abilities. Many of these have been the subject of test and experimentation and include the ability to produce paranormal photography, various forms of "mental" phenomena including precognition, telepathy, etc., astral projection observed under test conditions, and other effects. These various psychical abilities will be the subject of future papers and will be dealt with in some detail.

To sum this case up briefly, it certainly is my opinion that these experiments represent the most highly controlled voice-tests that have ever been undertaken. No other scientifically controll-

ed experiments in this realm have ever been so rigid and resulted in positive results. With the removal of the medium from the source of the voice away from all pick-up instruments such as trumpets, microphones, etc., then the problem of fraud has been decisively dealt with and the paranormal nature of the voice has been established! I consider this case a most remarkable, historic first!

Further, the added control of the polygraph, or lie detector, has provided an additional check of the greatest value and again represents an historical first! Therefore I consider this entire series of experiments certainly one of the most valuable additions to the science of psychical research; a unique first in psychical research today, and resulting in proven phenomena of unmatched scope and value in present times.

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'Saucers' From Under

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man and his wife saw an object, like two saucers stuck together floating. Black round ports appeared around the edges. These eyewitnesses saw 10 figures walking around on top of the object.

1953—*Gulf of California* — Oval yellow UFO rose from the sea, then returned. It was large as the Moon and made tide ripples.

1954—*Atlantic Ocean*—The Netherlands Ship "Groote Beer" pulled into New York Harbor. The captain and passengers reported seeing strange flat-like moon-like object rise out of the ocean, 80 miles East of New York. It was grayish in color, bright on the lower part, with bright spots around the edges.

1954—*Pacific Ocean*—The Honduras Freighter "Aliko-P" radioed that

it had seen a "ball of fire", moving in and out of the ocean, trailing white smoke, then disappearing.

1958—*Atlantic Ocean* — A Navy transport plane crew reported a "cluster of lights" that raced up from the ocean like a luminous ring. It had a glow around its rim and appeared to be 30 feet thick in center — like one gigantic dish inverted upon the other. A near collision was avoided. The object had a series of jets or lights from openings in its rim. Radar confirmed the size to be almost 350 to 400 feet in diameter.

1961—*Pacific Ocean* — In the pre-dawn sky, a round object, like a bright "ring" in the sky, with sharply outlined edges and a "very clear hole" in the center quickly outdistanced two Boeing 707's jet airliners, as well as many other planes, between Wake Island and Honolulu. No report said it came from the ocean, but the description is very similar to other reports of objects being seen over, near or under the seas.

1961—*Atlantic Ocean*—The U. S. Navy admitted tracking an unidentified sonar contact in the North Atlantic for two days. A Woburn member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena said it may be a submerged flying saucer from outer space.

The article goes on to report other UFO sightings recently and was written by reporter Michael Jensen of the Boston Herald in the Monday morning, October 30, 1961 edition. When questioned about the sonar contacts Mr. Fawcett stated they may be related to recent UFOs, as well as other sightings in the past (documented in this report.)

There are many myriad contemporary mysteries of the sea: the strange underwater objects which often haunt our seacoasts and inland waters and which never have been identified are but one of them. Perhaps the "saucers" do come from the "sea," who knows? 71% of the earth's surface is covered with water. Maybe the other 29% is too hostile to harbor "alien" life. At least such a theory warrants an intensive investigation. Anyone interested??? Credits for this article are too numerous to mention, except to say thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
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THE END

Can An Adverse Psychic Reading Be Offset?

By

DR. LEO LOUIS MARTELLO

Recently at a lecture I gave on parapsychology and kindred subjects at New York City's big Broadway Congregational Church I was asked by one of the audience "If a psychic reading is genuine can what is foreseen be offset by the will of a person? Are the psychic impressions relative or absolute?" This is a thought-provoking question and its answer must be one of relativity.

If something is seen as an inevitability in a psychic reading (session, sitting, seance, consultation or whatever) can the person affected do something to change its course positively or must he resign himself to "what will be will be." And if the latter is true doesn't this mean that our lives are preordained? That no matter what we do there are certain things which cannot be changed? That we are pawns in the hands of Fate? That free will is useless since no matter what we do we cannot change our destiny? The answer is NO. Everything in life is relative, including psychic communications. A genuine psychic can foresee the outcome of proposed plans, ideas, ef-

ports. The predictability is based on being attuned with the wavelength on which the petitioner is operating. When this is positive, backed by faith and work, and not complicated by self-destructive drives or negative unconscious motivating factors, the end-result can be psychically seen as well as the blocks preceding its attainment. When a person desires something not rightfully his and is "pushing" to try to make it so he will consult various psychics for confirmation of that which he doubts himself. Within all of us lies the seed of truth. In our desires and selfish pre-occupations we disregard it.

Certain African tribes believe in "Fan Shaped Destiny." We begin on one path (the handle, the beginning) and then reach a point in our lives where we're at the crossroads: There are five paths branching off from the original one. Whichever one we choose is up to us (free will). However, whichever one we decide to travel will hold a destiny at its end. Take the first and at its end lies buried treasure. The second leads us to a lion's den. The third brings us to a lost tribe. The fourth leads to death. The fifth to a land of opportunity and self-discovery. It is NOT preordained that we should travel any one of these paths. The decision is ours and the end-result based on our own free will decision. In a genuine psychic reading the best path can be pointed out. If we are spiritually-psychical-

and water well with a sprinkler. Then cover the wheat with the remaining loose earth. Do this each day and the soil in the boxes will become richer and richer.

To prepare your wheat grass manna drink: cut the wheat grass with scissors—a measuring cup full for each drink. Put this grass through a juicer or an old fashioned meat-grinder, careful to save the drippings. Strain the pulp and press out all the juice until the pulp is a light green. Add enough water—and a little molasses or honey, if desired—to make a full glass. Use the pulp in the water in which you wash your vegetables and fruit to counteract the sprays. Put in your bath water to soften it. Also in the water in which you wash your hands and face. The effort you have to exert in raising wheat grass and making these drinks each day will pay you handsomely in better health and you will save in actual time and suffering the minutes you must give to it—suffering through poor health.

ly attuned, receptive to truth, open-minded and not bogged down by preconceptions of "what is best" we will be guided onto the right path. I cannot emphasize too strongly the factor of "They will be done" rather than "My will be done."

Apropos of the latter one of my client's main desire was to marry a certain man. When I pointed out to her that it did not look like a "match made in heaven" and was doubtful of its lasting, she became impatient. "I just want to know: Will he marry me? That's all I want." Psychically the answer was "yes" yet ethically I was bound to point out the adverse vibrations surrounding this query, give her a chance to think further, perhaps postpone it. She married the man. Two years later they were divorced. Here she could have been guided into the right path. Getting what one wants does not guarantee happiness. The attempt to rationalize it by saying "it was meant to be" is not facing the truth. Who meant it to be? Why was it meant to be? IT WAS only because this woman pursued "my will be done" and was not receptive to guidance contrary to her immediate wants.

Psychic guidance doesn't mean a wall of protection surrounding one's entire future. It is through exposure to adversity that we grow, develop compassion, have the capacity to empathetically identify and sympathize with our fellow-man. If an adverse condition is "inevitable" in the reading then it is so only because of the person's own motivations, desires, unwillingness to change, unreceptivity to ideas not compatible with his own. The one who looks for the easy way out only makes it twice as hard for himself. If one cannot change one's ways he also cannot expect a future change. The laws of cause and effect are always operative, even if unknown to both psychic and client. The ones who claim "No one can read me" or "nothing comes out right for me" in the readings would do well to ask if this isn't always true of them in life as well. People who operate negatively have no right to expect positive results. Yet a psychic reading can often reveal positive potentialities which are within reach of the client. If only the client could have such insight and follow-through. We can offset adverse circumstances revealed in a psychic reading provided we change our course of direction, become flexible in our wants, do our best knowing that we have and let the rest take its own natural course of events.

What The Wheat

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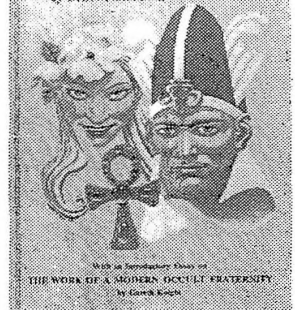
or perhaps in less amounts—at feed stores. Be sure to ask for "sprouting" wheat—the other kind has been gassed and is dead. For sowing each box, soak 2 cupfuls of wheat overnight in water. Sow in the morning and "harvest" in 7 and NOT MORE than 14 days. Keep the soil moist with warm—not hot—water.

When you "harvest" a box, replant it the same day. This replanting is done easiest in the following manner: have those two empty boxes, mentioned above, handy. Take the sod from the "harvested" box and break it into small pieces with your fingers so as not to harm the earthworms. Put the broken-up sod in the first empty box. When you have removed the sod and reached the loose earth, put that earth in the other empty box. The "harvested" box is now empty. Put into this empty box, at the bottom, your broken-up sod. On top of this sod spread the material from the "peelings" container.

And this is the place where you may add your earthworms. You can buy earthworms, by mail, at so much per 1,000. A single 1,000 is ample because Nature will do the rest. These worms aerate the soil, allow the nitrogen in the air to reach the grass roots and keep the soil spongy—so necessary to fertility. With earthworms in each box, your wheat will grow faster and better. Doctors recommend working in the soil without gloves for nervous persons. On top of the broken sod and "peelings" spread the loose earth from the other box—saving out about two quarts to cover the seeds. Spread your two cups of wheat on the soil—thick and along the edges,

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A Honey Of A Birthday

By

H. D. Hixon

It was his birthday, July 15, 1941, that Arturo Wulfrath received an unusual present from a friend. How well this gift was chosen and what he made of it what symbolism it represented to him and his reaction was soon seen in what he actually did about it.

This year it was just a birthday present, soon it would be bringing in over a million dollars a year and be the largest enterprise of its kind in the world.

When people are children they look forward to birthdays for it means a party and surprise gifts. As they become more mature the same day becomes some-

Hauntings And

(Continued From Page 9) theory—it has many times been suggested that a human spirit in a rather destructive, and stupid, mood with paranormal powers in our material world would well explain the poltergeist. If one wished to annoy someone how better than throwing rocks, breaking dishes, starting fires, and so on? As a matter of fact, how else could one be annoying and still be practical about it? The list of nasty deeds if written down would probably sound exactly like one of our more active cases. Therefore, a good theoretical possibility for unpleasant human spirits in some cases exists.

For the more "odd" cases such as the rock-fall cases in Lynwood that I investigated, there is no theory available that can remotely explain such phenomena. They simply are a mystery.

Inasmuch as there are probably many different types of poltergeist activity that actually have nothing in common and are due to totally different causes, it can readily be seen why no one theory will suffice. My belief is that all the theories advanced can explain some of the phenomena depending on the case, and I do think that human spirits enter into a certain percentage of haunting activity.

I would like to add a request that any reader either experiencing such activity, or having experienced polter-

geist phenomena in the past, please write to me in care of this newspaper. Such material will be of great aid to me in both research and writing and will be greatly appreciated.

thing they just as soon forget and let slip by without notice. They may even start falsifying about their age and get themselves involved in various Neptunian illusions.

A birthday is more than just marking another year in our life. It is the ending and beginning of our fiscal cycle. We are in the business of living on this planet. Like any other business it is our accounting time for our profit and loss statement covering the last twelve months. It is also the time for setting up a new program, allocating our time and energy for the coming round of travel through the zodiac.

The movement of the Sun's position through our horoscope marks off our year. Some seek to belittle the importance of their birthday and this very attitude does not encourage progress. Other people have learned the astro wisdom of making their birthday an important marker in their life.

Birthday resolutions for the coming fiscal year should be towards bringing into manifestation greater degrees of character strength and mastery; new understanding as well as other progress in their outer affairs. With a birthday vision towards goals backed up with determination they step into their new cycle.

Arturo Wulfrath's birthday gift was a hive of honey bees. It most certainly presented a challenge, demanded a new line of thinking that stimulated an unsatiable thirst for knowledge. He became aware of commercial and material possibilities and how this could become a means of helping other people. His birthday present allowed him to reach out not only nationally but internationally. From the one bee hive as a birthday present it was not long before he had 10 and then fifty. This advancement continued till it reached a thousand and then two thousand. Today he has thirty thousand hives and three billion bees.

Let us look at the horoscope on his fiscal birthday. Of course this same horoscope applied for that year to all the millions of people who were born on that day.

It represented their fiscal chart, too. What they did with it, when this was set down on their personal natal and progressed horoscopes is a matter of degree. It is also based upon the natal character strength and effort applied; the choice that was made with what they had. But all people born on this day were given the same release of vibrations on this birthday.

In the big movement in the heavens Saturn was approaching an unusual conjunction with Uranus in Taurus, a financial, practical business sign. This area was trine to Neptune in Virgo where it was receiving a conjunction of the dragon's head. The Sun in Cancer was halfway between this big trine. It pointed to a fiscal year that challenged the man into greater outer action. The birthday sign ruler, the moon, coordinated this type of push by being in the pioneer, action sign, of Aires with Mars.

Mercury, behind the Sun, showed the great amount of knowledge that would be required. The moon was trine Venus in Leo, expansion through beauty, and sextile Jupiter for idealism.

The honey business was started in the state of Morelos in Mexico where a subtropical climate provides beautiful wild flowers and gives the honey here probably the most tasty and aromatic quality in the world.

The name of the world's largest commercial beekeeping venture is Miel Carlota. "Miel" means honey in Spanish and Carlota was the Empress of Mexico in the middle of the 19th Century.

More than 4,000 tons of honey are produced a year bringing in over a million dollars annually in income. The finest honey comes from the Cuernavaca area but one can see Arturo Wulfrath's apiaries off the highway from Cuernavaca to Taxco. Another plant operation has been developed in Vera Cruz and now a new one in the Acapulco area.

Honey from Arturo Wulfrath's birthday present has become a global operation with tremendous export operations. Besides honey there is "Royal Jelly" which has been called a human cell builder as well as a sex stimulant. To help the world bee industry there is the business of selling queen bees to the world. Bee hive equipment, pollen for medicinal purposes, as well as beauty cream made from honey. Here too is the biggest nursery business in Mexico.

Still another industry has been developed. This is sculptured candles from beeswax. But it all got its start from a honey of a birthday present.

By the wisdom of astrology give yourself a birthday present this year. Let that present be a symbol to you: either in the release of things from your past that you have now outgrown in your development or, that it represents some goal that you will work towards during your new fiscal year. Many a person has been awakened to an entirely different level of living and thinking through some thoughtful friend providing them with a gift of a horoscope for their birthday present.

Letters To Editor

(Continued From Page 7) remember nothing, except I had the vague idea he was a judge, or an author.

Next afternoon as soon as I arrived home from work I looked up Oliver Wendell Holmes in the encyclopedia. The first thing that met my eyes was a picture of the man I had seen the night before. Only the hat was missing. If I had ever seen that particular picture before I can not recall it. I found he was a writer and a doctor.

A few weeks later I went to our library and got some books he had written, also a biography. but after searching them throughly, I can find nothing that gives me a clue as to why I would have seen Doctor Holmes.

I do find a reference to a 'school mistress' in his "Autocrat At The Breakfast Table." Also, a few lines in one of his poems mentions, "The maid of Egypt's dusky glow," and, "The musky daughter of the Nile . . . with plaited hair and almond eyes."

I would appreciate any information anyone has about Doctor Holmes and his contemporaries. I find that he was friends of many

other great writers of that period. I have tried the experiment three times since, but nothing happened. Except I grew very sleepy and took a headache.

Wondering,
Mrs. Edna Nichols

Dear Tom O'Neil:

Thanks for that very fine article "Purpose" by John R. Richardson in the June issue of The Searcher. I'd like to read more of his writings. Who is he?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rose Story.

Dear Tom O'Neil:

I hope to see more articles by J. D. Beresford. This guy throws a wicked pen.

Corey D. Wiens.



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