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# EDITORIAL

In a way, this is a “guest” editorial. Three people are involved: your editor, an ordained (denomination omitted for charitable reasons) minister, and a potential subscriber. First, let’s give the minister his say:

“Remove my name and address from your mailing list. The things taught and advocated in your magazine are anti-Christian and are expressly forbidden in the Word of God, the Bible. God has pronounced a curse against all who practice such things. Unless you renounce your Satanic beliefs and practices, and stop plucking others with it, and put your faith in Jesus Christ, you will be lost in hell eternally.”

Now let’s go to the prospective subscriber:

“Before I subscribe to your magazine, I must know what church you attend. Do you believe in Jesus Christ? I am a Christian, and I need to know what you believe in before I subscribe.”

To paraphrase a famous comic: “How sad it is!” Here we have an ordained minister teaching prejudice, and a person who might well be one of his flock using intolerance as the sole factor in deciding upon what he will or will not read. In the first case, where in the Bible is it “expressly”

stated that SEARCH is anti-Christian and Satanic? How can this minister know that God has pronounced a curse upon the publisher of SEARCH? How can he know that unless our “practices” are discontinued, we will be condemned to hell eternally? In the second case, what difference does it make what I “believe” personally and privately before plunking down \$4.00 for my magazine?

If this were only a case of isolated incidents, it wouldn’t be so bad, but lately, using the Watergate incident as an example, it would seem that prejudice, intolerance and condemnation are the rule rather than the example. The Bible notwithstanding, it is unconstitutional to do these things. We get the terrible feeling that our personal love of humanity is in vain, and that to try to make people think for themselves is hopeless.

However, let’s just quote the Bible several more times: “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.” “Judge not lest ye be judged.” “Love one another.”

SEARCH teaches nothing, it advocates nothing, and it is not anti anything! All it does is love you all, each and every one.—Rap.

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# T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

— OR WAS IT?

by R.N. KAMP

*This article clearly explains many of the misunderstandings about the dates of Christmas and Easter. The dates for the various events are graphically shown in the accompanying calendars, and they meet the requirements of the Bible. — R.N.K.*



## PART I

**W**hat you are about to read is not intended to criticize the wonderful man named Jesus. The search for truth reveals the true dates of Christmas and Easter, and shows the extent to which the followers of Jesus would go to popularize the Christian religion.

There is no doubt that slightly more than 1970 years ago, a baby named Jesus was born who was destined to create the World's most beautiful religion.

However, Jesus was not born in the month of December, nor was he born in the year 1 AD. Nor was he crucified on a Friday, nor did he remain in the tomb only 1½ days and 2 nights, nor did he arise on Sunday.

Jesus was born in September in the year 4 BC. He died in mid-afternoon of Wednesday, April 25, 31 AD. He arose exactly 3 days later in the mid-afternoon of Saturday, April 28, but his empty tomb was first discovered at dawn on Sunday, April 29.

This article will use the Bible to prove those dates.

The Bible referred to in this article is The New American Bible which is the latest one, and it is based on the exact literal translation of the original Hebrew and Greek documents. This Bible was chosen because it contains none of the inaccurate translations, interpretations and prejudices of the older Bibles.

### *MONTH OF JESUS' BIRTH*

In those days, no records were made of the birth of common people. Although the Bible mentions Pharaoh's birthday in Genesis 40:20 and Herod's birthday in Matthew 14:6, the Bible does not explicitly document the date of birth of Jesus, nor does the Bible state or even infer that the disciples recognized or celebrated Jesus' birthday either before or after his death.

To show that December is the wrong month, we have merely to refer to history which states that the Jews

took their sheep to the fields in the spring, and brought them to barns and shelters in the rainy season which starts in October.<sup>1</sup> Ezra 10:9 and 13, and Song of Songs 2:11 talks about this rainy season. But, Luke 2:8 says that there were shepherds in the fields keeping night watch over their flocks when the angels appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. Therefore, the Bible clearly states that Jesus was born when the sheep were in the fields, and they are not in the field in December. Hence, Jesus was born sometime between March and October when the sheep are in the field. The correct month of the birth of Jesus was September as determined by the well-documented birth of John the Baptist. John's father was Zechariah, a Jewish priest of the class of Abijah (See Luke 1:5) which is the eighth priestly class (See I Chron. 24:10) which required him to serve in the temple of Jerusalem on the eighth week *after* Passover, the latter occurred on April 6 in that year of 5 BC.<sup>2</sup> The eighth week after Passover week was June 1 to June 8.<sup>2</sup> But, the next week was Pentecost, and Zechariah was required to serve an additional week in the temple.<sup>2</sup> Thus, he was free to go home on June 15.<sup>2</sup> But, while he was serving in the temple, an angel told him that his wife would bear a son, per Luke 1:13. So, when he came home, his wife became pregnant. With the normal gestation

period of 9 months, John the Baptist was born in late March. Now, according to Luke 1:36, Zechariah's wife was pregnant with John for 6 months when Mary became pregnant with Jesus. So, with John born in March, Jesus was born 6 months later in September.

To determine how December was chosen for the birth month of Jesus, we must go back about 2000 years *before* Jesus to a man named Nimrod who, according to Genesis 10:1 thru 8, was the great-grandson of the Noah who built the ark. Nimrod became famous for building the tower of Babel and for starting the city of Babylon. The Bible in Gen. 10:8 calls Nimrod the *first* potentate on earth. He was an important man, but somewhat wicked because he married his own mother, Semiramis.<sup>3</sup> Nimrod died unexpectedly, and his wife/mother took over. Being an ambitious woman, Semiramis decided to keep the fame of Nimrod alive by combining the unbeatable combination of politics, religion, nature, gifts and fun. She had a fir tree cut down, and then she claimed that a full-grown tree grew in its place over night, and this new tree was the re-incarnation of Nimrod. Of course, this happened on Nimrod's birthday of December 25. Then, she claimed that Nimrod would leave presents at the tree. Even in those days, people knew that December 21 was the

shortest day of the year, so they rejoiced that the days would thereafter be longer. Hence, came the celebration of Saturnalia from December 17 through the 24. Then, they topped it all off with the festivities, the tree and the presents on the December 25, and called the latter day Brumalia, meaning birth of the Sun. Hence, Semiramis tied her son to the Sun, a god and fun.<sup>3</sup> The celebration of Saturnalia and Brumalia became so outrageous that the Jews who wrote the Old Testament had this warning about these pagan events, in Jeremiah 10:3 and 4 “. . . Learn not the customs of the nations. . . for the cult idols of the nation are nothing, wood cut from the forest. . . adorned with silver and gold.”

The ancient Greeks picked up the celebrations and passed them on to the Romans. The Roman conquerors in Judea tried to pass them on to the Jews but they resisted. Jesus preached against following pagan practices. Then St. Paul predicted to Timothy that Christians would accept pagan myths when he said in 2 Tim. 4:3 and 4; “For the time will come when people (Christians)—will stop listening to the truth and will wander off to fables.” And, he was right because as time went on even the Christians started celebrating Saturnalia and Brumalia. Although the Christian leaders tried, they couldn’t stop the revelry. So, working on the principle

that if you can’t beat them, join them, the Bishop of Rome, Liberius, in 354 AD ordered the people of Rome to celebrate Jesus’ birthday on December 25.<sup>4</sup> Then, sometime in the fifth century, the Roman Church ordered the birth of Jesus to be celebrated forever and everywhere on the day of the re-birth of the Sun, December 25.<sup>5</sup>

The most direct proof of joining the crowd was written by a Syrian writer in the fifth century AD right after the Church announced it. This Syrian wrote: “It was the custom of the heathens to celebrate on the same 25th of December the birth of the Sun. In their solemnities and festivities, the Christians also took part. Accordingly, when the doctors of the Church perceived that the Christians had leaning to this festival, they took counsel and resolved that the true nativity (of Jesus) should be solemnized on that day.”<sup>6</sup>

Thus, the birthday of Jesus was chosen to be December 25, complete with tree, decorations, liquor, gifts, mistletoe; the whole pagan works started by Semiramis, the wife/mother of Nimrod.

#### **YEAR OF JESUS’ BIRTH**

In searching for the year of Jesus’ birth, we will first consider the year that he started to teach, then the census and lastly the Bethel star. To help in understanding these events, please refer to Figure 1.

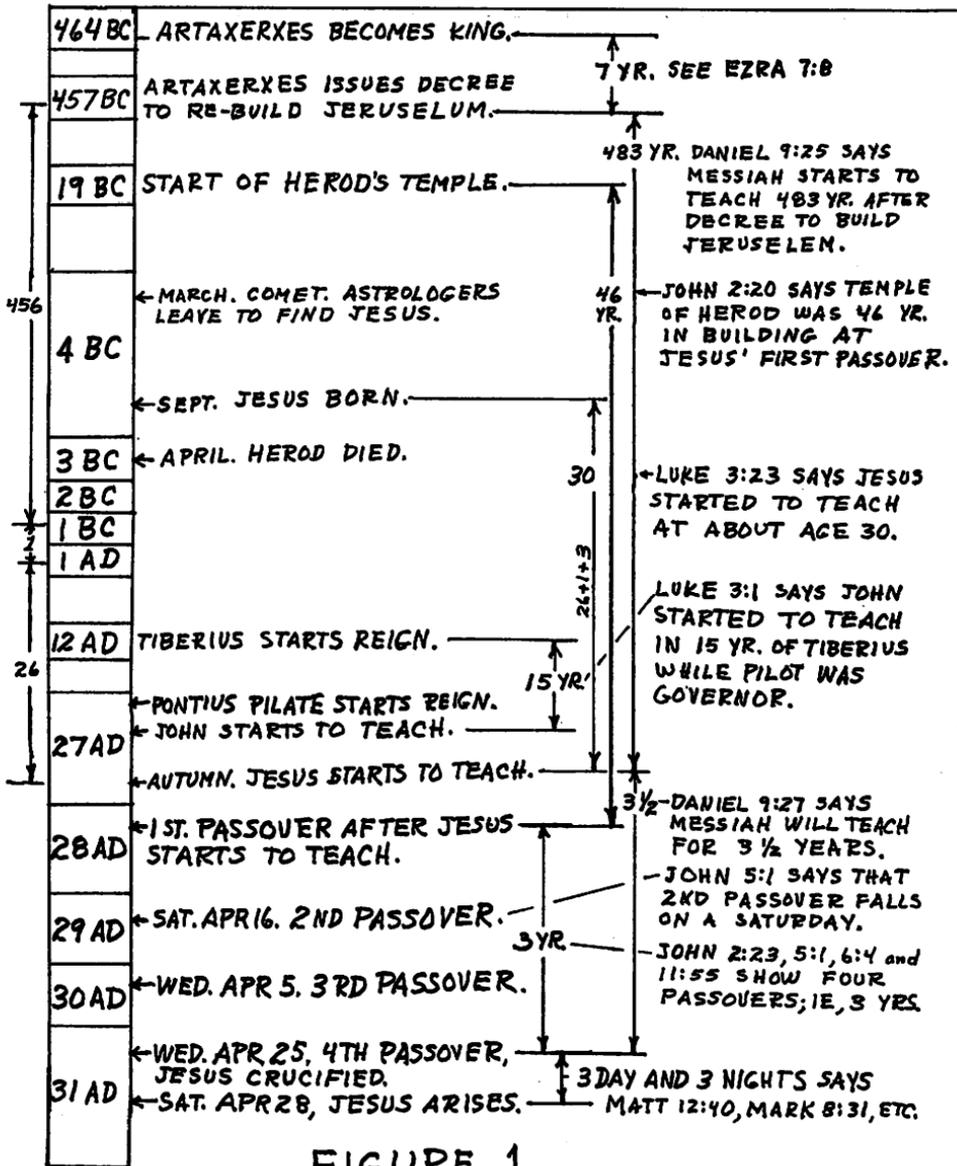


FIGURE 1

The first approach to establish the year of birth of Jesus is to work backwards from the year that he started to teach which is a very well-documented event in the Bible that is proven to be the year 27 AD. This is proven under the sub-title YEAR THAT JESUS STARTED TO TEACH which follows next. Now, according to the Jewish law in Numbers 4:3 a teacher could not teach until he is 30 years old. Because Jesus was a Jew, that law applied to him. Also, Luke 3:23 says that Jesus began to teach when he was about 30 years old. Therefore, subtracting 30 years from the fall of the year 27 AD, we arrive at the birth of Jesus in the fall of 4 BC. (The time from 27 AD to 1 AD is 26 years, plus the time from 1 AD to 1 BC is one year, plus the time from 1 BC to 4 BC is 3 years, or a total of 30 years from 27 AD to 4 BC.)

Let us see if the year 4 BC checks with the census. Luke 2:1-4 says that Caesar Augustus decreed a census while Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everybody had to register in their home town which brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Now, history shows that Quirinius was governor of Syria for two times; once from 7 BC to 6 BC, and again from 4 BC to 1 BC.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, Jesus was born in one of those 6 years. But, Matt. 2:1 says that the three Magi talked to King Herod,

and history shows that Herod died in the spring of 3 BC.<sup>8</sup> Matt. 2:19 tells of Herod's death shortly after Jesus' birth. Therefore, Jesus was born before Herod died, which eliminates 3 BC, 2 BC and 1 BC as the years of birth. This leaves 4 BC, 6 BC and 7 BC as possible years of birth. 4 BC checks with the preceding approach, and 6 BC and 7 BC will be eliminated in the next discussion on the Bethel star. Matthew 2:2 and 2:9 says that a star helped to lead the astrologers (wise men) to Jesus in Bethlehem. A star could be any bright object in the sky, such as a meteor, comet, conjunction of planets, or an exploding star (nova). Now, the times of significant stars that appeared in ancient times can be determined by these two methods:

1. Events, like the conjunction of planets, can easily be calculated from known laws of the precise movement of planets.

2. The ancient Chinese keep very good records of unusual stars.

When we combine inputs by those two methods, we obtain the following unusual "stars" around the time of Jesus' birth:<sup>9</sup>

- a. 12 BC, Halley's comet
- b. 7 BC, September, conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.
- c. 6 BC, December, conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.
- d. 5 BC, March and April, comet recorded by Chinese.

c. 4 BC, March and April, a tailless comet recorded by Chinese.

Halley's comet in 12 BC is much too early, and could not be the Star of Bethelhem.

When planets move close to each other, they are said to be in conjunction. To persons with blurred vision (no glasses in those days), a conjunction of several planets might appear as a super-star. However, to persons with anywhere near normal vision, the conjunctions would be far enough apart to be two distinct blurs. Besides, the wise men were astrologers (see Matt. 2:1) and knew all about the movement of planets, and would not be misled that a conjunction was an unusual star. Also, the conjunction in 6 BC was so close to sunset that the light of the setting sun would make the conjunction invisible.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, we must eliminate *all* conjunctions as possible explanations for the star of Bethlehem.

The most logical explanation is that the comet of 5 BC alerted the wise men. Then, the comet of March-April of 4 BC sent them on their way to Jerusalem even though Jesus was not yet born. Travel was very slow in those days. Matt. 2:2 says the astrologers saw the star at its rising (March) but then it disappeared because the astrologers stopped at Jerusalem to ask Herod for directions to the infant king of the Jews. Then, says Matt. 2:9, the star re-appeared to

guide the astrologers to Bethlehem. This re-appearance of the star could have been a shower of meteorites which pointed to Bethlehem (only 5 miles from Jerusalem<sup>10</sup>) where the wise men arrived in September of 4 BC.

So, using the Bethlehem star, we again decide that only the year 4 BC fits all of the parameters known for the year of Jesus' birth.

The modern calendar is supposed to be based on the year of Jesus' birth as 1 AD. All writers of history put the blame for the error on a Catholic abbott by the name of Dionysius Exiguus who goofed while he was devising a new calendar in the 6th century.

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SCORPIO



SAGITTARIUS



VRGO



LIBRA



LEO



CAPRICORN



AQUARIUS



PISCES



ARIES



TAURUS



GEMINI



CANCER

# YOUR ASTROLOGY CAPSULE

*Loretta Van Dam*



## ARIES March 21-April 20.

Dec. '73-Jan. '74: Some major changes in the not too far horizon now! Your personal magnetism, hard work and determination bring rewards to Rams over this stirring period, with Mars in Aries, then later in Taurus, affecting finances, property matters and lending vitality to these matters. Tact and diplomacy with all will prove wise on your part now. You can win the favor of those in authority or those able in some way to further your plans, increase income. Relationships with co-workers apt to

be pleasant, and with some Rams, may hold romantic overtones. Use care in traveling, avoid speed, inattention to details. News from afar exciting. Home, parental, or domestic responsibilities of much moment now, be careful of mishaps in the home.



## TAURUS April 21-May 20.

Dec. '73-Jan. '74: Tensions and pressures mark much of this period for Taureans, yet certain preferment will elevate their social, job or business position and there will be other compensations as well. Problems

regarding children, health, co-workers, labor groups, may still call for patience, cool planning. There is a fast yet irritating tempo now for Taureans because of Mars in Aries but heading for Taurus for all of January, to start with, and February as well. . .yet at the same time, things going on in the background will seem annoyingly static from time to time. Re-check personal plans, for possible flaws and hold your patience. You gain through the goodwill and friendship of others. Emotions, impulse may rule now, so watch this and don't be too reckless, as Mars may incline you to be in the next several weeks, and continue to be careful of health. Relations with co-workers pleasant.



### **GEMINI May 21-June 21.**

Dec. '73—Jan. '74: Social, love life exciting and there will be many Gemini marriages over this period. A friendship may need adroit handling. . .and in fact much diplomacy on your part in general wouldn't be a bad idea now, as discord can arise easily enough, with Mars in your 11th house and later on going to your 12th when hidden differences could fester, cause rifts in some relationship. Use care with regard to strangers and if in any out of the way place, be alert, avoid involvement that could lead to difficulties. A foreign born person of

the opposite sex could hold some appeal for you and you might fall in love with this person. You are more introspective as this period gets underway, yet, true to your sign, keenly responsive to the goodwill of others, and you are adventurous, creative, work on projects in the background.



### **CANCER June 22-July 22.**

Dec. '73—Jan. '74: Momentuous decisions now for Cancer and a new maturity of spirit, with Saturn in your sign for the next 2 years (with the brief exception of January 8 to April 18.) Avoid clashes with those in authority, parents, as the case may be. Business, job matters active now for Cancerians, with Mars high in their chart. Safeguard reputation, avoid giving gossips food for talk about you. Take care of health, observe rules of hygiene, and get your proper rest and look after the welfare of any pets. A legacy matter could figure in your affairs now or before too long. Stay out of the difficulties of others who may be in some sort of turmoil. Older Cancerians may need to help children or young people, give them wise guidance. Dualistic love affairs call for some secrecy now, and one romance may be with someone of another background than you. You are inclined to look back on the past, but shouldn't too much.



## LEO July 23-August 22.

Dec. '73—Jan. '74: Take care of health and keep your outlook positive too, Leo, as, with Saturn now in the background (of your 12th house), you may be too much open to “moods”, morose introspection. Many Leo marriages, engagements, get a second chance now and should blossom into success (happiness), while with other Leos a business partnership grows stronger, more solid, while again some Leos will begin anew (job, business, love), but in any case, Jupiter in your 7th house, up to next March, will help and benefit all partnerships of whatever sort. Leos are meant to share now for sure. Influential or wealthy contacts of personal benefit, gain, to you over this period. Later you gain through inheritance. Handle children's matters wisely, the same in regard to love.



## VIRGO August 23-September 22.

Dec. '73—Jan. '74: Personal magnetism is high, brings love to your doorstep, but also some strange or unusual situation(s) arises in the domestic area, quite possibly...for with Neptune holding this 4th house place in your chart now hidden factors could make for peculiar complications—from time to time...so be alert Virgo and don't let

yourself be misled by surface glitter, so to speak. For Virgos who may be renting, (their abode), avoid difficulties or complications with landlords, landladies, as such could arise now. (Neptune is a strange planet, and now affects property and domestic matters for you.) A friend or child could call on you for help, also some friends, acquaintances, are of somber personality, may even need a kind word or other cheering up from you. A social, romantic time, with your understanding and tolerance of others on the increase. Saturn now stabilizes friendships, brings an old love back perhaps. Many Virgos will be marrying or forming emotional ties. Show your talent, creativeness.



## LIBRA September 23-October 23.

Dec. '73—Jan. '74: Echoes from the past could relate to finances. You are inclined to daydream at times, avoiding action, are again dynamic, super-adventurous... but should avoid going to extremes. Take care of health as Uranus still in Libra for another year, brings sudden health upsets, or again, a case of “nerves”. Be ready for changes that may come rather abruptly and maintain poise. Try to see the viewpoint of the partner, not only your own, and use your marvelous Libran tact to achieve you ends; whereas an over display of coercion isn't going to help matters

much, for now with Mars opposite your Sun, the partner's wishes must be recognized and this in turn smooths your own path. A rise in prestige, greater responsibility or some honor comes to Librans. You may be considering taking a long trip in the near future. A publishing project, could interest you, holds some excitement for you, while any legal matter should gain momentum too before long. Be tactful with in-laws and foreigners. A change in name might interest you in the near future.



### SCORPIO

October 24-November 21.

Dec. '73-Jan. '74: Scorpios now should if possible, avoid legal tangles, also not be taken in by foreigners who nonetheless may hold some allure for them. . . problems might also lie in the in-law area or in regard to former mates. Improved home conditions, with the purchase or sale of property, yet continue to be alert in property matters. Continue to take care of health, with Uranus in your 12th angle for about another year. Positive thought helps any health problems though and in a sense, you can upon occasion "be your own doctor". You will make some sudden decisions around this time, or consider definite changes in your lifestyle, perhaps even moving to another residence as a result. Be cautious regarding strangers if it involves finances. A remunerative

business may be started in the home. You will be meeting some unusual types of people. You are favored in love, have increase of income.



### SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21.

Dec. '73-Jan. '74: Miscalculation, loss or theft of money are possibilities now. Don't be too hasty in any way, whether as regarding a love matter, or with regard to children or young people, investments or speculations, but rather proceed cautiously in all these areas over this period. Health and job matters strongly accented now, avoid mishaps and don't neglect health. Get along with co-workers. In love, you may be attracted to those younger than you. There are pleasant family reunions shown for Sags. now, or in the near future. . . and possibly new home surroundings, more spacious, from early '74 on.



### CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20.

Dec. '73-Jan. '74: Business, job, career areas are still open to sudden change now but should rebound to your benefit in the long run. A hobby of yours may pay off commercially. Something or someone from the past could be disturbing. With Saturn in the partnership (and marital) angle for some time to come, be calm and diplomatic with all partners. A partner (marital or not), should be careful of

health, avoid spells of moodiness, and should think positive. A domestic and/or parental problem might cause some commotion. Avoid hassles with landlords, owners of dwelling, and mishaps in the home, friction there with someone. Be conciliatory, charming, in a love or marital matter.



**AQUARIUS**  
**January 21-February 18.**

**Dec. '73-Jan. '74:** Now with Saturn in the angel of health and job matters for Water-Bearers, don't overdo, or neglect health. Venus now adds more charm to your magnetic personality and you win others over without hardly trying, are also surprisingly lucky. Neptune still in your 11th house of friends and acquaintances, calls for calm appraisal on your part, evaluation regarding the sincerity of those you meet. You are a

calming influence on others, affable, understanding, and inspiring, and you are looked up to, strong in a spiritual sense as well, your own person. In love and friendship both, you are more selective, less hurried than ever before.



**PISCES**  
**February 19-March 20.**

**Dec. '73:Jan. '74:** Develop your artistic, creative talent now, Pisces. Much financial gain is yours from next March 8 on, when Jupiter will enter your birthsign for a year's stay—bringing a turning point for the better in your life. In this period now, some misunderstanding or deception in regard to a job, business or career matter. Some message may startle. Use care in travel, also to some extent as to what you say or write, and be diplomatic with relatives, neighbors. Be selective in a love matter and



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sidestep romantic intrigues that could lead to complications, avoid too much emotionalism. Be alert in any property matter. Investment, speculation matters should be handled or approached conservatively. Inheritance matters may hold some surprises, were not wholly expected, etc. Pisces health can be benefited now.



### WHERE IS LOVE?

*'Love thy neighbor' the good book says,  
While we bicker, squabble, and fight  
How do we show our love for others  
Morning, noon, or night?*

*Is Sabbath the only day of smiles?  
For fancy clothes and face?  
Or do we help on other days  
To show our love and grace.*

*The love of God is always there,  
Wherever we may be.  
It is for us to give and share  
As a river, eternally.—Gordon Allgrove*





# THE

# LITTLE

# PEOPLE

BY RAY PALMER

**L**ittle people? Have you ever seen one? Legend is full of stories of little people, and like all legend and myth, they are based on fact. Ancient memories of little people and of their counterpart, giants, are common to all races, all geographical locations. But isn't it strange that nowhere on Earth today can we find them? Why is it that something apparently so common throughout man's past can have disappeared so utterly from the present? It makes one wonder if these little people ever existed at all. Why don't we find their graves, their physical remains, their artifacts? Certainly something so widespread must have left some traces archaeologically. Could it be for an entirely different reason—that they really never existed, in spite of the

multiplicity of legend about them?

Perhaps you began reading this thinking you were about to read another story about fairies, dwarfs, little people "in my garden", or some such thing. And perhaps when this article began, the intent was to discuss such things. However, the subject of this article stems from an entirely (apparently) unrelated beginning, a hotel named Watergate. And now that we've mentioned that hotel, let's forget it—because we've heard enough about it—from *the little people!*

Today the rights of free men everywhere are under attack from "little" people. It isn't just a matter of politics, of a Sam Erwin striving to put his best profile toward the TV camera, and of plotters whose real purpose is far afield from their pretended

purpose—that of the pursuit of evil, and the protection of the “people” from evil men; it is a matter of a gigantic attack upon Americans through the destruction of the Constitution that has made them free. “Giant” men formulated that Constitution; “little” men are trying to destroy it.

It might be a good idea to identify some of the “little people” so that you can recognize them when you see them, and so that you are aware of their intent and can take steps to defend yourself against their attacks. How do you recognize them?

Let’s start at home, in your own small community (perhaps a village, or perhaps just your own block in a big city). This type of little person is commonly defined as a “do-gooder” or a “civic-minded citizen” or as a self-avowed “guardian of public rights”. As a do-gooder, he is determined to help you accomplish a goal he decides you are either unable to reach yourself, or are proceeding toward in the wrong way. He is like a “Kennedy” who is so rich he has a guilt-complex, and wishes to wash his soul clean by bathing you in money (not his own, but that of your fellow citizens through a new type of welfare state tax). He is also like your neighbor who runs for local office “so he can zone your property to make sure you manage it correctly in an ecological sense”. He is an expert in

ecology—being a sportsman, perhaps a trout fisherman. He lives on a trout stream in which there are no trout because it is fished so heavily that during fishing season there is hardly room along its banks to accommodate the sportsmen (commonly confused with conservationists) who jostle each other elbow to elbow to empty the stream of every trout in it. He has read a book (written by another sportsman) about the need for preserving trout streams in their pristine purity, so that trout will be bountiful in them. It is his opinion that a dam on such a stream is not good for trout. So, he creates an agency called the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to which he appeals for the mighty power of “the law” to rip out your dam (which provides another sort of recreation such as swimming, boating, *pan* fishing, a place for children to play in the water on sandy beaches—sandy beaches are deadly for trout spawning say the trout experts), so that he can perpetuate his “sport” at the expense of your liberty. The only way he can do this is to weaken the Constitution, which guarantees the rights of citizens to own property and to manage it. He is so “little” that he is willing to destroy his OWN liberties in order to deprive you of yours! He is a mental and moral deficient whose “little” mind is obsessed with imagining himself a mighty “frontiersman”, a

brave “hunter”, an enterprising “friend of nature”. Even if it happens that you operate your dam as a business, grinding feed, sawing logs, he will deprive you of your livelihood (and of your enjoyment of swimming, boating, and the esthetic beauty of your lovely lake) by imposing upon you his own “lust to kill” which is not the driving force of the average man, but is the drive of the “sportsman” who specializes in that great game fish, the trout, and has supreme contempt for the “mud minnow”, or the lowly sucker, or such rare and almost extinct species as the “stone roller”. He will spend \$550,000 of your tax money to poison out 50 miles of your stream so that nothing is left alive in it in order to restock it with HIS kind of fish, the trout. That is why we call him “little”. He is mean, selfish, self-centered, self-indulgent, and he will destroy your own liberty and happiness in order to indulge in his favorite sport, the catching of trout (he often does not even eat what he catches). He poses as a citizen interested in “conserving trout” but what he actually does is kill them. His deeds deny his words.

Let’s graduate to a larger scene, and find out where the little people pop up: It is a sad state of affairs that a man who cannot take care of himself decides he will take care of you! He cannot hold a job, or else he is already

so wealthy he feels guilty about it, so he runs for “public office” and enacts laws that will relieve you of all responsibility, assure your permanent welfare, and take care of you when you are too old to work. He will also pass laws to assure that you eat and drink what is good for you, and see to it that you do not manufacture and sell anything that has not been “approved” by him in his capacity to govern. He will decide that tobacco and alcohol are good for you, but that vitamins and minerals are not (unless licensed by him). He will decide that you must not “pollute” the soil by spreading manure on your garden to grow “natural” vegetables with which you can obtain “natural” vitamins and minerals—because manure also causes weeds to grow in trout streams, and further, chemical “vitamins” are cheaper and more potent, and the “proper minimum requirement” is prescribed (again by him).

Because the Constitution guarantees you the right to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in your own way, he must destroy that Constitution in order to force his “littleness” upon you. He is all-wise. He is a supreme egotist. He is a savage enemy who can and will wield all the power of “the law” to force you to conform to his “managed society”. He is one of the little people.

Finally, we come to the biggest

little people of them all, the "expert". He is many things: he is a college graduate with a degree in something (all this means is that he has read a number of books and memorized them—for example, he has read all the books on "social behavior" and "psychology"; therefore he is an expert in how people should behave so as not to "conflict" with society, so as not to be abnormal or "anti-social"); he is a congressman who has been elected by "the people" to represent them and protect their interests as citizens (which means that he must prove that he actually is representing them, so as to be re-elected, so he works hard in Washington for his "constituents"—who are members of his own party—at the expense of those who did not vote for him, members of the other party. He frequently proves his littleness by voting consistently, and sometimes totally, along party lines; he is a "little people").

To any truly moral person, the unconstitutional mess of such things as Watergate and the Sam Erwins posing and preening before the cameras while the reputations of honorable and innocent persons goes

down the drain under the withering attack of the "little people" who call themselves "commentators", "newsmen" and "reporters" (any newsman who passes on rumor, gossip, innuendo, inference and slanted news or baseless accusation is one of the "little people". He is so numerous today as to overwhelm the true giants of the fourth estate, whose voices are lost in the tumult of those enemies of the Constitution posing as its protectors.)

Yes, today we are menaced by the greatest danger in our history—little people who are not little in stature, but miniscule in true morality. They are everywhere. We have fought all our lives to survive their constant attack. Are they attacking you? Do you recognize them? Or are (fateful thought!) YOU one of them?

If you really are one of the little people, you'll never admit it. Instead, you will do as one of our favorite readers does—tear this magazine into little bits, write a hate letter, send the fragments back to us postage due—and write your senator to see if something can't be done to "put this 'communist' magazine out of business"!

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# WEIRD CULTS OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER

By George Wagner

*A HUMOROUS ACCOUNT OF THE SELF-APPOINTED  
CHRISTS WHO HAVE FLOURISHED IN OUR LAND*

**F**rontier America had a love affair with exotic cults, grotesque sects, and especially with self-appointed Christs. One story, at the same time blasphemous and comic, concerns a character who in the Kentucky-Tennessee backwoods

of 1830 proclaimed himself to be Christ returned to earth. He roamed the two states, preaching in settlement after settlement, and collecting a large body of followers.

One day Christ arrived in a village that had recently had its population

enlarged by an influx of immigrants from Germany. Shortly after he began to preach to an overflow camp meeting, Christ was interrupted by one of his disciples.

"Lord," the disciple said, "We have a number of good Christian folk in this village who have only just arrived from Germany. Could you please speak a few words to them in their own language?"

"I'm very sorry," the Messiah was forced to reply, "but I've never had the opportunity to learn that language."

Episodes like that can be very rough in the Christ business. This one's budding career broke up in laughter.

The first American messianic cult of which I have record was the Dorrilites, established in New England in the 1790's—first at Leyden, Massachusetts, and later at Guilford, Vermont. The group was named after its leader, a British ex-officer named Dorril, who practised mesmerism and called himself "the prophet and the mouthpiece of God." Dorril demanded that his disciples surrender themselves body and soul to him.

At Dorrilite services liquor flowed freely. The Rev. Joseph Lathrop, a Massachusetts clergyman of the day, described the sect as "a company of beings who...under a licentious leader...discard the principles of religion, and the obligations or

morality, trample on the bounds of matrimony, the separate rights of property, and the laws of civil society, spend the Sabbath in labor or diversion, as fancy dictates, and the nights in riotous excess and promiscuous concubinage, as lust impels."

Dorril claimed that "no arm can hurt my flesh," and that he was therefore immune to any weapon or physical attack. One night, as Dorril preached that he was immortal, unable to be harmed or even feel pain, there was present in his audience Captain Ezekial Foster, a veteran of the American war against Britain. Foster ran up to the rostrum, grabbed Dorril by the clothes, and threw him roughly to the ground. When Dorril got up, Captain Foster threw him down again. This one-sided battle continued until Dorril admitted that he actually *could* feel pain.

Foster's theological demonstration broke up the Dorrilites, but the cult was replaced within a year or two by a new, improved sect located at Middletown, Vermont, and known as the Winchellites. Winchell claimed to be a mystic and a water dowser. He was really a counterfeiter on the run, from what then existed of federal law. Winchell, together with the Rev. Nathaniel Wood, an excommunicated minister of the Congregational Church, predicted that the world would end on the night of January 14,

1801. The information on the Earth's demise was transmitted to Winchell and Wood through the counterfeiter's divining rod—his "Saint John's Rod," as he called it—, which served as a sort of heavenly radio over which the two men could alone hear the voice of God. One of the men who helped the Winchellites prepare for the end was a man named Cowdry; he was the father of Oliver Cowdry, who three decades later became a pioneer Mormon.

Among false Christs, none could hold a candle to Robert Matthews of New York. In the 1830's Matthews built up around him a circle of extremely rich men who believed that he was Christ, Joshua, and "the Prophet Matthias arisen." Prophet Matthews was a phenomenally ignorant person, who literally believed that the primitive railroad locomotives he saw were powered by spirits who lived inside them. His usual attire was—besides boots, a green coat, and buff-leather trousers—, a silk shirt with stars and planets sewn all over it, white kid gloves, and a black velvet cap embroidered with a golden yellow sun. A solid gold key dangled from a cord around his neck, and a double-edged sword hung from a belt about his waist. His scepter was a six-foot measuring rod, to be used in measuring the dimensions of the divine kingdom he had sworn to erect on earth.

Matthews openly stated that only

very wealthy men needed to repair to him for salvation. His first disciple, a New York business man, went insane after turning his entire fortune over to Matthews, and eventually had to be confined in an asylum. His second disciple gave Matthews his entire life savings—nearly seventy thousand dollars. This fellow, an old man named Elijah Pierson, had just previously tried to raise his wife from the dead by means of a magical ceremony in which he stretched out his living body over hers. After plowing through Pierson's money, Matthews needed a third disciple. He approached a friend of Pierson, told him that he, Matthews, was indeed the Christ, and demanded all his property. The new follower, Benjamin Folger, begged Matthews to accept his large house at Mount Pleasant, New York. Matthews was only too happy to move in. The Prophet did not forsake Pierson, and let the old man live as a gardener in his new mansion.

Matthews' gospel was so completely transparent and crude that it is inconceivable that anyone was taken in by it. His only real tenet was that his female followers should go to bed with him.

"Marriage," he addressed the congregation that slowly built up on Mount Pleasant, "is a heathenish institution. Marriage will be abolished." He insisted that all female converts should strip naked before

him, while he washed their bodies with a sponge. He demanded that all male members be circumcised, and often insisted on performing both rituals himself. Though Matthews had abandoned his wife and children ten years before he proclaimed himself Christ, he eventually tracked down his teenage daughter and brought her to the great house at Mount Pleasant. One of Matthews' chief pleasures was beating the girl with a cowhide whip.

The Prophet told Folger that it was necessary for him to have sex regularly with Folger's wife, Ann. It was only she, Matthews revealed, by whom he could bear a divine son. Folger was agreeable, mainly because Matthews promised that after the birth of the promised son his disciple could then have relations with the Prophet's daughter. The divine son Matthews would father and the divine daughter Folger would sire were to be the Adam and Eve of a new race of angelic men.

Unfortunately for Matthews, Mrs. Folger bore a daughter. The fact that God could neither predict nor control the sex of an unborn child broke the spell under which Matthews had held many of his followers. Pierson and the Folgers demanded their money back. Folger gave Matthews an ultimatum to clear out of the house.

Prophet Matthews, hoping to salvage the situation, invited the old man to have tea and pudding with

him. Matthews, who had put up the blackberry pudding himself, also sent a bowl of it upstairs to Ann Folger's bedroom; she touched it with her tongue, found it bitter, and threw the stuff away. Pierson was mentally and physically in fragile health, and Matthews had graciously provided him some months previously with a nurse. The Prophet served up healthy portions of his pudding to both. Pierson and the nurse became ill. The nurse prescribed herself an emetic, and after a bout of extreme nausea survived. Pierson, however, did not live out the week. Matthews and the nurse put the old man's death down to accidental food poisoning. Matthews conveniently forgot to notify the authorities as to Pierson's death, and buried the body himself in a lot in New Jersey.

On the day Folger had insisted Matthews leave the house, the Prophet assured them that there were no hard feelings. To prove it, he offered to have coffee with them. The Folgers each took a sip, and at the same moment dashed the coffee from their cups. Matthews fled the house.

The Folgers became slightly ill, but were sufficiently recovered by the end of the day to call in the police. The authorities tracked down Elijah Pierson's burial place. The body, when exhumed, was found to be full of arsenic.

Matthews was arrested and indicted

for murder. His daughter, apparently still living with the Folgers, revealed her many floggings, and a second indictment was prepared. During his pre-trial imprisonment Matthews was permitted to address what remained of his followers. The sermon was delivered, appropriately enough, in a cemetery. Matthews pointed his measuring-rod at a cemetery wall. "I shall make these walls fall!" he solemnly announced. One of the walls *did* fall, at that precise moment. Four boys later confessed that they had pushed the wall over by rolling boulders at it.

The Prophet was acquitted of the murder charge. The verdict was based on, of all things, a *lack of evidence!* He was convicted, however, on the charges brought by his daughter; the sentence was three months in jail. Because Matthews had spent most of his time in court bobbing up and down swearing that he was Christ and that all the jurors were surely damned, he was given an additional month in jail for contempt.

During this four-month imprisonment, Matthews daily proclaimed that on his release he would immediately kill judge, jury, attorneys, the Folgers, and his daughter. After he was let out of jail, however, he vanished from New York, and was never seen in that state again. In fact, most history books claim that he disappeared completely and

forever.

The truth is that Matthews turned up a few years later in Nauvoo, Illinois, the headquarters of the Mormon Church. Prophet Joseph Smith, the leader of the Mormons, was delighted to have a visitor from his native state, and invited Matthews to live in his house. Matthews, with a humility rare for him, agreed to join Smith's church. After a very few weeks, however, Smith realized Matthews' true character and threw him out of church and home. Before leaving Nauvoo, Matthews' stole a pair of silver candlesticks from his host's home. Later Smith wrote that his sometime houseguest was "filled with darkness. . .his god was the devil. . .(he was) the devil in bodily shape, and I believe a murderer."

After Smith's own murder in 1844, the Mormon Church split up into a dozen small splinter groups, the most important being the branch that Brigham Young led to Salt Lake City. One of the most colorful of these early Mormon leaders was James Jesse Strang, who established an honest-to-goodness kingdom on an island in the strait of Mackinac.

Strang was an attorney in Burlington, Wisconsin, before he decided to establish his kingdom, and had been a school teacher before he was twenty. It was said that even as a boy no adult could beat him in a formal debate.

God's ordained "King on Earth," as Strang called himself, established the city of Voree, Wisconsin. Here, aided by Dr. John C. Bennett, an abortionist, and George Adams, a drunken ex-actor, he organized the Halcyon Order of the Illuminati. Strang claimed that the Order of the Illuminati had been established by the Emperor Constantine. To be admitted to membership, the candidate had to disclaim allegiance to the United States Constitution, and instead swear the allegiance of body, soul, and spirit to Strang. The initiate swore that Strang was "the Imperial Primate and actual sovereign Lord and King on Earth." Degrees included 'chevaliers,' 'earls,' 'marshalls,' and 'cardinals.' It was said that a secret terrorist army—known as the "Destroying Angels"—was harbored within these ranks. The caliber of leadership can be seen in Bennett and Adams. The calibre of membership can be seen in Hazen Aldrich, who had a child by his own daughter.

When Strang initiated a member into the Illuminati, the new recruit's head would begin to radiate a soft glow. This was believed to be a miracle, an undeniable proof that James Strang was indeed a prophet of God. Years later it was revealed that the "holy oil" used in Strang's anointing ceremony was a simple mixture of olive oil and phosphorus!

In 1849 Strang led his Illuminati to

a new home on Michigan's Beaver Island, a dot of land in the Straits of Mackinac. Here in 1851, before his wide-eyed followers, Strang was formally crowned King James I of the Beaver Islands. His crown was a plain metal band, studded with glass stars; it, like the King's crimson robe, doubtless came from George Adams' collection of Shakespearean stage costumes. Adams himself, Prime Minister of Strang's kingdom, performed the coronation rite, dressed in another of his theatrical costumes.

The next year, 1852, King James was elected to the Michigan State Assembly, probably the only member of royalty ever elected to an American legislative body<sup>(1)</sup>. He may also have run the shortest campaign on record—he did not announce his candidacy until election day!

Strang was assassinated in 1856 by two passengers aboard the U.S.S. Michigan. He was taken back to Voree, where he lingered a few days. When the King was asked to appoint a successor, he replied, "I don't want to talk about it." While he was dying, a mob ransacked Beaver Island, burning down the buildings and molesting the women.

Cyrus Spragg, who had been a member of Strang's kingdom, in the later 1850's founded a Michigan cult of his own. Spragg went Strang one better—he claimed that he was the ultimate ruler of the universe. His

chief pleasure, it seems, was deflowering young girls. He was finally murdered.

Spragg lived in an Ark which he had commanded to be constructed on dry land. Thus closed off from his people, never seeing them, he called himself the "Invisible Presence." Those who found his murdered body—the murderers themselves?—hid it away and pretended they were Spragg. Since all of Spragg's communications—sexual and otherwise—were in the blackest hours of the night, it was months before the hoax was discovered.

The 1840's was old home week for cultists. One was 'Dr.' Wilhelm Keil, a black magician who had been born in Nordhausen, Prussia, in 1812. His prize possession was a manual of magic which had been written in human blood. While in Germany he had left his original profession of ladies' tailor to study alchemy and the medical uses of herbs. He also became a mesmerist and a part-time actor on the stage. Keil emigrated to Pittsburgh in 1835, where a few months later he set up an alchemist's laboratory. Here he searched for the Elixir of life, illegally prescribed drugs, and liked to be addressed as "Der Hexendoctor."

In 1838, Keil converted to Methodism, and made a great show of burning his occult manuals. He quickly left Methodism, however, when the Methodists refused to accept

his claim that he had been predicted in the Book of Revelations. Keil began to gather his own followers. In 1844, about a thousand strong, the Keilites established on 2500 acres the city of Bethel, Missouri. Keil built a distillery, weaving and wagon-making shops, a shoe-making factory, a sawmill and a woolmill. Farm goods were raised for sale.

In 1855, Keil received a divine message to establish a second colony, to be called Aurora, in far off Oregon. Keil picked eighty followers, including his wagon-maker son, to accompany him on the journey. A few days before the wagon train was scheduled to leave Bethel, Keil's son fell suddenly ill and died. Keil, who promised his dying son that he would not be abandoned in Missouri, had the body placed in a lead and glass coffin filled with whiskey. The coffin was placed into the lead wagon, which the boy himself had built. The wagon originally had wooden sides; these were taken off and replaced with curtains.

In 1855 almost every wagon train proceeding west from Missouri was harassed by the Indians—in many cases, wiped out. The trains immediately before and after Keil's party were massacred. Only Keil's party that year got through completely unscathed. When marauding Indians approached, Keil would call out the thirty of his

members who were musicians. While they played hymns and German marches, the other Keilites would raise the curtains on the lead wagon and then sing and dance around the coffin. Keil knew that the Indians would never harm insane persons. On one occasion, in fact, Keil's people received gifts from the Indians! Alice Tyler wrote in her FREEDOM'S FERMENT that "the story of the cavalcade of singing white men led by a wagon containing the coffin of the son of their leader became a legend among the Indians of the Northwest."

Still another cult leader of the 1840's was Eric Jansen, a Swedish Lutheran mystic who began having visions in 1834. Jansen settled his followers at Bishop Hill, near Red Grove, Illinois, in 1848; he named the hill after his birthplace in Sweden. The seer announced to his band of colonists that he was the 'reincarnation' of Jesus Christ. Final proof of this, he said, was that on the third day after his death he would rise again.

No sooner had Jansen made this announcement than his colony of eight hundred began to be plagued with troubles. First one ship bringing supplies and fresh recruits from Sweden was lost with all hands in the Atlantic Ocean, and then two others were shipwrecked with only a very few survivors. Starvation stalked and claimed members at Bishop Hill.

During one two week period, 114 members died of malaria and cholera. Jansen, who seemed singularly immune to disease, walked cheerfully among the sick, whispering, "Go, die in peace."

Hansen was assassinated in 1850 by John Root, a disgruntled follower. Jansen's colonists waited for him to arise again on the third day. He surprised them all.

The Church of the Bride of Christ and of the New Prophet, located first at Corvallis, and later at Waldport, Oregon, has the distinction of being the most sex-drenched religion in American history. The founder of this cult was Edmund Franz Creffield, a Bavarian-born sex-worshipper. He insisted on being called "Joshua II"—which makes me think he knew something of the career of Robert Matthews.

Creffield's gospel, and his racket, can be clearly seen from the following quotation from his preaching: "Verily I say that clothing is evil and an abomination in the sight of the Lord thy God (i.e., Creffield). We must heed his command—to stand naked before him, that He may judge us without disguise. Thus he commanded in the days of Eve. For clothing hides the truth... Strip ye that ye be not hidden from God!"

Maurice Beam, in CULTS OF AMERICA, wrote of Creffield that "Ideas of Christian morality never

entered his head, not because he was evil but because he was an animal. He had no refinement whatever. . . He was the most obnoxious person imaginable, yet women yearned for him and proved it by surrendering all they held most precious—their reputations, their marriages, even their children. He was mean, vicious, and conniving.” At least a dozen of Creffield’s members wound up inmates of insane asylums.

Creffield was stabbed to death in 1906, at the age of thirty-eight. The assassin was the brother of one of Creffield’s many mistresses. Creffield’s faithful cultists—heeding Mrs. Creffield’s screaming admonition that “He is immortal! He will rise

again!”—waited patiently in the funeral chamber for the prophet to climb out of his coffin. He merely began to smell bad. The funeral services were brought to a climax some miles away, where the assassin’s sister thanked him for rescuing her from the horrid life of a harem slave.

She shot and killed him.

(1) King James I was of course not of such great rank as Joshua Abraham Norton, much better known to his devoted subjects as His Gracious Majesty Norton the First, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico. While never elected to any legislative office, Norton I *did* by imperial decree disband, dissolve, and outlaw both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

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# HAPPENINGS NOW

## HEALER KEEPS FLOWERS FRESH

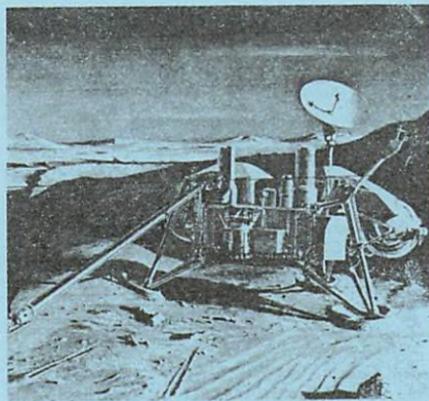


At the conclusion of many tests of healing energy, it is reported that "the life of cut flowers can be extended a third again as long as untreated flowers, and daily healing can keep a bouquet fresh for as long as 55 days!"\*

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## SPACE TRAVEL

Dr. Harrison Schmitt, first scientist to land on the moon, said in a speech



Mars Robot

before the Geological Society of America that the U.S. Space program can be compared with the westward movement of this country in the late 1800s. The Apollo 17 astronaut believes space travel has entered the pioneering stage and the future benefits for mankind are almost limitless.

In 1976, NASA will land two automated scientific laboratories on Mars. The two spacecraft will be launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla., within one month of each other in mid-1975 and will travel nearly 460,000,000 miles around the sun before reaching Mars.

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## DOWSERS LOCATE AVALANCHE VICTIMS

Dowsers using divining rods are amazing Red Cross officials by locating people and objects buried under snow in Norway, where avalanches are a serious peril.

Kaare Ottersen, operations head for Red Cross rescue teams in Norway, tells how the dowsers proved their ability: "At Sunmoere in western

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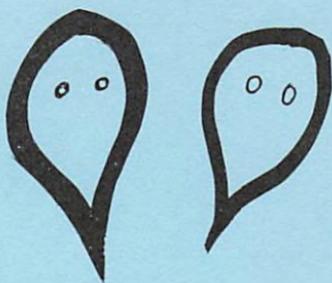
Norway, several dowzers, including one 10 year old, located with ease four persons who had been buried in a large snow field!

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### GHOSTS ARE BUSY

In Miami, Florida, an evil, smoky-looking ghost attempted to choke Mary Winters, a divorcee. In Connecticut, a family living in a North Woodstock farmhouse were terrorized for 11 years by dark clouds that suddenly would glow yellow, orange and red, making a roaring noise in the night. The family finally gave in and moved after an icy, invisible hand grabbed the back of Mrs. Viner's neck.

In Los Angeles, a glowing, seven foot tall "thing" gave a shrill cry and



was accompanied by a great wind which overturned heavy furniture and floored the house's owner, Alex Alexander. He threw a lamp at the eerie glow, whereupon it and the wind promptly disappeared. A catholic priest was brought in to exorcise the ghost and no more trouble occurred.

A happier ghost resides near Sterling, Colorado. It plays the piano.



### THE COLORED MAN

*When he feels bad, he's in a black mood. But he's red when he's embarrassed. He's purple when he's angry. He's white when he's frightened. He's yellow when he's cowardly. He's blue when he's true. And when he's uninteresting— he's colorless!*



# HOW TO PREDICT CRISES

JOAN MERRILL HARMON

One person may have only one of what we will call, for the sake of convenience "crisis aspects" during his lifetime and it may correspond with his death. Another person may have four or five crisis aspects, only the last of which corresponds with his death, those previous being hair breadth narrow escapes in some way, in health or safety.

With the use of astrology, a serious crisis can be handled most helpfully considering the safety factor for the individual. The recent suicide of a fourteen year old son of a prominent family was attributed to low grades in school. The boy lived in an area where school marks are considered

particularly important. Children and youths are being driven to desperation by pressures which are typical of the age we live in. But had it been known that the boy was under crisis aspects which could have (and did) corresponded with the time of his unnecessary death, extra understanding, love and sympathy might have prevented the tragedy.

In the chart of any person where the day, month, and year of birth is known, the crisis periods can easily be found, using a method suggested by C.E.O. Carter and extended a little. Briefly, here is how to do it:—

Subtract the year of birth from the year you are concerned about in the

life of the person. Multiply times four, Count forward from the birthdate in the ephemeris that many days and note the Jupiter position and Neptune position. Also note the natal Jupiter and Neptune positions.

You have a crisis aspect when you have found any aspect between natal Jupiter and progressed (this method) Neptune, or between natal Neptune and progressed Jupiter or Progressed Jupiter is conjunct Radical Jupiter or Progressed Neptune is conjunct Radical Neptune. The orb may be about up to about four degrees.

Every aspect is used, namely conjunction ( $8^{\circ}$ ), vigintile ( $18^{\circ}$ ), quindecile ( $24^{\circ}$ ), semi-sextile ( $30^{\circ}$ ), decile ( $36^{\circ}$ ), semi-square ( $45^{\circ}$ ), sextile ( $60^{\circ}$ ), quintile ( $72^{\circ}$ ), square ( $90^{\circ}$ ), tre-decile ( $108^{\circ}$ ), trine ( $120^{\circ}$ ), sesquiquadrate ( $135^{\circ}$ ), biquintile ( $144^{\circ}$ ), quincunx ( $150^{\circ}$ ), and opposition ( $180^{\circ}$ ).

Let's look at some examples:

General Douglas MacArthur was born January 26, 1880. His natal Jupiter is at  $14^{\circ} 16'$  of Pisces. His natal Neptune is at  $9^{\circ} 16'$  of Taurus (and Jupiter is at  $14^{\circ} 16'$  of Taurus (and retrograde). He died April 5th, 1964. Subtracting 1880 from 1964 leaves 84. Multiply times 4=336 days. Going back to his birthdate in the ephemeris, count forward 336 days for the progressed Jupiter and Neptune positions:— This brings us to December 26th, 1880 at which time

Jupiter's position is  $10^{\circ} 27'$  Aries, and Neptune is at  $11^{\circ} 42'$  of Taurus and retrograde. At that time his progressed Jupiter is semi-sextile his radical Neptune within  $1^{\circ}$  while his progressed Neptune is sextile his natal Jupiter by  $3^{\circ}$ .

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was born January 30, 1882. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage on April 12, 1945. At that time his progressed Jupiter (Progressions in this article are meant to mean by this method only) was semisquare his radical Jupiter exact while his progressed Neptune at  $18^{\circ} 15'$  Taurus and retrograde was conjunct his radical Jupiter at  $16^{\circ} 54'$  Taurus by about  $2^{\circ}$ .

Ernie Kovacs was born January 23, 1919 and died in January of 1962 when his car hit a tree. He had survived progressed Jupiter's semisextile to his natal Neptune exact and Jupiter conjunct Jupiter back in 1939 when, after contracting double pneumonia and plurisy, he was given three months to live. But he died when progressed Neptune at  $8^{\circ}$  Leo was exactly semisextile his radical Jupiter at  $8^{\circ}$  Cancer.

A man whose hobby was glider piloting was born April 15, 1921. He took his plane up on November 12, 1964 when any astrologer could have warned him against it since his progressed (day for a year) Uranus was opposition his radical ascendant, transiting Mars in  $3^{\circ}$  of Virgo was in

opposition to his natal Uranus (in his 8th house!) in  $8^{\circ}$  Pisces. Transiting Uranus was also in opposition to his natal Uranus. Meanwhile his natal Jupiter which is  $9^{\circ}$  of Virgo is in exact quincunx ( $24^{\circ}$ ) to his progressed Neptune at  $15^{\circ}$  of Leo at the time of his death.

A man born October 23rd, 1934 who had recently lost both parents, quarreled with his wife and shot himself in the head on the evening of June 19, 1962. At the time, progressed Neptune at  $13^{\circ} 47'$  Virgo is within  $3^{\circ}$  of a semisquare to his natal Jupiter in  $23^{\circ}$  Scorpio.

A man born September 7, 1900 died May 16th, 1962. At the time his progressed Jupiter was opposition his radical Neptune by  $1^{\circ}$ .

A woman born October 23, 1899 died of leukemia July 28th, 1954. At the time progressed Neptune was biquintile her natal Jupiter by  $2^{\circ}$ .

A chronically ailing, heavy smoking female born April 29th, 1898, died July 7, 1965 when her progressed Jupiter was tredecile her natal Neptune exact.

President John F. Kennedy was born May 29th, 1917 and was assassinated in November of 1963 when his progressed Jupiter at  $6^{\circ}$  Gemini was within  $4^{\circ}$  of a sextile to his natal Neptune.

In the case of a murder victim born April 16th, 1902, who died April 10th, 1936, her progressed Neptune is

inconjunct her radical Jupiter exact when she died at the age of 34.

A man born July 25, 1912 who had been pretty healthy all his life, took sick and died in January of 1969 when his progressed Jupiter in  $6^{\circ}$  of Sagittarius was within  $1^{\circ}$  of an exact sesquiquare to his natal Neptune at  $22^{\circ}$  Cancer.

The writer was born February 19th, 1925 and came very close to death in childbirth in January of 1962 by a biquintile.

A person can be under even a double crisis aspect and survive. A girl born November 15th, 1946 crossed the street at 1:30 A.M. on September 7th, 1964 when the traffic policeman on that street told her to come across. However, the approaching car doing 80 mph, and driven by a woman left skid marks for 164 feet without stopping on time.

It hit her, causing a concussion, a split tendon, a broken pelvis, abrasion of ear and the knocking of one arm out of joint. After the girl was thrown up in the air, she hit the telephone wires and fell down to the street. Skin grafts were necessary but she did recover despite all the odds against her.

At the time her natal Neptune was semisquare her progressed Jupiter exact and her radical Jupiter was semisextile her progressed Neptune exact.

In this case and in many others

where there is violence to a person young in life there is an aspect between Jupiter and Neptune at birth—however this bears further checking into. In this case there is a semi-sextile between her natal Jupiter in  $10^{\circ} 53'$  Scorpio and Neptune  $9^{\circ} 53'$  Libra.

In Ray Palmer's case his radical Neptune is  $19^{\circ} 48'$  of Cancer, and every day after birth brings progressed Jupiter closer to a square. By the time he was seven Jupiter was at  $14^{\circ} 23'$  of Libra. Five degrees! It is too close almost to four. Had his accident occurred a bit later it is doubtful that he could have survived.

In the case of the kidnapped and murdered Charles Lindbergh, Jr. there was a  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  sextile between Jupiter and Neptune at birth.

And my son born January 14, 1963 (6:40 A.M.) Weymouth, Mass, who died when the obstetrician crushed his skull with the forceps had Jupiter time Neptune within  $4^{\circ}$  at birth.

It would seem that some of these crisis aspects occur at times when an individual's destiny hangs in the balance. When his life or death depends precariously on the placing of a weight at one or another end of the scale. We analyzed about a thousand crisis aspects. When double ones occurred, death seemed more likely. When commonly used aspects occur such as conjunction, opposition, square, sextile, sesquisquare,

semisquare and inconjunct, the aspect seems more powerful or more threatening. When an aspect becomes within  $4^{\circ}$  of orb approaching it become usually powerful enough to trigger something and when it is exact it is most powerful. Yet we have several proofs that people can survive a couple of exact crisis aspects at a time, such as the case just given.

Here is a case in which an automobile accident occurred, killing only one of three persons in the car. It happened on July 31st, 1963 at 5:00 a.m. outside Deming, New Mexico. The driver was born September 7th, 1942 (5:45 P.M.) Stockton, Calif.

His natal Jupiter was at  $18^{\circ} 51'$  Cancer, Neptune at  $29^{\circ}$  Virgo. Progressed Neptune is at  $1^{\circ} 44'$  Libra; progressed Jupiter  $24^{\circ} 44'$  Cancer Retrograde. His natal Jupiter therefore is quintile his progressed Neptune but the aspect is  $1^{\circ}$  past exact so we can't attribute much if any power to it in this context. Meanwhile Progressed Jupiter is sextile his radical Neptune within  $5^{\circ}$  which seems to put the crisis aspect just about  $1^{\circ}$  out of orb if we are going to go by the majority of cases. At any rate the aspect wasn't close enough to do more damage—the driver survived.

In the course of the accident, the driver went to pass a car and the Aries passenger swore that there *was* another car that "just loomed up". In

other words they went to pass a car only to find one oncoming. (This seemed odd since Deming is a completely flat area of the country and you can see a long way off.)

Both driver and Aries passenger swore the car had unusually bright lights. The driver said he swerved and started to skid. However no-one seems to know anything about this car as it apparently kept on going (if there was such a car!)

The Virgo driver was smart enough not to move back to the middle of the road which could have caused a collision. He went over to the left of the road and side swiped the car and then, in an attempt to get it under control, continued down the left hand side. Gravel was strewn for over one fourth a mile. They skidded down the road one half mile according to the police.

It was during this time that they side swiped the rear fender of the other car coming down the opposite side of the road also. It was considered strange that there never was a head-on crash. The Aries passenger commented that the first car seemed like a ghost car.

The driver was going quite fast. The car was a compact which did not hug the road at high speed. In the last minute, the driver reached over to hold his mother in, hoping then also to pin down the Aries passenger.

The odd thing about it was that

both the driver and, the third passenger, his mother were found in the car and their injuries indicated that the doors never opened—but the Aries passenger was found out of the car. The only plausible explanation was that Aries must have gone through the broken windshield, but how is another question. The car turned over three times and cleared a fence. It almost seemed, to the Aries passenger, as though he had been lifted out and set clear of it. The car was totally demolished and the tops taken off suitcases.

The Aries passenger was born March 30th, 1946 (5:25 pm, Silver City, New Mexico). He was under a crisis aspect. His natal Jupiter at  $24^{\circ} 14'$  Libra Retrograde was within  $1^{\circ}$  of a vigintile to Progressed Neptune at  $5^{\circ} 52'$  Libra also retrograde. A vigintile seems like a piddling aspect but we have to consider all aspects in "crisis".

The driver's mother was born January 6, 1906. She died two days after the accident as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. At the time her progressed Jupiter was conjunct her radical Neptune by four degrees. It would have been strange had she survived this conjunction, which is an extremely powerful aspect. It would have eventually killed her anyway but considering the  $4^{\circ}$  orb, she probably could have enjoyed more years of life had she managed to avoid being in that car at that time.



Dr. Ann Wigmore

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**WARM RINSE**

**DRAIN**

*wide mouth jar or earthenware flower pot and cover with wire screening or double thickness cheese cloth, securing with a rubber band. Fill the container with water (room temperature) and let the seeds soak: large seeds, 15 hours; small seeds, 4 hours. Afterwards, pour off the water, rinse seeds and container carefully and drain thoroughly. Leave container in a warm environment. In the evening, rinse and drain thoroughly. In about three days, you will see the seeds produce tiny shoots.*

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**It is better that things go in one ear and out the other than it is if they go in one ear, get scrambled between the ears and come out the mouth.**

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# SAINT GERMAIN

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Despite legends that surround Comte de Saint-Germain, little is known about him. He held a position of influence in the French court of Louis XV. It is said he appeared in Paris, after his death, prophesying the French Revolution!

## PART III

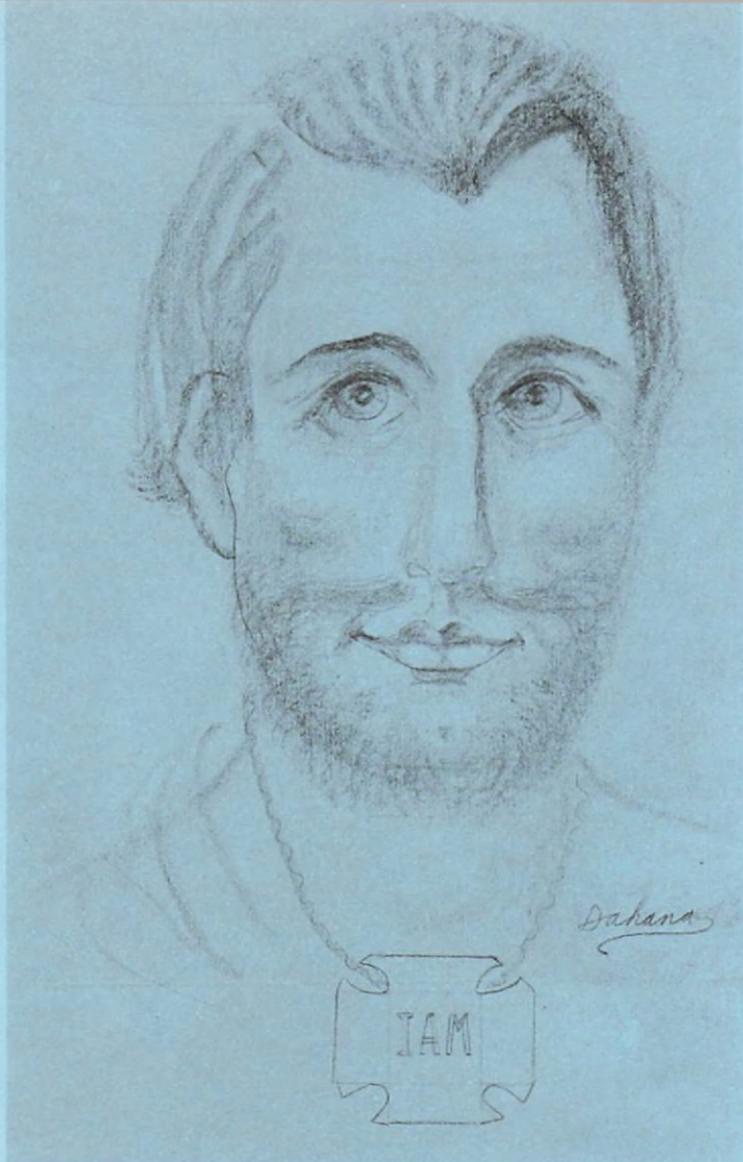
Saint Germain associated frequently with the Royalty of Europe and spent much time within the courts of kings, and more than once lived for an indefinite time in royal-supplied villas amid the grandeur, enjoying the largess bestowed upon him in return for his mysterious and enchanting Presence.

Some feats of magic enticed the ladies of the court. I remember once Saint Germain, in a class dictation said: "I associated with Marie Antoinette in her court, and warned her. She would not take heed and paid the penalty for that disobedience." Now we could wonder what the warning was and what it was that she was disobedient about? Would she have faced death rather than give away her soul? She lost her head, that

we know. Her kingdom became a shambles, and France has faced many changes since.

## THE FATHER OF MASONRY

Saint Germain was the Father of Masonry (this was given out also through Mama Ballard as his channel). Was his hand active through Masonry—for Masonry? Once those heads rolled into the basket, the road was paved for a future revolution and a almost continual slaughter of thousands of people quoting from Ellen G. White, "The Great Controversy", page 273 "The same master spirit that urged on the St. Bartholomew Massacre led also in the scenes of the Revolution. Jesus Christ was declared an impostor, and the rallying cry of the French infidels was, "Crush the Wretch", meaning Christ. Heaven-daring blasphemy and abominable wickedness went hand in hand, and the basest of men, the most abandoned monsters of cruelty and vice, were most highly exalted. In all this, supreme homage was paid to



#### COMTE DE ST-GERMAIN

The Comte de Saint-Germain was said to have been more than 2000 years old. He was a wedding guest at Cana when Christ turned the water into wine, according to "*The Marriage at Cana*" by Veronese *Right*. The aliases of the Comte de Saint-Germain were said to have been numerous.

Satan; while Christ, in His characteristics of truth, purity and unselfish love, was crucified." End of quote.

The St. Bartholomew Massacre was the burning and killing of more than 70,000 Christians (reformers away from Papal rule who *read* the Bible Scriptures, in defiance to the 'chained Bible' rule of the Pope and the Catholic practice of that age). These Christians were some of the most learned people of France and other surrounding states, who defied the corrupt rule of the popes of Rome who tried to run the political affairs of every European country. They enforced their will through fear (and what not?) over the King of France and demanded the lives of the Christians called Heretics. They, the priests, *under the order of the Pope did that awful work of slaying whole families who had the Bible in their homes.*

The performance of the Bolshevics in Russia was just as bestial, as they killed the Royal family in the dead of night and then took 10,000 of the intelligencia and the Royal guard (first) and shot them in trenched graves. Later no less than 20,000,000 Christians lost their lives, and many were called upon to recant Christ. It is easy to understand that many revolutions are fought—rather bestialities are committed in the name of Atheism. O, Lord He hath

many names!

When studying the prevailing spirit (and it could very well be just that, invisible spirit) of all revolutions we find Masonry and its associated secret societies and lodges at the inception and dream of revolutions—as they so love to describe that emotion for CHANGE.

Nesta Webster, "Secret Societies and subversive movements" page 254: says, "Thus in the opinion of the Grand Master of German Free Masonry, a secret sect working within Freemasonry had brought about the French Revolution and would be the cause of all future Revolutions." Just a few lines further we find this interesting bit: "The Bavarian Order of The Illuminati", wrote Mr. Waite was founded by Adam Weishaupt in 1776". End of quote. A dramatic incidence around this mysterious personage in Bavaria led to the banning of the Illuminati in Bavaria, and the Head of State there sent word to all of the European Monarchs of a PLOT that unveiled by chance during an accident involving the courier, where printed in detail was the great plan for dethroning the Monarchs of Europe! the famous Masonry plan executed by this secret clan within, whose head was Weishaupt—and in the "History of Freemasonry", a book of that period, Bazot wrote: "It was the most brilliant epoch of Masonry!" End of quote.

In the book "Light-Bearers of Darkness" by Inquire, within which is a documentary on magic, occultism and related subjects, we quote, "in order unto the rising-up to the successive degrees of the Melchisedeck Order, the whole burnt offering is required. In the S.M. we find a special ritual for the invocation of Melchisedeck, and also a higher grade in the R.R. et A.C. (Rosicrucians Order) as the Count de Saint Germain said of *his* Melchisedeck Priesthood: *You shall guide the course of Stars, and those who rule empires shall be governed by you.*" End of quote. Nesta Webster writes this in reference to the "Master" of Annie Besants Co-Masonry: "but in the third degree the astonishing information is confided with an appearance of great secrecy, that he is no other than the famous Comte de Saint-Germain, who really did not die in 1784, but is still alive today in Hungařy under the name of Ragoosky. . .the Master is in reality an Austrian of Royal Birth". End of quote.

In Eliphas Levi's "History of Magic" a note says: "Saint Germain testified on his part. . .that he was the son of Prince Ragoosky of Transylvania." We may mention here, that Mama Ballard has given several different names that Saint Germain used, mentioning the above, and others like: Francis Bacon, Weldon, (meaning a job well done) William

Shakespear (meaning the will of the "I Am" to *shake* the *spear* at ignorance and darkness), Columbus, who discovered the "Mainland", the Prophet Samuel and a few others.

Bernard Lazare in "l'Antisemitisme", Paris 1894 says this: "It is most probable that, in the years which preceded the French Revolution, they entered the councils of this sect in increasing numbers and founded secret societies themselves. There were Jews with Weishaupt, and Martinez de Pasqualis, a Jew of Portuguese origin, organized numerous groups of Illuminati in France and recruited many adepts whom he initiated into the dogma of reinstatement. The Martinezist Lodges were mystic, while the other Masonic orders were rather rationalist; a fact which permits us to say that the secret societies represented the two sides of Jewish mentality: practical rationalism and pantheism, that pantheism which, although it is a metaphysical reflection of belief in an only God, yet sometimes leads to Kabbalistic liturgy. One could easily show the agreements of these two tendencies, the alliance of Cazotte, of Cagliostro, of Martinez, of Saint Martin, of the *Comte de Saint Germain*, of Eckarthausen, with which the Encyclopedists and the Jacobins, and the manner in which, in spite of their opposition, they arrived at the same result, *the weakening of*

Christianity.” End of quote.

### **“SOMEWHERE YOU WILL FIND THE NAME OF SAINT GERMAIN”**

At another point of our instruction in the I Am, Saint Germain told us: “I am the Master of Ritual”. In almost every Lodge and secret society, somewhere you will find the name of Saint Germain and in the most potent way imaginable!

There are still other names, of that vaunted personage Saint Germain. In the “Souvenirs of the Marquise de Crequy the Baron de Breteuil” discovered from the archives of his MINISTRY, “that the pretended Comte de Saint Germain was the son of a Jewish Doctor of Strasburg, that his real name was DANIEL WOLF, and that he was born in 1704. The general opinion thus appears to have been in favor of Jewish ancestry.”

Further on this same page we find this: “Meanwhile Saint Germain’s invention of flat bottomed boats for the invasion of England raised him still higher in the estimation of the Marechal de Belle-Isle. In 1761 we hear of him living in great splendour in Holland and giving out that he had reached the age of 74, though appearing to be only 50; if this were so he must have been 97 at the time of his death in 1784. But this feat of longevity is far from satisfying his modern admirers who declare that he did not die in 1784, but is still alive

today in some corner of Eastern Europe.” End of quote.

Further in another book we find he told some of his Royal admirers that he was over 1500 years old. This brings to mind the tale of the Wandering Jew, which has found a voice through a number of writers.

### **“LIMITLESS POWER”**

As we look into his doctrines of this century, through the “I Am” Activity we find much of the work is concerned with what He called Eternal Youth and Beauty. This, of course, if once achieved, brought that great boon of limitless power, a phrase much used in the “I Am” work. What would limitless power mean?

Limitless power meant the grand opportunity of wielding cosmic energy in any form desired. Healing power, instant precipitation—which means any desire, be it money, material things, to be transported in space (called levitation) or to be protected from danger. The power to move physical objects is through the power of *will*. All is accomplished through the power of will, yet I took it to mean that some unseen entity (God?) or some nameless power in the universe would be harnessed for the use of the individual who had reached this degree!

That’s a moot question; what degree? Saint Germain said this power was possible to one who had purified

his outer selves and energies. He had brought the Violet Flame, a purifying power to get this done! Then again, like a thread through the various dictations from Saint Germain, and the other entities (gods and goddesses), would be the promise: "Ask us are we not "all power"? We have the ability, and limitless substance obeys our every command. ask us and we will give it to you!"

Saint Germain promised every student who was obedient to him through the "I Am" Activity, *his Ascension* (as Jesus Ascended) after the end of this embodiment! What a glorious Promise! This, the state of pure bliss! All the records of inharmony are purified, and the soul is clothed in a body of light, that can function anywhere in the universe at will; manifesting any condition at will! In the normal course of events (as Jesus the Christ did), we would have to work many lives and times for that complete surrender to "Good" in order to have the Creator thus clothe us in that invincible body of Light (higher ethers).

#### **DAILY DECREES:**

##### **"I AM, I AM, I AM"**

In the daily "I Am" Degrees these desired conditions were repeated over and over—always prefaced by: "I Am, I Am, I Am," then the desired result; also rhyming oftentimes and sing-songing it usually in rhythms of

threes.

The Decrees were always called just that; but "Mantras" have the same metre hence, from Arthur Avalon in his translation from the Sanskrit of Tantra of *the Great Liberation*, says: "A Mantra is composed of certain letters arranged in definite sequence of sounds, of which the letters are the representative signs. To produce the designed effect, Mantra must be intoned in the proper way, according to rhythm and sound. . . A Mantra is a *potent compelling force*, a word of power." End of quote.

Further we read: "In one of the Mantras it is said: "I fear O Lord! that even that which thou hast ordained for the good of men, will through them turn out for evil." Is then Dr. Steiner's eurhythmy for the great good or for the great evil?" End of quote. One of the most penetrating questions ever asked! Can we ask of Saint Germain's Activity: what of those millions of decrees given by masses of students, in unison, in the Temples everywhere? Ton upon ton of physical and spiritual energy was gathered from the student body. THE DECREES ARE VOICED POWERFULLY, THEY WERE VISUALIZED: Who was the recipient of that vast energy?

The decrees, or Mantra if you will, were specific word combinations, given by Mama Ballard, and said to be divine messages from the Masters from

the inner realms. Many times students had asked the Leader if it was ever going to be possible to meet (in person and visible) Saint Germain, and any one of the other mysterious personages whose words flooded the material (transmissions) given. We were told that at a certain time they would be visible. Saint Germain would personally hold all his obedient students ("loved Ones") in His embrace of light!

The Decrees were in many forms; some were Blessings, some were demands for money and opulence; most were decrees for the changes in national or world affairs. There were the "Blasting" fiats, and these were the instruments of Power: "I am Blasting, Blasting, Blasting all (whatever) from the earth or our Land today. Then these would be repeated sometimes hundreds of times in a rhythm that almost rocked the temple. Had we been on a bridge it would have surely crumbled! Another Powerful fiat was the "Drive and Bind" decree. For instance if someone sent you bad thoughts or ideas, even worse perhaps, you used the Drive and Bind Decree, which went something like this: "Drive, Drive, Drive and Bind back into the brain and body of (whoever) sends this (whatever) to me and Kill, Kill, Kill it forever, let IT take it's toll in their own brain and body, and no where else, finishing with the chant—Thrice, "I am" and so

on.

With the proper concentration on decrees like these last two, severe consequences can set in even death to the victim thus assailed! For the excuse in the "I Am" creed for this action is this: Anything anyone sends to you, or a country to our country, or a mass of people to our mass or body of people (ism's have been known to oppose each other) the proper use of the LAW is to send back the energy! In other words, instantaneous Karma paid back? Here's the catch; say a great mass of hundreds of people decree these particular fiats with enormous feeling—this feeling becomes a destructive action and it is pointedly sent back to the source (supposedly) with amplified energy of what ever the original energy was sent. "BACK, BACK, BACK, INTO THEIR BRAINS AND BODIES! and let it take the toll there and nowhere else!" This energy without any help from the domains outside our material world was powerfully sent, and could but reach the mark!

**"WE TAKE YOUR ENERGY  
IN THE 'DECREES' FOR  
OBJECTIVES TO ACCOMPLISH"**

Saint Germain and the Great Ones, as they called themselves often said in the dictations, WE TAKE YOUR ENERGY IN THE "DECREES" FOR OBJECTIVES TO ACCOMPLISH,

AND AMPLIFY THE ENERGY MANY TIMES! Understanding the action of those energies NOW, I hesitate to think upon the boldness of such activity!

To what end were the energies used? Energy is a "mass". The wars we decreed to stop bred more wars. Every vice we worked to stop, has multiplied itself many times? what became of the powerful masses of energy amplified many times by the Great Ones? A lot of energy was put in the Cataclysmic Change to govern its destructive action (when it comes) for we had been reminded continuously of the Great Change, and what to expect.

Was it the better part of wisdom to put so much dynamic energy into such a delicate balance of earthquakes? This year in the midwest alone, 250 tornadoes ravaged the States. Powerful force in a tornado! Throughout the earth, quakes have ripped up whole cities and areas.

Speaking of energy; in the magic lore of the occult—chants and rituals can be used to invoke certain ELEMENTALS of Nature to carry out a command. It has always been understood that the evil forces were in the "elements of Nature" or evil forces used and made slaves or certain "Elementals" to cause destructive action. How often you have heard the saying: "God has sent this storm or destruction to teach the people a

lesson!"

Throughout history there have been instances where a people and a locality have become so degenerated with evil, the Almighty Creator did so order the dissolution of the whole as in Sodom and Gomorrah. There have been others. But in each case there has never been a remnant left, accept the one or few that were removed before the dissolution. (Noah) for one.

In between these great Acts-of-God there is plenty of wanton destruction. Many crops are lost or wasted, millions of people want for food in every era. *Almost as if a furious adversary is limited to peripheral destruction, just when a country or people are beginning to see the light and bring themselves into a better expression.* Think about it. The agitation goes on constantly.

We were told in class instruction, that these were the last days of Satan (Lucifer) and every effort of the old adversary and his gang were directed on the Children of Light. Of course, in passing, we must understand that the Children of Light here mentioned, meant the student body of Saint Germain, all under His radiation. Anyone truly outside that arc of light was in "outer darkness" with no hope at all for salvation.

#### **A FEW DARED TO WALK AWAY**

If you left the "Activity" you were considered a part of that "outer

darkness" and bound to suffer untold agonies. In this we can sense a threat that became a binding power to stay within the Creed of Saint Germain, rather than stand the furies of non acceptance plus the darkness of the outer world. This grim aspect nevertheless did not deter some to walk away from "the Great Light". One Lady that I knew of middle age had been a student for some years, and suddenly, I met her walking up Oak Street near the Drive (Chicago) one afternoon with an overly serious look—"What's up," I queried. She threw her head back resolutely and retorted: "I'm going back to the Lutheran Church—and common sense!" I had no comment for this, but for many years, that scene stuck in my mind. I wish I could have known what incident, or revelation, be it that, had come to her to make this drastic decision.

Another striking example of leaving with a flair, was a stunning Russian girl. Out of the blue one day, she got up and from nowhere it seemed, she produced a LIT candle! When or where she contrived to materialize this torch no one knew. Bravely and with thriving purpose she walked upon the stage, while at the podium a transfixed decree leader drew back open mouthed. Girl and flame walked around the votive vessel (Crystal Cup) and unlit candles reserved only for the most important classes, and uttered

chants in the form of exorcising evil spirits. I think she achieved several rounds before an usher came to escort her off the stage and out of the "Light" forever! It was a first, of anything so defiant of the established decorum. It set me to thinking.

### PAST LIVES, OR PSYCHIC ATTACK?

When Leaders of a creed start telling devotees of their own past embodiments (of greatness) and favored disciples who "they" were in a former incarnation, it's like opening Pandora's Box!

With great austerity we learned one day some years after the "Great Ones" started giving Mama Ballard her first dictations after the death of Daddy Ballard that SHE was the Goddess of Truth, having served in many embodiments as the bearer of Truth! Thus she was revered, and almost worshipped as a Deity from then on. Other students, among them Frances Ekey, furthered this deference, and Francis one day told a small group of us who were hanging on her quotes: "Mama is the Christ of this age!"

We have had many contenders for that Crown! The answer may abide in the tears of Jesus Christ through His Ordeal!

Contrary to so many glamorous embodiments, like "Lotus" which was Mama's secret spiritual name,—Lotus

was Cleopatra in that life? What a contrast to the Goddess of Truth! We had many famous personages in lowly bodies, like Marie Antoinette, and Mme. Pompadour. A most wizened little being in both body and mind was Jesus' Twin Ray! What an ambitious dream. She was however a good contributor of some pleasant means, so her foibles were tolerated with a smile. With a bit of humor, a student called Bob, said one day at class dinner, "Well, if they can be all of those, I'm going to pick out a good one—how about John Quincy Adams?" Humor was always appreciated!

All humor aside, psychic attack is no joke. While this was never given any quarter by the leaders, as they would pass that off as delusion on a student's part, students were told to use the Violet Flame and purify themselves.

I have met several severe cases of psychic attack. I tried to help in several. One man was Paul Stickle, formerly an attorney. He had a brilliant mind—yet he gave the outer

work up to enter the Cause of Saint Germain. I will later relate the stories of psychic attack, including the story of Paul Stickle, whom I knew fairly well.

It is possible when devotees enter mass evokative ritual, their inner selves (psychic) are open to psychic attack? Not that it happens always, but the pitch of emotion may be a deciding factor. I would like to recall some tragic cases who somehow could not come out of the mesmerism of mental aberation. In future issues I plan to give my impressions on the following:

- More about the grapevine rumors that wrecked reputations.
- Saint Germain's travels through Europe and the "I Am" Youth activity meeting in Mount Shasta, California.
- What "I Am" means. Creatures of the inner world.
- The various *bodies* attached to the lifestream, and many other aspects of Occultism.

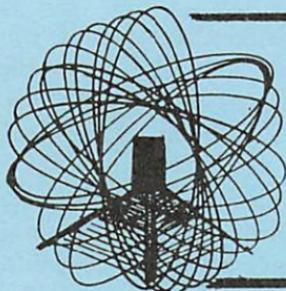
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*When things are corrupt and rotten  
They die and the fresh makes its way,  
This is the course in creation  
Darkness yields to the dawning day.*

GISELA FALDOWSKI

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## TRUE EXPERIENCES

### CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

By Angie Bass

I awakened from a dream crying. It seemed that someone had touched me on the shoulder in an attempt to waken me. With a start I sat up in bed—then I remembered my dream! I dreamed that I was walking near a large stone church. People were coming from every direction, carrying gaily wrapped Christmas packages, and were entering the church. Through the window I saw a huge Christmas tree aglow with twinkling colored lights. I stopped a lady entering the church and asked “Why are you having a Christmas party THIS time of year?” To which she replied “Oh, we’re having it early this year as Mr. Dale (E.L. Dale) is going to die before Christmas.”

Mr. Dale was editor and publisher of the Carthage Press, my hometown newspaper, and I have been Community Correspondent for 27 years.

I told my husband about my dream the next morning. He said, “Oh, you’re always having dreams. It probably doesn’t mean a thing.” I tried to dismiss it from my mind, but try as I would, I could not keep from thinking about it. Several times I picked up the telephone to call Mr. Dale’s son, Robert, but decided I should not do it.

A few days later I told my neighbors Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Ross about it. They agreed that it was indeed a strange dream.

Then on December 22 at 4 P.M. Mrs. Ross telephoned me and asked if

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I had heard that Mr. Dale had passed away. I had not had the radio or TV on at all that day. He died at 10:15 that morning. The group from his church were at the church decorating the Christmas tree when he died. The church in my dream was his church—the Grace Episcopal Church.

When Mrs. Ross called she said, "This is the end of your dream of several months ago." I checked back in my Diary and found the date of my dream was September 22, 1969, three months to the very day!



### **FASTER THAN A FLYING SAUCER**

**By Brother Van  
(W. T. Vandeventer)**

I have had numerous out of the body experiences. When I was a young lad, one beautiful Sunday morning, I woke to be greeted by two little angels outside my window. I woke my sister but she could not see them. They were sitting on a thin flat surface, for the want of a better name, I shall call it a magic carpet. They floated off into the distance and out of sight. I watched as long as I could see them.

During World War II I was on the Island of Shemya in the Aleutians. While I was there, I went on many Astral flights, on one I appeared to Rev. Emma Roney at East St. Louis, Illinois. She recognized me as my picture appeared on the front page of the "Psychic Observer". (July 25, 1945). My address was there, and she wrote me a letter which I still have. She said, quote, "I had just retired and was just relaxed when you stood at the foot of my bed dressed in a fur Parka. You stood there but a few seconds and then you were gone."

I remember being in this large city, my first awareness was that I was on a Veranda three flights up from a busy street where I saw a woman flip a cigarette and it hit a man in the street and he shouted up to give her a bad time about it. I walked on to the far end of the Veranda and was about to go down the stairs. Then it seemed I knew someone in the room at the head of the stairs. I walked in but was there only a few seconds as I had to return to my body on the Island of Shemya which took only the twinkling of an eye.

Let us pause here and consider the speed of my return. "Faster than a Flying Saucer?????"

# THE OAH SPE CIRCLE



*"My Father in heaven is thy Father also; all men and women are my brothers and sisters. To magnify one's soul so as to realize this brotherhood is a great virtue. No matter what name He hath, there is, nevertheless, but One Creator; and all people are His children."*

OAH SPE

## ORGANIZATIONS



### ELOISTS, INC.

There is a strong, well established Faithist organization in the North Eastern United States known as The Eloists, Inc., which holds charters in the states of New Jersey and Massachusetts as a nonprofit, religious organization. The Massachusetts group, which has five members, has been chartered since 1918 and the New Jersey group, which has nine members, was chartered in 1970. Daily worship services are held in Massachusetts, while the meetings for worship in New Jersey are held weekly.

We intend to begin a community

for orphan infants in the near future and we are making preparations toward that goal at the present time. We are beginning monthly business meetings to discuss plans, to look into property, initiate action to adopt orphans, and so on. If there are any Faithists interested in this project, please write to us.

Robert N. Pavlosky  
Corresponding Secretary  
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Gillette, N.J. 07933



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Universal Brotherhood of Faithists  
Box 112  
Tiger, GA. 30576

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We have nothing to do with selling land, but desire to gather a few Faithists together in a setup where

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Joan and Zane Harmon  
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### MEETING PLACE

#### LAKELAND, FLORIDA

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Lakeland, Florida 33803

#### SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

I have yet to *meet* any OAH SPE readers or be contacted by any *locally*. We have heard from others in other states and, naturally, hope to meet them.

Gordon Allgrove  
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Santa Clara, CA 95050

### INFORMATION, PLEASE

 I am greatly interested in securing more detailed information about the OAH SPE BIBLE and THE ESSENES OF KOSMON. I recently

purchased the photo-copy of the 1882 edition.

Maurice Baum  
50 Mt. Olympus Dr.  
Issaquah, Wa. 98027

## NOTICE



### THE DRAFT CAN STILL BE A PROBLEM FOR A FAITHIST

The primary purpose of this letter is to gather information. What do the majority of Faithists believe concerning the two types of Conscientious Objector classifications the government has to offer? Remember, 1-A-0 classification means non-combatant military service, if called; 1-0 classification means alternate civilian service. In the interest of future Faithists facing the draft board, please write and tell the Selective Service which of the two classifications you believe is right in the eyes of Jehovih. Let the whole family sit down and write—14 years of age to ?. The more letters received, the stronger the Faithist's case before the draft board.

Please state specifically in your letter what your Highest Light is on the following questions:

1. Do you believe it is against Jehovih and the teachings of Oahspe to participate in any war?

2. Do you believe some wars are justified?

3. Would you take part in the military for any king or nation?

4. Do you believe it is aiding and abetting in war and the continuance of the military by serving in a non-combatant position such as medic, chaplain, Coast Guard National Guard, etc.?

5. Would you serve as a medic or chaplain in a standing army in the time of peace?

6. WOULD YOU SERVE IN THE Coast Guard or National Guard?

7. If the Coast Guard and National Guard were to go out of existence as a military organization do you believe that there would be some other organization to help in national disasters such as earthquakes, floods, etc.?

8. Would you be willing to go to prison for your beliefs?

State if you will give your permission to Faithists to use your letter as evidence in their behalf before any local draft board.

Please state your age and how long you have been a Faithist.

Address your letter to: National Selective Service System Headquarters, 1724 F St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20435. Have it notarized, but do *not* send it to them. Send your letter directly to us. If you would like to correspond with us personally, please do so separately. Letters to the Selective Service will be compiled in book form together with

an introductory page showing the contents, purpose of the letters and a statistical chart showing what Faithists believe collectively in regard to war and standing armies in peacetime.

If you are a Faithist not living in the United States or under the jurisdiction of the Selective Service System, by all means you and all your members write for statistical purposes, what you believe regarding war, standing armies, medics, chaplains, etc. Letters from Faithists anywhere in the world will help tremendously.

Let us, together in Jehovih's name,

in one accord, make our brother's case strong before his local draft board and the world.

When writing to us personally, we would appreciate it if each and every Faithist would let us know what their draft classification is pending, please let us know the outcome. This information is for statistical purposes only and may be of great value to Faithists in the future.

In Brotherly Love,  
Ray & Mae Bernard  
1654 N. Alberta St.  
Portland, Oregon 97217

**\*\* If you already have a group, send in a notice so others may join you.**

**\*\* If you wish to form a group in your area, send in your notice.**

**\*\* If you hope to contact just one or two Oahspe readers near you, or by mail, send in your request.**

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# It's A STRANGE, STRANGE World

By Kurt Glemser

## Objects Shoot Up

Just as there have been strange falls of objects, objects have also been pulled upwards by some mysterious force as if attracted by a magnet.

There was hardly a wind on May 11, 1842, in Liverpool, when clothes on lines suddenly shot upward. The clothes moved away slowly against the wind.

On June 30, 1842, at Cupar, Scotland, women were hanging out clothes when a loud explosion was heard. Clothes shot upward, some fell but the others vanished.

In 1880 two persons at East Kent, Ontario, heard a sharp detonation and witnessed stones shooting upward. The spot from which the stones came was 16 feet in diameter. No wind or whirlwind was responsible.

In June, 1919, a loud explosion was followed by a basketful of clothes

shooting upward at Islip, Northampton, England. The clothes came down.

On May 4, 1910, stones shot up from the ground for two hours. Loud explosions accompanied the phenomenon.

Stones rose three or four feet from the ground and moved 30 to 60 feet horizontally near Marbleton, Ulster County, New York in November, 1815.

People have also been levitated by the same mysterious force. James Greer went straight up from his farm near Zanesville, Ohio, in sight of his brother Albert and was never seen again.

On December 24, 1889, 11-year-old Oliver Thomas was last seen. Oliver had gone to fetch water from the well when his screams were heard. His voice for help came from the sky and

was getting weaker. Oliver's footsteps stopped abruptly in the new fallen snow.

At Pillistfer, Livonia, eight persons were mysteriously levitated in two hours. Near Peshawar, India, groups of people witnessed six levitations.

In Brooklyn, New York, a mother saw her daughter rise into the air. She leapt for her daughter's feet and pulled her back.

What is this mysterious force? No reasonable explanation comes to mind.

### **Vampires**

Vampirism has existed alongside the werewolf legend. In 1949 John George Haigh was executed. He had drunk blood of his victims.

Vampire attacks, apparently can be material and invisible. Of the invisible vampire case, the vampire may sit on the victim's chest and draw the life from him.

There are also cases of poltergeists with vampiric tendencies.

Much of the vampire legend is just that—legend. Usually the case of vampires can not be thoroughly investigated because of holes in the stories. Therefore the stories can be neither proven nor disproven.

### **Odd-coloured Celestial Bodies**

In 936 A.D. the sky was clear over Nurnberg, Germany, when the sun suddenly changed its colour to blood

red.

The sun had a strange appearance in 941 for a while and "blood" was seen to come from it.

On July 22, 1928, the sun was blood red over Ireland. In the morning of the 23rd its rays were blood red.

On April 24, 1547, the sun was red without luster over England, France and Germany. It was covered with spots so that the stars could be seen.

On Sunday, September 24, 1950, the moon was blue as was the sun over eastern Canada, northeastern USA and over the North Atlantic. Two days later the sun and the moon over Edinburgh, Scotland were blue. On the 27th the same thing happened over four western European countries.

No explanations have been given for these occurrences.

### **Strange Tracks**

In 1840, Sir James Clark Ross, reported small footprints like horse-shoes on Desolation Island. They were three inches long.

In March, 1840, the prints of what appeared to be an unusually large horse, were discovered in Scottish glens. Similar marks appeared regularly in Galician, Poland.

Mysterious tracks known as the "devil's footprints" were discovered in the morning of February 16, 1855, over a large area in South Devon, England. They were made by a biped and covered 100 miles. The tracks

were found in Topsham, Lympstone, Exmouth, Teignmouth and Dawlish. The tracks went over houses, through gardens, on the top of walls, etc. They were eight inches apart and in a continuous line.

On February 7, 1954, footprints, 22 inches long, were found in the snow. They went to a cliff near the Needles, Isle of Wight. The prints were 12 inches wide and have five toe marks.

In 1963 giant footsteps made news near Baxter Springs, Kansas. There is a hole in a sandstone that could be a footprint of a giant—or clever work done with a chisel.

The perfectly-shaped “footprint” measures 44 inches long and 21 inches wide at the toes. It is several inches deep. Nearby is a print 15 by 22 inches, shaped like that of an ox.

The land owner, Neil Chubb, says he has known about them most of the 42 years he has lived in the area. He said a family once lived nearby and his mother told him how they watered their chickens in the holes.

Chubb has never tried to find the source of the prints, beyond speculating that someone tried to prove that legendary Paul Bunyan and his giant blue ox once passed that way.



When a man dies, they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angels who bend over the dying man ask what good deeds he has sent before him. —The Koran





Vern Overlee, medium

# THE *Beautiful* WORLD OF SPIRIT

Contributed By VERN OVERLEE

"Our aim is to put spirit in contact with those in your world who reach out to open the barrier which separates our two worlds, which in reality, are one".

**Question: What are the solutions to pollution?**

Answer: Pollution comes with people. Where there are people consuming, that which is made to be consumed, becomes pollution in the making and the using. Ways must be found to minimize this or nature itself will minimize man in order to control pollution.

**Question: Could I reach my dead Grandmother?**

Answer: When you decided to write this question, and when you wrote it

and posted the letter, your Grandmother was most evident. You were reaching her, but she was unable to reach through to you; but that is her greatest desire—you need but give her the chance.

**Question: I can only think of personal questions. What should I ask?**

Answer: You are living for yourself alone when you only have personal questions. If someone were to get off a boat from a foreign land, you would not ask him about your country—you would ask him about his.

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## *Smile Department*



After all is said and done—  
There is more said than done.



An earnest young minister, eager to improve his sermons, bought a tape recorder and recorded one of his Sunday morning services. After supper that evening, he set up the recorder, seated himself in an easy chair, and awaited the playback.

The opening prayer, scripture reading, and matters of the day all came forth just as he would have wished them. Then came the sermon.

When he awoke some time later, the choir was starting the closing hymn.



Would the eloquent founders of this nation have talked so glowingly of posterity if they had known we were going to be it?



How come a slight tax increase costs \$200 while a substantial tax cut saves you 30 cents?



Americans take good care of their cars and also keep pedestrians in good running condition.



The story is told of a drill sergeant who barked a command: "All right, you dummies, fall out!"

With much confusion and clatter, every man in the company except one fell out and scattered. The sergeant glared at the remaining recruit and said, "Well?"

The rookie smiled and replied, "There sure were a lot of them, weren't there, Sarge?"



### CONSERVATION TIPS

Don't pay your electric bill and be disconnected. This will save everything.

Reduce errors at work! Arrive late, leave early.



# back talk

WHERE THE READER  
HAS HIS SAY

## CORRECTION

Dear Ray,

We hasten to correct the statement of Dahana Wood ("Saint 'Germain", *SEARCH*, September 1973) that The Summit Lighthouse is a splinter group of the I AM activity. We would appreciate a correction of this statement in the conclusion of the article.

We would be happy to supply Ms. Wood with any information that she requires. Books which Saint Germain has dictated through the Messenger include *INTERMEDIATE STUDIES IN ALCHEMY*—containing a valuable biography of the embodiments of Saint Germain—and *CLIMB THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN* which was largely inspired by this Master. You

could give your readers accurate information as to the evolution of this magnificent soul from these books.

(Mrs.) Nancy Priest  
Secretary  
Ascended Master University

## COMPANION PLANTING?

Hello Ray,

I want to thank you for the new world you've opened to me and my family with *Search*. It is encouraging to know that there are others seeking to learn and eager to improve life for mankind.

We find *Search* articles thought provoking and look forward to each new issue—keep 'em coming.

I'm doing research on companion planting. We call it "Planting the

Creators Plan". I've even been encouraged to make the information into a book. In essence, we believe that the creator intended all things, plants in this instance, to relate to each other in an organized meaningful pattern. I think I've found the pattern now and it remains to be shown by compiling information and investigating as many combinations as possible. It is going to be cross referenced, as a thesaurus, and my present "manual" is beginning to show that there's much to be understood about our environment—and the plants that we manipulate or dispose of in this world.

If your magazine could lead me to others *locally* I would really appreciate it.

May the creator bless you as you continue to reach out to others and may peace and prosperity be yours eternally.

Gordon Allgrove  
4691 Burke Drive  
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#### HEALING EXPERIMENT

Dear Ray Palmer,

Several years ago I conducted a healing experiment through your magazine. I was so swamped with letters in response to that experiment that now after a recent residence move I am still finding letters to that experiment which were somehow

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missed. I wish to apologize to these people.

If people want to start this experiment again, send a recent photograph, a self-addressed stamped

envelope, and \$1 for recording purposes. This time I will "bust a gut" to make sure that every letter is answered. Judging from the original response the method is almost 100% workable on anyone. Since I am not a practicing medical doctor, I can guarantee no cures. I can tell you the method and let you work it on yourself with no other supervision. No diets, no foreign substances ingested, and no other ways of possible body injury are used. People tell me that the ENERGY received by this method is astounding and overwhelming. It is natural!

Thank you, Ray Palmer, for printing this letter and thus enabling me to apologize to people missed the first time around. I don't think I can be "swamped" with response like the first time. Use the method and change the world!!!

Kenneth Willoughby  
Rt. 3 Box 1  
Potter, Nebraska 69156

### ROCK PICTURES?—BALONEY!

Dear Ray:

Regarding the leading article in "Search" July 1973 issue: Richard S. Shaver may be convinced, as he says in the first paragraph, that there are rock books. As for myself I say baloney.

Mr. Shaver, unless he profits from sawing through rocks or it may be a

hobby, could save himself great expense and much time by going to most any cemetery and photographing the already cut and polished surfaces of the marble tombstones. Because of the texture the granites are not so good but the marbles are ideal.

Then again one can make his own "ersatz" man made rock pictures by mixing a batch of plaster and stirring in, not too vigorously, a colored pigment before the mass set into hardness. The plaster could be cast into cubes which would be ideal for sawing. The effect of the pigment would produce a mottled or marbled effect, and from sawed off slices pictures could indeed be imagined and seen.

Now, as well as when I was a child, I can look at cloud formations, I believe the name for the best type of these is Cirrous, and see wonderful pictures of elephants, and fishes, and faces, and horses, and almost anything that can be imagined.

Most everyone knows what "Blottoes" are, and I believe that some psychiatrists may still use them. That is a drop of coloring matter placed into a piece of creased paper which is then rubbed to produce a double sided print. One can look at these prints and imagine he sees the same sort of pictures.

Then again there are undersea coral formations, and coral is a type of

rock. The giant bat, in one of the article's photographs, could very well be duplicated, or any of the other photographs for that matter, in coral formations, or in cloud formations, or on tombstones, or in plaster, or in blottoes: All would depend upon what one imagined he could see; so would it not be feasible for one to photograph clouds and call them cloud books, corals and call them coral books and so forth?

So far as these imaginary pictures being "Ancient History in Stone", or in cloud formations or any of the others including the pictures in tea leaves at the bottom of a tea cup—I still say baloney, loud and clear, and it's a pity to waste paper printing such tripe.

Sincerely,  
Miller

● And to think our astronauts went all the way to the moon and we spent billions upon billions of dollars, just to pick up a few rocks so that we could bring them back "to tell their story", and give us some inkling of the history of the Earth and the moon! No "pictures" in them at all—just history in stone. They told us a lot,

and we examined them in specific ways, true. But why not consider examining them as Shaver does? He sees pictures. You say it is imagination. But then, maybe there are pictures and pictures. Let's not throw Shaver away with the bath water—right or wrong, maybe we'll learn something if we don't just yell "baloney" and walk away. After all, just taking "Miller" and "Shaver", each has made a claim—whose shall we adopt? Why is yours better than his? We just MIGHT learn something by considering both, and weighing their respective merits. It could be we'd finally opt for your concept! But by golly, we aren't going to just take your word for it, nor Shaver's either. We intend to look for the pictures. That's what our eyes are for, and our minds. Have you looked? Or do you just "know" there are no pictures? Or, if having looked, have you considered what makes a dedicated man like Shaver work his whole lifetime to bring his ideas to his fellow men? At least, he's really worked at it! That should deserve more than just a "ring of baloney" hung around his neck, and a truckload of ridicule from a guy who never even looked!—Rap.

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Just a glance at the younger generation makes one realize we're living in hair-raising times.

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