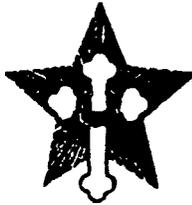


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## A New Rosicrucian Service

THIS SERIES of articles about Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium, our latest addition to the service which the Rosicrucian Fellowship is rendering to the world, is designed to acquaint our readers, students and friends with all the facilities we have to offer along the lines of healing. We particularly want to enlist their cooperation in making Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium a great success and in assisting it to realize its full destiny of helpfulness. For this to be accomplished it must be self-sustaining, and to be self-sustaining it must be filled with patients to a reasonable percentage of its capacity.

AS TO THE VITAL NEED of an institution such as Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium we are fully convinced, and Max Heindel's writings on this subject fully substantiate this conviction. In Probationer's Letters Nos. 21 and 27 he stated as follows: "Association of probationers in centers of healing furnishes the material in which the Elder Brothers may kindle the spiritual fire required to heal physical, moral and mental ailments. . . . May God hasten the day when we shall be able to establish the School of Healing on Mt. Ecclesia and commence the work in earnest."

Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium was only a thought-form when Max Heindel made the above statement. During his lifetime he was not able to realize his ideal and that of the Teacher for establishing a full-fledged Sanitarium. This did not come until 1939 when the present Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium was opened to the public.

BEFORE WE GO FURTHER into the assistance which our students can render in this important undertaking, let us describe Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium briefly, and its facilities for helping Nature to restore health.

First, we wish to mention our Resident Physician, Leon Patrick, D.O., M.D. Dr. Patrick, as you will note, is trained in both systems of treatment, namely, osteopathy and medicine. He specializes, however, in the osteopathic system of manipulative treatment, using medicine only in certain emergencies. The use of physiotherapy and nature-cure methods is in line with the Rosicrucian conception of aids to healing rather than the use of drugs. Dr. Patrick is a graduate of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the California Medical College.

IN THE CHEERFUL, sunny rooms of Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium special advantages are offered for ascertaining the individual needs of the patient. The range of treatments includes a complete hydrotherapy section with separate departments for men and women, with expert operators; electrotherapy, including short wave diathermy; ultra violet and infra red light therapy; fever therapy; latest type of colonic therapy; and massage. Special attention is given to diet, which is prescribed individually for each patient by the Resident Physician. The meals are entirely vegetarian and excellently prepared. We make a specialty of

guest patients whose chief need is relaxation, proper diet and up-building in harmonious surroundings.

**THE RATES ARE EXCEPTIONALLY LOW**, and are kept at a non-profit basis on the Rosicrucian principle of giving the greatest possible amount of service. They are very substantially lower for the type of accommodation and treatment given than in similar institutions operated for profit.

Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium supplements on the physical plane the Rosicrucian System of healing by means of the Invisible Helpers from the invisible plane. Health School features in accordance with the ideas of Max Heindel are maintained, and it is expected these will be expanded in the near future. Patients must be instructed in the underlying philosophy of health if they are to attain to a permanent state of health. We give to each patient the option of personal interviews with one versed in the subject of metaphysical healing along Rosicrucian lines. These interviews include comprehensive and sympathetic advice designed to help him adjust his psychology to his environment. Health lectures are given in the Sanitarium lecture room, open to patients and all others who are interested.

**YET IN SPITE OF ALL** these excellent facilities for ministering to the patient, from both the physical and the esoteric angle, Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium still remains inadequately occupied. Its capacity is forty patients. We are confident this number can be obtained if we can just let people know on a large scale what we have to offer. If enough people can find out about Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium, we know we can easily fill it so as to pay the running expenses and have a margin of safety left over for emergencies. In the last analysis it is largely a matter of advertising. Commercial advertising is exceedingly expensive, and we have not been able to afford enough of it to accomplish our object.

Here, as we said last month, is where **YOU** come in. We want your assistance. As a loyal Rosicrucian student we want to enlist your aid in attracting to the sanitarium those patients who can and should be helped by it. Here are some of the ways you can help :

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS** all about Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium as you have opportunity. Act as a local publicity agent to direct to it people who might be helped by its facilities. Discuss it in your local Rosicrucian Fellowship Centers. Think about it and talk about it. We want the creative power of your thought to help push this undertaking, as explained in our article last month. Thought operates just as well from a distance as it does from nearby. The potency of one's thought force is as effective in New York City as it is in Oceanside. This project must be energized by thought power if it is to succeed; thought power used in a legitimate manner and for a legitimate cause. It must have the mental, moral and spiritual force of thousands of persons behind it if it is to succeed. **AND EVERY ONE COUNTS**. Therefore, we ask you to please read carefully, then stop and think, then **ACT**. The time has now arrived when results must be accomplished.

We are going to continue giving you each month in this Magazine a message as to the progress of Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium. This article is being written so soon after the issuance of the October number that there has not yet been time to receive replies from the article published in that issue. We expect to have replies, however, by the time of the next number, and will then report as to how the campaign is progressing.

Yours in this greater Service to Humanity,

**THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

# The Current Outlook

[FROM THE ROSICRUCIAN VIEWPOINT]

By JOSEPH DARROW

## World Sickness

(PART TWO—CONCLUSION)



LAST month we stated there was a certain cosmic event that occurred in prehistoric times from which the present chaotic world conditions have all stemmed. That event dates back to ancient Lemuria, a prehistoric continent which occupied a portion of the area now covered by the Pacific Ocean and which was submerged aeons ago. The event to which we referred was the so-called "fall of man" which the Bible mentions and which the churches make so much of.

This "fall" was a reality, but the Rosicrucian interpretation of it is quite different from the orthodox version. According to the Rosicrucians, there was no "apple" which legendary Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden. The so-called "fall" was the fall

into generation, when man first began to use the creative force within himself without restraint and without listening to the wise counsel of the Hierarchs in charge of his early evolution. The result was that he misused this force and has been misusing it ever since.

The creative sex force always creates. If used rightly, its creations are good; used wrongly, its creations are evil, bringing in their train chaos, confusion, inharmony and war. These undesirable things will surely continue until mankind learns through long experience and suffering to restrict this divine force to its legiti-

mate function. That function is the generation of physical bodies for reincarnating Egos, so that in them these egos may gain the evolutionary experience necessary to develop them into trained workers in the Cosmic Scheme.

Primitive man had a partial excuse for the "fall," or tumble, which he took back in Lemuria. That excuse was the Lucifer spirits, who appeared upon the Lemurian scene and produced a profound effect upon him. Lucifer is the Light-bringer and the instigator of all mental activity. He is the great being who is the synthesis of all the hosts of individual Lucifer spirits. He brought to mankind the use of fire and iron, and has made civilization what it is today.

But the Lucifer spirits have a certain notable defect, namely, the lack of mastery of their own desire bodies. In the legendary Garden of Eden, in the days of Lemuria, they set mankind on the way toward copying that defect, and we have been copying it ever since. Lucifer has been a great benefactor to humanity, but also a great tempter and the source of man's greatest weakness.

The Lucifer spirits instructed primitive man in the unauthorized and ignorant use of the creative sex force, and started him on his way toward the Babylon in which he is now living. Lucifer, so to speak, pushed man into the pond of generation before he could swim. Then it became a case of sink or swim.

To swim, as here used, is a symbol of regeneration. Regeneration is the way out, and the only way. Mankind will never get out of Babylon in any other way. Until man gradually regenerates himself and learns to use the God-given creative force rightly and only for its legitimate purpose there will be sin, sickness, suffering and war of every kind—civil, international, economic, political. The wrong use of this force is the principal cause of the disease of *Materialism* and its delusions which now afflict mankind, and which we discussed in Part I of this article.

All the nations of the world have been equally guilty in this matter and its consequent precipitation of mankind into modern Babylon.

RELATIVE The brutalizing effect  
EFFECTS UPON of it, however, has been  
THE NATIONS greater in the case of  
some nations than in  
others, hence some are now imitating the  
beast to a greater degree than others.

This Luciferian regime into which man has been plunged was not a part of the original design. That design was made by Jehovah, who was in charge of man's early evolution. Jehovah's plan was to put mankind under the tutelage of the angels for a long preparatory period covering ages and ages, during which they would have become so spiritualized like the angels themselves that finally they could have been trusted with the use of the creative force without supervision. Thus all strife, sin, sickness and suffering would have been avoided.

But this result would have been bought at the expense of man's remaining for ages a mindless, God-guided automaton. He would not have become a creative intelligence, a creator, as he is now destined ultimately to become through the aid of the creative urge transmitted to him by the Lucifer spirits.

Eventually, however, through regeneration man will master the Luciferian impulses and will graduate into the class

of the superman, with powers almost infinitely greater than he would ever have achieved under the direction of the angels. Evolution has been immensely speeded up as the result of the Lucifers breaking into Jehovah's scheme.

Max Heindel in *The Message of the Stars* has summarized the esoteric facts about this matter as they are inscribed in the Memory of Nature, which can be read by the properly qualified seer. We quote:

"The Bible (the Old Testament, inspired by Jehovah) tells us of Lucifer and his fallen angels. They taught humanity to take the prerogative of creation into their own hands and instilled into them the passion that has caused sorrow, sin and death, because the holy function of generation, LUCIFER which was intended only TEMPTER AND for temporary purposes BENEFACTOR of propagation, has been desecrated and made sub-

servient to the lusts of humanity at all times regardless of the stellar rays. Yet it is a mistake to think of the Lucifer spirits as evil, for under the sway of the angels humanity was a mass of mindless automatons, knowing neither good nor evil and having no choice or prerogative.

"The Lucifer spirits who rebelled against Jehovah's regime are located on the planet Mars [in ethereal bodies], and from them we have received and are receiving many valuable gifts, chief among them fire and iron. Without iron which exists in the blood in the form of haemoglobin there could be no oxidation and consequently no heat. That was the condition previous to the fall, so-called, when man in the making was mindless. But then the Lucifer spirits came and infused iron into the blood, which made it possible for the Ego to draw into its vehicles, and from that time the Ego became an indwelling spirit capable of evolving individuality. Thus had it not been for the Lucifer spirits man could not have become man. It is their fire and their iron that have made the world

what it is today, good and bad according to the use which man has made of them. . . . The martial Lucifer spirits give us dynamic power, and are the source of all activity in the world."

In the above quotation we are given both sides of the question, that is, the benefits and the disadvantages which the Lucifers have conferred upon us. The astral desire body of Mars overlaps that of the earth, which gives the Lucifer spirits access to man's consciousness. But what has happened in the past is now ancient history. We have to go ahead from the point where we now stand. There is no way out but up. We shall find that way, however, and it will eventually lead us to the heights of attainment. That way is going to be fraught with suffering, for that is apparently the only way the human animal will learn.

Francis B. Sayre, recently returned U.S. High Commissioner from the Philippines, some time ago made an address at Bucknell University in which he pointed out the way which the youth of our land will have to tread. He said that the war will wipe out disillusionment and cynicism in the younger generation by forcing it to endure almost unprecedented suffering. We quote from his speech:

"You will experience suffering such as few generations have been called upon to bear. But if you accept the suffering in terms of sacrifice to your country, as I am sure you will, you will find in life a profound new joy and inner happiness, denied to those who have never suffered. Disillusionment and cynicism will be replaced by a new faith and hope, which will tinge with inner joy even outwardly bitter experience."

Sayre is right. Moreover, the suffering which this war will entail will do much toward sensitizing the race. Some at least will become sensitized to the point of developing the sixth sense. Then they will become seekers after the truth,

and the light and the truth will lead them to regeneration and make them free. And that regeneration and that freedom will encompass the whole human race in the course of a comparatively small number of centuries which lie immediately ahead of us.

Regeneration means that we tap the wellspring of life. Then from that spring will come the elixir that will cure our world sickness. The Rosicrucian *Web of Destiny* summarizes this matter in a striking paragraph. We quote:

"The spiritual force generated from the time of puberty and all through life may be used for three purposes: *generation, degeneration, or regeneration*. It depends upon ourselves which of the three methods we choose; but the choice that we make will have an important bearing upon our whole life, for the use of this force is not confined in its effect to the time or occasion upon which it is thus used. *It overshadows every single moment of our existence, and determines*

our attitude in each and  
REGENERATION every phase of life  
AND THE ELIXIR among our fellow men:  
OF LIFE how we meet the various

trials of life; whether we are able to grasp our opportunities or let them slip by; whether we are healthy or sick; and whether we live our life according to a satisfactory purpose; all of this depends upon the way we use the vital force. *That force is the very spring of our existence, the elixir of life.*"

In this period of materialistic darkness, uncertainty, dread, even of terror of the future, the Rosicrucian Wisdom shines out like a beacon light, shedding its rays of illumination far and wide to those whose vision has been opened. One by one they will grope their way forward out of the modern Babylon in which we are now living, and up to the Mount of Regeneration, from which an ever ascending path leads to fields of peace and power. That is the only way out, and that way is up, ever upward. There is no easier way. There is NO other way for man's ultimate rescue from evil.

# The Mystic Light

## The Rosicrucian Fellowship

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a movement for the dissemination of a definite, logical, and sequential teaching concerning the origin, evolution, and future development of the world and man, showing both the spiritual and scientific aspects. The Rosicrucian Philosophy gives a reasonable solution to all mysteries of life. It is entirely Christian, but presents the Christian teachings from a new viewpoint, giving new explanations of the truth which creeds may have obscured.

*Our motto is:* A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY

## Art, the Third Pillar of the Temple

By JOSEPH EARL SCHRACK



**R**ELIGION, Art, and Science are the three most important means of human education, and they are the trinity which cannot be separated without distorting our viewpoint of whatever we may investigate.—MAX HEINDEL, in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* (page 516).

In the profound and far-sighted vision of the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order a blueprint has been created wherein we see man bringing his three-fold being into development through what we now discover to be great historical epochs. Two cycles of these great epochs have become evident in the erstwhile supremacy of religious thought, followed by development in scientific domains, while now it becomes evident that indeed the next great evolutionary cycle hinges upon the creative function which we describe under the general term of Art.

Mr. Heindel further states that in order for a more individualized development in each phase of this "trinity in unity" man was given the development of one part at a time. Hence the specialization on Religion through the focus of Occidental cultures as we have learned to accept them in the Judiactal-Christian cycle which has carried the devotional ideal, leading right up to the 16th cen-

ture. In this ideal the heart has held sway.

Again treating on the formalized and mental side, somewhere around the opening of the 17th century, Science became the increasing interest, leading right into our day and doubtless continuing a great deal beyond our present day. Dovetailing into our superb present scientific developments, the forces of Art (expressions of man's independently willed creative powers), have burst upon the evolutionary scene.

In the minds of a large majority of people, the term art must be broadened to include all creative endeavor whether to be classed as applied art or of the fine arts. In the broadest sense, art includes all spirit-inspired creative acts of man wherein individual techniques of expression are utilized, giving releases to the spirit's inspiration in material form. Life finds itself bisected and polarized into positive spiritual powers which express themselves as Will, impressing their will in the form-bearing matrix of the lowered vibration of Spirit wherein matter becomes the negative aspect of the spirit.

Because of the essential rhythms ascribed in this objectifying process, there is born that quality best expressed as *Art*. Art therefore knows no man-made

limitations. It is particularly identified as always being different, original, and highly stimulating in its constant surprises, giving delicate shadings and sensitive nuances, subtly and positively recording pure spirit power.

Because of those hard hammering epochs through which the spirit of man has passed in times gone by, man today looks to a higher form of stimulation wherein his aspiring culture-bent Ego seeks opportunity to hurl itself forth along higher rates of vibration. In the medium of art, the Ego finds a method whereby the past Teachings of Religion and Science, as heart's emotion and mind's reasoning, can combine, forming an independently staged series of "creative incidents"; carrying the glorious opportunity of exquisite expressions of the God-given Will, and launching man's evolution into new realms of stimulating freedom.

Within the realm of art, man links the essence of achievement into the Spirit's wedding with matter, involving less and less of crystallizing karma. The causes setting art in action, being Spirit-born, become karma-free. In Art's coming of age of—

### *ETERNAL SPRINGTIME*

WE FIND—

*Blossoms—*

*Sunshine—*

*Hearts—yours, mine, the world's.*

The earth, the sea, the bowl of the heavens,

Through life, love, and beauty, in living inspirations.

THEN—

Let us walk forth and taste of all creation,

Let us live within the treasures of the heart.

Let us embody Eternal Spring as a living spirit

By the blossoms and sunshine of liberation;

For risen in our hearts is the call of Life.

The joy of Eternal Spring is the thrilling fling

Of the fountain of life

Into the bosom of the sky.

Eternal Spring is the Spirit's liberation.

The ancient Greeks seemed to have a word for almost everything. Especially is this true of their many-sided qualification of the free and liberal arts. Among other names their pantheon of the arts included Calliope, epic poetry; Clio, history; Eutripe, lyric poetry; Melpomene, tragedy; Terpsichore, choral dance and song; Erato, love poetry; Polyhymia, sacred poetry; Urania, astrology and astronomy; Thalia, comedy.

While the spread of the creative arts today includes many unnamed inspirational activities, we classify our conception of art under the terms of architecture, sculpture, music, painting, literature, drama, the dance and eurythmy, etc. However, as man finds increasing freedom of expression in his spirit's recordings in daily life, the entire plan and fabric of our civilization will enjoy a surprising spread of the arts in an expanding sense of beauty.

As mass interests change, and new trends stimulated by man's creative spirit become evident, new cultural objectives will be offered, made appealing through elevated desire-urges to which the mass mind will gravitate. In times past, unpredictable mass-mind urges placed cultural emphasis on Religion and Science in turn. Now, in the identical manner, yet unforeseen calls of already blueprinted plans for man's higher evolution will begin taking shape, developing the fields of Esthetics.

Now as always, there are evident varying rates of acceptance of these new trends of the evolution of esthetics as each individual ego senses through its perfecting vehicles the stimulating waves of the oncoming ethers which are gradually permeating our earth atmosphere. At this point is evident the chief work of

the Rosicrucian Fellowship, preparing, aiding, and clearing the way for man's understanding of these new urges to expression along the lines of Hierarchy's far reaching plan for the future.

"Beauty is the most civilizing force in nature. The theory of esthetics leads to the appreciation of beauty; the practice of esthetics leads to the interpretation of beauty. Under the theory of esthetics, therefore, are considered standards of symmetry and proportion, relations of value and form, and harmonics of quality, sound, color, and such other media as are appropriate to the interpretation of beauty. Under the practice of esthetics are considered the several disciplines of interpretation by which beauty is released through skill, or, as it is more commonly termed, technique." So writes Mr. Manly P. Hall, who further sums up the philosophy of esthetics as gleaned from the celebrated treatise by Plotinus, Egyptian philosopher of the 3rd century B.C., "Beauty is essentially perfect order—in things and of things. Beauty is a certain virtue present in all bodies, in all forms, and in all substances. Beauty is the true being which animates all living creatures. It is the dynamic pattern, the esthetic framework by which the world is supported. Beauty is that peculiar fitness by which perfected natures are distinguished from imperfect natures, and perfect forms from imperfect forms. According to Plotinus there is a certain divine consistency which is more evident in some structures than in others. Beginnings move naturally towards certain ends; forces unfold through forms, wisdom blossoms in space; the Divine Will, projecting itself into matter, becomes a symmetrical geometric pattern in which all the elements of beauty are perfected."

As man's upward thrust of aspiration meets and touches the illuminating finger of the creative Life Spirit, man experiences increasing degrees of indi-

vidual illumination. These successive degrees we term initiation. It is a law of unfoldment that there must be an exercise in which Spirit works through matter to prepare man to become the expression of the God-man operation. It is only quite recently that man became conscious of his Godhood in the sacred trust of being a channel for the inspired operation of the Spirit.

Through the conjoined elements of Religion, Science, and now the Art-to-be, man forms the completed temple trinity of the independent Godlike creative function. With the completion of the third pillar of Art, man's responsibility will have increased many fold, as his creative power and opportunities will likewise have increased many fold. That man may not abuse the sacred trust of independent use of the creative powers

for the ultimate consummation of beauty, he has been given the "straight and narrow way" that leads to the conscious and pure use of the Life Force.

## II

In the foregoing paragraphs we have glimpsed a glorious picture as the birthright of every Christ-born aspirant. But in the achievement of these space-born objectives there is stretched before us an exceedingly broad plain called life, which must be crossed by every son of man ere he be entrusted with the conscious and purified use of the creative Life Spirit. By life is meant that chain of experiences through which the lessons of the material plane are learned, and the essence of this wisdom built into soul light, life, and power; the mystical terms of the essence of Beauty and Art.

Man's existence and progress have always been confronted with a dual problem: first, wrestling with nature in obtaining sustenance for the physical body; second, co-ordinating ways and means of securing his needed physical sustenance with his developing spiritual powers.

*Many young painters would never have taken their pencils in hand if they could have felt, known, and understood—early enough—what really produced a master like Raphael.—Goethe.*

To the majority of folk who have not yet sensed the true purpose of life to be a process of learning, this dual problem seems to be a perpetual warfare, in which the material is ever fighting and often times seems to be winning over the spiritual side.

In the larger conception we joyfully accept the principle that there can be no crown of light without the cross of matter. There can be no liberation within the broad arc of the arts until each one has built his own consciousness of that arc of art through the very act of living, which is the greatest of all arts. It is the law of those high beings who enjoy the freedom of a universe that they must first prove their self-sustaining ability by building a universe. Hence the Spirit finally must become victorious over and through matter.

In the understanding of this one fact we lay the necessary foundation for the graceful, artistic acceptance of life's total disciplines. We may consider that Lucifer is made to symbolize the heat-producing illumination of practical life, therefore becoming our Light Bringer; in other words, through the fulfillment of duty, through the disciplines of life, we gradually learn and earn our way through initiations.

As man's threefold being is the receptacle for his inflowing spiritual and creative force, this creative force must co-ordinate and work equally well on all planes of his being. This force must be made instantly adjustable to every possible need and circumstance brought into relief by man's evolutionary processes. Life's many-sided experiences therefore become man's perfect Teacher.

Lest an over-ambitious student of the art of life become too crystallized in visualizing a definite goal to be obtained in "learning all of life's lessons," then imagining his labors will be finished, let us remember that there can be no cessation to conscious existence, which must manifest on one plane or another. Therefore we are discussing a process and not a definite goal beyond which there can

be nothing to learn or accomplish. Life and lessons are endless. There is nothing so sure in life as change, and the passage through successive vehicles of expression.

In the increasing conscious use of the creative life force the aspirant will see life increasing beauties in the spirit-left records through his material forms. His art forms will become increasingly purer as his spiritualized technique of life shows gain. As the forms become more beautiful, his spiritual touch will be seen to be firmer, more positive, until man will find need for more etheric forms by which to give expression to his increased intake of pure spirit. Through the technique of art the creative force is transformed into man's creative power as man contributes his individual experience and resultant wisdom producing the ever renewing self-building quality of epigenesis.

Initiation into the New Birth marks the Great Divide wherein man ceases to be concerned with the limitations of the physical form. Here he begins to reach above the form, or the worlds of effects, and on into the world of causes. Using the offices of Art man brings a self-chosen world of causes into a serving world of effects. In this highest sense of the artist he becomes truly Godlike. Through his art, man judges his progress Godward; through his nightly retrospection man becomes the judge and jury of his own life. Achievement of the sum total in development of the threefold being, as described on page 95 of the *Cosmo-Conception*, will indeed constitute man's ultimate achievement in Art.

### III

To realize that the need for an age of art is great we have but to reflect upon man's monstrous acts of history wherein he has thought himself to be "doing the will of God" in promoting the causes of Religion and Science. To the devotional element of religion, to make religion a working success, there must be added the new harmonizing ingredient of art. *Art is law and order in correct action.*

It is the harmonizing of an abstract principle with the needs and uses of the actuality of life. It is that quality that makes an inanimate law live through the call and urge of life. The essence of art cannot be separated from the relation of cause and effect. Art is the perfect recording of cause *in* effect. For the time being, therefore, in man's evolution, having had cycles of both Religion and Science, Art now becomes the chief principle of the Life Force in activity in the element of time. Building upon the lessons and wisdom of both Religion and Science, Art must act as the keystone co-ordinator in the temple arch. It must supply the missing third and central column to the support of the temple dome. Art for the moment becomes mankind's manifestation of God in principle. The more positive and complete our understanding and use of art the greater will be our power to utilize both Religion and Science in the perfect trinity of the New World Order.

Summing up the points covered, our growth into the New World Order will be determined by—

1. Building victory for the Higher Self over our outworn lower desires through a self-liberated mind, and a selfless serving heart, bringing soul life, light, and power.

2. Applying the soul's growing "body of light" to the needs of the imprisoned Christ, hastening His day of liberation, insuring thereby the freedom of all mankind.

3. Co-ordinating in a religious and scientific manner the warring material functions with the spirit, which being accomplished will bring into being the harmonizing quality of beauty, order, and their resultant art, *the Art of Life*.

Should we look deeply into the mirror foreshadowing things to come, we will realize that in the working out of the three points listed above, we have indeed attained to the highest. We have then

but one further view to behold, which is sensed in the words of the Gospel of St. John 1:16, if we will but substitute, as do some translators, for the word 'grace' that of 'beauty.' Here John is drawing conclusions and relationships between the law of Moses and the grace and reality of love through Jesus Christ. Changing beauty for grace the verse will then read according to the latest Moffatt translation, "For we have all been receiving beauty after beauty from His fulness: while the law was given to Moses, beauty and reality are ours through Jesus Christ."

In this connotation, using the broad meaning of the words 'spiritual love' as related to the beauty and reality of Jesus Christ, both Christ love and Christ beauty find their merging in the single word beauty, as climax to the New World

*Art is the effort of man to express the ideas which nature suggests to him of a power above nature, whether that power be within the recesses of his own being, or in the Great First Cause of which nature, like himself, is but the effect.—Bulwer-Lytton.*

Order of Art. As the Christ Spirit brings truth, and the truth shall make men free, men must be liberated to freedom for a definite, though self-chosen, work. May we not concede that this work is to bring the knowledge of beauty (and love)

through Jesus Christ in "doing the works of the Father"?

Preaching and healing are the two great correctives that are to introduce the New World Order. They are not commands belonging to a permanent state, but instruction given to all of Christ's disciples as reasons for their going "into all the world." Once the correctives of healing and preaching have been adequately administered, there must follow as a result of preaching and healing a world made new.

It is to this world made new that the perfect work of grace and beauty addresses itself in the realization of man's kingdom to come, wherein the first Adam will live and create as in the first Eden. This we may imply to mean the coming realization of the original plan of the Creative Hierarchies as blueprinted be-

fore the foundation of the world, when "the morning stars sang together."

Without the completing stone of beauty or grace in the liberated Christ consciousness there could be no perfected temple of the spirit. Hence the need as pictured by Max Heindel for the new age religion of Art. All embracing, all inclusive Creative Art.

To achieve a result there must be a working plan. There can be added to many already existing excellent plans in the art of life these three suggestions:

1. Acceptance of life as its duties meet us, each duty finding its fulfillment and lesson for the expansion of our consciousness.

2. Making a careful study of the records of past sacred writings wherein the best minds and hearts have left us the story of their experiences and wisdom to aid us in solving our own life's problems.

3. Training, by use of the God-given Will, the lower mind to work through the heart in conscious harmony with the Higher Mind. This to be accomplished by means of scientific prayer and meditation.

#### IV

As we look about us today in what state of development do we find the coming religion of *Art*? Digging beneath the surface we see a multitude of hopeful signs of the coming growth of a world-wide esthetic consciousness. There is not a single field of legitimate activity wherein the urge toward a new form of beauty is not increasingly evident. In advertising, general manufacture, designing of clothing, housing, travel—even to the packaging and styling of our foods; streamlining our diet in the new vitamin cultures; bringing our figures and faces into alignment with beautification for both sexes—all must now pay a front tribute to art if sales are to be expected.

Radio performers teach us how to think beautifully. The screen demonstrates to the mass mind how to act beautifully. The printed news schools our

minds in precision thinking. All of these are essential forms of the techniques of esthetics.

In the rather limited branches of the painting arts, together with modern forms of music, literature, science, drama, etc., certain beginnings in new super-dimensional realms are making themselves manifest, wherein man is learning the use of symbols, replacing mere photographic reproductions of objective nature. In these newer dimensions we have hardly scratched the surface. To understand modern art forms, the individual must embody new forms of thinking, confusing perhaps to the sensitivity of feeling; for, to begin the new techniques, primitive foundations must be laid, which later will find super-structures of great refinement. And of course, as is the case in all the standard historical art forms, the final stage will be the decadence of the over-ornate, the super-refined, and finally the plastering on of the trivial. Then in the distant cultures to come, the process will be repeated on an advanced turn of the spiral.

Because these beginnings in art forms are crude and ill-organized compared to the old masters, many advanced students would offer condemnation forgetting that once the high point of any great tradition is reached, disintegration sets in, resulting in the introduction of a new mass group to find their growth and development through the cycle of esthetics. The art forms of the new group will of necessity be crude; it has always been so, and so it shall ever be.

Through the popular rise of sectional and regional art projects, such as the government controlled W.P.A. and related movements, simple souls and many others now find opportunity and stimulation to think by means of their own creative arts in every part of our broad land. Free art schools abound in every hamlet. Surely this is the most hopeful and stirring sign of the upward thrust of man's unconquerable spirit, making its way forceably through the crystallized crusts of ignorance, seeking

to put forth its green shoot in a creative effort to reach out and touch the fire tipped finger of God.

Much of the old master art was executed by master minds who for propaganda needs of their day found themselves well paid servants of both church and state, skilled in varying media as needs arose. This same type of mind today is found still at the head, leading the cultural parade in government, science, and modern manufacture; indeed Max Heindel states that our own beloved Elder Brothers work in science and utility, in politics, statecraft, and international affairs. At that time the world's master minds were given the mission of leading the mass minds that only today are beginning to follow in the spread of the oncoming religion of beauty.

When if ever was there an age when all classes and nationalities worked with such creative freedom as has been the result of the growth in the past century? The entire social and economic setup seems to be geared toward granting an increasing amount of leisure time to the underprivileged until now it is agreed that, with our machine age coming into its high development, man could actually conquer and take from mother nature his full adequate needs with the expenditure of but two hours labor daily.

There must be an answer to occupying man's leisure time, and that answer is being found in new forms of adult education wherein men and women are finding new ways of self-development which become eventually self-sustaining and self-creating. Psychologically and sociologically this is the direct pathway by which the mass of humanity must approach the practice of art.

And finally let us study with what authority Mr. Heindel, as a channel for the Elder Brothers, stated that indeed art was to become one with the religion of the New World Order. If we will but glance through our history books we will find that every great world epoch of art was

founded upon an already existing superior social order where that art flourished.

By the very authority of bringing to the world a new religio-philosophy based upon science and utility, giving the world a stabilized social order to come, the founders of the Rosicrucian Order have every right to prophecy the advent in the future of such a religion, wherein every liberated ego will become both King and Priest in its own self-directed vehicle. As our western world is schooled in the New Age Gospel of Christ, emphasizing the development of the heart along with the mind, quite naturally Christian Mysticism becomes the companion of Occult Science leading toward a fuller understanding of man and his universe.

Art is indeed the reflection of its age, therefore there can be no art development except there first be laid the foundation of the perfect state as blueprinted by the Creative Hierarchies and made possible of realization by their servants, the great world Masters and Teachers.

Man's supreme urge is toward the Light. To find and utilize the Light, man must build for himself and his neighbor a sphere of freedom of action. To build this sphere of freedom man must find the truth, his truth. To find the truth, man must find within himself the great Truth Bringer, the Christ within. Having found this pearl of great price, man becomes indeed the realization of the All in All.

Having initiated himself through these pathways of Light, man's life becomes the outwelling of the paean of joy—the great Song of Songs, the Song of Life. This song is the time-honored note of the now liberated spirit of man singing praises to his (heavenly) Father within.

This song of life is Art. There is nothing higher in all the the universe than the liberated spirit's song of praise. Flanked on either side by the supporting columns of Religion and Science, the

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# Reasonableness of Rebirth or Reincarnation

BY EMILY W. LORTCHER



PERHAPS the strongest justification for belief in reincarnation is that it is reasonable, and only by applying the light of reason can we hope to solve the otherwise confounding mysteries of life.

One of life's most inconsistent riddles is that which presents the Creator as a loving Father while He appears continually to scourge His helpless children with injustices only a tyrant could sanction; a Father so compassionate that the Christ, who knew Him better than any mortal who trod this planet, tells us that He is concerned when even a sparrow falls to earth.

Where, then, is this loving father who heeds the falling of a sparrow but remains wholly unmindful of suffering humanity; who permits innocent, helpless babes to be stricken deaf and dumb, blind and crippled before they are ever granted the opportunity to learn the laws of life or given the chance to err or deserve punishment?

If such souls were permitted to reach the age of understanding and then defiantly chose to violate the Law, their affliction, in terms of punishment might be justifiable. We might understand that, because they were at least given a fair chance. But babies! Helpless, innocent souls, newly created from the sinless heart of God for one earth life only, no time yet to stray and deserve chastisement, how can we reasonably interpret that in terms of love? Even the most exacting human parent wouldn't punish his child if it committed no offense, nor would he take advantage of the infant's helplessness before it could be held responsible for its thoughts and actions; yet God, the loving Father, seemingly forces a newly created soul into the hazardous battlefield of life and then strips

it of the very weapons it needs to win the conflict; disarms and handicaps it and then abandons it, to stand or fall among adversaries who are completely equipped for victory.

There are millions of apparent innocents born deaf and dumb, or blind, and other millions who, diseased, deformed, or hopelessly disfigured enter life's race side by side with others who have strong, healthy, beautiful bodies, souls blessed at birth with every requisite for victory. And there are young men and young women, who, because of economic limitations, are forced to suppress every soul-yearning and ambition, while numberless others, no more worthy, drift in wealth, leisure, and freedom of expression which they never earned in this existence.

We see saintly old folk, who have led lives of self-sacrifice and spiritual devotion, burdened with privations and physical suffering which their present existence could not possibly justify, while others, whose practices were obviously selfish and sinful, ease down the westward slope in comfort and security which they have not earned.

This is life, viewed as a single existence—unjust, unequal, and unsatisfying; a picture into which God cannot fit unless we rob Him of his greatest attribute, Love. Nor can we stop there as, in the light of reason, we must also divest Him of wisdom because, if this one life constitutes our only earth experience, the scheme as a whole is futile.

In projecting a human creation for no apparent purpose, how devoid of wisdom appears the God who is capable and wise enough to create and sustain, in perfect order, a universe such as this. A human creation to what end? as the most zealous individuals accomplish comparatively

little in one earth life and such zealous ones are rare. The masses play and drift, little or no further advanced when life's day is done than when it began. Others live so selfishly and so utterly unconscious of life's opportunities and responsibilities that instead of developing they appear to have degenerated.

Unworthy of a supreme intelligence as such unproductive procedure appears it might be condoned on the advancement some lives might boast. But on what logical grounds could we possibly excuse the continuous creation of beings devoid of intelligence: idiots, creatures possessed of mentalities so defective as to render them, from birth to death, incapable of fitting into life's pattern at all, of comprehending its lessons or profiting by them. Dare we presume to accuse Supreme Wisdom of a foolish extravagance of which not even the commonest mortal would be guilty?

Besides the difficulty of relating a just God to an unjust situation, we are often perplexed by what seem to be tricks of nature. The case of the gifted child born of gifted parents is explicable. Not that of the prodigy, the child born with genius that cannot be traced through the genealogy of either parent; in fact, often the parents and their ancestors prove of such humble stock as to have little of value to contribute to even an average child. But even if contributory factors could be traced to an early ancestor, how could that account for a remote descendant being far superior in childhood to the mature predecessor in his highest achievement? And how can a newly created soul be possessed of such unique accomplishments when he enters the world? Where and when did he obtain such knowledge and skill before he is given the time or opportunity to acquire them?

On the basis of but one earth existence these conflicting paradoxes defy logical analysis, but approached in the light of reincarnation or rebirth all inconsistencies disappear and a thread of perfect reasoning can be followed through every

obscurity. We clearly see God as the wise and loving Father we want to believe Him to be, impartial and just, allotting to every ego an equal chance at birth eons ago when He sent it forth on its first journey into matter. Then, indeed, it was innocent and helpless, but not unprotected, as it was entrusted to the loving care of divine agents who assisted it in its early struggle through successive earth lives until it reached a stage of development that enabled it to make and follow its own decisions, to choose its way for good or ill.

And so the afflicted babes of this life are not being punished by an unjust God; they are but suffering the consequences of wrong decisions in a previous existence. The conscientious young men and women, who seem unfairly placed today in their inequality with others more fortunate, were themselves the fortunate of yesterday who abused or squandered the privilege and so, in accordance with the just law of compensation, they must endure the reverse status in their present opportunity. The saintly but afflicted old folk are providing a happy harvesting for the morrow, but today they must bear the inevitable returns of yesterday's extravagance, while their selfish contemporaries, enjoying comfort and security in their excesses, are exploiting an opportunity which will surely exact its toll from them when the wheel of rebirth again presents its claim.

And what appeared to be a purposeless project on the part of a wise God now proves to be a perfect system of development with an infinite purpose, a purpose which provides a means by which evolving souls, by virtue of their own efforts, may climb to perfection and reach the estate of gods. Our progress toward that goal depends entirely on the use we make of each earth opportunity and if we will to accelerate our evolution we may do so.

The obvious gradations in human development are convincing evidence of the success or failure of respective egos in

utilizing opportunities in previous lives. The deduction that the superior individuals must have earned such advancement prior to this existence supports rebirth as the only reasonable premise.

The genius is not a trick of Nature. Nature plays no tricks, for she too is subject to inexorable law. Through innumerable existences the genius of today had been working, perfecting his skill and conserving it for his next incarnation. Such accrued knowledge is brought by the ego into each successive life regardless of the nature of the parents who

render his advent possible. Only by tireless effort in the past resulting in superlative accomplishment in the present could a soul possibly enter the world prematurely endowed with genius.

So does the reasonableness of reincarnation dispel the mists that obscure the love and wisdom of the Father, revive a faith depleted by the seeming inconsistencies of life, and restore a hope exhausted by the apparent futility of existence. So does it present a goal that makes the climb a glorious adventure and every conquest worth the cost.

## Intuition

BESSIE BOYLE CAMPBELL



OCASIONS of emergency arise in everyone's life when intuition is a life-saver. Intuition is a direct flash of wisdom from one's own spirit through the superconscious mind, and comes as a direct warning, or as a solution to a problem. It is never an evil suggestion, though often apparently very unreasonable as was the case with a young soldier friend of mine on leave. He had bought a ticket for a near-by city where he had an important business engagement, but decided to get off at a junction where there was nothing but a station 50 miles this side of his destination, on account of a powerful mental urge that we call intuition. This was justified shortly after he got off the train, as all the people on that train and the oncoming colliding one, were killed.

Another instance, showing how right action takes place too quickly for thought, occurred years ago when my husband came in from the back yard saying he had something in his ear—he had been working under the fruit trees. I took a toothpick, wound a little cotton on the end of it, dipped it in a bottle of chloroform which we kept on a high shelf,

and put it in his ear without thinking, and a large, poisonous spider came walking out of his ear, to my husband's great relief—he said it felt like an elephant walking out of his ear.

I have no knowledge of nursing, but on another occasion, when the trained nurse had gone for her walk, my young baby was given lysol by mistake instead of another dark medicine she should have been given. The tiny infant was handed to me with its face screwed up in pain, unable to cry. I poured a bottle of liquid vaseline, sitting beside me, down its throat—not knowing what I was doing, and when the doctor came, he said I had saved its life.

Two friends of mine at the time of the San Francisco earthquake received this lightning-like wisdom in a decision to go and see some friends in another city, taking all their baggage from a downtown hotel the day before the earthquake. They would have been killed had they stayed one more day, as that hotel was completely demolished.

Max Heindel tells us that we get our intuitions from the good impulses sent to us by the Mercurians through the right

hemisphere of the brain. Later on, when mankind uses this part of the brain instead of the left or Mars half which is dominated at present mostly by selfishness, the will of God will be done "on earth as it is in heaven."

Artists have a superlative degree of intuition. They are trying to speak the superhuman language, mixed with their feelings and emotions to bring it over the bridge from the spiritual heights to earth as a manifestation of beauty, for us.

Intuition when followed will in time give us lives ruled by right judgment. An example of wrong judgment, which affects 80 million people is exhibited in India, where the income of Nizan of Hyderabad is said to be one million dollars a week. In Vice President Wallace's radio lecture he said recently that after this war we would put the death-knell to lack of food, clothing and shelter, for all human beings, all over the world.

After the Battle of Armageddon and the miseries of war are over, we shall know the triumph of right because love is stronger than death or hate. The way to augment intuition is by praying constantly and often in connection with every problem in the life. Through it we "link ourselves with the inexhaustible motive power that spins the universe," as Dr. Alexis Carrel has said.

My mother's intuition in regard to right food is always a marvel to me when I look back on my childhood. She chose the foods for a large family as though she had studied the virtues of vitamins and minerals for years, and although her father was a surgeon she did not get this knowledge from him because there was no such thing then. She insisted upon serving raw tomatoes and slaw nine months out of the year, every other day, and we children always had a table full of fruit in the backyard in its season, which we ate between meals in large quantities. All the children in the neighborhood were also the picture of health, having naturally rosy cheeks and lips, bright eyes, and no trouble with their teeth. In the winter we had boxes of apples of which we ate unlimited numbers all winter; and quantities of milk from a neighbor's cows, which were healthy enough to take the blue ribbon at all Fairs. In Washington state in those days, everyone walked a great deal, and people of the town I lived in went to sleep with the curfew.

All of us have intuition enough, if regarded, to help us get from the cradle to the grave with much less suffering than we do—usually. When humanity recognizes intuition, cultivates it and acts upon it, as Jesus did, the Golden Age will have arrived.

## DIVINELY IMPARTIAL

By IRENE STANLEY

*Thank God for this truth and the knowing thereof:  
Each life is an offspring of Infinite Love;  
To each the true heritage comes from above.*

*Whoever our human forebears may have been,  
Whatever their records of sainthood, or sin,  
We each have a heavenly mentor within!*

*Through times of soul-testing that come to us all,  
We each on the same loving Father may call.  
His showers of mercy impartially fall!*

# The Brotherhood of Man

By EDITH L. FISHER

“HE hath made of one blood all people who do dwell on the face of the earth.” This statement must mean that the elemental savage and the highly unfolded civilized man both have their source in the one Life, both are children of the one God. “Little children, love one another.” The only difference between what we term the lowest and the highest, is the varying degree of development, and the way that one has taken, all have taken or must take. There are the same inherent possibilities in the savage that have been attained by the saint. “We are all members one of another.” “We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.” (Eph. 5:30.)

In the Western Wisdom teachings we are taught mind is the connecting link or bridge between body and spirit. The link of mind is one of the greatest, if not the greatest of bridges ever built. The evolution of the mind will bring a wisdom beyond our conception. Mind is a mirror reflecting the outer world and enabling the ego to transmit its commands as thought and word, also to compel action. In I Corinthians 12:27, we read: “Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.” As good members of the Christian body, serving that body as a whole we make manifest our oneness with Christ and with God and with each other.

There are different manifestations of mind. The artist manifests in one way, the philosopher in another, the business man or woman in still another, but it is all one mind. It is only because of “the fundamental unity of each with all” that we are able to understand one another. It is only because of the oneness of mind that we are enabled to gain from others wisdom, knowledge, and un-

derstanding which they have acquired through the exercise of mind and which we can add to by the experience of the mind that is in us. Quoting from Ralph Waldo Emerson in his “Uses of Great Men” he says, “We have never come at the true and great benefit of any genius so long as we believe him an original force. In the moment he ceases to help as a cause, he begins to help us move as an effect.”

In Micah we read, “He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thy God?” By so doing, by using our gifts to the utmost of our abilities, and not forgetting the responsibilities that oneness imposes, we serve and influence all life and all mind for good. Thereby glorify the God of mind and of Life.

Under the immutable Law of Consequence every cause must produce adequate effect; the principle of suffering was born from sin, guiding us back to the path of virtue. When we become men of sorrow and acquainted with grief, when we have cultivated that keen and ready sympathy which feels all the woe of the world; when the Christ has been born within, there comes to the Christian Mystic that ardent aspiration to seek and to serve others and to show them the way to everlasting Light and Peace. But to show the way, we must know the way, we must live the way.

“We are members one of another,” says Paul. The most elemental races give evidence of being in possession, in an elemental way, of the same powers of mind that the most highly civilized nations of the earth possess. Some may argue that because one race of people has attained a high order of civilization in a comparatively short period of

time, while another has not attained it, notwithstanding the fact that thousands of years have elapsed since they first peopled the earth, therefore such people cannot be classed as being a part of the great Brotherhood of humanity. This is only superficial reasoning.

In different parts of the world, environment has much to do with calling out one's latent power. We know, too, that the effort to adjust brings with it increasing knowledge; we know that in other parts of the world there is not the same necessity for adjustment to environment, that therefore progress is much slower and lapse of years does not count nearly so much in the progress of a race as other considerations. We know also that extremes are not favorable to development; that the extreme pressure of environment in the far North, where the central thought is how to get the necessary food and shelter in order to preserve human existence, or the other extreme in the torrid zone where everything grows in abundance and little effort is required to maintain physical life, precludes much soul growth; that the most rapid progress and development take place between these two extremes. Therefore, it would not be fair to any people to measure development by time alone; for it is a well-known fact, which often occurs, that when people are removed from one environment and placed in another the change is conducive to improvement. All the peoples are linked together by one animating life, one guiding and directing Intelligence.

There is, however, a greater responsibility resting upon the highly civilized nations of the world than upon the uncivilized, for the former have not only their own welfare to consider but the welfare of the less civilized. They must see to it that they deal righteously with the least developed people of life's great Brotherhood. To some degree they must become the cause or means by which the weak may become strong, by which the ignorant may become wise. They must symbolize light rather than darkness,

they must be righteous as well as powerful. It is written; "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This statement must become the most profound impulse of a true morality when once known and understood from the point of view of the Rosicrucian teachings, for these followed, call out the proper poise which comes as a result of uniting the heart forces with the head. Only through this mergence and marriage of intuition with the intellect can come the new state of consciousness which is the true Esoteric Christianity.

Our attitude of right behavior to our fellow men is the same attitude which we present toward the Christ Himself and through His forces there comes at last a free fellowship of souls on earth living in a true love and friendship which speaks of the Christ in man and not mere personality. All men must know and feel themselves to be brothers, no matter what their religious creed dictates. Let us become consciously aware of the truth that our mind is a mirror which contributes to our spiritual growth for it is through the type and quality of our thought which is transmitted by it to and from the spirit that the mind is polished, and its focus sharpened until it becomes "perfectly flexible and under the control of the spirit."

Wherever civilization goes, if its aim is to uplift and benefit, then uplift and benefit will come to the less developed natives; but wherever civilization goes merely to exploit or to help the strong steal from the weak, then the natives are going to learn first of all how best to use the same qualities of mind that are being directed against them. Even today in many parts of the earth many of the great nations are engaged in destroying the lives of people, taking their property and depriving them of their God-given rights. And all this is being done under what is called Christian civilization. What man has sown, man must reap; what is true of men is true of nations.

The gentle Nazarene, whose greatest object in life was to bring peace and good will to all men, is made to stand as it were, sponsor for this so-called Christian civilization, which has in it the cruelty of the tiger and the rapacity of the hyena. The weak are still the prey of the strong. Selfishness is still the dominant note of civilization, and yet among its members are to be found men and women holding ideals in full accord with those of the Father of all mankind.

The hope of the world lies in the general realization of these ideals and their fulfillment by the mass of the people the world over. The greatest strength of any nation lies in the righteousness of its ideals, the integrity of its thoughts; and how is any nation to inculcate into the minds of the weak and ignorant something they are not living themselves, something indeed that is a reproach to their way of living. Christianity is constantly being assailed by those who listen to one thing and see another thing put into practice, as a religion of hypocrisy, cant, and deceit.

The Golden Rule is a wonderful developer in human life, a wonderful harmonizer in community life: with great profit it could be extended as the law of conduct in international relations. It must be so extended. Its very foundation is sympathy, good will, mutuality, Love. Also the Christian nations must heed the law given by Christ—"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If a nation sows bloodshed it shall reap bloodshed, and the nation that sows justice shall reap justice. Whatsoever a nation gives to other nations the same shall be given back to it again. Whether the gift be called good or evil, cause and effect are one. Every cause is the seed of an effect like unto it. We pay the price of every wrong act and receive the reward of every right act.

Looking back on the past it might seem to many that the realization of Brotherhood is a far-off event, but let us remember that at the present time everything is moving with a rapidity that the world has not known before and that many things are being accomplished that the world hitherto thought to be impossible. The very essence of Jesus' entire revelations and teaching was Love. It was not the teaching of weakness or supineness in the face of wrong, for there was no failure on His part to smite wrong when He saw it: wrong taking the form of injustice or oppression. He had, as we have seen, infinite sympathy for, and forbearance with, the weak and sinful; but He had always a righteous indignation and a scathing denunciation for oppression—for that spirit of evil that prompts men or organizations to dominate the minds and thereby the lives of others. And as He, witnessing for truth and freedom, steadfastly and defiantly opposed oppression, so those who catch His spirit today will do as He did and they will realize as duty—"While wrong is wrong, let no man prate of peace."

Hate wrong, slay wrong, else also mercy, justice, truth, freedom and faith shall die for mankind. It was Lincoln who gave us a wonderful summary when he said, "After all, the one meaning of life is to be kind," and from Christine Rossetti, "Unless we love people we cannot understand them for understanding is love." Love, sympathy, and fellowship are what make human life truly human; co-operation, with mutual service as its fruitage. We must become followers of Christ rather than merely believers. We must know Him, and not so much about Him.

"In Christ there is no East nor West,  
In Him no South nor North;  
But one great fellowship of Love  
Throughout the whole wide world."



# A ROSICRUCIAN CATECHISM

## Sleep and Its Activities

By EDWARD ADAMS

Q. What destroys the dense vehicle during the waking hours?

A. The activities of the desire body and the mind.

Q. What breaks down tissue?

A. Every thought and movement.

Q. What does the vital body endeavor to do?

A. To restore harmony and rebuild what the other vehicles are tearing down.

Q. What can it not entirely withstand?

A. The powerful onslaughts of impulses and thoughts.

Q. What finally takes place?

A. It gradually loses ground and finally collapses.

X Q. What happens to the "points" of the vital body?

A. They shrivel up.

Q. What happens to the vital fluid?

A. It ceases to flow along the nerves in sufficient quantity.

Q. What does the Thinker, the Ego, do?

A. The Thinker is hampered by the drowsiness of the body and withdraws, taking the desire body with him, also the mind.

Q. What state does this leave the dense body in?

A. In sleep, interpenetrated by the vital body.

Q. Is sleep an inactive state?

A. It is not.

Q. If it were what would be the condition of the body in the morning?

A. It would be the same as when the body went to sleep, full of fatigue.

Q. What is the result of the intense activity during sleep?

A. It eliminates the poisons generated during the day, the tissues are rebuilt and the rhythm of the body restored.

Q. Where is this work of restoration done?

A. In the Desire World, which is an ocean of wisdom and harmony.

Q. What vehicles does the Ego take into this World?

A. The mind and the desire body when the lower vehicles have been left in sleep.

Q. What is the first care of the Ego there?

A. To restore the rhythm and harmony of the mind and the desire body.

Q. How is this accomplished?

A. Gradually, as the harmonious vibrations of the Desire World flow through them.

Q. There is an essence in the Desire World that corresponds to what in the dense body?

A. It corresponds to the vital fluid which permeates the dense body by means of the vital body.

Q. What do the higher vehicles do?

A. They steep themselves in this elixir of life.

Q. When strengthened what do the higher vehicles do?

A. They commence work on the vital body, which was left with the dense sleeping body.

Q. What does the vital body do then?

A. It begins to specialize the solar energy anew, rebuilding the dense body, using particularly the chemical ether as its medium in the process of restoration.

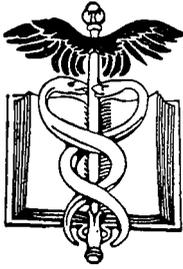
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# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



## The Immaculate Conception

By JANE TEMPLETON



Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. (Matt. 1:18-25.)

The sublime mystery of the Immaculate Conception, doubtless the most misunderstood of all the teachings in the Gospels, contains the crux of the Western Wisdom Teachings: generative purity.

The popular interpretation of this doctrine is that about two thousand years ago Mary, a virgin, was miraculously fertilized by God, and that she in due time gave birth to Jesus, an individual who was thus the Son of God in a sense different from all other men. There also exists the idea that this occurrence is unique in the history of mankind.

Occult philosophy teaches that the sublime truth concealed in the story of the

Immaculate Conception is not unique, but that it has occurred many times. Every advanced ego who has come into the world to live the life of saintliness required for the path of initiation has also been born of an immaculate conception. In attaining this ideal, all mankind will be freed from the toils of selfishness and materiality, which have resulted from the "primal sin"—the misuse of the divine creative force.

Max Heindel sets forth this ideal in beautiful words: "When the flower is crushed, its scent is liberated and fills the surroundings with grateful fragrance, delighting all who are fortunate enough to be near. Crushing blows of fate may overwhelm a man or woman who has reached the stage of efflorescence; they will but serve to bring out the sweetness of the nature and enhance the beauty of the soul till it shines with an effulgence that marks the wearer as with a halo. Then he is upon the path of Initiation. He is taught how unbridled use of sex regardless of the stellar rays has imprisoned him in the body, how it fetters him, and how by proper use of that same force in harmony with the stars he may improve and etherealize his body, and finally attain liberation from concrete existence."

"Each of us is a Christ-in-the-making, and will sometime pass through both the mystic birth and the mystic death adumbrated in the Gospels. . . . Sometimes we will have characters so spotless that we will be worthy to inhabit bodies that are immaculately conceived; and the sooner we purify our minds the sooner we shall attain. In the final analysis it depends only upon the earnestness of our purpose, the strength of our wills."

# The Astral Ray

Astrology is a phase of Mystic Religion, as sublime as the stars with which it deals, and not to be confused with fortunetelling. The educational value of astrology lies in its capacity to reveal the hidden causes at work in our lives. It counsels the adults in regard to vocation, the parents in the guidance of children, the teachers in management of pupils, the judges in executing sentence, the physicians in diagnosing disease, and in similar manner lends aid to each and all in whatever station or enterprise they may find themselves.

The laws of Rebirth and Consequence work in harmony with the stars, so that a child is born *at the time when the positions of the bodies in the solar system will give the conditions necessary* for its experience and advancement in the school of life.

## The Aquarian Age and the Second Advent

By MAX HEINDEL



CORRESPONDENT writes: "Many people these days realize that we are entering, or about to enter, a new age. Some understand that it is the Aquarian Age, and to a certain extent what it stands for. But I have not as yet heard an intelligent explanation of just when our earth or solar system would enter this age, and whether the Aquarian Age coincides with the passage of the Sun through the constellation of Aquarius or through the Zodiacal division by that name."

In this paragraph our correspondent takes up a number of points. And on the principle that "the last shall be first," we will consider the last part of his interrogation, where, as you will notice he makes a distinction between the constellation of Aquarius and the Zodiacal division by that name. This, in itself, is a great difficulty to many people, who do not know how to differentiate between the Zodiacal constellation and the so-called intellectual Zodiac. The explanation is as follows:

A certain group of stars in the heavens is called Aries, another group, located close to them, is called Taurus; a third group of fixed stars is called Gemini, and

so on. These constellations or groups of stars, as seen in the heavens, always remain in the same relative position, and they are therefore almost unchangeable.

Through all the centuries of which we have record, these stars have remained in the same group and in about the same relative position, one to another. And through these constellations the Sun circles from year to year with unvarying precision. But owing to the fact that the axis of the Earth inclines toward the Sun and has a wobbling motion, similar to that of a spinning top which has almost spent its force, the motion of the Sun appears to be uneven, and each year, when it enters the constellation Aries, crossing the Earth's equator, it is a little earlier than the year before. *It precedes.* And thus the point where the Sun crosses the equator at the Vernal Equinox moves backwards from year to year at the rate of one degree in seventy-two years, one constellation in about 2156 years, and the whole twelve signs in about 25,868 years. This latter period is called a Great Sidereal Year.

It has been observed that no matter where in the Zodiac the Sun crosses the equator, a certain physical effect takes place. The flowers begin to sprout out of the Earth, the little birds begin to mate, the mute earth is awakened to new life, new hope, and new song. Also the

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spiritual effects following the Sun's entrance into the northern hemisphere at the Vernal Equinox have been observed to remain unchanged. And therefore the first thirty degrees from that point where the Sun crosses the equator, are called Aries, the next thirty degrees are called Taurus, the third thirty are called Gemini, and so on through the twelve signs.

This intellectual division of the circle of the Zodiac coincides with the constellation in the heavens only once in 25,868 years. During all the rest of the time the intellectual Zodiac moves backwards, as explained, on account of the precession of the equinoxes. The last time when the starting-point in the Intellectual Zodiac agreed with the Zodiacal constellation was in A.D. 498. A year after these points were in exact agreement, the Sun crossed the equator about fifty seconds of space into the constellation Pisces. The year following it was one minute and forty seconds into Pisces, and so it has been creeping backwards ever since, until at the present time the Sun crosses the equator in about ten degrees in the constellation Pisces. It will thus be about 700 years or about A.D. 2654 before it actually crosses the celestial equator in the constellation Aquarius. [Adding 2156 years to A.D. 498 gives about A.D. 2654 as the time the Aquarian Age proper begins.]

The Aquarian Age may be said to start at the time when the Sun enters, by precession, the 30th degree of the constellation Aquarius, and it lasts about 2156 years, while the Sun moves backwards through the thirty degrees until it comes to the first degree of Aquarius. There is, however, no definite and sharp cut-off like we make when we say we enter the year 1915, which begins at 12 o'clock on the night of the 31st of December 1914, and lasts until the 31st of December 1915 at 12 o'clock midnight. That is a mathematical division of time. But the various epochs of human existence depend upon vital influences in life, and are conditions of mind rather than di-

visions of time, though the two are linked.

Therefore Astrologers recognize what is called an "orb of influence." To understand this, we must realize that every human being is something more than that which we see; that he has surrounding him an aura, an invisible atmosphere, a something which radiates from him and which partakes of his distinct and personal nature. We very often feel the effect of this aura though we do not understand the reason why. Suppose that someone has his whole mind concentrated upon his work so that he neither hears nor sees what happens about him; but gradually he becomes aware that someone else has entered the room; is, in fact, standing behind him, and he turns around to find a friend there. He had not heard the friend enter on account of absorption in his work, but he *felt* him, because the aura of the friend intermingled with his own auric atmosphere; and thus, though there was no physical contact, he knew that someone was close by.

The constellations are groups of Great Spirits who have immured themselves in these starry bodies, for the sake of less advanced intelligences to gain the experiences of evolution. Each of the fixed stars in a constellation also has its invisible bodies, which extend from one to the other, intermingle and overlap. Therefore, when the Sun reached the tenth degree of Pisces, it touched the fringe of the constellation of Aquarius *Influence*, though we are still in the Piscean Age.

That this influence is making itself felt, a glance of retrospection will soon show. We readily recognize the Piscean influence during the last two thousand years, the dark ages, the superstition, the intellectual bondage, then prevalent, are not entirely routed.

But since the middle of last century, when the Aquarian influence first began to make itself felt, an irresistible intellectual impulse has been instilled into our everyday life. Science has made

such strides as never before. Invention has electrified the world and is now conquering the air, etc. This scientific intellectual influence will make itself felt more and more during the centuries which will pass before we definitely enter the constellation Aquarius by precession of the equinoxes. As the narrow, conservative Piscean influence diminishes, so will the broadening, inquiring Aquarian influence increase.

Regarding what the Aquarian Age stands for spiritually, we may realize that Aquarius is the only figure in the Zodiac representing the full stature of a Man. All the principal characters of the Old Testament were shepherds, having reference to Aries, the sheep, ram or lamb. In the New Testament they are fishermen, referring to Pisces, the sign of the fishes. But, the Son of Man is the subject of prophecy: of something yet to come. He is to usher in a glorious age, and therefore we may look for developments of a startling nature to take place in the nearest centuries before us.

Moreover, each of the foregoing ages have had their teachers. Osiris and Mithras were worshiped in Egypt and Persia while the Sun was going through Taurus, the sign of the Bull. The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the Christian world, by Moses, while the Sun was going through the sign Aries. There was a great controversy concerning the symbol of Christ, on account whereof the Bishop's Mitre is still made in the form of a fish, to symbolize the fact that the phase of the Christian religion then inaugurated was to hold sway during the Piscean or Fish Age, in which we now are. Later the ideal of the Son of Man, or super-men, will furnish inspiration for the Aquarian Age, which is now being ushered in.

The Aquarian Age is not to be confounded with the Kingdom of Christ, who is to come again; neither is the Aquarian Age to be confounded with the Sixth (Galilean) Epoch; for, to quote the words of the Christ, "Of that day

and hour [when He comes], knows no man; neither the Angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." And it is absolutely preposterous and a mark of ignorance for anyone to predict that the coming of Christ will take place at a certain, specified time. Perhaps it is even presumptuous to guess at the approximate time when the second advent will take place, but the writer has the idea that, as the precessional cycles, so far as they are connected with the evolution of man, seem to commence with the Sun's entrance into Capricorn, there may be a development at that time. If that is correct, the advent cannot take place for at least 3000 years.

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When we consider the Zodiac in its religious as well as its evolutionary aspects, by means of the six pairs of opposite signs into which the twelve may be divided, we commence with Cancer and Capricorn for the reason that these are solstitial points where the Sun reaches its highest and lowest declination.

Considered in this manner we find that there are two sets of three pairs of signs, namely, Cancer and Capricorn, Gemini and Sagittarius, Taurus and Scorpio. In these three pairs of signs we may read the history of human evolution and religion, in the early, the middle and the latter third of the *Atlantean Epoch*. In the other three pairs of signs: Aries and Libra, Pisces and Virgo, Aquarius and Leo, we find the key to man's development during the [present] *Aryan Epoch*. This is also divisible into three distinct periods, namely: the *Aryan Age* from Moses to Christ, which comes under Aries-Libra; the *Piscean Age* which takes in the last two thousand years under Pisces-Virgo, Catholicism; and the two thousand years which are ahead of us, called the *Aquarian Age*, where the signs Aquarius and Leo will be illuminated and vivified by the solar precession, for the upliftment of the Son of Man (Aquarius), by the Christ

within, the Lion of Judah (Leo), to the estate of Superman.

It must not be thought however, that the Atlantean Epoch only lasted while the Sun by precession went through Cancer, Gemini and Taurus, a period of only six thousand and a few hundred years; far from it; but there are spirals within spirals and recapitulation takes place in the epochs and races, so that we may know what is the general destiny by looking at the Sun's passage through these signs and therewith taking this import and symbolism into consideration. It may also be said that the further we advance the smaller do the spirals become, the shorter the time in which a given improvement is made, because of the proficiency we attained in former ages, and therefore it is extremely probable that the present is the last lap; that the coming Aquarian Age is the final prepara-

tory school day which will fit us for the new age, the Sixth (Gallilean) Epoch, and that that will begin when the Sun by precession enters Capricorn.

This, of course would mean that the Second Advent must take place just before that time, and though it seems to us that so many signs point that way, this is a *mere surmise* and may not have any truth in it at all. Thousands of people have been misled during all the ages that we know of, to think that Christ would soon be here; it is, however, better that we are looking forward to it than if we should say with some, that it will never take place. In that case the Great Day will find us unprepared and we shall find ourselves among the stragglers who are unfit to attend the wedding feast of the higher Self to the lower because lacking the "soul-body" which is the "wedding garment" that enfolds them.

## MORNING

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By DOROTHY HARVEY

*The dawn is waiting for the shades of night to pass,  
The dewdrops sparkle in the rising sun;  
The day of happiness is glowing bright with hope—  
For morn has come.*

*And though the night of sorrow has been long and lone,  
And darkest clouds have seemed the stars to dim,  
The hour approaches fast when bursts the sun,  
Above thy life's vague rim.*

*So, still in faith and gladness hold thy heart,  
The ray God lights in every life is thine,  
And streaming o'er the hills of doubt and pain,  
Gilds thy rough climb—*

*Shining for thee, O tired hands and weary brain.  
Let God's dear love rest in thy heart each day,  
And all thy heartaches and thy lonely grief  
Will pass away!*



the home, more particularly because of his sensitive Neptune nature, indicated by this planet in the 1st house—the physical body and the personality. The parents should make every effort to have the home harmonious else much of the good may be crushed out.

Mercury and Mars are conjoined in Sagittarius, also Saturn and the Sun, the Sun representing the boy himself as an individual, and being his ruling planet. These configurations, especially the Sun in the 4th house under this Saturnian grip, are indications of inharmony, two natures which hold him between the Mars and the Saturn influences. Disagreements arise which are not good for either the health or mental faculties of this boy. He needs much encouragement and the Saturnian *Don't* will crush the good. Persons with Leo rising need love and cheerfulness in order to bring out the best in them; a little love and encouragement will stir all the good qualities into action.

Pluto, the new planet which though little known is considered a malefic, is in Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach, and specially with the Moon there trining Venus, the appetite is liable to be somewhat abnormal, oftentimes craving for drinks and sweets. Care should be taken that he forms no habits such as drinking liquor and smoking cigarettes, because these will greatly deplete the vitality, weaken the memory, and will thus pave the way for the body to fall heir to diseases such as colds, catarrh, and malnutrition. In time the heart action is adversely affected, for Neptune in Leo (heart) square both Mars and Mercury may be considered one of the danger points in mature life when vitality weakened in youth leaves its mark.

The trines of Mars and Mercury to Jupiter will go far to mitigate the adverse influences mentioned, especially in regard to health. They will also be most active toward success in his life work as this very favorable configuration is one of the finest assets in life.

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# VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE ADVICE

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## Secretary. Musician

**WILLIAM C.**—Born June 11, 1903, 5 P.M. Lat. 39 N. Long. 90 W. Mercury is in its own sign Gemini trine Mars in Libra; Pluto and the Sun conjoined are also in Gemini—commercial secretaryship would be successful, also blueprint reading, machine bookkeeping, etc. With Venus in Leo sextile Mars in the Venus sign Libra, music should be cultivated, the violin or other string instruments would be most attractive.

## Nurse. Mathematician

**EMMA A.**—Born November 28, 1902, about 9 P.M. Lat. 40 N. Long. 88 W. With a conjunction of the Moon and Mercury in Scorpio sextile Saturn in Capricorn, this woman's mind is keen and she should be a teacher of mathematics. Also nursing would be a good vocation for one so strongly aspected, with Mars in Virgo sextile Moon and Mercury in Scorpio, and Mars and Saturn trine.

## Teacher of Bookkeeping

**VIVIAN M. P.**—Born December 10, 1925, 7:45 P.M. Lat. 46 N. Long. 118 W. With a very well placed Mercury conjunct the Sun, both sextile Moon and trine Neptune and intercepted in the 5th house, the house ruling affairs of education, and with fixed and cardinal signs on the four angles, this young woman would find success as a teacher of bookkeeping, typing, and clerical arts in general.

## Law. Executive

**CHARLES W.**—Born October 6, 1924, 1 P.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 105 W. This young man has the planets scattered in nine signs, an indication of great

versatility, and of a tendency to flit from one thing to another. The mind is keen for we find the Moon in Capricorn trine Mercury strong in its own sign Virgo and in the 9th house representing Law, and giving executive ability. The Sun in Libra is sextile Jupiter which is in its own sign Sagittarius, the Sun also being in the 9th house indicating Law. Hence we would advise that this boy stick closely to some vocation connected with Law, which gives him a wide choice.

## Magazine Designing. Art

**MANUEL H.**—Born August 7, 1928, 9 A.M. Lat. 23-39 S. Long. 70-25 W. Venus the ruler of the Ascendant Libra is posited in the 11th house in Leo, which is the natural ruler of the 5th house, indicating work connected with printshops and publications. With Venus conjunct the Sun and Neptune and trine the Moon in Aries in the 7th house, newspaper work, and magazine cover designing and illustrating; art in general which is used by publishing firms and enjoyed by the public.

## Child Law Specialist

**MARTHA E. S.**—Born December 12, 1924, 6 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 74 W. Sagittarius, the natural 9th house sign, ruling law, justice, and benevolence, is on the Ascendant, and the Sun and Jupiter are conjoined in the 1st house, with both planets trine Neptune in Leo in the 9th house. Leo being the natural children's sign, people with good Leo aspects are ever attracted to children and their welfare. Mars the ruler of the 5th house is also trine Venus. This girl could build up a successful clientele in the law courts as child law specialist and marital adviser. She is young enough to

take the necessary educational training for this career.

### Leadership. Traveling

*GLEN R. McC.*—Born February 4, 1919, 10:08 A.M. Lat. 33 N. Long. 117 W. Cardinal signs on all four angles, Aries rising, the Moon in Aries sextile Mercury—this man would dare to enter where others would fear to tread; he has a positive, courageous nature which could make him a leader in civic affairs. Salesmanship is shown by Venus in Pisces conjunction Uranus in Aquarius, and travel by Jupiter ruler of the 9th house and sign in the 3rd house trine to Mars and Venus. This man can "sell" anything, from real estate to ideas. (Guard against outbursts of temper shown by Uranus conjunct Sun and opposition Saturn.)

### Law. Metaphysics

*Mr. YAW B.*—Born May 10, 1907, 5:30 A.M. Lat. 5 N. Long. 3 W. With Mars and Uranus conjunction in Capricorn and in the 9th house indicating law and religion and both Mars and Uranus trine the Sun in Taurus and conjoined the Ascendant, the vocation of lawyer should be very fine for this young man. Also Mercury sextile Jupiter and Neptune in the mystical sign Cancer indicates metaphysics or advanced religion as a second choice.

### Auditing. Cashier

*CHARLES A. T.*—Born August 27, 1900, 12:30 P.M. Lat. 47 N. Long. 97 W. With the Dragon's Tail, Pluto, and Neptune in Gemini, the sign ruling the hands, Pluto sextile Mercury in Leo, and the Sun in the mercurial sign Virgo conjoined the Midheaven and semisextile the Moon, this man should succeed in a vocation where the hands play a part. Legal work, bookkeeping, auditing. The mind would lean towards mathematics.

### Music. Harpist

*ELSA E. M.*—Born March 17, 1893, 6 A.M. Lat. 42 N. Long. 88 W. Venus

is exalted in Pisces, conjoined the Moon and Sun and all are close to the Ascendant, sextile Mars and semisextile Mercury: Also Pluto and Neptune are in Gemini the sign which rules the hands. Musical ability is so strongly shown that this woman should make every effort to acquire efficiency for commercial work even though at 49 years of age concert work is probably not possible. The harp is suggested. Second choice, attendant in a music store, also her own line as stenographer. Caution: Mars in the 2nd house, money slips from her fingers too freely.

### Manager. Salesman

*WILLIAM McC.*—Born January 30, 1899, 7:08 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 81 W. Mars is in Cancer, the sign of the stomach, sextile the Moon in Virgo; Saturn and Venus are conjoined in the 11th house representing friends, semisextile Mercury in Capricorn which conjuncts the Ascendant, and the Sun is intercepted in the 1st house in Aquarius sextile Uranus in the 10th. This man would attract many friends and could build up a fine business in handling foods and soft drinks. He should also succeed in a drug store. He has the personality to be manager of a business.

### Food Specialist. Decorator

*LOUISE P.*—Born July 9, 1907, 2 A.M. Lat. 41 N. Long. 81 W. In this horoscope we find a strong grouping of planets in Cancer, which has rule over the home and the stomach. Cancer women are the born cooks, which is specially shown in this case where we find the Dragon's Head and four planets, namely, the Moon, Neptune, Sun, Jupiter, all in Cancer in the 3rd and 4th houses. We can only advise that this woman become interested in dispensing foods to the public. A partnership with the man whose horoscope precedes this could make a splendid success of a restaurant and soft drink place. A second choice for her could be interior decorator.

# Worth-While News



## Why the Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5—(I.N.S.)—Science has now discovered what makes the swallows "fly back to Capistrano," according to an announcement issued today by Dr. Albert Wolfson, member of the staff in the University of California's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

Although poets and song writers declare it is romance that urges the swallows to wing their way back to old California missions, it is merely natural secretions of their endocrine glands.

Dr. Wolfson said that as the days get longer the birds stay up later, thereby losing sleep, which results in the quickening of the birds' endocrine glands. These glands secrete hormones which cause more fat to be deposited in their bodies to sustain them on their long migratory flights.

These physiological changes then bring about the release of a nervous mechanism which actually forces the birds to migrate.

Dr. Wolfson made these observations while experimenting with two groups of Oregon juncos, sparrowlike birds who winter in California.

One group was exposed to prolonged periods of light and was last seen heading for Oregon. The other group, however, was given no special light treatments and was content to remain.

Still remaining to be solved, said the zoologist, is the mystery of how the birds find their way back to where they came from—the homing instinct.—*Los Angeles Examiner*, July 6, 1942.

The materialistic scientist is still a long way from discovering the truth in relation to the migration of various species of the animal kingdom. All animals are guided and directed by a group spirit which is an archangel, and there is a separate group spirit for each species. The guidance and direction of animals is accomplished by what is called instinct which is, in reality, the suggestions presented to them by their group spirit. The group spirit dominates the actions of the animals in harmony with cosmic law and the animals have no will of their own.

If for any reason an animal is hurt, it suffers, but not to the degree that the group spirit does.

The group spirit directs its charges by means of the silver cord possessed by each animal. Two parts of this cord are connected with the dense, vital, and desire bodies; but the third part is attached to the central vortex of the desire body located in the liver, and by means of this elastic bond the group spirit governs the animals of its species with equal facility without regard to where in the world they may be located; and as the animals have no mind of their own, they obey the suggestions of their group spirit unhesitatingly. It is this guardian spirit which gathers its flocks of birds in the Fall and compels them to migrate wherever it desires, be it North or South, East or West, and it also directs their return when desired, causing them to fly at exactly the proper altitude which, by the way, differs for the different species.

Group spirits are exceedingly careful of their charges and do everything possible to protect them from harm and to further their evolution.

## Effect of Mothers' Smoking on Infants

ATLANTIC CITY, (N.J.) June 11. (U.P.)—Cigarette smoking during pregnancy and while nursing newborn babies is reflected in nicotine secretions in the mother's milk, but recent tests have proved it unharmed to the infants, the pediatrics section of the American Medical Association today was told by Dr. H. Harris Perlman of Philadelphia.

He said the tests, conducted with 55 women addicted to cigarette smoking, indicated the quantity of nicotine secreted in the milk was in direct ratio to the number of cigarettes smoked.

Perlman said the absence of demonstrable bad effects of nicotine on the milk supply might be due to development of a

tolerance to the drug, both in the mothers and the babies. The mothers, he said, had developed such a tolerance through prolonged smoking before pregnancy and the babies developed it through their mother's blood before birth.—*Los Angeles Times*.

The foregoing excerpt is one of the most pernicious and misleading newspaper articles we have read in years; and the most amazing thing about it is that it claims as its origin the pediatric section of the American Medical Association and is sponsored by a certain Dr. H. Harris Perlman of Philadelphia.

Quoting from a book published by James Empringham, D.Sc., Ph.D., we probably find the answer as to why certain supposedly reputable physicians should sponsor such an article.

"In spite of the 20,000 doctors who (for a consideration) said a word in favor of a special brand of cigarettes, it must be remembered that there are 150,000 self-respecting physicians who refuse to co-operate in the fiendish scheme to make America a nation of nicotine slaves. The manufacturers in their infernal plot to trap and enmesh unwary innocents had many obstacles to surmount. In the first place, it is generally known that tobacco is a poison and that physicians have abundant proof that smoking is especially injurious to the young. The cigarette companies, therefore, did their utmost to secure the co-operation of such doctors as were sufficiently poor to sell their souls. Then they spent millions on magazines and billboards to give the impression that medical men think smoking is beneficial to health. Never before in the history of this nation have we witnessed such an orgy of falsehood as now marks the campaign to make cigarette slaves of every woman and child in the land."

It is high time that thinking people wake up to the fact that a diabolical, insidious campaign backed by millions of dollars is being pushed relentlessly to make cigarette smokers of every man, woman, boy, and girl in the world; also that tobacco does contain a poisonous, habit-forming drug which not only harms

the smoker and the unborn child, but also the non-smoker in a room, who absorbs more nicotine from slow intermittent smoking by others than the smokers themselves do from their own rapid, continuous smoking, the reason being that 95 per cent of the nicotine is found in the smoke and when inhaled by others is absorbed by the delicate membrane of the lungs.

Relative to smoking mothers and the harm done to infants, Dr. Charles L. Barber of Lansing, Michigan, stated in a paper read before a convention of the American Association for Medico-Physical Research: "A baby born of a cigarette-smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post-mortem shows degeneration of the liver, heart, and other organs. Sixty per cent of all babies born of mothers who are habitual cigarette smokers die before they are two years old."

Dr. Daniel H. Kress, neurologist, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Washington, D.C., also has the following to say about smoking mothers:

"It is not in the women themselves so much as in their children that the baleful effect of the use of tobacco is seen. The woman who expects to become a mother and who smokes stamps the fateful brand of nicotine deep in her child's mind and body.

"The most painstaking scientific research on the part of the medical profession . . . has proved the fact that the infant of a smoking mother is always handicapped. Experimentation has shown that the amniotic fluid (the fluid surrounding the embryonic babe in the uterus) of a tobacco-using woman contains nicotine, and that the milk from the breasts of a smoking mother likewise contains nicotine. These two startling facts should be enough to cause every girl and woman to let the cigarette absolutely alone. . . Mothers of the past have been conservers of the race in this respect; when they adopt the habits of men, little hope can be held out for the future of their offspring."

# Question Department



## The Cause of World Wars

### Question:

I just cannot see any sense, rhyme, or reason for the terrible bloodshed, carnage, and wholesale murder which is going on in the world today. What is the cause of it all, and when, if ever, will it all end? Can't you give me some light on the matter, some ray of hope?

### Answer:

During the previous World War when Max Heindel was overburdened with anguish relative to the terrible conditions, he called to his Teacher, one of the twelve Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order for an answer to the cause of it all, and in response to his cry of distress, the Brother came and gave him the following information: "Cease your sorrow, my brother, and be of good cheer. If you had a friend who had lost his sight because of a cataract, and he was forced to undergo an operation, you would probably feel sorry for the present pain, but you would rejoice at the impending restoration of his vision and mayhap, in the joy of the anticipation, you would almost forget the present pain.

"Similarly, in the case of this war: The world has become spiritually blind. The intellect will admit nothing it is unable to prove as one proves a mathematical problem. Doubt and skepticism have grown as giant weeds among the leaders of thought, and the mad pursuit of pleasure, the indulgence of the senses, and the indifference to anything that makes for soul growth are common characteristics among the masses. Neither preaching nor praying can awaken the world. Therefore the Invisible Leaders of humanity permitted the Brothers of the Shadow to tempt the rulers of the Nations, and thus the dogs of war were

unleashed with what seems unmitigated calamitous results.

"But rejoice, this is really an operation for spiritual cataract on a large scale; it is the death knell of the age of agnosticism and skepticism regarding the spiritual verities, for it will open the spiritual vision of so many that their testimony will carry weight with those who remain blind, and the Western World will turn to God with a new zeal that could not have been aroused by a thousand years of preaching.

"As we taught you in the beginning, and as recorded in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* (page 231), mankind is still in the most dangerous part of the path of progress, which we call the sixteen paths of destruction, and never in all the previous races has it come so dangerously close to the brink. But rejoice! and again I say rejoice! for the danger is past; the war has saved the world from an infinitely worse fate, and soon it will resound with praise to God for the blessing wrought by the curse of war."

According to the foregoing it is plain to be seen that the great lesson which those in charge of evolution hoped and expected that the first great World War would teach humanity was not learned by the masses, for since that appalling event, mankind, generally speaking, has been more reckless, daring, and intent on catering to the desires of the lower nature than ever before. Everywhere we see unbridled passion increasing at a tremendous rate. Music, art, drama, literature, pictures, all have reached a state that to the truly cultured man and woman is most appalling. Morality, modesty, culture, and even common decency have become things to be jeered at, and drinking, smoking, coarseness, vulgarity, and lewdness have taken their place; and the great plague has become

world wide. In the past, nation after nation has ignominiously fallen for like reasons, and yet the lessons of life have not been learned, owing to man's free will; for he has not been *forced* to eschew evil and espouse good. But God is not mocked, and man not having learned his lesson during the last great conflict has been permitted to bring another, and greater one upon himself, and this time the horrors of war are going to come closer to woman than ever before, for she too has fallen very low in taking up and fostering the worst vices of man.

Had we learned the lessons the last war could have taught us, already we would be demonstrating many of the conditions and characteristics belonging to the coming race; but having failed, so far as the masses go, the war that is upon us now will not cease until we have demonstrated to a marked degree that we have developed a true spiritual consciousness which will prompt us to prove our worth by the life we live.

The Brothers of the Shadow live and thrive on thoughts of greed, hate, anger, indecency, filth, theft, murder, and rapine. Deprive them of this food and they become weak, inactive, and impotent; and their powers to incite evil in the world cease to manifest. The Brothers of Light feed upon the essence of loving thoughts and deeds, unselfish service, chastity, and prayer; and as humanity furnishes them with this spiritual sustenance their power increases to assist mankind in developing its Godlike potentialities. It is man who largely furnishes the Brothers of either class with the substance on which they depend for power and action.

Certainly humanity as it is living today is supplying the Brothers of the Shadow with an abundance of food upon which to subsist while carrying out their nefarious work in attempting to destroy our present civilization. And note that so strong have they become, that at last their activities are no longer confined to two or three nations, but have become world wide.

Wishful thinking will not save the world today. Active materialism has brought on the present crisis and only a more active spiritualization, or spiritual intervention, can save the world as a whole from the imminent destruction which this has made it possible for the Brothers of the Shadow to bring upon it.

Now what were the lessons mankind refused to learn that brought on the first great World War? In the words of one of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, they were: (1) The World has become spiritually blind. (2) Doubt and skepticism among leaders of thought. (3) Mad pursuit of pleasure. (4) Indulgence of the senses. (5) Indifference to anything that makes for soul growth. (6) Intellect admits nothing it is unable to prove as one proves a mathematical problem. (7) Agnosticism and skepticism regarding spiritual verities.

The remedy as given by the Brother: It (meaning the war) will open the spiritual vision of so many that their testimony will carry weight with those who remain blind, and the Western World will turn to God.

So here we have the solution to it all as given by one of the most spiritual Initiates of the world.

God grant the Truth may dawn upon our people and that they may hastily supplant vice with virtue and materialism with that divine wisdom which manifests freely in all when they have prepared themselves to receive it. The length and result of the present world war rests with us; and its outcome for good or evil all depends on, whom do we as a mass serve—God or mammon?

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## Awakening

*I have only to lie on the cool grass  
And look into the fathomless expanse  
of the sky,*

*To know that men's creeds cannot hold  
all of God*

*Any more than I can close the sky  
Within the palm of my hand.*

*—Inga M. Billberg.*

# Nutrition and Health

## Rosicrucian Ideals

The Rosicrucian Teachings advocate a *simple, pure, and harmless life*. We hold that a plain vegetarian diet is most conducive to health and purity; also that alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and stimulants are injurious to health and spirituality. As CHRISTIANS we believe it to be our duty to avoid sacrificing the lives of animals and birds for food, also, as far as possible to refrain from using their skins and feathers for clothing. We hold vivisection to be diabolical and inhuman.

We believe in the healing power of prayer and concentration, but we also believe in the use of material means to supplement the higher forces.

*Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY.*

## Physical Aspect of Mental Efficiency

By LEON PATRICK, D.O., M.D.

*The force of the understanding increases with the health of the body. When the body labors under disease, the mind is incapacitated for right thinking.—Democritus, 460-362 B.C.*



THE human organism is a delicately balanced machine, called upon to perform work varying inconceivably in nature and degree. Mental, visceral and muscular work must be performed under varying conditions and changing speeds.

In health there is a minimum of friction and a maximum of efficiency. Any departure from this state of correlation wastes energy and lessens efficiency. You may be a good fellow and a talented one; you may have address and brains and the happy faculty of doing a lot of work, but unless you take the proper care of your physical body your mental activities will be below par, and the efficiency that nature designed your brain to express will be buried in the litter of chaotic thought.

Mental health exists only when the machinery of the brain, nerves, and blood-making processes performs its allotted task; when the mind is clear, the will strong, the attention persistent and

all the bodily functions normally active.

The normal body is a harmonious unit comprising many parts and organs, all controlled by a central nervous system and nourished by one blood stream. Being thus linked together it is impossible for any part or organ to suffer without affecting the whole. No enervation, no indigestion, no fermentation, no constipation, can exist without involving the blood. As a result the brain's activity is modified to a degree corresponding with the imperfection found in the blood—on which it is fed and from which it receives its nourishment.

A typical example of this action of the body upon the mind is furnished to us by the fact that in all acute fevers and infectious diseases the mental powers are enfeebled, and the mind is more or less distorted, ranging from mild derangement up to raving delirium. Take typhoid fever and other serious infections and observe how they predispose to mental disturbances. Malaria not only racks the body but also markedly affects the mental activities. So persistent is this principle that it has become axiomatic among physicians that any and every physical ailment has its blighting influence upon the mental activities.

The first essential, then, for the brain worker is that he should learn the physical requirements of his body. And the greatest of these physical needs is fresh, oxygen-laden air. Many persons suffer all day from mental dullness and gain the reputation of possessing a mean disposition, when it is only the result of breathing all night the foul atmosphere of an unventilated sleeping-room. The breathing of impure air directly and powerfully influences the mind, and always in the wrong direction.

Normal action of the lungs has much to do with healthy action of the brain. Deep breathing favors deep thinking, while shallow breathers are condemned to inevitable shallow thinking. Perhaps there is reasonable explanation for this in the theory held by some physiologists, namely: "Unlike all other organs of the body, the circulation of the blood, when it reaches the brain, ceases to be under the government of the heart and its mechanism, and comes under the government either of the respiration, or that portion of the nervous system which governs respiration." . . . "It has been known for 150 years that the circulation in the brain moves with the respiration, while that in the muscles moves with the pulse." (Rabagliati.)

Healthy brain activity is dependent upon the normal supply of good, red blood. Deep breathing purifies the blood and favors its circulation through the brain. If the brain is not properly nourished with pure blood, the mind is directly influenced and greatly crippled in its operation.

All victims of the "blues," all downcast and crestfallen individuals, are found to be shallow breathers. To convince one's self of the direct influence that deep breathing has upon the brain try this: Sometime, when you are reading or working in a close, unventilated room, when the mind is wandering and it is exceedingly difficult to concentrate the attention, when it is almost impossible to keep from falling asleep—lay aside the work for a moment, go directly out-

doors, or stand by an open window, and take twenty-five deep breaths, being careful to *completely empty the lungs before each inhalation*. (This is the secret of all deep breathing.) Then note what a mental transformation has been so quickly effected. The mind is all attention, the thoughts come quickly and are easily controlled, while the brain is wide-awake and highly active.

Judging from the ever-present chronic dyspeptic grouch, it must be apparent to all that a deranged stomach contributes directly to the loss of the individual's mental health and moral happiness. And for this there is an anatomical reason: the pneumogastric nerve which so abundantly supplies the stomach, liver, lungs, heart, also sends branches to the membranes of the brain.

It is altogether impossible to have peace in the head and war in the stomach. A sour stomach means a sour disposition. Intestinal fermentation commonly ends in intellectual fermentation. In order to sweeten up the mental process we must sweeten up the digestive process.

Maximum mental efficiency demands that intelligent attention be given to the diet. Balanced thinking goes hand-in-hand with balanced eating. Pure food is a direct aid to pure thoughts.

Overeating, hasty eating, and the eating of indigestible mixtures of food, all subtract from brain power and mental efficiency, in most instances by producing in the digestive tract certain poisons that are worse than alcohol in their paralyzing influence upon the delicate brain cells. Dullness, heaviness, or at times irritability of mind, are the result of this auto-intoxication from undigested food stuffs. This accounts for the fact that many of our mental afflictions, such as worry, anxiety, fear, hate, etc., which were supposed in no way to be influenced by eating, wholly disappear when the diet is perfected.

It is a wise thing to eat right. Not only for the stomach's sake, but for the sake of improved brain action and consequent efficiency in business. No one

questions that a deficient food supply necessarily results in a deficient output of energy. But it is equally true that a surplus of food will just as certainly lessen the capacity for work—mental or physical. A deficiency robs the tissues of needed material for growth and repair; an excess clogs and hinders the tissues with imperfectly oxidized wastes and paralyzing poisons.

Gradually, as both physicians and patients have become more intelligent, we have learned that more or less physical work is indispensable to the best brain work. Physical exercise increases the circulation, favors digestion, promotes elimination; in fact, facilitates all those bodily processes, the proper performance of which is so essential to a healthy brain and a vigorous mind. Physical activity favors deep breathing, and deep breathing, as previously stated, promotes mental alertness.

Without question the most beneficial exercise is that which is enjoyed for the sport it affords; which is a recreation and not a task. And right here I want to say that recreation means re-creation and recuperation, without which, continued, successful mental labor is impossible. Many a man considers his time too valuable to devote any of it to regular mental rest or physical relaxation, but in this self-neglect he is only decreasing his business efficiency by lowering his physical reserve.

Read the biographies of men who have wrung success from an unwilling world; they were men who punctuated their daily work with regular periods of well-earned rest. And when properly understood, the regularity of that rest had more to do with their efficiency than did the kind of rest they indulged in. There has been many a strong, splendid intellect permanently crippled as a result of irregularity. Irregular, uncertain habits of living invariably result in inefficient mental activities.

Regularity of spirited exertion is the natural complement of physiologic rest,

and *vice versa*. Take for example that living pump, the heart: could any work be more rhythmical than its persistent systole, or any rest more regular than its alternating diastole? And mark the efficiency evolved through this system of alternating the working period with a corresponding period for rest!

The greatest restorer as well as conservator of brain power is that mysterious phenomenon we call sleep. Without regular, refreshing sleep, there can be no mental health or efficiency. And sleep is next to impossible when there is strife in the stomach. Sleep does not interfere with digestion but digestion often interferes with sleep, and midnight suppers impoverish the mind and depreciate mental powers by robbing both mind and body of their natural rest and recuperation.

It is a curious fact that though muscular fatigue is recognized as requiring rest for restoration, brain fatigue is often regarded as a condition which can be overcome by stimulants. If sleep does not come when desired, it is forced by chemical means; and if the brain shows weakness or irritability, drugs are resorted to with the idea that they will restore lost energies. Such a practice is not only foolish but positively harmful. One and all of these various drugs enable you to borrow from your future store of nervous energy for present purposes, yet not one of them makes any provision for paying back the loan. The stimulant doesn't supply one atom of energy to the system. It furnishes nothing except the chance to spend faster, and if continued, will in time render the nervous system incapable of co-ordinated action.

Fully half of the inefficiency of today is due to the strained efforts of a tired, overworked brain, depending on chemical help from stimulating beverages and drugs; or a worn-out brain needing rest, or a nervous system buoyed up by tobacco, coffee, tea, or alcohol, working at midnight with increasing feebleness and

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**Patients' Letters**

Minnesota, June 13, 1942.

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for the new suggestions. I will try one now.

The piles have evidently disappeared into innocuous desuetude after more than forty years of torture. Entirely negligible now and I think never to return.

Stomach and kidneys better. Their trouble too, must disappear like fog before sun; there is no limit. The old Gent, 87, will reverse the number at least and perhaps go back to second youth; why not? The dynamic power of the Christ Force knows no obstacles.

God bless you all in the great work.

Sincerely,  
—D.E.G.

Illinois, Septemeber, 1942.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Some time ago my wife wrote you asking for your help in rectifying a bronchial condition that has been with her for years. Because of the improvement in her condition and her outlook in general, the thought occurs to me that, as you have helped her, so might you help me.

Yours sincerely,  
—R.B.

California, September 11, 1942.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

Will you kindly add my name to the healing list? I am asking you for help again, as I feel that only you can help me. And I'd like to be of some good use in these times. Last night I was very ill. . . . I shall be very grateful for any help and advice.

My heart and spine have never given me any more trouble, after the wonderful healing given me by the Invisible Helpers and the splendid advice which you gave me.

Sincerely yours,  
—N.M.

Ohio, September 9, 1942.

Rosicrucian Fellowship  
Oceanside, California.

Dear Friends:

This is my weekly letter. Have been to the doctor's and he is greatly pleased with my condition and said if I keep on improving I will not have to have an operation.

Please keep me on your prayer list. I am so thankful for the prayers of God's people. I have been very happy to think that I have got on so well.

Yours sincerely,  
—M.F.

**Healing Dates**

October . . . . . 1— 8—15—21—29

November . . . . . 5—11—18—25

December . . . . . 2— 9—15—22—30

Healing meetings are held at Mt. Ecclesia on the above dates at 6:30 P.M. If you would like to join in this work, begin when the clock in your place of residence points to 6:30 P.M., or as near that as possible; meditate on health, and pray to the Great Physician, our Father in Heaven, for the healing of all who suffer, particularly those who have applied to the Invisible Helpers.

**People Who Are Seeking Health**

May be helped by our Healing Department. The healing is done largely by the Invisible Helpers, who operate on the invisible plane, principally during the sleep of the patient. The connection with the Helpers is made by a weekly letter to Headquarters. Helpful individual advice on diet, exercise, environment, and similar matters is given to each patient. This department is supported by freewill offerings. For further information address, The Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, Calif., U.S.A.

**ART, THE THIRD PILLAR***(Continued from page 493)*

third pillar of the temple, Art, now fills its central sphere of harmonizing and beautifying creative expression, bringing to completion man's perfected Temple—the Temple of the Living God.

In short, in keeping with the celestial blueprint of Hierarchy, the time is well upon us when man must utilize the gift of the Arts from the planetary spirit of Venus, wherein mankind finds a harmonizing point of contact between himself and life principles, by which he will be able to beautifully transmute every single life experience into the pure gold of his evolving soul body. Max Heindel writes that from a mystic point of view, the planet of love, Venus, has first claim on our consideration.

References: Books by Max Heindel. *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.* *The Rosicrucian Christianity Lectures, etc.*

# Children's Department



## The Pilgrim Who Dragged His Hind Leg



SMALL beetle was scrambling painfully along a stony path. There were many obstacles in his way, such as straws and other objects difficult to negotiate. It was all very exhausting. He couldn't fly, he was a creeping beetle. Besides, his left hind leg had been crippled since his birth. He was obliged to drag it after him. A very sad case. For beetles don't walk or wander about, they make pilgrimages. There is a big difference.

"Oh, do get out of my way!" cried an impatient bee whose name was Mrs. Buzzer, to the pilgrim, buzzing angrily, "dawdling about the road making yourself a nuisance to respectable ladies on their way to the flower market!"

"Please excuse me," said the beetle who dragged his hind leg, "I am obliged to do it, I am a cripple," and he pointed with his antenna to his shrunken hind-leg.

"Oh, dear!" said Mrs. Buzzer compassionately, "that's quite another matter! I didn't notice, I was in a hurry. Nowadays if one isn't early at the market there's nothing left, competition is so keen! But why do you make pilgrimages? It would be better to stay at home with your bad leg. Why don't you get married? Then you would at least have your meals regularly."

"No, I must make pilgrimages," said the pilgrim, "an old beetle whom I consulted about my infirmity said so. He told me about the religion of the sacred scarab and said I was to look out for the Wheel of Life. A very ancient belief and a great comfort to poor creeping beetles."

"And what do you get out of it?"

asked Mrs. Buzzer, "it's much more sensible to be early at the market."

The little beetle jerked his crippled hind leg under his body so that it couldn't be seen.

"One can get to be a rose-beetle!" he said in a mysterious whisper.

"Is that a paying profession?" inquired Mrs. Buzzer. She was a practical housewife, whose honey pots were quite unsurpassed in the bee world and really quite famous.

"A rose-beetle glitters like liquid gold and is able to fly. He sleeps in the roses and breathes their perfume."

That reminded Mrs. Buzzer of the flower market.

"Well! I really must fly. Competition is so very keen these days. At any rate you have my best wishes."

The pilgrim who dragged his hind leg pilgrimmed on. A cart came along the road.

"This is the Wheel of Life," he thought and hurried towards it.

The wheel went over him. And there was only a formless spot left in the road.

Some time later, in the Sunny South a little rose-beetle crawled out of an egg. The very first thing he did was to feel his left hind leg with his antenna. He didn't know why he did that. His left hind leg was strong and well and gleamed like liquid gold. It was perhaps if anything more shiny and more beautiful than his other legs.

The roses flung their perfume abroad.

The Wheel of Life rolled on.—*Translated from the German of Manfred Kyber, by Olive Harcourt.*

## The Hardening of Hearts

By MATILDA R. DUVAL

“MOTHER, at school today there was a new girl, and she was talking at recess about where she had lived.”

“Well, I’m listening. Where had she lived?” Mother went on sewing, and as Rosa said nothing more, she looked up, losing the thread from her needle.

“She has just come from the South; I think from Virginia. She hasn’t been to school—a regular school—for a year. I wish I didn’t have to go to school.”

“Did she say she was glad she didn’t have to go to school?” Mother asked as she half closed her eyes to see the needle’s eye better.

“No, she didn’t say that—I said that. She told us that there wasn’t a school near where she lived, so she studied at home. She knows a lot of things I never thought about. It wasn’t that, though; she said she studied the Bible on Sundays with her father. He was a quiet sort of man I think from what she said. But it wasn’t that that I was thinking about. It was something she said about the way God kept the children of Israel longer in Egypt than necessary—or rather, God hardened their hearts. I don’t understand just what that means.”

“How were you using such unusual knowledge?” asked Mother, smiling at the mental picture of a half dozen girls discussing the sufferings of the Israelites during recess time.

“We were wondering if God hardened Miss Brown’s heart this morning when she made us do our geography lesson over.” Rosa looked a bit embarrassed.

“God does harden hearts in this day and time. I’ve known myself of several instances of it.”

“Oh, Mother, tell me! I never thought

there was such a thing, really. I thought that happened only in the old, old times—in the Bible times.”

“Dear child, time is nothing. What happens at one time will happen at another time. Get over thinking that there is any difference in what we call time. Take this war just finished: do you not realize that God hardened the heart of more than one of the so-called rulers of the different countries that were at war? Look at things here in our little town. Do you remember how last year Mr. Simpson was so unpleasant about insisting on the new schoolhouse being built after the plans which an incompetent builder had drawn? It had to be torn down after it was partly built because cracks came in the foundation. Naturally one can’t see any good in what seems to be a waste of money. It was a waste of money, but if it had not been for Mr. Simpson’s conduct we wouldn’t have formed the little Improvement Commission for the village; and all you need do is to look around you to see what a great deal of good that band of earnest men and women have done in six months. God hardened Mr. Simpson’s heart and created an ‘occasion.’ The ‘time was ripe’ for a different set of circumstances.

“It was that way in Egypt. The time had arrived when a different set of conditions was to be called into existence. There had to be certain lessons learned before the Israelites were to leave the old surroundings. It is that way in our everyday life. We have a terrible trial, as we call it—an intense grief, maybe, loss of money, or disgrace. We feel at first as though we must give up. We rebel, and perhaps we sit sulking; as

grown people call it, we are 'crushed.' But we are only sensible when we look in our hearts to find the selfishness that makes us suffer. Nothing else causes us to suffer!"

"Oh, Mother! *nothing* but selfishness?"

"No, *nothing* but selfishness. Try and see if you can find anything else. Selfishness makes us grieve unduly when our loved ones go out of the flesh. Selfishness make us ill when we indulge laziness in observing the rules that govern the health of the body. Laziness is another name for selfishness. We must pull the selfishness out by the roots, dear daughter. There is another thing that we sometimes face; it is this: 'And their eyes were holden.' It is the same principle under this thought. Sometimes we aren't allowed to see all the facts in any situation. We are then not yet at the point where the entire situation is *ripe*, and we have our mental eyes held shut until God's time. I remember a hymn which my old nurse used to sing:

'It may not be my time,  
It may not be thy time,  
But still in His own time,  
The Lord will provide.'

"There is a great deal of philosophy in that. Now what do you think about Miss Brown's heart?"

"Mother, I think she had a hardened heart; indeed I do! She was most unreasonable. And yet in thinking it over it *was* God's will, for don't you see we wouldn't have had this talk if it hadn't happened. Oh, Mother, I love you most of all because you always explain things."

"I'm glad I can, dearest Rosa. But there is another thing you haven't seen in the situation—your opportunity to explain this thing to the girls who were with you; not the other girls, mind you, but just the ones who were with you. They are ready for the explanation, for otherwise they would not have entered into the discussion. Their minds are

*ripe*, and we are warned about throwing pearls before swine. Never seek others to teach them; it is not God's time for them. Only teach those who come asking for the explanation. And, dear, don't forget Miss Brown. Her heart was hardened for your benefit; remember that and feel grateful to her. Maybe she has suffered a bit at your hands. Girls aren't always kind in their criticisms—I used to be a girl, I remember."

"Mother, dear, I believe you remember everything!"

"I'll tell you about that another time!" laughed Mother as she folded her sewing away.—(*Reprinted from the August 1924 issue of this Magazine.*)

## Rosicrucian Song of the Light

By MARGARET GRANT

O threefold Radiance of the Sun,  
O Robe of Life Divine,  
Through whom, o'er all the Universe,  
Our triune God doth shine.

O Stars and Planets and soft Moon,  
Who traverse heavenly Ways,  
And with a wide diversity  
Reflect the Solar Rays.

From all the Kingdoms of the Earth,  
From Man and Beast and Bird,  
From Tree and Plant, from Soil and Stone,  
Acclaiming praise be heard.

Jehovah's Rays of Red create  
All forms that serve and die;  
The whirling Atoms take new shape,  
Drawn by His Energy.

Christ's Golden Rays in Matter forge  
New vistas for the Light;  
Evolving Roses come to birth,  
Unfolded through His Might.

The Father's Rays of Blue, in Form  
The seed of Life bestow,  
That, through in-dwelling, Spirit may  
In conscious Wisdom grow.

Accept our Worship, God of Light,  
From Spirit, Body, Soul;  
May all Thy Children rise and be  
One praising, shining Whole.

# Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia



ALTHOUGH this is the November issue, it is being printed the first week in October. Therefore on this page we speak of October events as yet to come.

First of these will be the resumption of regular evening classes at Mt. Ecclesia in the Rosicrucian Philosophy, Astrology, and Health and Healing. There have been occasional classes and lectures during the vacation, but now the time has come for systematic effort with its rich reward in expansion of consciousness.

The Health School lectures were started under the direction of Dr. Leon Patrick, resident physician, in September, and are now a regular Friday evening feature. They are held at 7:30 P.M. in the lecture room of Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium and are open to any one interested, as well as to patients and guests.

According to the custom for many years, Philosophy classes are on Wednesday evenings, 7:15 o'clock. A class in Delineation and Progressed Aspects is scheduled for Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. The evening for the class in Erecting a Horoscope, together with first principles in reading it, has not yet been selected. These classes are held in the Library. The public is cordially welcomed.

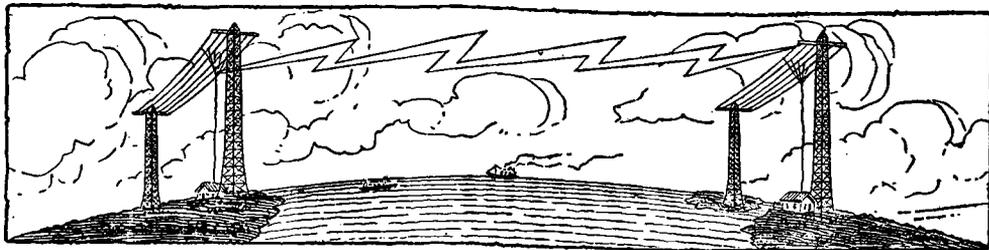
We have the good news that the Fellowship Song Book (the long wished-for first edition) is in the hands of the music publishers at this writing. Barring circumstances beyond their control, the books will be in our hands within the month, and thence with all dispatch into the mails on their way to the hundreds of friends whose paid-in-advance subscriptions have made publication possible at this time. We know that our Centers and Study Groups in particular are looking forward to making the Fellowship Song Book a constant "worker"

in their varied activities. Let us know how you like it *in use*, and your suggestions for improving the *second* edition.

"Saturday, October the 28th [1911], at 12:40 P.M. sharp, Pacific Time, we are going to break ground for the first building on Mt. Ecclesia, the home-site of the Rosicrucian Fellowship." So wrote our beloved Max Heindel. Every year since then an outdoor picnic has been held for the purpose of assembling ourselves together in fellowship and gratitude and to rejoice together in the growth of the work and in the added beauty of Mt. Ecclesia.

This year, October 28 falls on Wednesday, and we invite all members and friends who find it possible to do so, to be with us at Mt. Ecclesia. It may well be, that with nation-wide rationing of gasoline beginning very soon, those as far away (90 miles) as Los Angeles may find it necessary to do careful planning. The program is scheduled to begin at 11:00 A.M. in the lovely grove which adjoins the Rose Cross Lodge. In event of rain (most unlikely) the picnic adjourns to the large Dining Hall as an "inside affair." The Fellowship Orchestra, still under the efficient baton of our Mr. Ernest George, will play its usual important part in the happiness of the day. An abundant picnic lunch will be spread under the trees about 12:30. There will be short impromptu talks, and songs—from our own Song Book, *we hope*—and afterwards games and walks, tours of joyous inspection of our home-site in the beauty of its thirty-first birthday. Then visitors will be homeward bound in good time—remembering that top speed now is 35 miles per hour in daylight, and only 20 miles after sunset when Dim Out Headlights is the military order. Come in person if you can; be with us in spirit and in prayer for the work wherever you are.

# Rosicrucian News Bureau



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**ONE** of the most common difficulties encountered by new students in a spiritual group is the inclination to expect too much of people who have embraced a high spiritual teaching. It seems a natural attitude with most people to expect a change to come immediately, or within a few years, after taking up a spiritual teaching, but for most individuals, particularly those having a fixed nature, it is difficult to change the attitudes and inclinations of the personality. It takes much persistent effort to transmute selfishness, egotism, etc., into their opposites, and since nearly everyone has some degree of these qualities, each should strive to be more patient and tolerant of his fellow man.

In this connection Max Heindel wrote: "We cannot expect people who have just begun to feel the inner urge impelling them into an altruistic association, to renounce in the twinkling of an eye all selfishness and other vices and blossom out into the stature of Christ. At best we are only a little better than we were save for the fact that we are striving and endeavoring to follow 'in His steps.'"

In keeping with his beautiful spirit of humility he also wrote: "The writer has felt, and feels most keenly every day of his life the discrepancy between his teachings and his actions. One part of his being aspires with an ardor that is painful in its intensity to all the higher

and nobler things, while on the other hand, a strong personality, exceedingly difficult to curb, is a source of continual grief. But he feels that so long as he does not 'pose' as a saint, so long as he honestly admits his shortcomings and professes his sorrow for them, and so long as he uses the inclusive 'We' in all his exhortations, he deceives no one, and is not a hypocrite."

*Unselfishness, tolerance, humility—golden qualities nurtured in the garden of group activities!*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

An attractive card received from this Group announces the opening of new Center quarters at 2020 Nicollet Avenue, and cordially invites the public to share with them the Devotional Service held at 8:00 P.M. on Sundays.

Our correspondent orders a new supply of pamphlets for distribution, and writes enthusiastically that, "We are continuing our endeavors to spread and make known the Rosicrucian Teachings in our new and beautiful Center, which is located in a harmonious environment, accessible by street car and bus. It is our ambition to get larger crowds attending so that they may find the comfort and understanding given in the Western Wisdom Truths. With the coming of the Autumnal Equinox and the uplifting vibrations of the Christ Spirit, people will be of a more receptive mind

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toward the deeper spiritual truths, and we are therefore making ready to serve them to the best of our ability."

The annual re-leavening of the earth and its inhabitants by the Ray of the Cosmic Christ which has become our indwelling Planetary Spirit does, indeed, bring a renewed interest in things spiritual, and we pray that every aspirant on the Western Wisdom Path will take advantage of the new opportunities offered him at this time to share the treasures of the inner life with all whom he contacts.

#### VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA.

The Sunday Devotional Service held at this Center has been attracting an encouraging number during past months, we are pleased to note from the last several reports. Classes in the Philosophy and Astrology are also holding up very nicely, in spite of war vibrations and activities.

A most commendable feature of the attitude of this Group is to be found in their whole-hearted adherence to Max Heindel's ideal in regard to keeping the Teachings pure and following only one spiritual path. Mr. Heindel gave us some very definite advice along this line, and in so doing voiced a principle which is vital to real spiritual progress. He said:

"It is good to be tolerant, it is fine to be broad, but we cannot cover the whole field and promulgate truth in all its aspects. We have selected the Rosicrucian Teachings and we shall do better to confine our efforts to live them and sink them deep down into our souls instead of trying to broaden out and run the risk of becoming shallow. Whenever a river flows over its bank and broadens out the shallow part is soon evaporated by the sun; only what stops in the deep channel remains."

#### LONDON, ENGLAND.

The London Fellowship Center continues its classes in new rooms at 39 Cleveland Square, Bayswater W. 2, the

secretary writes us, and adds "This location really suits us much better than our previous one, and we are striving to build up the happy, helpful vibrations that existed at the old Center. There is one thing above all that we try to do at our Center, and that is to create an atmosphere of welcome and one-of-us-ness for all who come. Alongside of that goes out the earnest hope that we may have so lived that healing power may be generated for those who apply and others who have not. As few as we are, we feel that the Higher Ones have need of us, and we therefore carry on cheerfully and hopefully."

In West London the regular classes and Services are continued at 35 Cranley Gardens. Those interested in the British Isles who are interested in the Fellowship Teachings will be glad to hear that Dr. Margaret Grant of the West London Group has been given permission by the Fellowship to print the "Cosmo" in England. This will greatly facilitate the carrying on of the Work there, as importation and transportation limitations have made it exceedingly difficult to supply the need for the "Cosmo" in that part of the world.

### PHYSICAL ASPECT

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confusion—all of which is inexcusable because preventable.

Of course, there are many important factors bearing upon brain health and mental efficiency, other than those mentioned in this brief article, but I trust that enough has been said to assure you that scholastic training, culture, and great mental achievement are all secondary to physical health; that your capacity to develop the greatest self-realization, and therefore, the greatest possibility for success and happiness depends fundamentally upon the proper care of your physical body. In plain Anglo-Saxon phraseology, be good to yourself.

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It shows the futility and emptiness of the pleasures of sense. I have learned that love, service, purity, devotion and sacrifice are the only realities that matter. . . . And kindness to all created life—to whom we are as Gods—and that I am truly my brother's keeper.

It reveals the sanctity of marriage, the sacredness of children. It gives priceless knowledge concerning the mystery and wonder of the sex-life, that arena of our being where the great majority stumble. It transforms this vortex of suffering—sorrow, degradation, and ugliness into a mighty power for our upliftment. . . . It teaches that each life is but one link of a chain, whose length and beauty of design is largely under our control, and that each day is a jewel of opportunity.

I know that the whole Universe is my servant—when I become Master! I have discovered that my body is a temple to be revered and treated with dignity. . . . That emotions, thoughts, and desires are powerfully creative and need careful scrutiny. . . . But perhaps the best of all is that I can pass all this on to others who are still seeking.

—F. G. A. Lockyear.

# The Rosicrucian Fellowship

## AN AQUARIAN MOVEMENT

There was a time, even as late as Greece, when *Religion*, *Art*, and *Science* were taught unitedly in the Mystery temples. But it was necessary for the better development of each that they should separate for a time.

*Religion* held sole sway in the so-called "dark ages." During that time it bound both *Science* and *Art* hand and foot. Then came the period of the Renaissance, and *Art* came to the fore in all its branches. *Religion* was strong as yet, however, and *Art* was only too often prostituted in the service of *Religion*. Last came the wave of modern *Science*, and with iron hand it has subjugated *Religion*.

It was a detriment to the world when *Religion* shackled *Science*. *Ignorance* and *Superstition* caused untold woe, nevertheless man cherished a lofty spiritual ideal then; he hoped for a higher and better life. It is infinitely more disastrous that *Science* is killing *Religion*, for now even *Hope*, the only gift of the gods left in Pandora's box, may vanish before *Materialism* and *Agnosticism*.

Such a state cannot continue. Reaction must set in. If it does not, anarchy will rend the cosmos. To avert a calamity *Religion*, *Science*, and *Art* must reunite in a higher expression of the *Good*, the *True*, and the *Beautiful* than obtained before the separation.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and when the Great Leaders of humanity saw the tendency towards ultra-materialism which is now rampant in the Western World they took certain steps to counteract and transmute it at the auspicious time. They did not wish to kill the budding *Science* as the latter has strangled *Religion*, for they saw the ultimate good which will result when an advanced *Science* has again become a co-worker with *Religion*.

A spiritual *Religion*, however, cannot blend with a materialistic *Science* any more than oil can mix with water. Therefore steps were taken to spiritualize *Science* and make *Religion* scientific.

Centuries have rolled by since a high spiritual teacher, having the symbolical name Christian Rosenkreuz—Christian Rose Cross—appeared in Europe to commence this work. He founded the mysterious Order of Rosicrucians with the object of throwing occult light upon the misunderstood Christian *Religion* and to explain the mystery of *Life* and *Being* from the scientific standpoint in harmony with *Religion*.

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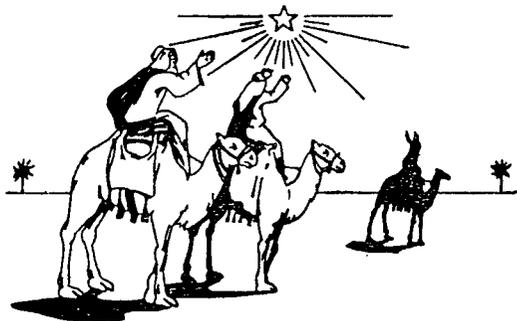
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