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EDITORIAL



YOUR EDITOR is 55 years old. It's quite a shock to discover that they have been 55 years of nothing. 55 years of trying to make people reason - such as all the years we've run letter columns in our various magazines, and invited readers to: "come and reason with me". And then, all at once, to discover you've been beating your brains out with absolutely no effect at all, no demonstrable result. Be tolerant, we've said; let the other guy have his say too. Everybody has a right to his own opinion, we've said; and we've printed those opinions no matter what our own feelings were in the matter. Be fair, give full freedom to expression - and maybe the result will be a better world, where we can sit down together and work out our problems.

Recently we had occasion to question our magazine, analyze its readership, take stock of our position. Have we gone up or down? Have we been of some constructive

benefit to anyone? Have we made the world a little better? One of the first things we discovered is that we know almost every name on our subscription list, and in fact, have known them for years, more years than you might suspect. We began to think of this because of the growing number of magazines that come back to us marked "deceased". And when we asked, we found that a very large number of our readers can boast that they were quite a number of years beyond our own mere 55, and thus qualified to express an opinion with some authority.

Well, we suddenly decided we were not on the ball, and that something was missing. Our whole purpose is to have some good effect on the future. But how can we have an effect if we never contact those people of the future for whom we want to make a better world? These people are our young people, our teenagers, those youngsters who are now being thrust into the world

we made for them, and forced to face up to the realities that have come about because of our past efforts.

We found out immediately that a common joke is not a joke at all, but all too true: Every generation believes that its younger generation is going to heck in a hand-basket. The oldsters look with disapproval on the kids, and exclaim in disgust at the "Hully-Gully" (if that's the way you spell it). "Lord help America, if these are its future citizens," we hear so often.

Well, being only 55 years old, and having a very good memory, we remember the Black Bottom, and the Music Going Around and Around - and we are a little bit startled at the impression that our kids are any different than we were! But maybe our own parents WERE right - the world sure is in a sad state because of what we "flappers" and "23-skidooers" have done to it! So how come we look down at our kids and tell them to go back into a corner and sit down?

All these years we've thought we had corrected this "fault" in ourselves - to be able to see the prejudice in such things as this, and correct it. We pride ourselves on having made some progress, and that today's youngsters have a better chance to be heard than we did in our youth, when we yelled our lungs out and the oldsters just ignored us and wondered why we

were "no good". But we found out in a hurry that we were wrong - we hired a teenager to represent the kids in our SEARCH magazine, and give them a chance to search too, to learn the things we know, and to have a chance to develop their own latent abilities beyond the normal senses. We oldsters talk glibly of traveling in the astral, telepathy, psychometry, life after death, reincarnation, and what have you, and we should be interested, if these things are true, in imparting them to our children. But what happens? We turn on them like a snarling tiger and reject them!

If you've read teen-age editor Sharon's editorial and the letters written to her, and her answers to those letters, you may find that giving teenagers a chance to learn with us in SEARCH magazine is just plain "out" as far as these letter-writers are concerned. No wonder the kids resent us oldsters! We won't even give them first base, and your editor says (with tears in his eyes) "We've lost them!" Why shouldn't they be defiant? Why should they be ambitious and work for a bright future for themselves instead of becoming wards of the "Great Society"? Why shouldn't they "live it up" and join the Pepsi Generation? What do they owe us but a raw deal? And why should they learn the things that we find so important - look how little they did

for us? We claim to have been "reborn" reached something we call the "Christ state" and are great and noble members of a wonderful New Age. Then we "prove" it by snarling like mad dogs at the slightest intrusion of our "enlightenment" by our OWN CHILDREN!

I am ashamed! I am aghast!
I am ANGRY!

Before I go any further (I'm speaking as Ray Palmer now, not just as the editor) I want to make it clear that these first few letters are not indicative of our general readership. I know that 99% of my old friends who read Search are with me 100%, and that Sharon will find it out when they start writing her and letting her know that we aren't all failures in those virtues Search tries to extol.

We wonder if any of you have noticed that the name Ray Palmer does not appear on the contents page of this magazine as editor? We'd like to introduce you to the new editor, Helga Onan - not that she hasn't been the actual editor for several years, but it is only now that we give her the credit due her. But, you ask, what does that make Ray Palmer? That, we think, requires an explanation that may take quite a few words. So here goes:

Palmer Publications has recently undergone growth pangs. It now employs 20 people, and its

operations have expanded greatly. Our very latest new project is a book on Space Law by the prominent world-known attorney, William A. Hyman. This book commands the interest of the Nobel Peace Prize judges, of the Pope (because of his interest in peace), and the jurists of the world. Quite an ambitious undertaking for little Amherst, Wisconsin and Ray Palmer, you might say. Because of this growth, a serious weakness has developed - Palmer Publications is Ray Palmer. If he should drop dead (and some people think this would be a good idea) the whole operation would grind to a halt, and there would be no more Search, nor Flying Saucers, nor books, nor Space World, no New Age publisher who has YOU and YOUR interests at heart. This weakness has to be corrected. Here is how it is being done.

First, we have set up the printing end of our business as a separate establishment, run by Mr. Al Chape, former head of the very large offset division of Cuneo Press in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and also the original architect of such printing establishments as the Deseret Printing Company of Salt Lake City, the printing house of the Mormon Church of Utah. We know that under him, the printing will go on, even if Ray Palmer does not.

Next, we have our SPACE WORLD run by Francis Bremmer

(and Helga Onan), without so much as an advance peek by Ray Palmer (I read it with interest when I receive my copy).

Then we have SEARCH and FLYING SAUCERS being swiftly instilled into the abilities of Helga Onan, who will be able very soon to produce a magazine without Ray Palmer.

We have some hope for development of Sharon as an aid to Helga, and also to take over, eventually, perhaps, a brand new "new age" magazine aimed at the YOUNGSTERS whom your editor has suddenly realized are the KEY to the future existence of this whole business!

There are other considerations: your editor has a family. If he shuffles off (back to Mars) (?), they would find themselves immersed in debt, and no way to earn a living, at least in this particular business.

One thing is sure - nobody is indispensable. Ray Palmer can be replaced. But let's replace him with people trained by himself, so that his work will go on even if he comes a sudden cropper.

Fortunately we have 20 very talented people to train. At least we think so. Ray Palmer has been picking talent for many years. Most of the good things you see on TV today are written by Palmer-picked people. Some of them, like Bob Bloch (*Psycho*) and Howard Browne

(Warner Bros.) are geniuses. Ray Palmer says he has some talent of top calibre in his organization. Editor Fran Bremmer is today's top Space editor. Helga Onan is one of the best women editors in the business. L. Taylor Hansen is a writer and scientist before whom Ray Palmer bows in awe. And even our new and very clever teenager, Sharon Schuster, has everything she needs to make her mark in the publishing world. It is up to her to work hard to prove it, but Ray Palmer thinks she can make it. Helga has already made it. Without her, we'd be lost. But the main thing is that in the past six months, we've almost completed the job of correcting the Ray Palmer Is Everything situation, and insured that this magazine and all our other projects will go on, indistinguishable from their former makeup, even without Ray Palmer. Foremost in all this is Ray Palmer's wife, who is the Very Important Center and Reason for the whole thing. She has taken all the Awful Burdens of this work off your editor's shoulders and without her, you can be sure there would not even be a Ray Palmer!

So where does this leave Ray Palmer, and what will he be doing? He will at last be doing what he has trained himself all his life to do - the job nearest to his heart, the secret ambition of his life. The ONE THING all his old friends will

cheer beyond anything he has ever done! He will give you himself. Not Ray Palmer, who is an incurable egotist, but the EXPERIENCES of a lifetime that has loaded his mind with a wonderful adventure in reality that he now thinks he can pass on to you. One of the first of these things is, of course, FORUM. The reception given this has been very satisfying. But to do this strange little new magazine justice, Ray Palmer has to be free to give it his best, not worry about printing, carry firewood, face personnel problems, act as stock room foreman, or even scrub the office floor (which he has done as recently as four days ago on his hands and knees!).

But most of all, he wants to write some books. He wants to write one called "A Journey To The Planet Earth". (Does that title intrigue you? What COULD it be about?). Another is titled simply: "Moses". But not simple at all! This one will stun you, IF it ever gets written - and it won't unless Ray Palmer gets out of his deadly trap of routine responsibility, and finds enough capable people to do his "dirty" work while he dives into his Grand Ambition, his Amazing Discovery.

Remember that "secret" Ray Palmer has always been hinting mysteriously about? Many of you don't believe it even exists, and we don't blame you. But it does, and

the two books mentioned in the previous paragraph are probably the key to it.

During the past year, while this rather drastic changeover has been going on, the going has been rough. Some of our people couldn't take it, and some upset the applecart. For a time we were convinced we'd lost every friend we ever had. We have never felt so lonely in our entire lives. It is a frustrating thing to find yourself completely disapproved of, regarded as a complete nut and a total incompetent, and a complete disaster as a business man, a planner, and even as a human being. The purpose of life, it seems, is MONEY. Success is how much money you make. We had to turn from "dreams" and impracticability to make money. A sort of detour to reach a goal that would satisfy practicality before indulging in the luxury of fantasy. Since it takes money to make money, we had to borrow it. Now, we must take some time out to make enough to pay it all back, and lay aside a nestegg to secure the lives of 20 (and more) people. Well, we could make it in a variety of ways, but we would hate it. So, we combined the practical with the fantastic. What was it did best (financially) for us in the past? Well, for one thing, the Shaver Mystery (it made Ziff-Davis a half-million a year). Oahspe (a mysterious and gigantic mass of automatic writing) bought

us our press and all our printing equipment. And how did things like this come to us? Ah, even YOU wouldn't believe THAT! How did we get a non-existent first edition of that Oahspe which 25 years of search had failed to unearth for its second edition publisher? Why not ask Shaver's cave people, with their wonderful ray machines to find it for us? Utter rot, eh? What's the difference what YOU think, the book was on our desk in 24 hours! A dero delivered it in person. Wouldn't the old friend who delivered it be hurt if he knew we had called him that, after he did us the favor of spending an hour in his basement looking for a book we wanted? Funny thing is, he never was able to explain how the book got there.

Well, what better way to kill two birds with one stone? We'll end the "indispensability" of Ray Palmer, and plunge him into the Twilight Zone, from which he should come eventually with the books YOU will read, buy, and pay off the mortgage in the process.

We want to apologize to our poor Helga for the rough way we've treated her in seeming to break our word in saddling her with this responsibility, and then making some quick and inexplicable moves that didn't seem to make any sense. We apologize to Sharon for throwing her into a situation that made her think we were off our rocker -

but one we believe will force her to make something out of herself. We apologize most of all for giving my patient wife a terrible time with a husband who had to remake his life at 55, junk the plans of a lifetime, and do it all over again a new way he has always decried. You see, Ray Palmer has taken that long to learn that he's not self-sufficient and that even his secret ambitions need to be toned down a bit to accommodate others, if he is to achieve them. At this moment hardly anybody understands, but we think that when the results become obvious, we'll be forgiven.

As for you readers of SEARCH, you may not know it, but you've been a bit cheated in the past year. I haven't given you my best, and the magazines have suffered. But things will be different from now on. And if you think I'm wrong about these teenagers, you will have to admit you are wrong when you find out what they have to contribute! We'll have to take a few months to bring these kids out into the open, but we'll bet you'll find they know more than you think they do!

What is this NEW AGÉ you are all so convinced we are in, if it's not these Teenagers! Do you REALLY think that our planet is coming into the new era for YOU? Or will it all happen to these kids, while you go to another kind of life?

And if you reincarnationists

argue that it is YOUR life and YOUR new age to be born into again, then WHO do you think these kids are? No matter how you cut the cookie, the New Age is for the New People - and they are the

youngsters, not us old fogies, no matter if it be as returned reincarnated souls, or as angels (or devils) in an evanescent Heaven.

Get with it, you cats. Act as grownup as you say you are. - Rap.



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EDITORIAL



Reactions, from the editorial written by Sharon in the February issue of Search, poured into the office. Like anything else, they were both for and against this new addition to our magazine. The editor was little upset at the shortmindedness of a few of the Search readers. It wasn't so much what the editorial said, but just the ideas of a teenager busting into your smug little circle.

Any new idea being put before an old audience takes a long time for some people to adjust to it. It is encouraging that only a few put up such a fuss about minor things. The addition of a teen editor is just that - an addition. It is not to take over the magazine but to enlarge it; broaden its outlook on all types of problems. Complaining will not solve these differences, but by sitting down and working together both sides may come to some kind of agreement.

Many people complain about teenagers. Well, now is the time

to bring out those complaints. Many people ride along because others are doing it. When asked for definite statements as to reasons for the complaint, they can't think of any. We are giving you the chance to write this magazine and let us know what really bothers you about the younger generation. Just remember one thing - be able to distinguish between the few and the majority.

We have received many encouraging letters which state that they wish they had a chance to do something like this when they were young. Grownups didn't understand them then anymore than they understand us now. They think this is a good beginning.

Sometimes people fail to realize that many things which they do, reflect upon people around them. A parent who spends his or her time in a local bar while the children are left home in the care of the oldest, becomes one of many things in the eyes of the people who have the

privilege (?) of knowing him. The children grow up to hate the poison that robbed the love and understanding to which they had a right. Again, the results may be that the children follow in the footsteps of their parents.

What do people expect us teenagers to follow as an example of good living? We look around us and see a parent who has no respect for himself or his family. A man isn't much if he has no self-respect. He becomes just an existing human being doing only as told by his family, his boss, his fellow human beings. We grow up in a world of drunks, thieves, killers, and rapists, etc. The list is endless. Can't people see that they must do something to clear up their own mess so someone else is less likely to fall into it?

Young people do not get some of their bad habits from sitting around watching the Good Society go by. Ideas are formed from statements made by adults. They may be just a slip of the tongue, but they start the wheels rolling. When a few adults get together, they start talking about the things they did when they were young. This editor once listened to two adults talking about how they started a barn on fire just to see if they could Bar-B-Que a pig, or of tormenting a cow until it would no longer give milk. You must realize that crime and evil were here in this world

long before we or you were born. We did not invent it. I am not accusing adults of starting it, but they are too willing to pass on the blame instead of doing something about it.

The respond to the essay contest has been wonderful. The enthusiasm shown by the younger set is really refreshing. The winning essay will be in the next issue. Because of the very good response, other contests are being planned for the future.

One letter, which you can read in the letter section, accused this editor of trying to take over, of trying to dominate individuals as well as the whole world. This editor is only 19 and has trouble just watching out for herself.

This editor is getting married in May and wants only to lead a happy normal life with her husband. Domination will be done by him (Well, there may be a few exceptions).

The editor is asking you to write her and give your opinions on what makes a good marriage. Many of you have been happily married for many years. Others, who are still single, have always dreamed about what their marriage will be like. Everyone must have some ONE thing which stands out in his mind on the subject of a happy marriage.

If this editor was dominating you, she wouldn't be asking you for

helpful hints! These ideas sent in will be put in Search magazine so other people may benefit from them. First, however, we need

some replies. The editor will appreciate any good or bad points to look for in a successful marriage. Sharon

Letters to Sharon

Dear Sharon

I was happy to "meet" you in the latest Search Magazine. I will not introduce myself, suffice it to say I am one of Ray Palmer's "old fans". You say teenagers are "like anybody else." I could go into the "extreme" as you would call it and brand today's teenager a product of "The Sex Mad Generation". But, I shan't. True, I think this "sex mad generation" of teenagers should have their say and even try to do something about conditions. But, as usual they will quote their precious textbooks and if it "ain't" written down in black and white it just "Is not all there."

Why everything is peaches and cream. Didn't Santa Claus pay us a visit? Why even teenagers know that. Sure, Sharon, that's what it boils down to - Sex Mad and if you get 10 out of a hundred teenagers to think for themselves, I'll kiss your typewriter.

You see, I am twice as old as you, but you might say I'm an "old soul" so to speak. I am 6 ft. tall, 160, Dark hair and eyes. Don't

look 21. In the past I managed to attract teenagers on a "logical level", only to be repulsed by their "Santa Claus Aspirations". Especially the female sex. They shy away from anything which requires mental effort, even physical. Mention flying saucers to teenagers, and they will tell you, "Why we had 'em for lunch at school" or something like - "yeah, sure we see 'em all the time." How can you get a serious thing from this "Sex Mad Bunch?" I throw my hands up in disgust. Here's wishing you a lot of luck and us old timers are with you even if teens give you the cold shoulder.

Hope you don't "Fold Up". This business can get pretty rough.

- You sure did hit the far extreme when you label teenagers as "Sex Mad." In case you didn't realize it, there are many teens who are too busy with school work and business jobs to have much time for "Sex". I am not saying that it isn't done, but I wish you would make the dis-

tinction between the few and the rest of the teens. You know, the world is full of 25 to 50 youngsters who are between the age of 12 and 20.

Again, I must disagree with your statement about females shying away from any mental efforts. I am an example of a female who is doing just the opposite. I wasn't really prepared for the responsibility I was to have placed upon me by Ray, but I intend to do my best. Answering some of these letters isn't the easiest thing in the world. Then you get into more difficult things like writing editorials which can't be done without some thought of some kind. I have already written my editorial for this issue twice and still will be doing it about twice more. I am not satisfied with it the way it stands, and trying to put it in words which everyone will understand is taking much thought. My editorials may not be the best, but each one I do is helping me to learn something about this end of the business.

It is a good thing I did not take you serious on "Kissing my typewriter" because you have lost already. - Sharon

Dear Sharon,

What a wonderful opportunity you have been "given". It is impossible to see it now from where you sit perhaps, but you will before long.

I have fallen out of that category so much believed in by RAP known as the "Teenager" but have been with him since that time, and so, at 24, do not consider myself an outcast - not exactly, at any rate. It always seems that the middle ground is the most interesting as one can look fore or aft, left or right and see each extreme "understandingly?"

At any rate, I have a certain "childishness" about me (Seems to be true of people born in the Nov. 3 - Dec. 22 Category known as Sagittarians) which I feel will remain herein planted for this life here, and will always identify me with younger ones.

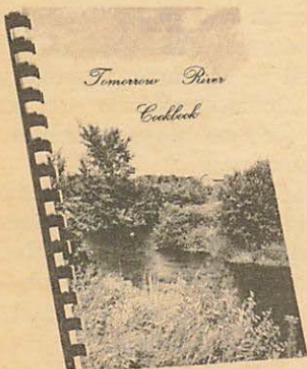
Your first editorial was fine. Nice meetin' ya!

Really, Ray has been the most "wild" guy to follow through the last few years. He really knows his business - letting everyone have his or her say - voice his or her opinion. I've always admired such an attitude in him perhaps because I believe in the statement "I may not agree with what you say, but I'll defend your right to say it!" Besides he seems to be a "do as I do" type not a "do as I say NOT as I do" type.

More of his type are needed. (Perhaps we need more comets available so that more people can be born "under" them!)

Your willingness to learn is a great asset, really so, and, if you

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have an open mind to boot (I hope no one does "boot" it!!) and a will to overcome opposition - then kiddo - you've got it made - like!"

I'm sure I feel no different than most "teenagers" who "will" be writing to you - that is - we are all behind you - ready to give support whenever needed; as long as you are honest with us we'll be ready to sacrifice (humph, "sacrifice" - "do the honors" is closer) time, money, almost life for you.

Thus, may I finish with - Let us look forward to a happy successful year as we all launch a new era in Search! A dedicated "Reader." Alfred E. Mutzko, 27 Maple Lane, New Hyde Park, New York 11043

- Yes, I do realize the wonderful opportunity which has been offered to me by Ray. It is not everybody who just graduates from high school that is given a chance like this even without a college diploma. I don't imagine that I will ever attend college now but this experience is better for me than dwelling on subjects which I may never use later.

I am glad you feel that you would support me if I needed it but don't be so free on offering "almost life" for me. Life is too precious to speak so lightly about. There is too much to learn in a lifetime so taking leave of it at such an early

age is just asking for disappointments. - Sharon

Dear Sharon

Welcome to the clan. I note you seem doubtful about the job. You had experience as a school editor but now you have more responsibility and have stage fright. Even old pros, I understand, get this feeling at times.

You are going to get lots of letters pro and con, some in praise and some in violent disagreement.

Remember, there are 3 sides to a coin - heads, tails & edge or left, right & middle. File all doubtful information separately and wait for further information from readers.

I am just a few years older than Ray and I am sure you will find him a good friend. He picked you, didn't he? Am curious about how you two happened to meet just when he needed you - was it fate? Mrs. G. W. Hunt, 577 Payne Avenue, 771-4903 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

• It is true, I am doubtful at my chosen profession. I was just a writer for the school paper so didn't get too much experience to help me here. There is so much to learn and I only hope I can help Ray like he thinks I can. At least I am going to try.

As far as getting letters pro and con, you can see by reading these letters here that I have had

both. I am glad to see more in favor of this addition to Search. I look upon the ones that are against as helpful criticisms which might help me to do a better job.

There are three sides to every story, too. Yours, mine and the truth. I hope I can follow the truth. Some subjects I am not in contact with yet but I expect letters from readers to help me. I hope they can distinguish between their own opinions and the truth.

I had asked Ray for my job because I was in need of one. I was working in my Uncle's restaurant before I started here but I wanted to get out on my own and try living for myself. I must admit, that it isn't easy. - Sharon

Dear Miss Schuster

Congratulations on your serious appointment. May it fulfill the desires of a lifetime and bring you in close touch with reality.

I do indeed agree with Mr. Palmer that in youth there is promise of a bright tomorrow. Yet, such is our manner of life here below that the young never stay young, and there are always new young coming along.

But, it is by the challenge of youth that age can find a joy everlasting. Nomur Azerlane, P. O. Box 11063, Portland, Oregon, 97211

• Bravo. - Sharon

BUDDHISM IN TAIWAN

THE TEACHINGS OF THE Buddha came to China almost 2,000 years ago. According to tradition, the Emperor Ming Ti of the Eastern Han dynasty sent a mission to "the western regions" in 65 A.D. to bring back copies of the sutras from Khotan, at the foot of the Kunlun mountains in modern Sinkiang.

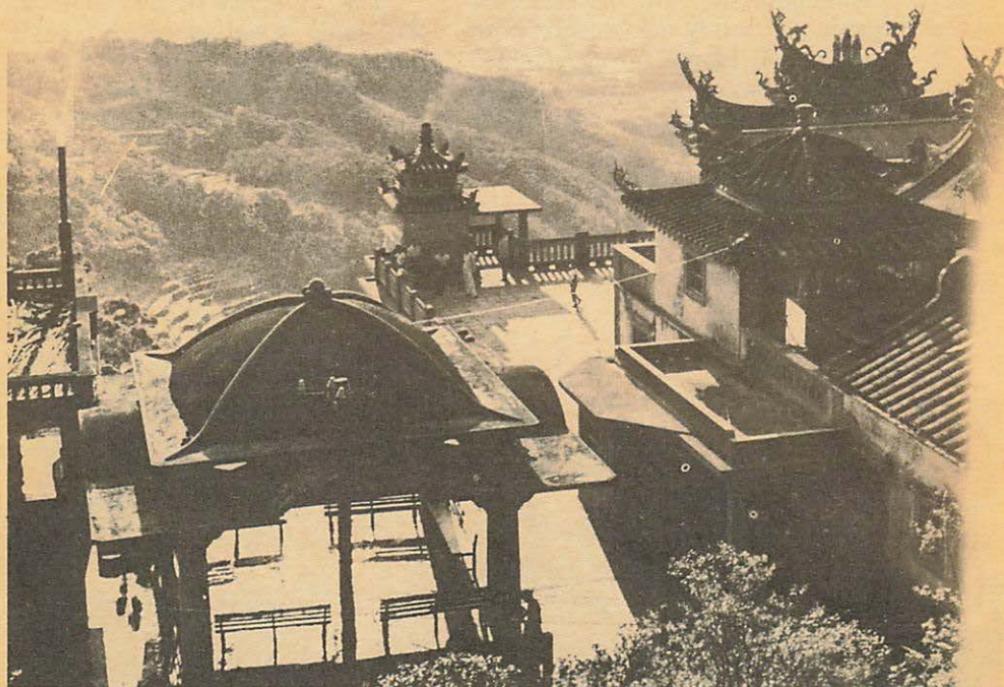
In the next few centuries, Chinese interest in Buddha's birth, increased. A number of Chinese monks undertook the hazardous pilgrimage to India, while Indian Buddhists came to China to live and teach.

Capturing the imagination of scholars and emperors, this foreign faith stimulated the growth of several major Chinese schools of Buddhism. From the Dhyana school, founded by the Indian monk Bodhidharma, grew the Chan contemplative school, known in Japan as the Zen school. Other native Chinese schools include the Chen Yen Tsung, or "True Word" school, and Ching Tu, or "Pure

Land" school. Not the least important is the Tien Tai school, following the Lotus Sutra, which harmonizes Theravadan and Mahayana teachings.

China has been hospitable to other great religious faiths as well: to the doctrines of Confucius and the Taoist thinkers as well as to Islam and Christianity. But Buddhism has an indelible effect on China far in excess of its numerical strength. "Even the most matter-of-fact man in China who professes no religion at all is an unconscious Buddhist," a recent writer says. "The Buddhist attitude to life and its sense of values are in the blood he inherits and the air he breathes. Chinese paintings, sculpture, music, architecture, literature, and philosophy often show clear evidence of Buddhist influence."

In the 1930's, Chinese sanghas produced a number of important religious teachers, and Buddhist doctrines experienced an intellectual revival. Chinese followers of



The setting of Hsien Kung Temple, near Taipei, affords a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside.

Buddhism traveled to Thailand and Ceylon to study. By 1947, there were 45 active Buddhist seminaries. The Chinese Buddhist Society, organized in 1939, claimed four and a half million members in 1947, with approximately 130,000 temples and other establishments. Buddhist activities on the China mainland, of course, have declined

sharply since 1949; it is estimated that in 1954 there were only about 100 Buddhist temples still surviving under Peiping rule.

Despite Buddhism's declining influence on the mainland, it continues to be a living force in the lives of millions of Chinese on the island of Taiwan.

No one knows when Buddhism

first came to Taiwan. Perhaps Buddhist monks came over with the first Chinese settlers from the mainland in the 12th and 13th centuries. Certainly the Buddhist faith had already taken root on the island in 1661, when the Chinese hero Cheng Cheng-kung, known to the

West as Koxinga, drove out the Dutch, who had established a foothold on Taiwan.

The antiquity of Buddhism on the island is well attested by early temple sites. In the city of Tainan, for instance, is a temple called Shen-teh Tang, or the Hall of Pru-



On the eighth day of the fourth month, Buddhists gather in Taipei's New Park to celebrate the birthday of Shakyamuni, Exalted Lord of Buddha.

dent Virtue, dating back to the first third of the 17th century, some 50 years before Koxinga's time. This temple is still the site of monthly lectures on Buddhist doctrine.

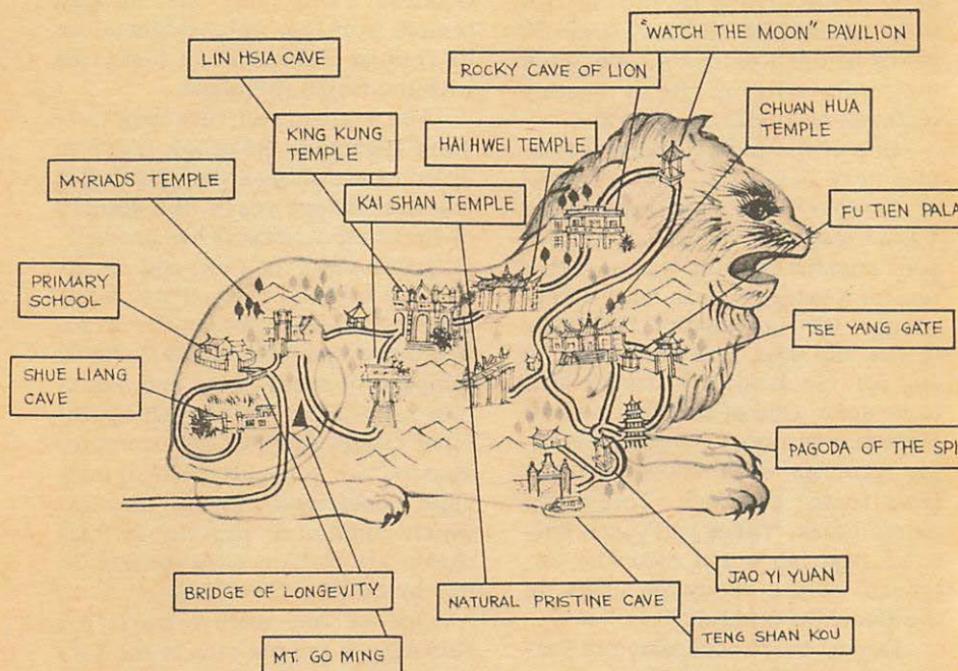
One of the most attractive temples here is the Kai-yuan Temple, or Temple of the Open Heart, near Tainan city. Its recorded history goes back to 1661. It was here that one of Koxinga's sons built a residence for his mother to occupy in her old age. The well which he dug for his mother's use is still to be seen. One of Koxinga's wives planted a bamboo grove on the temple grounds with shoots brought from Hupeh province. This grove exists today. Three brilliantly colored pagodas stand over the entrance to the cremated ashes of the Buddhist faithful.

During their occupation of Taiwan from 1895 to 1945, the Japanese attempted to introduce their own priests into the temples and to discourage the people from worshiping Buddhist figures as well as the traditional Taoist and other native deities to which many Buddhist temples had hospitably given shelter. It is matter of record that the Japanese sought to persuade all people on Taiwan to worship Shinto deities and ordered that a Shinto shrine be placed in each home. During the Sino-Japanese war, the authorities also prohibited the inhabitants from worshiping such Chinese deities as Ma Tsu, the Earth

Goddess, and also discouraged temple worship, which might serve to remind Taiwanese of their ties with the China mainland.

The recovery of Taiwan by China in 1945 gave the people freedom again to worship as they please. In the past fifteen years, the number of Buddhist adherents has gradually grown until the total now is estimated by Buddhist sources as about 2.5 million. Today the island has more than 603 purely Buddhist temples in rural areas and mountain retreats as well as in the principal cities. Another 2,000 temples incorporate some elements of Buddhist doctrines. Many families which contain no practicing Buddhists are influenced in some manner by Buddhist teachings.

One of the main criteria for selecting a temple site is the natural beauty of its surroundings, so that people find worshiping an esthetic as well as a religious experience. The devout believer, being a vegetarian, abstains from eating meat. Thus temples serve a great variety of vegetarian dishes, pleasing to the palate and appetizing in appearance. The stranger is cordially welcomed, regardless of his religious creed, and is treated with kindness and courtesy. One leaves a Buddhist temple with an inescapable impression that the devout Buddhist lives his religion and is at peace with himself and the world around him.



A Buddhist diagram showing points of interest on Lion's Head Mountain, one of Taiwan's centers of Buddhism.

Perhaps the most interesting Buddhist center of worship in Taiwan is to be found at Shih-tou-shan, or "Lion's Head Mountain." There are two varying explanations as to the origin of the name. The first is that a Chinese official, towards the close of the Manchu dynasty, about 70 years ago, came to the mountain from Tarisui in the north and was impressed by the resemblance of its over-all shape to a lion's head. The other explanation is that one of

the rocks resembles a lion's head, and that therefore the entire conformation received this name.

This mountain, sacred to all devout Buddhists, is located about a 90-minute drive southward from Taipei, or about two hours from Taichung, traveling north. From Taipei, one drives to Tou-fen, which is close to Chu-nan in Miaoli district, and from there goes along about 10 miles farther on a hard-surfaced mountain road running

alongside a river. Populated areas are left behind, and the scenery becomes increasingly impressive as one nears the destination.

At its highest point, Lion's Head Mountain is about 1,500 feet above sea level. A pagoda and more than 10 temples stand beside a somewhat steep footpath extending from the base of the mountain to the very top. The method of construction is rather unique; the temples are built so that the interior is actually part of a natural cave. The first temple came into existence about 60 years ago, at a time when the area was inhabited mainly by aborigines. Today there are about 100 nuns and 50 monks living on the mountain, carrying out daily religious activities and also finding time to plant trees, tend tea bushes, and grow vegetables. The surplus food they produce is exchanged for rice and other needs of the temples.

On April 21, 1935, a great earthquake in central Taiwan caused extensive damage to the places of worship on Lion's Head Mountain. The steps which comprise the mountain path were demolished. After extensive repairs, all evidence of this calamity has been erased. The cost of construction and rebuilding of the Chao-sheng Pagoda, one of the lower sites most accessible to the visitor, was almost \$1,000,000. The pagoda is seven stories or about 90 feet high, a fine vantage point from which to

see the temples and enjoy the natural scenic beauty.

The second-oldest temple, the Chuan Hua Tang, is known for unusual mainland carvings. It enjoys a considerable antiquity. Chinese cultural heroes are also enshrined



A new pagoda housing relics of Buddhist patriarchs was recently built near Pao Chio Temple in Taichung.

there, Confucius and Kuan Kung (deified for his courage and loyalty), standing beside Buddhist divinities. The top of the mountain, fittingly enough, symbolically represents the acme of religious faith.

Lion's Head Mountain has its



Golden images of Shakyamuni and his disciples in a Lion's Head Mountain temple.

own school and hospital. Fifty students are enrolled in the school at present, all graduates of elementary school who are taking supplementary instruction in Mandarin and Confucianism. There is also an elementary school administered by the government. Western-trained doctors in the hospital treat patients free of charge, expenses being borne by the temples as a charitable service. The Buddhists here are strict vegetarians, and out of respect for their religious faith, hunting within the vicinity of the temple is prohibited. Sometimes either the priests, nuns, or visitors will bring animals, such as birds or monkeys which they have purchased elsewhere, into this religious sanctuary in order to set them free and thereby prolong their lives.

Most of the nuns and priests are of Hakka lineage, and come from

the three adjacent districts of Taoyuan, Miaoli, and Hsinchu. The area is, then, a living expression of the Buddhist faith in actual practice in Taiwan, and it preserves aspects of religious devotion shared by Buddhists throughout the world.

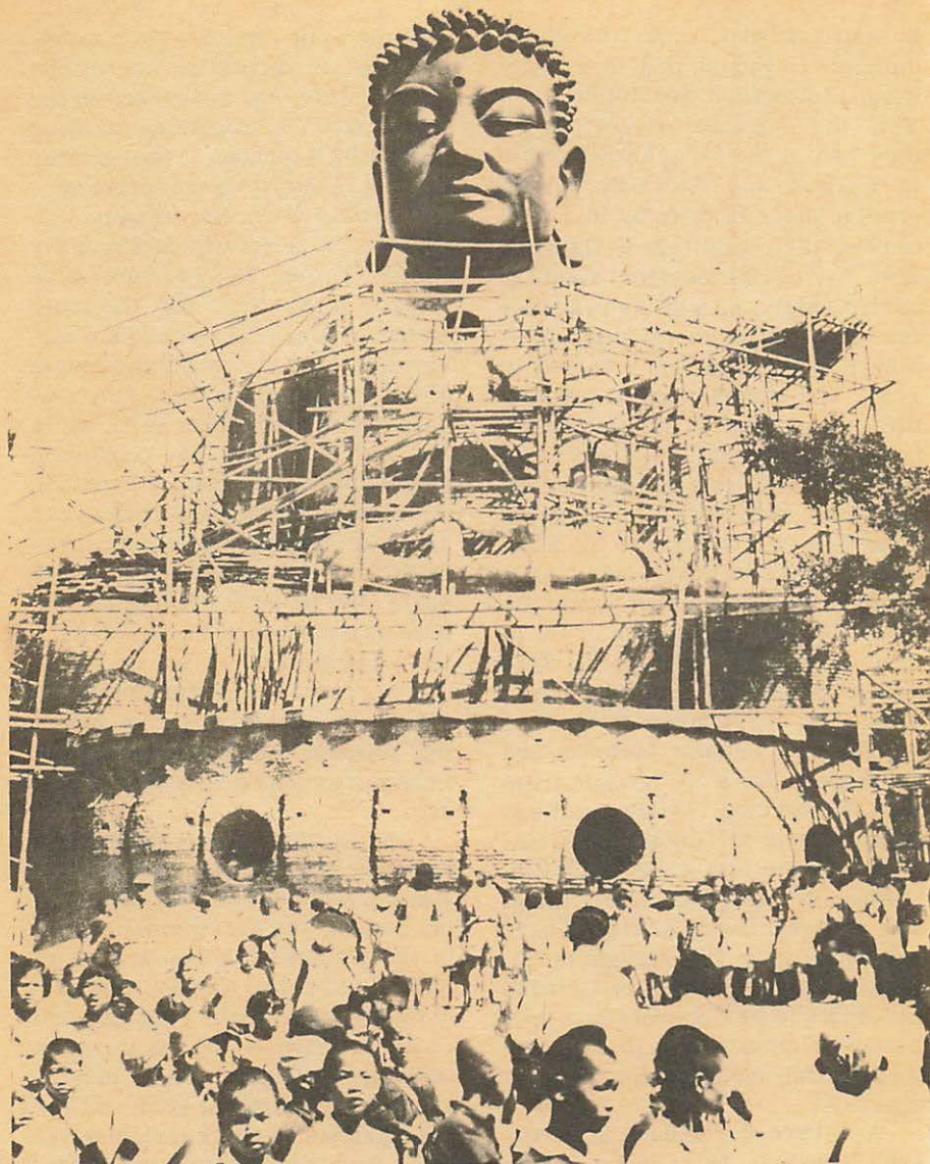
The largest temple in Taiwan, and one of the most attractive, is the Lung Shan Temple in the Wan-hua district in the southwest section of Taipei. Wan-hua is the oldest district in the city, and the Lung Shan Temple was the first to be established there. The temple occupies a very large area, over half an acre in all, and also owns an equivalent amount of surrounding land. It is noted for its beautiful pillars and wall carvings, and the scale of its gardens and buildings is very large by Taiwan standards. With a recorded history of more than 200 years, it was built

by settlers who came from three districts in Fukien province. They wished to continue worshiping Kuan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, as they had at the Lung Shan Temple in Fukien, and therefore built a similar place of worship in Taipei to offer their gratitude to the goddess for having assisted them to arrive safely, as well as to secure the benefits of her continued benevolence and protection. Started in 1738, the temple was completed three years later. These Buddhists have maintained relations with their Fukienese brethren on the mainland, periodically organizing religious pilgrimages to the Lung Shan Temple in Fukien and transporting their statue of Kuan Yin from Taipei to Fukien in order to renew her power from there. This type of pilgrimage was carried out even after the Japanese occupation of Taiwan. Temple builders and carpenters were all brought from Fukien province. Today, the Lung Shan Temple in Taipei has, in addition to the statue of Kuan Yin, statues of Ma Tsu, Kuan Kung, and several Taoist deities. There are more than 100 statues in all, indicating a tendency of Chinese Buddhists to amalgamate local religious elements and incorporate them within an all-embracing hierarchy.

A severe earthquake in northern Taiwan in 1816 destroyed or damaged every temple building ex-

cept the main one. The people contributed to rebuilding operations immediately, and responded in the same way in repairing damage caused by a typhoon in the summer of 1868. Toward the end of the Second World War, the temple was damaged accidentally during an air raid on Taipei. Many statues were destroyed by fire, but the main statue of Kuan Yin remained unharmed. This convinced the people of the omnipotent power of the goddess and shortly afterward, while the war was still on, rebuilding operations were again started. In the winter of 1945, less than a year after the restoration, efforts to rebuild were started on a small scale, but by 1953, \$3,000,000 had been expended on this over-all project. The present mayor of Taipei has served as a commissioner in charge of supervising this building project. Construction operations were completed several years ago.

The Buddhist Association of the Republic of China, founded in 1911, was reorganized in 1952 after Taipei became the provisional capital of the Chinese Government. With 33,357 individual and 843 "organizational" members (temples and local societies), the Association operates colleges and lecture groups, sponsors the study of Chinese priests in other Buddhist nations such as Thailand and Japan, and carries on other educational



Giant Buddha being built at Changhua, in central Taiwan, is 72 feet high, some 30 feet taller than Japan's 700-year-old Daibutsu at Kamakura.

activities. It also is responsible for coordinating contacts between Taiwan Buddhists and the world Buddhist community.

It is estimated that there are at least two and a half million avowed followers of Buddhism on this island. Elements of Buddhist beliefs also play an important part in the lives of other millions of Chinese in Taiwan who are not formal adherents of any single religious faith.

Another deity respected by Buddhists in Taiwan is Kuan Yin, the embodiment of tranquillity, compassion, and grace. Tradition describes her as the daughter of a king who ruled a country located near what is now Cambodia. At an early age she renounced the eating of meat and became a vegetarian. Her father attempted to marry her off, but she wanted instead to devote herself to religious contemplation and refused the suitor.

There are two versions of what happened next. According to one, her father killed her. The other version is that her father ordered her execution, but instead she was carried off by a tiger.

In both cases she was transformed into a supernatural being. She descended into hell, but her compassion turned the place into a paradise, and the ruler of the underworld petitioned the ruler of the heavens to remove her. Then she returned to earth, where she

lived in a cave in the mountains for nine years meditating and practicing moral cultivation.

After her death, the legend continues, her father fell mortally ill. The only cure, he was told, was to obtain the hand and eye of the compassionate being who lived in a certain cave in the mountains. The compassionate being was Kuan Yin. Willingly she sent her father her hand and eye and cured him, showing supreme mercy to the man who had slain her mortal body.

During her life of contemplation, some Chinese believe Kuan Yin attained divine status. However, she deliberately postponed her entrance into Nirvana in order to use her merits and virtues to lessen the suffering of mortals.

In almost each farmhouse in Taiwan there is a picture of Kuan Yin hanging on the wall of the room in which the ancestors are venerated. This room serves as the living room or guest room and is considered the most important room in the house.

Most portraits show her seated on a rock symbolizing her residence on a mountain of enlightenment in the South Seas. She is attended by a young boy and girl who are standing on a lotus blossom and lotus leaf, respectively. These servants, according to one account, used to be monsters but were redeemed by the goddess. Near her shoulder perches a bird, also a

former evil spirit trained by Kuan Yin to be her personal messenger. There is a belief that he can cover half of the world simply by stretching his wings. A vase on the rock to her left holds a single willow twig. It is said that a drop of water from the vase can cause a great flood.

Below Kuan Yin, the goddess Ma Tsu Po is seated on a chair, also flanked by an attendant on each side. Ma Tsu, the Holy Mother, worshiped in Hong Kong as Tien Hou, the Queen of Heaven, is a Taoist equivalent of Kuan Yin. The legend is that she was born the daughter of a fisherman in Fukien province, across the straits from Taiwan, ten centuries ago. One day while her mother and father were out in their boat, she fell into a trance and dreamed that they were about to drown. She ran to the beach and pointed at their boat, which alone among all others, reached safety through a wild storm.

Ma Tsu is thus the goddess of all seafarers. The Chinese who settled Taiwan came here through the storm-ridden Taiwan Straits. As more travelers invoked her protection, she became a very popular deity, until today she is worshiped in more than three hundred temples in Taiwan. Officials of the Manchu dynasty who led the imperial troops to victory over the descendants of Koxinga prayed to Ma Tsu in 1683 for the safety of their warships.

The Holy Mother's one thousandth birthday was celebrated in Taipei in the spring of 1959.

Like their co-religionists in Thailand, Burma, and elsewhere, Buddhist groups in Taiwan have contributed to the building of the well-known Buddha's Universal Church in San Francisco, U.S.A. An article about the church in a Hong Kong magazine prompted a believer here to devote six months to copying the entire Diamond Sutra in exquisite calligraphy on a series of scrolls which the Mayor of San Francisco presented to the church on behalf of the Chinese Buddhist Association. Recently, the Association presented to the church a carefully executed painting of the Buddha by a woman artist.

Taiwan Buddhists are aware of the value of the knowledge and experience to be gained by contact with Buddhist groups in other nations and are discussing means to increase such contact. There are problems of accommodation for visitors and of finding the financial means for travel and the exchange of publications. But Chinese Buddhists must search for solutions to these questions in order to acquire the benefits that result from an exchange of points of view with Buddhists in other lands who differ in their languages and their practices, but who are united in their dedication to the spirit of the All-Compassionate One.

YOU'RE SMARTER THAN YOU THINK

By Will Carson

DON'T GO AWAY . . . this is what you've been looking for - I HAVE THE ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS OF LIFE AND DEATH WHICH HAVE EVAD-ED MAN SINCE THE BEGINNING!

But I'm not going to reveal them to you free of charge; you've got to read the following - that's the catch to it!

I have a premise:

Once you admit to being "smart" you take on the responsibility of proving it. It's much easier to admit being "dumb" - "It's too deep for me!" or "I'm just not that smart," being com-mon expressions. Some few be-lieve secretly that they're smarter than they pretend to be; too many others think themselves not very smart when actually they're much more intelligent than they think they are.



The previous paragraph, being in the vernacular, makes the common mistake of ignoring the difference between intelligence and knowledge. But it shouldn't be necessary to define that difference; SEARCH readers will know what I'm talking about, and I'm merely working up to other points.

I'm not going to dwell here on the fact that there are many interests whose concern it is that you remain ignorant of how smart you really are, for that's an epic in itself. I'm only going to say that I hold it to be COSMIC truth that there is no significant difference between the most revered "genius" and the "lowliest" aborigine who wonders what keeps the sun and moon and stars from falling. The important thing is that all of us - "geniuses" and "dumbbells" alike - have equal access to ALL-KNOWLEDGE.

Excepting inherent mental abnormalities, we are all born with the basic equipment for becoming "geniuses;" how we subsequently utilize that equipment is the sole determining factor of how "smart" we eventually will become. The "intellectually lazy" person will insist, of course, that some are "just born with it" and others "ain't." For "proof" they will point to the child prodigy. (And many will say that this is proof of reincarnation.) I, however, propose that ALL (normal) persons

are born prodigies, that those who become recognized as such are simply those who learn in which field their particular "prodigiosity" lies.

The most critical period of our life is in the earliest moments. Our subconscious "training" begins even while we're still in the womb, and the "turning point" - the instant it is determined how "smart" we shall later be regarded - is the moment we partake of our first oral nourishment. (The wildest beast, if taken from its mother before she has suckled it, may be domesticated, while if allowed to begin may never be tamed.)

Now, let's make it clear that I'm not saying we do NOT inherit, come into life with, certain atavistic knowledge - "racial memory," "instinct" - call it what you will: In fact, that we ARE born with this knowledge potential within us is exactly what I'm getting at. Some learn to utilize it - others don't. That's the difference, as far as "genius" is concerned.

ALL-KNOWLEDGE, I believe, is within all of us: the "Genius" is simply the individual who consciously utilized his reasoning equipment to isolate and make demonstrable only certain limited areas of this ALL-KNOWLEDGE. Often this task demands so much concentration in the one area that our Genius, of a necessity, neglects and thus fails in other sections

where the average-seeming non-genius, as a matter of course, "shines."

The normal person now grown and "educated" may demonstrate as a refutation of this premise that if he could now be given the leisure and external facilities to prove his own genius he would on the contrary prove that he "just hasn't got what it takes." He probably would "prove" it to be an evident truth - but only because his original potential has become so cluttered with bias, propaganda, "facts", "education", that it would now be physically impossible in his remaining lifetime to remove all this accumulated impedimenta and get down to the primary strata of all-awareness in which genius is rooted. But why try to be a worldly genius?

Look into the newly-lit eyes of a (normal) baby - be it the offspring of a jungle pygmy or a world-renowned luminary - and you are gazing into intuitive ALL-KNOWLEDGE, unobstructed by a material prejudice (but be careful or you might contribute some of that child's first stultifying prejudices!)

Yes, as I boasted at the beginning of this article, I DO have all the answers to all the questions of life and death, of God and hereafter - but I am unable to detect and isolate them from the billions of other possible but false answers!

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Let's look at some "prophecies" which allege to give the answers: The Bible, Talmud, Oahspe, Book of Mormon, Shaver Mystery, Prophecy of Deganawida, to name a few that recently have come to my attention. All these, along with others, known and unknown, are said to have been received by the "authors" as visions, revelations, racial memory, etc. The reason for rejection of any of these is based on the fact that all contain many allegations which some people can disprove some of the time, and they feel that if a book is truly the divine word, every word in it should be uncontestable.

There is one immutable law (immutable except that it is subject to itself) which the very nature of people consistently causes them to fail to recognize or believe - and that is the law that all answers lie somewhere between the two antipodes, never entirely at either extreme. (However, since the law is subject to itself, there must be exceptions.) Now, do we

recognize that these "divine" prophecies which conflict with one another on so many points are nothing more and nothing less than the attempt to communicate to others (except in case of deliberate hoax, which usually becomes quite obvious) by persons - mortals - who have unconsciously seen through the mental accumulata of a lifetime and tapped the bedground of ALL-KNOWLEDGE with which they - and all of us - were born? The recipients or attainers of these "revelations", being only human and thus heir to error and subject to physical laws and limitations, it is only inevitable that the resulting "prophesy" - their attempt to project into demonstrable and communicable terms the knowledge thus tapped - although basically of the purest truth, is going to become adulterated in the process with half truths, errors, misunderstandings, failures properly to interpret.

The interesting thing about such "divine revelations" is - in this premise - the fact that the ALL-KNOWLEDGE has been, thus CAN be, tapped, without the practiced conscious exertion applied by "geniuses." Recording it as truly as possible to the symbolic form in which it is received, however that may be, seems preferable to an attempt at reducing it to the vulgate. Although to the individual sincerely seeking truth, his own personal

contact with the bedrock of universal knowledge is more imperative to himself than the inevitably symbolic and confusing interpretations of others, by studying these latter he gains perspective and insight into his own endeavors to consciously isolate truth from all that he subconsciously "knows". But if we disregard our affinity with the cosmic community, fail to recognize it, deny it, or believe that only a chosen few have had access to it, it will do us no good to study the "reports" of others - we'll NEVER understand what they're trying to say!

Genius is fine - very good intellectual showmanship, and it serves its purpose in the structure of our culture by isolating and making demonstrable what we ALL subconsciously KNOW. And it's only the result of hard work applied in the field to which the individual is best inclined . . . drawing from the reservoir to which we all have resource. You needn't strive to be what the world calls a genius, but you cannot fairly say - "I'm just not very smart," even if you haven't had the opportunity to gain an education" only piles more obstructions between your consciousness and the true omniscience with which you were born - and to which you can and must return to gain knowledge. You can't escape it, my friend - YOU'RE SMARTER THAN YOU THINK YOU ARE!

SPIRITUAL HEALING IN AMERICA?

BY W. D. CHESNEY

BEFORE THAT question can be answered factually, we must first be satisfied that there is such a thing as spiritual, or psychic healing. And furthermore, we assume, that if there is spirit healing in other portions of the Earth, it can happen here, for God, said St. Peter, is no respecter of persons. We may also assume that as there are hundreds of millions of human that accept the Holy Bible as virtually true, there is no way to deny spiritual healing. Healing by, or through spirit is revealed in 2 Chronicles, 30:20; Psalms 7:20; Isaiah 53:5 and Peter 1, 2:24; Jeremiah 6:14 and 8:11; Hoseah 7:1; Acts 17:7; Hebrews 12:13;

James 5:15 etc. A short session with a concordance will furnish the seeker with hundreds of cases of healing that came through Jesus, who said that, "It is the Father that doeth the miracles. I of myself can do nothing." James tells us that the prayer of faith will heal the sick.

Four centuries before the advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the father of medicine, Hippocrates definitely stated that the patient that reposed the most faith in the physician was the most likely to recover. It is a peculiar quality in humans that they say they have faith in the Bible, and yet they seem to have no faith in the prom-

ises of Jesus that, "These things and more shall ye do." The spiritual healer has the most difficult task because the great majority of those that seek spirit healing have gone the rounds of doctors and hospitals, before seeking a spiritual, or if you prefer it, faith healer. The author has thoroughly investigated the subject and does assure everybody that there is not the slightest doubt that the following healers, across the water, have healed and are healing the sick in spirit, mind and body. The first that comes to mind is Harry Edwards, Shere, Surrey, England. I know positively that healing has come through his ministrations, of cancer, mental diseases, TB, arthritis, in fact, I know of no disease attacking man that have not been healed through him. However, I do not say he brings healing to everybody. You remember that Jesus and His apostles failed in some cases. But it can be honestly said that Harry Edwards has brought healing to tens of thousands after doctors have declared them hopeless, moribund cases. I know this because, after one of my FATE articles, a great number of readers asked me for his address, wrote him, and many of them later wrote me that they received complete healing. Harry Edwards states, and he speaks truly, that he and many spirits of fine doctors combine to form a

channel for successful healing. In absent healings these doctor spirits go to the patient and many ill people have averred that they see and feel the actual contact of materialized spirit doctors. I can definitely subscribe to that because of my experience after an exploratory gastroectomy when I was 77 years old.

As it is my positive belief that what can happen in Europe or Africa, can and will happen in America, it is expedient that humanity knows that spirit or psychic healing was once carried on by the new-born church, and that this type of healing is being successfully done, in and out of the church. And is being done whether or not the patient himself has faith. However, today as in the days of Hippocrates, and Jesus of Nazareth, FAITH is of manifest assistance. Furthermore, the very fact that a patient seeks help is definite proof that he does have a certain amount of FAITH. There is no possible doubt that d'Angelo of Italy, a man with no formal education has healed and is healing - let's change that clause to say that all healing comes from God, and that d'Angelo simply serves as a channel - all sorts of diseases. This is evidenced by the known facts set forth in a former article in FATE. d'Angelo successfully treated the ex-king Umberto, ex-queen Marie Jose, Toccanini and great numbers of actors.

Abraham Lincoln used to say, "They won't eat the devil, but they drink his broth." The Holland medical doctors are virtually doing that, for although spirit or psychic healing is strictly tabu in Holland, nevertheless the doctors who ran against that form of treatment, do call in the noted healer, Gerard Croiset, to threat themselves, their families and their patients. And the results that come through him are really miraculous. Croiset demonstrated his marvelous powers as a channel from God for the healing of the nations, before specialists at the university of Utrecht, and the Koenige Sax Berwerks Universitat at Freiberg, and before a large number of journalists at Cologne, Germany. One can only state factually that the healings were witnessed and approved by former highly skeptical doctors and newsmen. This brings up a very delicate subject - the acceptance of fees or love offerings for healing treatments. Jesus said that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Mediums and healers have to live - food, clothing, lodging, etc. There is no doubt that Jesus and His disciples accepted love offerings, for we read that Judas Iscariot carried the purse and that food and lodging was given to them. We willingly pay our clergymen, our doctors, our teachers - that is, we more or less willingly pay them - then why are

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the spiritual healers not entitled to receive pay for performing what high-priced doctors have not been able to do? However, Croiset refuses to accept gratuities. And the Holland medical doctors admit that the diagnoses coming through him are much more accurate than their profession. It is also worthy of remembering that Margery Crandon, whose husband was a reputable doctor and surgeon, and a lecturer at Harvard, refused to accept money for her manifest ability to bring healing.

There is in South Africa a very fine channel for healing, Elsie Salmon. She is the wife of a Methodist minister. There are great quantities of documents to prove that through her comes healing in cancer, TB, skin diseases, arthritis, heart trouble, etc. She has said that she has healed 20,000, using the apparent same technique as Jesus, and that in not one case has the power failed to come through and heal. And Jesus said, "These things and more shall ye do." Well it has been done in America and it is being done today. And in listing a few known healers, the author has verified, personally, the facts concerning those about to be mentioned. I know there are many more, unknown to me at the present time. Furthermore, I know that healing is being employed in many churches. And why shouldn't this be true, for the brother of Jesus,

James, wrote, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders; and if he have committed sin, they shall be forgiven him...Pray for one another that ye may be healed." I say with the utmost sincerity and vigor that where there is hate, there can be little healing. You, Who Want Healing Of Spirit, Mind and Body, should study LUKE 6:37:

"Judge not and ye will not be judged. Condemn not and ye will not be condemned. Forgive and ye shall be forgiven." That is the life to live if one wants true and permanent healing of spirit, mind and body. No person who honestly investigates, can deny the life of healing of Edgar Cayce. No honest physicians can, or will deny that the real problem is DIAGNOSIS. A professor brought his moribund daughter to Cayce in 1937. Medicine had accomplished nothing in her case. The case was most desperate. The girl was completely healed and her father made a notarized affidavit setting forth the facts. The father's name was D.H. Dietrick. The Notary Public was Gerrig Raidt, Hamilton County, Ohio. A reputable physician, Dr. Layne used to drive 70 miles twice a week to have Cayce diagnose his patients as well as to formulate successful treatments. Dr. John Blackford was accustomed to have Cayce make diagnoses, through some spiritual forces, of his patients. The results were remark-

ably good - in fact better than when the doctor depended on his own diagnosis and treatment. Now here is a most important testimony: Dr. H. J. Reilly of the Reilly Health Service, Radio City, New York, handled three hundred (300) cases diagnosed by Cayce. Dr. Reilly stated that diagnoses made by Cayce averaged 20% better than those made by medical specialists and experts. Read that again: "Cayce's diagnoses were 20% better than those of medical specialists." How can one make a better case for spirit-guided healing than that? Naturally, because of medical ethics one cannot give names of members of organized medicine. But sufficient to state that the author has testimony from reputable physicians in Detroit, Chicago, New York, Washington, D. C., Albany, N.Y., and countless other cities, and in nearly all cases Cayce's diagnoses were 80% or better. Reminds us that that great diagnostician, Dr. Cabot, Harvard University, put it in print that when diagnoses were made by regular medical doctors, and surgery performed, it was then discovered that at least 50% of the diagnoses were incorrect. This is not the author's opinion, but the written, documented statement of one of America's great physicians.

But, you say, Edgar Cayce is dead. Edgar Cayce is not dead, he has been called up higher, but is

still manifesting his kindly Godly ambition to, like Christ, go about doing good. Edgar Cayce comes through one, at least, reputable medium, and has identified himself beyond question of doubt. I happened to know Dr. Carl Wickland and I saw him, assisted by his talented wife - a reputable medium who refused remunerations, exercise some of the most vicious and violent earthbound entities. The patient was seated on an insulating stool, or table. He was charged with an enormous static potential from a modified Wimshurst plate machine. Mrs. Wickland sat close by. Objects charged with static have this property - so has magnetism - positive attracts negative and repels positive charges. Through the operation of some unknown law, whose properties are little known, the obsessing spirit is driven out of the patient and into Mrs. Wickland. It is then possible to reason with the entity, after proving that he, or she is no longer residing in the mortal body. It is then easy to point out that the late obsessing spirit has more and better things ahead as it evolves toward the Infinite. I certify that Dr. Wickland was able to free a great many, considered insane, and the patient being freed was healed.

Another spirit healer who is really bringing healing is Clifton Stone, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Some of his cases have reported

to me that they were cured, after medicine failed, of TB, cancer, heart diseases, diabetes, rheumatism, gall bladder infection, blindness and other serious conditions. I have checked into several of these cases and it appears they were genuine spirit healings. There was no doubt that symptoms were completely relieved and that is usually considered by medical men to constitute a cure. I have heard that the Reverend Ernest Kapp, Butler, Pennsylvania, is a successful spiritual healer. Here I present one that seems worthwhile considering, for I have seen affidavits made by many patients, suffering from many diverse diseases, stating, under oath that they were healed through Glenn H. Selberg, 6704 Oliver St., So., Minneapolis, Minn. As these affidavits are in proper order, naming diverse diseases, from pretty well over the United States, Mr. Selberg should not be forgotten when searching for spirit healing. It does not seem rational for all of these people to deliberately prevaricate, under oath, regarding their condition before and after his ministrations.

He advertises: "No pledges or specific fees required, your offering will enable us to help those in need and unable to give." Harry Edwards furnishes healing service under the same terms - that is probably the reason that such spirit healers really heal. And that is the

way Jesus commanded. However, one must not lose sight of the fact that all of these healers have to maintain homes, buy food, clothing and other creature comforts. We all know of supposed Christian clergymen who are paid princely salaries but do not heal. In fact some of the highest church dignitaries fight spiritual healing. And it seems difficult to coordinate that attitude with Jesus' commandment: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received freely give." (Matthew, Luke). Rev. Norman Peale has established a healing service in connection with his great N.Y. Church, the Marble Collegiate Church. Favorable reports have reached me about healing, particularly of mental conditions.

Many reports of healings through Christian Science are available. Having not investigated, I cannot vouch for these reports. Personally I believe them. The UNITY organization presents itself very favorably to me. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered together in my name, I will be in the midst of them." UNITY has a group of devout believers in the efficacy of its ministration, on duty twenty-four hours a day. They work with and for those in need whether or not offerings are made. But UNITY like all other organizations working for the good of man-

kind, has to depend on free will offerings to perpetuate its good offices. It is located at Lee Summit, Mo.

I have before me a copy of an affidavit made by Mr. Murray Cohen, setting forth that he had a rare brain disease. That medical doctors did everything in their power without success. That he grew worse by the day. Finally as a last resort, John Myers, a divine healer came to call on him. Mr. Myers told the patient's family that he could not be healed by a brain operation (that is intracranial). The healer stated that if no surgery was performed, the patient would make a full recovery, and leave the hospital within two weeks. According to the affidavit that is what transpired. The author, despite the fact that he had a medical education, is a firm believer in what he has found to be the truth: there are some folks who, through some unknown law, are able to channel healing from God, who really does the healing, to those needing it.

God is spirit. If one wants and needs spiritual healing, he should assist by putting himself into rapport with spirit-God. I have seen men dying from lung cancer, admittedly due, according to the July 1957 Readers Digest, to cigaret smoking. They asked for healing without stopping the use of the causative factor. It does not work

that way. I've seen men demanding spiritual healing for gastric ulcer that would not cease being swine. Spirit healing was not for them. I've seen men wishing freedom from mental diseases while their minds were filled with misanthropy and salacious ideas. The best preparation to receive spirit healing is to obey Jesus' wisdom as shown in LUKE 6:37, "Judge Not And Ye Will Not Be Judged. Condemn Not And Ye Will Not Be Condemned. Forgive And Ye Will Be Forgiven."

Charles Lowell, founder of UNITY often stated that the best cure for a variety of sickness, was to relax on going to bed, and mentally pick out every person who had wronged the sick one, and forgive him. Through personal realization, and the experiences of others, I know he was absolutely right. Reminds me of a short poem I saw a short time ago. It's worth committing to memory, in view of Jesus' words:

"Forgive, Oh man, thy direst
foe
And never give him blow for
blow.
For all that on this earth do
live,
To be forgiven must forgive.
Forgive him seventy times and
seven,
For all the saints that live in
heaven,
Are both forgivers and for-
given."

COMMENTARY TO “GOOD AND EVIL”

THIS, IN LARGE part, is a supplement to Huey P. Beasley's The Origin, Purpose, and End of Evil thesis and answer to Peter Kor. I agree with the majority of what Mr. Huey Beasley says, and, also, how this is in regards to “Classical Christian

Theology”. Mr. Beasley briefly gives the several “stages” whereby this “salvation” is brought about. I would like to elaborate on some of these aspects.

Among the Biblical accounts that Mr. Beasley outlines, there is another in the story of Job. Note

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Job 1:12: "Then said the Lord to Satan, 'Behold, all that he had is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.' Notice that Satan could do this only with God's permission! Later God gave Satan permission to do all but to "spare his life!" It is Satan here that is truly under the subjugation and rule of the Lord. Job realizes this, too, in the form of a question: "Are we to take good from God's hand, and not evil too?" But Job, unlike modern man, knew just where to place the blame and in what proper spectrum to see his light. Job knew that Satan inflicted it, but that God permitted it. He traced its origin back to God - yet, without imputing any blame or fault to God. Job was a much wiser man, due his experience, a wisdom very few moderns have.

Mr. Beasley states his firm be-

lief that the Ezekiel 28th chapter account of the King of Tyre is a more likely reference to the King of Tyre (a man) than a symbolical reference to Satan. However, verse 12 says "thou sealest up the sum full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." This could hardly be a reference to a mortal man. The prophetic duality of this Tyrian has been assigned to such passages as a prognostication of a future revival of the Holy Roman Empire. In this instance, God uses the king of Tyre as a type of Satan the Devil (Babylon). Verse 13 would also substantiate this, for it says of this Tyrian king "Thou has been in EDEN the garden of God. . ." Obviously, this refers to the Devil. This same type of system is used in the 14th of Isaiah, where the king of Babylon is used as a type of Satan. In this connection, there seems to be some confusion as to what is meant by the "beginning" or the "creation" of Satan. Satan, by definition, was an angel. And in this regard, was not tantamount to God, but limited from him. Perhaps, here lies the vital key, of which Mr. Beasley doesn't go into. Lucifer may have been created perfect (for no one thinks of his creation and fall as the same event). But CHARACTER is that which cannot be instantaneously created - but must be developed through trial, testing and experience! Satan preferred "vani-

ty". None of which, as Mr. Beasley's original statement, could be allowed without God's permission and plan.

The gist of Beasley's article is in perfect accord with what the Bible says. However, he makes a statement that not even Satan will be lost or damned. The exact events of this are told in the Bible. Matt. 25:41 speaks of "everlasting fire" prepared for the devil and his angels. Christ made no special reference to the "time element" involved, for he was wanting to show a spiritual principle. At the beginning of Christ's millennial rule over the nations, Satan is to be bound and cast into an abyss (Rev. 20:1-3). This restraint will last for a thousand years, and then for a short period of time the Devil will be allowed freedom to deceive the nations (Vs. 3) again! This fire in Matt. 25:41 is called age-lasting, because it does, literally, last for the millennium age. The final enemy to be destroyed is death (I Cor. 15:26). The very earth will be cleansed, swept clean of all materials and combustible things in a world-wide conflagration (II Pet. 3:10-11). This is supposedly to happen after the final Great White Throne Judgment - when all Christians are brought unto him, and the grave and death are destroyed. The demons, who are tormented by a deprivation of dwelling places

(Luke 8:28) and the frustration they show at same (Acts 8:7), are spirits who are disembodied and can no longer manifest themselves (Luke 11:24). It is unto this "Gehenna" that Satan is allowed to wander...until God's "New Heaven and New Earth" are established.

Such passages as Matt. 25:41 do say that HUMAN BEINGS will also be thrown into the "gehenna fire", those who have still fallen to Satan after he is momentarily released at the end of the millennium. Those who have not learned their respective responsibility prior and up unto Christ's coming, in what is called the Day of Great Tribulation. Could Mr. Beasley please outline for the readers the recognizable, exact sequence, whereby the beings in the final gehenna fire (or those who have become a final embodiment of evil) are saved?

First concerning the prophecy of Ezekiel 28. Let us note that Ezekiel 26 is altogether a prophecy against Tyre; the one which we have discussed widely with Tom Comella in the pages of Flying Saucers Magazine. Ezekiel 27 continues this same line of thought. It is well to note here, certain points in Chapter 27. In verses 3-4 "Thus saith the Lord God, O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty." Then

follows a lengthy description of the wealth, commerce, wisdom, beauty, etc. which was part of Ancient Tyre. Then in verses 35-36 is mentioned again the astonishment which Tyre's destruction in the sight of men brings about, and it is said that Tyre never shall be any more.

Now, Ezekiel 28 continues in the same line of thought, and we must understand it in the light of its context, as begun in Chapters 26 and 27. The major difference is that Chapter 28 personifies the prince, king, ruler of Tyre, instead of the city itself.

Again in verse 2 of Chapter 28, we find; "Thus saith the Lord God, Because thine heart is lifted up, and Thou hast said, 'I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas' (refer back to verses 3 and 4 of Chapter 27)." These verses furnish the Key to the whole thing. Chapter 28 is a sarcastic taunting of the King of Tyre because of what he said; it does not imply that what he said was true! The very latter part of verse 2, Chapter 28, shows this to be true. Although the King of Tyre thought of himself as a God, God tells him that he is in reality just a man, and not God, though he had indeed set his heart as the heart of God. God continues the sarcasm in verse 3 by saying "Thou art wiser than Daniel, there is no secret that they can hide from

thee." Again, this is not to be taken as a literal truth, but as representing the prideful and haughty thoughts of the King or Prince of Tyre. This thought continues in verses 4-10, where the riches, and the terrible destruction soon to come upon Tyre, are again described.

This much so far seems abundantly clear. Now it seems to me a dubious stretch of the imagination indeed to postulate a sudden change of thought beginning with Verse 12. Verses 12 and 13 are simply more sarcasm, reflecting the haughty attitude of the King of Tyre. They were meant to be taken as literal truths. If one does try to take as literal truth the statement "Thou hast been in Eden the Garden of God," then one must also take the rest of verse 13 literally, and postulate that Satan, a spirit being, was literally covered with diamonds, sardius, topaz, beryl, onyx, etc. That he had built in tablets and other musical instruments, etc., in other words, he must have been some sort of vast, ornate machine!

The statements in verses 14 and 15 are also sarcastic. Otherwise, we must conclude from verse 16 that it was merchandise which "filled Satan with violence and caused him to sin", and that he will literally be thrown to the ground in the presences of Kings who will be astonished at this;

that he had "sanctuaries" within him which were defiled by "traffic"; that he will be turned to ashes; and never be any more! (verses 17-18).

This obviously leads us to ridiculous conclusions. The only sensible interpretation is to leave the scripture as it is given, a sarcastic prophecy against Tyre and its ruler.

We might give one brief comparative example of the symbolic sarcasm here employed, as it is used against the King of Assyria in Ezekiel 31.

"Behold, the Assyrian was a Cedar in Lebanon" (was this literally true?). (Verse 3) Read also verses 4-7. Then in verse 8, "The cedars in the Garden of God could not hide him. . .etc. . .(verse 9) . . .All the trees of Eden, that were in the Garden of God, envied him."

Are we to draw from this, that the Assyrian was literally a tree, that he too had literally been in Eden, and that the other trees in Eden envied him? I think the answer is more than obvious.

The fact is that Ezekiel 28, as well as Isaiah 14, are symbolic sarcasm against the human ruler of Tyre and Babylon. There is no sound reason for ever applying them to Satan, and they have so been applied only to uphold a false human tradition that a perfect angel somehow "fell" and became

a Devil, a tradition which borders on gnosticism, if not persian dualism.

However, as was pointed out before, even if the whole chapter were applied to Satan, it would not prove his original sinless perfection.

Mr. Erdmann then speaks of the creation and "fall" of Satan, as two separate events. The point I tried to make was, that there never was any fall of Satan. There is no evidence for such in scripture. Rather, the scripture speaks of him as sinning "from the beginning." Since there is no evidence to the contrary, I take this to refer to the "beginning" of his existence. In fact, this seems obvious. It would be meaningless to state that "Satan is sinning since he began sinning," which is what some people seem to think the Apostle John was saying.

The third point which seems to concern Mr. Erdmann, is how or when Satan, as well as the anti-christ and his followers, and other rebellious humans, can be ultimately saved, when we are told in the scriptures that they will be cast into Gehenna fire.

Mr. Erdmann has, in one sense, answered his own question. He admits that the everlasting or age-lasting fire of Matthew 25:41 does have an end. It lasts for an age; namely the millenial age. Then this particular punishment ends. There

are many punishments, many judgments, and many ages, mentioned in the Bible. None of them are said to be endless. What happens to the people, demons, etc., after each particular age of punishment ends? The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (I Corinthians 15:26). This is to occur after the millennium, after the great white throne judgment, because Christ reigns through these periods. But at the end of all the ages, Christ will deliver up the Kingdom to the Father, that God may be all in all (I Corinthians 15:21-28). At that time, not only will there be no more dying, but the condition of death itself will no longer exist. It is not only dying which is an enemy, but also the condition of death. Those who are cast into the lake of fire will, at that time of the final consummation, be raised up and made alive, for Christ must reconcile all things unto himself. The Lake of fire being, perhaps, the final instrument needed to bring them to true repentance. But the Bible nowhere states that they have become "the embodiment of evil." (Colossians 1:20) Just as surely as all men are initially under judgment and condemnation, even so all men will be justified to life through Christ (Roman 5:18). In the fulness of time all things in heaven and in earth will be gathered together in Christ. (Ephesians 1:9-10).

To fully cover the exact sequence of events leading up to all this, would require a long article in itself. Much excellent and detailed literature which thoroughly explain this in detail may be obtained from The Concordant Publishing Concern, 15669 W. Iron Canyon Rd., Saugus, Calif.

Very briefly though, here is an outline of the various ages.

- (1) Before the ages began, God was (1 Cor. 2:7, 8:4-6, II Tim. 1-9).
- (2) The First Age, from original creation to the disruption (Heb. 1:2, Gen. 1:2).
- (3) The Second Age - From Adam to the Flood of Noah (Gen. 1-9, Gen. 6-9).
- (4) The Third Age "This present Evil World", from Noah to the return of Christ (Gal. 1:4, Matt. 24:29-30, 1 Thess. 4:13, 5:11).
- (5) The Millenial Age - the Kingdom of God set up (Rev. 16:17-21, Matt. 25:31-46, Rev. 20:1-10, Luke 18:30).
- (6) A brief period, perhaps 100 years, called the Great White Throne Judgment. Fire and punishment (Rev. 20:11-15, II Peter 3:10-13).
- (7) The New Earth - The "Age of the Ages." (Rev. 11:14-15, Rev. 21-22, Eph. 3:21).
- (8) The End of the Ages, God All in All. Death abolished. All justified and reconciled. (I Cor. 15:22-28, Hebrews 9:26, Rom. 5:18-19, Col. 1:16-20).

LITTLE KRIS - AN EXPERIMENT IN FREE ENTERPRISE

BY WILL CARSON &
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TWO YEARS AGO a friend of ours whose little girl would like to be a professional singer asked us to write a Christmas song for her. A year later we came up with one called "Little Kris - Santa Claus' Son". The little girl

recorded it on a small label and it was distributed locally. The response to the idea of Santa Claus having a son was immediate, and a light came into our eyes - a capitalistic, mercenary glow; the idea seemed to have national, commercial value - not only the song but Little Kris himself: a children's book (about how he had to overcome his fear of reindeer, his allergy to Christmas trees and an



innate stinginess one Christmas when his father couldn't make it because of some mischief on the part of Yuk and Ugh, the two bad dwarfs); Little Kris Christmas Cards, etc.

Now, the reaction to our idea was rather like a pincers - on the

one hand are those who would take the whole thing away from us and promote it for themselves; while on the other are those who consider it "bad" to do anything "just for money", and especially to commercialize on Christmas, the birthday of Christ.

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We are not here going to argue with the latter. What we seek mostly at this time is the protection of SEARCH readers against the former. The bitter truth today is that simply copyrighting something you create is no proof against it being stolen from you. We, and Little Kris, at the present could be swallowed by the Big Boys as easily as a shark gulping fish - we want to be protected to the fullest, be able to offer as much documentation as possible that Little Kris, the son of Santa Claus, is the sole creation of the current writers. We have had exactly 18 copyrighted songs stolen from us by one of the largest recording companies in the world, and there was not a thing we could do about it. We don't want it to happen with Little Kris - and we'll be forever beholdin' to Ray Palmer for this service of helping us protect ourselves.

There suddenly could be a "Little Kris" - or even "Kristina" on the national market, promoted by

some big business.

We are not trying to sell anything to readers of SEARCH or use these pages for free advertising. Secondly we are indulging in an experiment in free enterprise. There are powerful forces in the world which would forever abolish our freedom to do so - while at the same time our own country is the world's No. 1 champion of that right.

Yet, a strange thing is true:

How many persons in America actually make use of Free Enterprise? Actually a very small minority - while all profit by it, if only indirectly.

We ourselves have never before participated in free enterprise. We have for years been paying an increasingly high price - through taxes - for a privilege which we've never claimed! Now we're going to try it - and of those who feel somehow we are doing something wrong, we ask that they carefully re-examine their own true feelings about Democracy, the traditional American way of life; maybe they don't really believe in it, after all....

So the path we're going to walk with Little Kris will be a narrow one between two extremes. It's going to be a do-it-yourself project - like Ray Palmer's own enterprises. An experiment, and we'll keep you informed as to its outcome - which may prove just where we all really stand.

MIND + ENERGY = MATTER

Rosannah Kerr

My mind has the way of a magic mill
Once I have learned how to use it.
And if I take thought, it will work for me -
So long as I do not abuse it.
My thoughts are the grist that feed the mill
And wonderful things they make;
For mind is changing thoughts to things,
And, whether I sleep or wake -
Not ceasing - the mill goes on with its work.
I must, therefore, take care what I give it to grind;
Only beautiful thoughts can make beautiful things.
I will take care what I put in my mind."

- Author Unknown

REMEMBERING all the great scientific discoveries now being put into use by mankind, we can still say the mind - man's mind, your mind, my mind, our mind - is the greatest discovery ever to be made. It is sufficient to say that all

scientific discoveries are linked with the mind - that there is a golden thread that ties them all together.

It is in the realm of physical science that the first emphasis is made of the fact that new material is never created by man; that man

only provides conditions under which or through which energy - already existing - can be transformed into a different material mode of expression; that is, man can only combine and re-distribute what already is. This is saying to the mental scientist, as well as to the physical scientist, that mind is all there is - energy is all there is back of all life - the only substance. Einstein worked with the laws of the cosmos. He said that there was only one energy and that Energy equals Mass times the Speed of Light squared.

Let us bring back to mind some of the physical science theories:

1. Form is derived from space.
2. Space is moving energy.
3. Force formulates patterns, and visible forms arise as the direct result of these patterns.
4. The only force energy is mind.
5. H_2O is the pattern for water.
6. Energy equals mass times the speed of light squared.

Now, H_2O is NOT water, mind you. It is only the pattern for water. It is the mental equivalent of water. Where did this mental equivalent come from? Man did not make it - he only discovered it. It always was. It is. It always will be. If all the scientists in the world should die, they could not take the pattern for water with them. No one can tell you why water is, but they can change its form for you right before your eyes.

They can make it solid water - something you can walk on - by freezing it. They can make it disappear, too, right before your very eyes - by boiling it. Where does it go? You've changed its vibrations - it has taken another form.

When you change your mind, where does the former opinion go? And have you not simply changed the form, the pattern, the mental equivalent, the vibrations?

From this illustration isn't it easy to see why, if we change our thoughts, quit thinking the thoughts we now think, we will change the pattern of our thinking, we will change the form of our affairs, even of our bodies? We know the body manufactures its own drugs in the process of producing the secretions of the endocrine system. Isn't it reasonable to believe that changes in our glandular system affect our personality, and that in turn affects our characters, our health in general; and so, all of the affairs of our life? We know that bodily changes are due to brain changes, but we also know that brain changes are due to what we think - the patterns we give our brain to follow. A character which desires excitement and has too little sense of purpose to aim at anything but amusement, repeated and irrelevant sensations and experience - will keep its glandular system in such constant excitement until it will be well out of hand. Then phys-

ical breakdown takes place, because adrenalin continually released (which is what happens from constant stimulation from excitement) causes high blood pressure and other forms of change in body chemistry. Then one starts to worry and gets ulcers from the acid secretions sent flowing into the picture. We fly off the handle, get mad, lose all our friends and suffer a heart attack, develop diabetes, malignancy, and a million other things.

It has been proven that the pituitary gland - that little bean nearest the brain - receives its orders from an urge of the brain. Its center is not known - the scientist says it is a "profound unconscious center of urge". Isn't that interesting? Where does this "urge" come from? You see, although man has discovered that it is really something outside himself that "makes him tick", he truly knows very little about it. But we do know that we can change our thought patterns and that this, in turn, will give us new body patterns, or new financial patterns, or a new pattern in our general affairs of living.

So man finally comes to realize that the brain is only a focal point for a field of energy, rather than a place where secretions are mixed - and action, feeling, and thought result. Rather, the thought coming from somewhere outside himself

sets up a feeling which causes an action whose result is termed good or bad, depending upon the originating thought but man has a will to choose whether his thoughts shall be good or bad, constructive or destructive. He has discovered this "will" can be developed, and that it acts as a sort of magnet to bring what it needs to it, relative to a given thought; but it remains true that the brain is dependent on some force outside itself to give it impetus.

We go back to our physics once more and get: "The only force energy is mind". The conscious mind of man controlled by his own will, makes that which acts as a magnet to draw relative thoughts from "out there" to materialize or complete the thing he has pictured.

The whole purpose of the scientific study and use of mind is to reconcile the apparent separation of the mental worlds (they are really one) and that one is what we call "spiritual" - something you cannot handle, cannot see, cannot weigh, smell, feel or taste. And looking further, we know that only that world can appear to us which we mentally perceive. The secret - and the whole secret - of the creative law of mind is that we can take out of mind only what we put into it.

Mind is just as wonderful as electricity - and just as dangerous to handle.

Dear Friend:

For 40 years I've been pointing at 1965. I have reached the age of 55 (born Aug. 1, 5:20 PM, 1910, for those of you interested in astrology). 55 is a total of 10 (or 1), the prime number (for those of you interested in numerology). I was born under Halley's Comet (for those of you interested in signs). Even as a child I had an overwhelming curiosity, and strange things happened to me. By the time I was 16, I had discovered a new and hidden world, and I determined to enter it. For 40 years I have been prying around in that world, and now I've got something to say about it; things I've never breathed to a soul although I've hinted many times in my writings - from the very first science fiction story I wrote, which was true, because it involved a weird experience concerning Africa and its remote past, until now. The only way I could tell the story was in fiction form - therefore I was stunned when several persons wrote and told me they knew the story was truth, not fiction. With that experience, I determined to take everybody who read my material into my confidence and make them partners. The very fact that you receive this letter indicates you are one of those unknowing (and many knowing!) partners. We've shared our knowledge and experiences in the past, via letters, magazines I've edited and published, and by personal contacts. Thousands of you actually visited me to tell me what you knew, and ask me what I knew.

Now the time has come to put it all on the line. There is a saying that when one is ready, one will know. I am ready. I'm bursting to tell what I have found out, share it with you at last. Such things as that mysterious "fact" I've often mentioned, and been challenged to reveal by so many of you. The time has also come in another way - the world is at a critical point in its history, the most critical point ever. The prophets of doom say disaster lies ahead. I say no! Critical events, yes, but we (you and I particularly) have the opportunity to put these critical events into personal control, guide our own lives through them to accomplishment, not disaster. You might say we've got a secret, a key, a roadway to achievement ahead. There is a great new age dawning. We have a mission to future mankind (our children) to enact the first few years of that new age. We have to point the way, reveal the inconsistencies of today for what they are, drive away fear, inaction, thoughtlessness. We've got to stimulate that one saving sense, our innate curiosity, and activate that one saving tool, our unused special talents and senses.

All through the years the two things most of you have liked best are my editorials and my answers to your letters, published in my magazines. That's the way I'm going to accomplish what I've pointed at for 40 years, publish a 32-page "little magazine" which actually will be nothing but editorial and letters. I'm going to call it "Ray Palmer's Forum" and it's going to be your forum as well as mine. Half of it will contain what I have to tell you, and half of it will contain what you have to tell everybody else, plus my answers to your questions, and your answers to others' questions. In this little magazine, which will no doubt grow rapidly in size as you begin to participate, everything will be laid on the line. All the stops will be pulled out. There will be complete frankness. It will be what you have wanted and waited for these many years!

"Forum" will be published every two weeks. It won't be anything fancy, except that it will be published on good stock (for permanence). No frills, just facts. No hanging back, everything out in the open, blunt and unconcealed.

It's not going to be easy, nor cheap. This one I'll have to do entirely alone; no editorial assistant - I'll have to write every word unaided. Everything I say will need to be documented and presented so that it fulfills the purpose for which it was published. I know from experience that there will be "opposition", but I think every one of you will provide a sort of "umbrella" of protective thought and good wishes. That's really all that's necessary, your good will, your moral support, and a prayer or two, if you are so inclined.

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FLYING SAUCERS?

Josephine J. Clark

AFTER MANY years of accumulating information, there are few, if any, new approaches left to the flying saucer mystery, only questions. Presented here are the major ones we are concerned with, along with our most widely discussed possibilities.

1. What are they?
 - a. Solid, metallic objects.
 - b. Russian or American secret devices.
 - c. Remote controlled, unmaned devices.
 - d. Natural phenomenon we are unable to identify as yet.
 - e. Space ships carrying passengers.
 - f. Unknown objects that have the ability to change size, shape, color, and form.
2. Where are they from?
 - a. The Moon.
 - b. Mars, Venus, or all planets in our solar system.
 - c. The 4th dimension, or etheric world.
 - d. Other solar systems or other galaxies, possibly using Mars, Venus, the Moon or dark satellites revolving around the Earth as way-

stations, or beacons in space to guide them.

- e. Another world inside our planet; assuming it is hollow.
- f. Caverns below the surface of the Earth's crust.
- g. Figments of our imagination. A sort of creeping mass hypnosis. People seeing things they say must be from other worlds, because this is where they want them to be from.
- h. Created by us. Man is a creative being. He created these things by thought alone, and with enough minds concentrating on there being something or someone visiting us from somewhere else, we have created our own saviors - or devastators.

3. Who are they;

- a. Discarnate souls materializing and de-materializing from an etheric world.
- b. Human beings from other worlds. We have the giant Watusi and Pygmies, we have black, white, yellow, and red races here already.
- c. Intelligence alone that has risen to the level that no physical body as we know it is necessary.
- d. Beings that to us would appear as monsters, but thinking, intelligent beings none the less.
- e. Our ancestors coming back for a periodic check-up on the progress of a planet they deposited man on centuries ago.

f. Previous Atlantis and Lemuria inhabitants returning from their present home to Earth for reasons of their own.

4. When did they first arrive?

- a. 1947 with Kenneth Arnold's sighting in Washington state.
- b. Biblical times.
- c. They were the first on Earth. We were deposited here by them.

5. How do they operate, or travel.

- a. Atomic power.
- b. Ion power.
- c. Some anti-gravity or electro-magnetic principle.
- d. Use mental powers alone, just "will" themselves from place to place and they are there.
- e. Their speed is so great that they become invisible or non-existent till they slow again and re-assemble, actually gaining on time by our sense of the word.
- f. There is some unknown rate of vibration, or some force emanating from a central point in the Universe that can be utilized as a power supply, or tuned in on, that makes travel to any point in the Universe possible.
- g. Solar energy.

6. Why are they here?

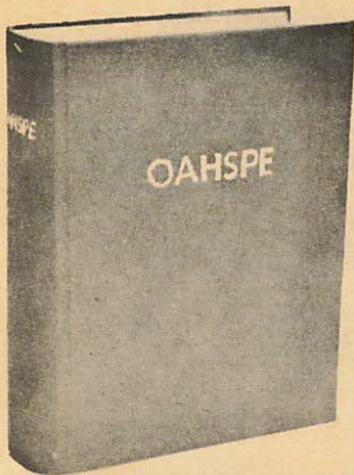
- a. To learn all about the planet

Earth, purely in the interest of science.

- b. To teach us, or guide us as we reach out into space.
- c. To enslave us.
- d. We are already their slaves through mental processes we are unaware of.
- e. Our governments are controlled by them, or the people that control the destiny of the various countries of the World are them.
- f. They are our Gods or Devils - or both. They are good and evil fighting over us, for us.
- g. We are on the verge of destroying ourselves and they are trying to find a way to help us save ourselves.
- h. We threaten them with destruction in some way.
- i. There is already a Universal government that we know nothing of and the time has come now that we are on the brink of space travel for us to learn the rules. First there must be communication and in order to communicate they being the more advanced and intelligent, must learn all about us in order to establish communication on our level.
- j. Being discarnate souls or etheric beings, they are responsible for all our ghost stories, and poltergeist phenomena.
- k. They are sky-nappers re-
- sponsible for all the people, planes, and boats that mysteriously disappear.
- l. They cause death to take place, because they need that person or want him for some reason.
- m. They stop here in their travels to dump their garbage which accounts for all the strange things that fall from the sky, such as meat, ice, fish, frogs, blood, angel hair, gelatin-like substances and ammonia type fluids. This may be deliberate, accidental, or just necessary.
- n. They are the real builders of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh and a few other significant architectural achievements on the face of the Earth that have baffled man to this day. They use these landmarks as guides in their travels through space.
- o. They are much more intelligent than we, so much more advanced, that we are to them as mysterious and uncommunicable as our insect life is to us.

Which of these possibilities is correct? Or are they all? Questions theories, speculations we have; answers we have not. But, since it is man's nature to solve problems and explore the unknown, we will find the answers - won't we?

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THE METAL THAT MAY CARRY US TO THE STARS

BY TILLMAN L. MARTIN

IN THIS AGE in which we live, new materials are constantly being developed. When man reaches the moon and other planets, as well as when he is permitted to explore the intra-terrene world, he may find undreamed-of new metals and other resources. Yet, the unknown metal which may carry us into outer space could well have been in use here on earth thousands of years ago, in Atlantis, then lost.

In his Critias, Plato recounts the story of an Egyptian priest of a metal which he called Orokalkos (Orichalcum), which was once used extensively throughout the antediluvian world. In Atlantis, he says, ". . . They dug out of the earth

whatever was found there, mineral as well as metal, and that which is now only a name - orichalcum - was dug out of the earth in many parts of the island, and, with the exception of gold, was esteemed the most precious of metals among the men of those days." "Some of their buildings were simple," he goes on to say farther on, "but in others they put together precious stones, which they intermingled for the sake of ornament, to be a natural source of delight. The entire circuit of the wall which went around the outermost one they covered with a coating of brass, and the circuit of the next wall they coated with tin, and the third, which encompassed the citadel,

flashed with the red light of orichalcum." "In the interior of the temple (of Poseidon, the first king of Atlantis) the roof was of ivory, adorned everywhere with gold and silver and orichalcum; all the other parts of the walls and pillars and floor they lined with orichalcum." The laws of Poseidon". . . were inscribed by the first men on a column of orichalcum."

According to Apollonius of Tyana, the two-volume work by Philostratus, Orichalcum was mined once in the Caucasus, in the region where Prometheus the Titan was reputed to have been chained to a peak and had his liver eaten out daily by vultures for stealing fire from the gods and giving it to mankind. It was in use, in coins and ornaments, throughout the ancient Orient. Some "authorities" claim orichalcum was an alloy of gold with some other metal, somewhat as is brass. Some think it to have been a natural brass. But the consensus seems to be that it was mined as an ore.

There is said to be a sample of orichalcum in the British Museum, the specific gravity of which is many times that of the most case-hardened steel. This sample, they say, is so tough that it cannot be cut, even with a diamond saw. If its secret can be rediscovered, it might well be that orichalcum will be the ideal metal for constructing the hulls of spacecraft.

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PRYING INTO THE UNKNOWN

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THE DYING MOON rose late, a thin, yellow fingernail in the cloud-haunted night sky of Indian Summer. The young guardsman shuddered against the humidity from melting snows that made the ground mushy beneath his boots, but his stomach felt snug with the whiskey he had sneaked and his mind

was warm with thoughts of home. The Indian barracks nearby was dark and quiet; no cause to worry that the Cheyennes would give any more trouble; surely now Dull Knife and his people knew it was hopeless to continue their attempted escape to the north, with so many dead.

But then suddenly in the near darkness he saw someone approaching along the path to the guard house, a blanket-wrapped figure.

The guard swung his carbine down into position. "Halt! Who goes there?" he called.

There was no reply from the Indian who continued toward the iron door, silent as a shadow.

For a moment the young guard was uncertain what he should do. The past few weeks they had been dancing, gambling and horse-racing with the apparently defeated Cheyennes, and this one now was doing nothing aggressive to warrant the guardsman shooting him down, although there was something eerie about the noiseless, gliding figure - unnatural. The guard fired into the air.

Within seconds other soldiers came running in their underwear to find the guard staring at a space before the guardhouse door.

"What's up?"

"He - he just disappeared," the young man murmured. "An Indian. I - I challenged him and he didn't stop, so I fired in the air and he . . . just disappeared, vanished. So help me!"

An older man interrupted the grumbling, skeptical troopers.

"It was Crazy Horse that the kid seen."

"You're crazy yourself!" blurted another. "The Horse was

killed . . . on that very spot."

"Right," said the veteran, "and I've seen 'im myself since, on a night just like this, with a thin, late moon, and others have seen 'im."

The ghost of Crazy Horse has been well documented, but what we find most interesting is the Cheyenne Indians' own contribution to this documentation as recorded by Mari Sandoz in her book *CHEYENNE AUTUMN* (Hastings House, N. Y.).

The Indians under Dull Knife who that night were sleeping in the barracks were awakened by the shots and heard the running and shouting soldiers, and the next morning they heard the *vehos* (meaning spider, their term for white men) tell how the ghost of Crazy Horse often was seen, on nights when the dying moon rose late, walking along the path to the "ironhouse" and to disappear at the spot where other captive Cheyennes had actually witnessed the bayonet murder of Crazy Horse by one William Gentles.

While the Indians may not have regarded this "ghost story" in the same sense that we interpret such phenomena, they did not, Maria Sandoz points out, laugh at the telling. The old Cheyennes had a concept of time and being which we find quite interesting: to them, when any event occurred, it did not then become simply a thing of the past, but continued thereafter to remain

an integral, inseparable quality of the place where it had occurred. They would not say, "There is the place where Crazy Horse was killed," but, "There is the place where Crazy Horse is killed."

This is very much like what we always suspected - a consanguinity that seems to connect all occult phenomena - so that one key would unlock them all. While Time itself is not regarded as an occult element, yet its true nature is occultus to us. It seems to be the very doorway between this world and that other one to which occult things belong, and its door has been locked to us, and we glimpse strange and wonderful lights through its keyhole, and we knock and we knock as we seek that key . . .

The above incident, which took place in 1877, seems to us like further evidence, though (indirect) of the relationship, if not oneness, of the supernatural mystery and the mystery of Time. And here we need all the possible evidence we can get!

If Time is indeed The Door to all the mysteries that metaphysics has pondered - including UFOs - and the key for which we seek, then we can say this much: that Door is not 100 percent imregnable, as it has ever seemed. Its sanctumus HAS been violated, if only in the most indirect manner. Most readers of this magazine must

know that, but we have recently had a personal experience which thoroughly convinces us that we can even now pass through that Door, at least mentally, to a very real event in the future. This experience, so graphic, so unmistakable, has the further significance of amounting to a convincing refutation of the very nucleus argument upon which Materialists base their convictions.

You may recall that our chief project while in the Teton mountain country was to learn what we could about the strange rock structure called the Enclosure, high up on the West Spur of 13,766 ft. Grand Teton, which was discovered by the first party known to have scaled that great American alp, and is referred to in Phylos' *A DWELLER ON TWO PLANETS* as the work of space people.

Our quest was something less than illuminating. Most of the local people either had never heard of the Enclosure or had never been very interested in it. "Some people were trying to make something out of something that was really nothing," said one. Others said, "Oh, it's just something the Indians built."

We had better luck in the library. The Enclosure is mentioned in several books, and there are sketches of it and photos. There is no doubt that it is man-made and that the first modern men to climb

Grand Teton found it. But there are no suggestions as to its origin - outside of "space people" and "Indians", as mentioned above.

We then regarded that we were just as free to speculate about this enigmatic structure as anyone else. As for Phylos' claims, he may be 100% right - but in his book he presents no scientific or even convincing facts or figures. What about "Indians"? Well, let's consider that. In the first place, it is the only logical answer. Yet, from what we have learned, no Indian tribes ever made their home in the Tetons or in the adjacent valley now called Jackson Hole. Many tribes hunted through the valley during the summer, following the migrant herds, and in the traditions of all these, the Teton mountains themselves were regarded with superstitious fear - as the abode of gods and other spirits - and were religiously avoided.

A common ritual with many Indians who sought power or guidance through "visions" was to climb to some high prominence and there fast, sometimes for several days. Painted bison skulls have been found on certain high places where they had been used as headrests by fasting Indians. But these never on mountain peaks as high as that on which the Enclosure is located. Grand Teton is one of America's most challenging ascents and cannot be scaled without

ropes, pitons, crampons, etc. Today no one is allowed to attempt the climb alone or without official guides and equipment. So, unless the Tetons were heaved up to their present heights in recent times - for which there is no indication - it seems very likely that the Enclosure was built by Indians who had climbed there to seek visions through fasting. It takes two or three days before "visions" can be induced by hunger - after which period no man would be likely to have the strength or coordination to get back down from where the Enclosure is located - even with modern climbing rig.

Mountain climbing as a sport belongs to modern man who has resort to leisure and steel tools, not to primitive man who never knew what leisure was until he got the horse and firearms, which he did only quite recently by comparison, and even after that there is no record that the American Indian (except perhaps in very recent modern times when he has in effect become a "white man") ever developed the peculiar sophistication of mind that would inspire him to climb a mountain "just because it's there".

Whoever climbed the West Spur and set up the Enclosure must have had a practical purpose in so doing, at least in making the climb, for the structure's practical purpose is obvious: shelter from the ele-

ments, which can be cruel any time of the year at that elevation. The only logical motive we can think of for aboriginal people to have gone up there in the first place is the need for a point of vantage from which they could observe the lay of the land beyond. For the Indians who traditionally hunted the valleys below the Tetons and whose homeland was in the surrounding country it would hardly seem necessary to make such an ascent for the purpose of surveying land they already knew intimately.

But immigrants, making their way through a strange new land, bound for they knew not where, or what nameless perils awaited them - and especially in an era when fearful behemoths still lumbered over the American continent - might find it most expedient to climb every vantage point that confronted them. Recently, stone artifacts dating to the time it is generally believed that the first Asian immigrants came to America have been found high in the Tetons, proving that these people did pass here. Did they build the Enclosure? If so, it would be the oldest man-made structure so far discovered in North America.

Colorado has an even more baffling mountain-top mystery: a cobblestone plaza atop a 10,000 ft. peak in the Red and White Mts. near Vail. A trough of polished stone runs through the center of this

plaza, ending at the lower end in a receptacle. To us it looks like a short section of some medieval European village street, but the popular suggestion is that it might have been a sacrificial altar. Some local people accredit it to the prehistoric Utes, but the descendants of these living near there today have no knowledge regarding it.

The most puzzling feature of the Plaza is that its cobble stones are of a type found not nearer than a hundred miles from the site. How - and why - were they transported that distance, and up to the ten thousand foot peak?

Speaking of mountaintop mysteries, we wonder how Mr. John Libi of San Francisco is progressing in his search for Noah's Ark. He set out last July with a party of 25 to begin excavations 500 feet from the summit of 16,946 foot Mt. Ararat, where stand three stone "corrals" built no one knows when, by whom or for what purpose. But Mr. Libi, who has made four previous expeditions in search of the Ark, believes they may have been set up by the inhabitants of the Ark or some of their descendants to mark the spot where the Ark touched down.

If they do find Noah's fabled vessel, Mr. Libi believes it will be in the form of petrified wood. Wouldn't it be fascinating... watch fobs, rings, ear-bobs, and the like, made out of polished petrified wood

from Noah's Ark!

It takes some little time for wood to petrify, yet, compared to what the following implies, the Deluge was in comparatively quite recent times.

A radio-telescope has been proposed which would consist of "an array of 10,000 antennas spaced over an area 10 miles in diameter," which could pick up signals from the farthest reaches of space. These signals, both natural and synthesized, could be converted into visible light. According to Dr. Bernard M. Oliver, vice president of research and development for the Hewlett-Packard Corp. of Palo Alto, Calif., whom we quote above, such a "true" radio-telescope could be built for about one tenth the cost of landing a man on the moon.

Dr. Oliver believes: "In all probability, we are getting radiation from many civilizations now." And he adds, "It's maddening to think this is happening now and we can't hear it."

But even more exciting, we believe, is the possibility that with such a telescope we may be able to look back in time to the very Beginning of the universe - or of this phase of it, at least - to the time of the Big Bang, when, according to this popular theory, it all began from the explosion of one colossal nucleus into which was compressed all of what now constitutes the uni-

verse.

What if we could see BEYOND that point?

One sub-theory of the Big Bang hypothesis is that the exploded particles (galaxies, etc.) finally lose their outgoing momentum and fall back into another nucleus which subsequently explodes again, and that this "pulsation" has been going on forever, and forever will do so.

If this is true, imagine the force with which the entire universe collides at this one point! What if - what if, when and if this happens, the force is so great that the particles do not stop, but crash on through into INNER-space! An implosion! The particles of matter might become anti-matter, as a result of the terrible force, the particles continuing on outward in the anti-matter world, as if they had been exploded (imploded?) again, given the energy released from transition to anti-matter. Then after billions of years it would repeat, crashing back through into the world of pro-matter.

But why should the "particles" flung out by the explosion lose their momentum and "fall back"? What friction will they encounter in their flight through empty space? Is it more possible that they arrive back to their point of departure all at the same time by virtue of space being finitely curved? An object,

this theory says, traveling in one direction through space will eventually come back to the point from whence it departed, no matter what direction it had taken to begin with. If this is true, then why would not all the particles of the exploded nucleus come back to the same point where they started and all at the same time, if they all have an equal distance to travel and were launched at a common speed.

Then if there is an anti-world, it too must be finitely curved, but conversely, and if the universal particles do "crash through" into alternating worlds, what actually would be happening is that these particles simply are in constant, perhaps fixed, motion, and they "perform" as they do only because of the "shape" of the four-dimensional Time-Space continuum.

The effect would be a pulsation - a crossing over, the anti-matter becoming pro-matter at the instant pro-matter becomes anti-matter.

Perhaps we'd better reel our minds back down to earth and concern ourselves with matters that affect us more immediately. Our last submission of Prying contained passages from letters we have received with some rather sinister implications. The following should have been included, but we only received it a couple days ago.

" . . . I don't know who they are or where they are, but there is an invisible world government (or

kingdom would be more like it) consisting of a small group of persons who can be called "men" only in that they are born of woman, who control the major sources of wealth and power for the whole world and thus control the whole world itself.

"They are a disembodied voice that whispers commands, decrees, into the ear of all the nominal 'leaders' of the world and the hidden hands that pull the strings that make these puppets perform as they do.

"The few members of this hidden heirarchy are completely immune to the rules and moral codes that restrict and direct the actions of common people of all races, religions and regions of the world. Their actions are determined by only one consideration: the perpetuation of their power and the peoples' ignorance of it.

"To this end they utilize, if necessary, what to us would be regarded the foulest, vilest, immoralist means, as well as some of the most ingenius.

"Any nominal "leader" who might betray them, even innocently, is summarily eliminated by a "psi organ", a group of psychically gifted puppets who can kill a person simply by concentrating their collective minds upon him having, say a heart attack. Though often persons killed by this "psi organ" die in mysterious manners. Forrestal and McCarthy are at

least two who were killed in this manner, as was Stevenson - but definitely not Kennedy. Oh no! Nothing as crude as a gun for our hidden masters."

The letter concludes:

"How do they travel about? In planes, ships, automobiles? Nothing so primitive for these world 'kings'! Many people see their specially made (in underground factories) vehicles and have given them the name 'flying saucers',"

We include this for whatever interest it may be to other readers, and offer no comment. But now we're going to perform a bit of prestidigitation and - voila! - we now switch to the singular, to expedite the following account.

Our subject is the distaff half of this reporting team, Jeannie Joy, who is Mrs. Carson. In past articles we have shown that Jeannie often has what seem to be pregognitive dreams. But her latest and most vivid has left us with no doubt that such experiences as these are actually an infraction of the "law" of chronological time, to which we all seem ordinarily to be inescapably subject - an actual glimpse into the future, and which I believe proves that whatever will come to pass already has done so.

A little more than a year ago, as of this writing, Jeannie awoke and said, "I just had the awfulest dream! I dreamed that Estrellita had a colt!"

Estrellita is a buckskin quarter horse which Jeannie raised from a colt and who is now retired on a ranch in San Fernando Valley after winning a roomful of trophies and ribbons. Estrellita was noted for her speed and conformation, and to conserve these she was never bred. At the time of Jeannie's dream, 'Lita was 30 years old - which was why I assured Jeannie she needn't worry that her dream - or nightmare, which a colt could be to a mare of 30 - might come true.

Yet, unlikely as it seemed, Jeannie couldn't help worrying. "I'm going to write to the L's anyway," she said. They did have a young stallion, but 'Lita was always kept in isolation - they assured us - as befits a retired champ.

The L's reply assured us that 'Lita not only had no slightest indication of being in a family way but couldn't possibly have rendezvoused with any equine paramour and that, besides, she was too old to produce. Mr. L. even came to visit us a couple weeks later and further verified this.

But a woman's intuition (if that's what it was) can be a persistent thing. "Well, anyway," Jeannie told Mr. L., "I want you to make doubly sure there's no possible way your stallion can reach 'Lita.'" I, at least, was satisfied when Mr. L. left that Estrellita was and would continue to be safe from possible deflowerment.

Jeannie remained worried.

It was less than a month later that a letter arrived from the L's. "We hate to tell you this," it began, "but Estrellita just had a colt.

Conception had already taken place when Jeannie had her dream . . . or when she, in other words, glimpsed into the future.

We should explain here that pregnancy in horses, as well as in other animals - and even sometimes in women - can be undetectable by external observance until very late, and sometimes even till the last moment - which, of course, was the case with Estrellita.

No one knows for sure just how

the rendezvous occurred, but it did and a most unlikely thing resulted: a thirty year old mare had her first colt. And the mare's life-long mistress, who hadn't seen her for almost a year, and who was almost a thousand miles away at the time, KNEW that the colt was conceived, long before anyone else - except perhaps Estrellita herself - had any knowledge of it.

If Jeannie had never had pre-cognitive dreams in the past - though never before any so graphic and unmistakable - we could have attributed this one to coincidence. As it is, there is no longer any doubt in our minds that



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It takes, of course, personal experience before we can be completely sure of certain things. However, we have been subscribing to Dorothy Spence Lauer's psychometric readings for a couple of years now, and a record of her correspondence to us must itself constitute proof of the precognitive power. In a forthcoming article we'll report these results to you, which we think will convince you that Miss Lauer (whom, incidentally, we've never met) has a most unusual ability to overstep the pale of time and distance.

Before adjourning, here's an excerpt from a letter we just received from an old friend we haven't seen in years, who is perhaps best known as Raven Grey Eagle, who does not know that we write for SEARCH and whose integrity we'd vouch for anytime.

His letter closed with this P.S.:

"I'll have some interesting tales to tell you regarding "Flying Saucers" and my encounter with one in Arizona while there in March 1955. Also saw some more (about 8 sightings) in Reno recently. The one back in '55 was hovering not more than 60 yards away from me and not more than 30 feet off the ground. I was on Hwy. 80, just south of Tucson."

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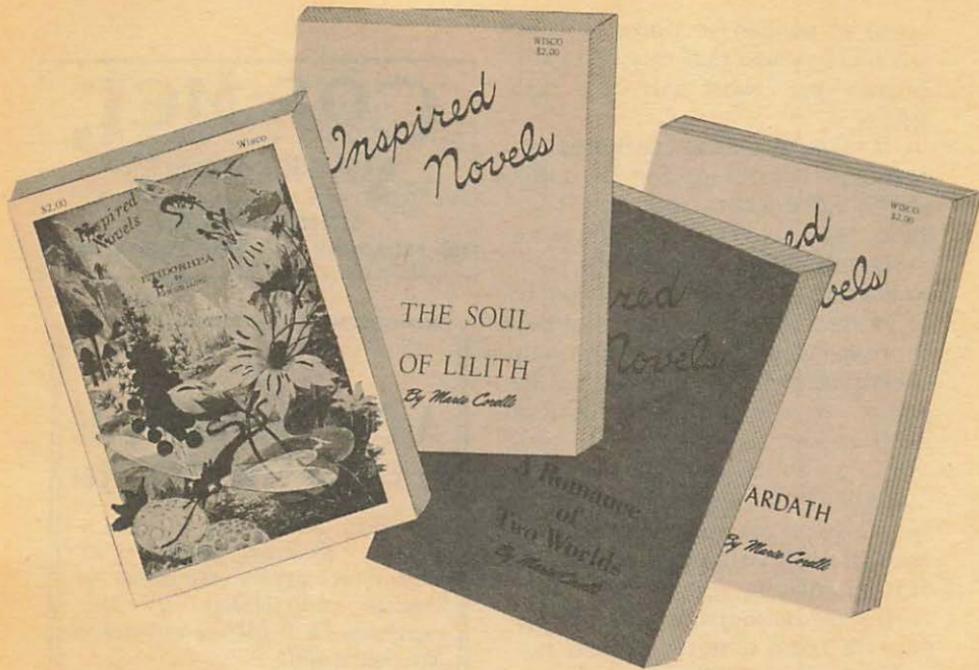
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Now also as I hold the note you wrote me, I am also impressed to

say that you are going to be - well, not really extremely skeptical of people - but I would say a little more than you have ever been before; let's put it that way. Somehow a person who may have felt they could fool you or take advantage of you in some manner seems to feel when they are in your presence that this is no longer possible. Now don't misunderstand, Ray. I am not saying you have been foolish

about anything, but you know there are none of us so smart that someone won't come along who could cause us heartache and trouble. Of course, these are usually the professional confidence men, the people who live off of other people's minds and I feel that one particular man will be so disappointed because he comes from a distance and it looks to me as if he really thinks that whatever he suggests to you, you will be very happy to follow through on. But you seem to suddenly have an odd or strange feeling come over you and I certainly do feel that this person will suddenly make a rather weak excuse and will leave and you will have taken care of that problem very nicely.

I seem to feel that you may meet a little opposition from several people who do not agree with you on reincarnation. Now I think we both agree on that subject and I seem to feel that there could be a situation arise where a person will ask you to print something that they call authentic proof as to a former life. You seem to balk a little because it sounds so ridiculous to you. Well, were you to print that, you may have quite a few unpleasant replies because of it.

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on this field. I don't know would it be wheat or just some type of a - well, it's just very indefinite. It doesn't look like wheat, but it's quite a large piece of land that would have this particular item growing upon it. At first as you start growing this, you don't think there will be much to it. Many times you would stand at the edge of this piece of property and look over the land and wonder were you foolish in doing it. Now this must be something that is going to start a new fad. You may not be the first one to do it, but you may be one of the first ones in the particular city and state you live in that would do this. Then you seem to either cut all this up and put it in packages or envelopes of some kind. Strange enough, it would sell like hotcakes. I know right now you are quite puzzled and can't imagine what I am referring to. The funny part of it is, I guess I am not supposed to even know the name of this particular item. All I can call it is an item. Evidently this would be knowledge that would be meant for you alone.

Now also, you are going to feel

very, very aggravated over a person who seems to want to borrow a lump sum of money from you. They make no qualms about needing quite a sum and they seem to give you the impression that they don't want you to say you don't have it. Well, the large amount they are asking for I know you don't have as ready cash. It seems strange how some people can be so very forward. This is a very forward person.

Also, I wonder if you can place a person who may have visited you some time ago and - well, he would have liked to have taken over in your household. You are quite a strong minded person, Ray, and this would not have been easy for a person to do. But you almost had a little fear come over you because this is the type of a person who could not be completely balanced and you knew it. I feel this is a past condition now.

A situation where your wife would be involved is going to be very pleasant. She is going to be all smiles. It seems as if she could go out of her way at the time this is granted to her to show you how happy she is over this situation bringing her such happiness.

You are going to be an exceptionally busy person, I would say more busy than you have ever been and mysterious or odd thoughts that you have had in your mind for some time that may have caused

gossip by people who knew you, is going to be completely taken from your mind. You are almost going to write the word - well, it is almost like "eradicated" which I believe in this case would mean erase. Then suddenly you seem to feel very calm and very contended at that time.

Don't worry too much business-wise as I seem to feel things are soon going to fall into place.

Someone around you may tell you that their head hurts. It looks as if they would have something drop on it but at the time think little or nothing of it. Now I don't think this would be anything too serious but I would certainly like to keep that object from dropping on that person's head. First of all, it won't feel very good and secondly, this is one of those things that could have repercussions at a later date. I don't know if this is you or someone in your family, Ray. It would be something you would reach up on a shelf or something high and this rather heavy object would fall because it is closer to the edge than you may have assumed. So I most certainly hope that this will be avoided.

A city or town near you may be declared a disaster area due to a rather freak storm coming up in such a way that it would be labeled the first one in that locality. But it will not touch you in any manner.

These are my feelings, Ray, at

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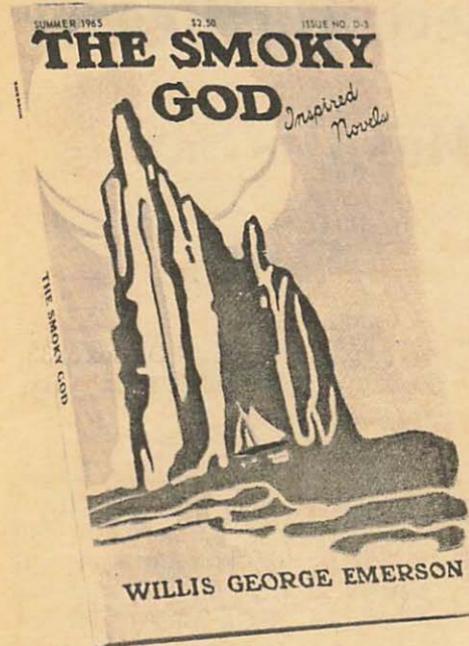
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Mr. Ray Palmer

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You are male, energetic, and a member of a group of human beings that works for individual freedom.

Miss Sharon Schuster is female, energetic and Communistic, a member of that group of human beings which works and plans for leadership of one human being over the entire population of the earth.

The group of people of which you (Ray) are a part believes in "truth" and will accept as truth only that which is probable by constantly repeating the same activity to obtain the same result.

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• I am glad to say that I am not a communist. I just happen to be one of the people who don't believe anything until it is proved to be true. I don't even believe half the things Ray prints. As for domination of an individual, my future husband is the only one I care about. The rest of the world has its own fight to take care of. Anyway, your letter brought a few laughs here at the office.

As I sit here trying to find out why you got this impression, I come up with one thing. You think all women should be home sitting in rocking chairs while the men run our lives. I have just too much ambition to sit around the house and let it all go to waste. If that isn't it, maybe a job like this to a girl who just graduated from high school has a better rating than the job in which you are employed and which you probably had to work many long hours for.

If it is the women working that bothers you I am afraid that there are too many for you to fight. You better give up your childish ideas

and let the world progress. It is people like you who are afraid that some women are going to show you up. I bet you are the type of individual who strongly protests against a woman president. That may be either the president of the U.S. or of an office firm.

If Ray is so good do you think that he would stoop so low as to hire a communist? Sharon

• Obviously you don't like females! Ordinarily we don't print unsigned letters, but poor Sharon was so upset by your letter she had to answer it - and she did so very tolerantly, I thought. As a matter of fact, I have been dominated by women on occasion, but never by force, torture, deception or any other means except their undeniable charm. I must confess I like them. But I also have this confession to make - they are darned capable, and in my work over the past 35 years, it has been an "office girl", generally, who has enabled me to be free to do whatever constructive work I've ever done. As a matter of fact, I find men too dominating to work effectively with them. I get more done with a crew of women helping me. At present, in my office, I am the only man - five very efficient and capable women do most of the work that results in the magazines and books all of you seem to like so well. And not one of them is

communistic - which is a word you use which completely baffles me. How on earth do you find that word applicable? Maybe everything you don't like is "communist", in which case you are guilty of the "great fault" that plagues our country today - the calling of names to smear what you do not understand. Labels are the curse of thinking. And the label "communist" is the most misused of all! I am sorry to see one of my readers use it. Yes, we decry communism, but we apply it to communists, not to hard-working office girls saddled with a job that YOU would never be able to do!

- Rap.

Dear Sir,

About two and a half years ago, you were so kind as to print a letter which I wrote you defying any of your readers to produce so much as even one valid curse (in which I did not believe). I am writing this letter in case any of your readers should be interested in knowing the results of my survey.

Someone, at the time the letter hit the stands, sent me a letter from Denver containing nothing but a few ashes of some sort and a few strands of hair. In the last 2 1/2 years, I have noticed no curse from this. Another man volunteered to remove any curses I might happen to contract. I re-

plied that I felt that any curse I might feel would most likely be purely psychological, and that his "cure" for it probably would be too. He agreed with me about this. No one ever did write to me with information as to where I can find the crystal skull with its "deadly curse" which I read about several years ago in FATE. Therefore, though I am still looking for it, I think I can assume that it later turned out to be phony, or else someone would know about it.

So that's the scoop, readers of SEARCH - no curses. Though a lot of water has passed under the ol' bridge in the last few years, I can honestly say that I've had no really bad luck, nor any outstanding good luck. If anyone still wants to curse me, or produce some sort of voodoo on me, let them feel free. However, let them be warned . . . as before, I still just don't believe in that sort of stuff. Craig Chilton, 210-B West Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona, 85222.

P.S. In case you've forgotten, Mr. Palmer, you printed my letter in your "Personals" column, in the spring of 1963. If you could print this letter of summary to your readers on my research, I would very much appreciate it. Thank you for all your help!

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this magazine have appeared many letters telling us about reincarnation. Most of the letters have stated positive views on this subject, but I have several questions that I would like to have answered. Every time I ask these questions I get no answer.

First, I would like to know why we should have to relive our lives again to make up for a mistake in our last life when Christ died for our sins? Wasn't the death of Christ to free us sinners from ourselves? If we do relive our lives, then how are we to know what we did wrong to cause us to be here again? In order for me to know what I have done, I would have to know how I lived in my last life - just who is going to tell me this? If God is as kind as the Bible tells me, then why would he make us relive our lives over and over again when we don't even know what we have done? If I am here because of something I have done in another life then I am afraid that I will be here till the end of time.

This business of going to a seance and having a "high" spirit tell us what it will be like in an-

other reincarnation, and how to tell what our sins were, is contrary to some things I have learned from other seances. In a letter in SEARCH, Mr. Arns talked about reincarnation and about attending seances and getting information concerning reincarnation from a "high" spirit, but from information I have received from old people attending seances, they were informed by the spirits that they did not reincarnate - except when it was absolutely useful and then only when the "higher ups" gave their permission. On matters concerning these subjects you can find people who claim they are right because they have been told it is so from the spirits, but how can you tell who is right when the spirits themselves don't agree?

I suppose the only way we will know who is right is when we die, then we should know for sure. I wonder what will happen to these people who believe in reincarnation? Or, what will happen to us who don't believe. If we are wrong, then Mr. Palmer and I will be in the same boat. Just because a person says that he can remember things that happened to him in another life doesn't prove that he did live another life. I have been able to do the same thing through Telepathy. Just because a man was a great scientist or doctor doesn't mean that he had to live in another life to come up with the things that

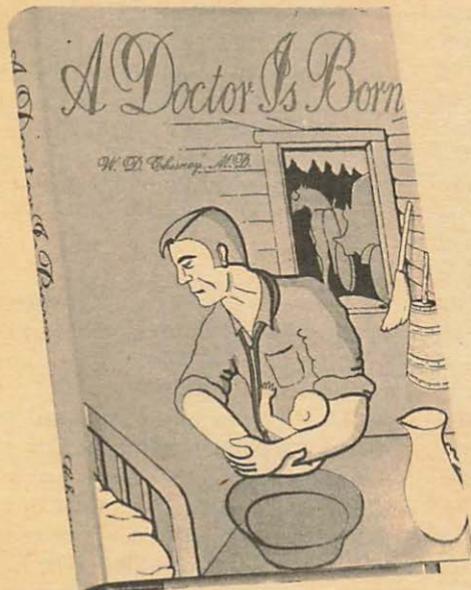
he does in this life. If this is true, then why didn't he invent these things in his last life instead of saving them for this life?

I am sure that those of you who do believe in reincarnation will be able to come up with answers to my questions that will make me look silly. I welcome any answers and I will try to write a rebuttal. I am not as experienced as Mr. Palmer, but I will try to make a good "fight" of it. If I am wrong on anything, then I want to be proved wrong! If I am wrong, then I have no right to continue to mislead anyone, and those of you who are very well informed on this subject would be doing us a great favor if you would present your evidence in public. Perhaps Mr. Palmer will welcome your letters in his Letter Department and then you can prove to both of us at the same time that we are wrong. I am not trying to drag Mr. Palmer into this, but since he does not accept reincarnation, he probably will be interested in any information that may come forth. Victor Pence, 1315 Kenton St., Springfield, Ohio, 45505.

• It is difficult to answer such questions as yours, especially when they are asked of a person as prejudiced as your editor on the subject of reincarnation. No matter what I say, I'm on your side of the fence. But here goes: First, I

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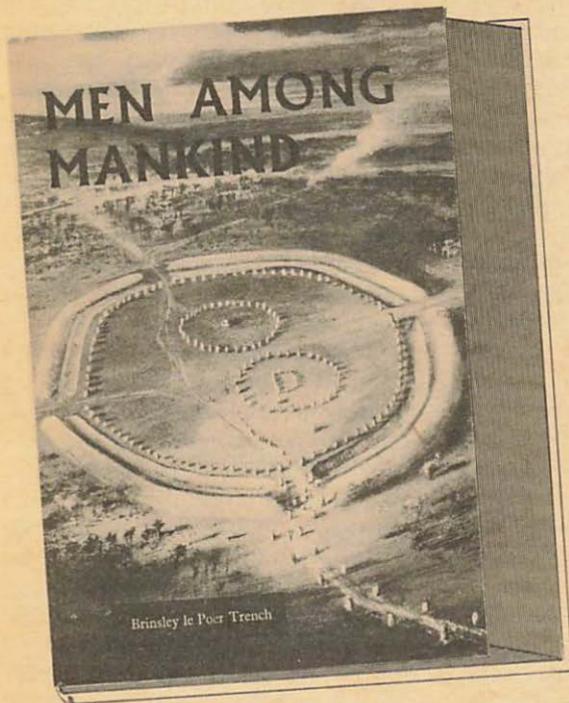
have always hated the word "sin" because I don't believe there is such a thing. Living in "sin" is living in a state which dies. Physical existence. Living on a planet which gets its particular kind of life energy from a "sun". In Shaver's alphabet - sun-in. Sun-type life. Living in the Sunlight. To me, Christ died and rose again to demonstrate to us that there is eternal life, and that death does not end all, and there is another life than the strictly physical, lived on a planet circling a sun, depending on those energies peculiar to molecular structure. He also set for us a Code of behavior that would make living together in peace possible, and life itself a tolerable thing. So, to me, reincarnation for the purpose of correcting sin has nothing to correct, and is therefore immaterial and useless. Taken from your viewpoint, it would seem that there is a contradiction in the tenets of atonement (by the death on the cross) and reincarnation. As for remembering, if ALL of us are reincarnated for the purpose of correcting previous error, only a FEW of us know what it is we are to correct, and I see no evidence of ANY of us actually doing it! The fact that the spirits themselves do not agree is nothing new. If spirits are just our fellow-men, they possess no more facility for agreeing after death than they do before. And in those I've met, they seem to have

become even less informed than before they died. As for knowing what is true after we die, I doubt that. It is more likely that we can be doubly deceived by wrong information derived from uninformed or even malicious ones who may be waiting our arrival in that beautiful summerland to give us all the "dope". I wouldn't believe a spirit on a stack of Bibles! - Rap.

Sirs:

I wish to comment on the letter by Alphonse Armin (SEARCH, Feb. 1966, pp. 84-88) and Ray Palmer's reply to that letter.

Mr. Armin appears to believe that all sickness, suffering or deformity, etc., is the result of sin, either that of the victim, or of his parents or ancestors. This is not at all true. Note John 9:1-3. Also verse 34. It was the ignorant disciples, and the Christ-rejecting pharisees, who claimed that the man being born blind, was the result of sin, either of himself or his parents. Jesus said, "Neither this man nor his parents have sinned." Note also James 5:14-15 "...The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise him up, and IF he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." These verses definitely show that many are sick and afflicted and deformed, not because of the sins of one's parents or ancestors, but for other reasons entirely. Anyone who will deny this,



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simply denies the scripture.

It is, of course, quite true, that wrong acts on the part of a parent may cause suffering to a child. This is not God punishing the child, however. It is simply the result of cause and effect. In this age, God permits such to happen, but the Bible teaches that in the future it will not be so, but each individual will suffer for his own sins only, and the innocent will be protected.

The present system of things is not the universe as God originally made it, nor as He will eventually have it. (Jeremiah 31:29, Ezekiel 18:2-4)

There seems also to be some confusion regarding the definition or meaning of sin. Mr. Armin doubtless would insist on the King James reading I John 3:4 "Sin is the transgression of the law." There is only one thing wrong with this. It is mistranslated. The original Greek reads "Sin is lawlessness." There is a difference. The mistranslated verse gives the impression that sin is transgressing the Law of Moses, and only this. Lawlessness, on the other hand, pertains to a refusal to adhere to any standard of conduct, whether divinely revealed or not. Technically and literally, sin can simply mean to "miss the mark." In Judges 2:16, we read of men who could sling stones at a hair's breadth and not "sin", not miss the mark. The word rendered

"miss", is the very same word rendered "sin" in hundreds of other verses. However, in this discussion we are referring primarily to "sin" in the sense of doing wrong, so as to be guilty, etc.

Ray Palmer is correct in stating that sin (in order to be held against a person) requires deliberateness or willful intent, knowing you are doing wrong. Romans 5:13 reads "For until (or before) law, sin was in the world, yet sin is not being taken into account when there is no law."

Jesus taught this same principle, in John 9:41 "If you were blind, you would have had no sin. Yet now you are saying 'we see', therefore your sin is remaining." And again in John 15:22, 24. "If I had not . . . spoken to them, they had no sin, yet now they have no cloak (or excuse) for their sin . . . If I had not done among them the works which no other man did, they had no sin . . ." (etc.) The only thing a person who is ignorant of God's revelation is held accountable for, is transgressing his own conscience and understanding . . . they are "a law unto themselves" (Romans 2:14-16). The only ones who will be judged through or by law, are those who are in law, that is those who had the law given them. (Romans 2:13).

Thus, as Ray aptly points out, the taking of Thalidomide was not a sin, but an honest mistake. It did

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result in deformity of a small percentage of the offspring, but not all, or even most of the offspring, of those who took it. Further, many deformities of similar nature occurred among those who did not use Thalidomide. What happens now to Mr. Armin's theory of "deformity being punishment for the 'sin' of taking Thalidomide?" Is God then a respecter of persons? We know that He is not!(Acts 10:34)

Armin then raises the theory of man being a "free moral agent", with "Liberty of choice." We would do well to stick to the language of scripture, and we do not find the above expressions in the scriptures. They may be true in a very limited degree only, but certainly not in any absolute sense. A full discussion of this would take an article in itself, but we need only mention the case of Judas, who was predestined to betray Jesus, or Pharoah, whose heart was hardened by God, etc. We are accountable, to the extent that we are responsible, but that extent is by no means absolute, nor is it the same degree in each individual.

Armin speaks of evil as "a negative force, always in conflict with the positive," or good. He states that God permits evil spirits to reign "for the purifying of his people, and the degradation of others." Again, there is some truth in these statements, but I pity the person who believes that evil originated a-

part from God's doing, and that it is out of God's control. There is nothing in scripture of "a perfect arch angel who 'fell' and become Satan." Satan is spoken of as being a liar, a murderer, and a sinner "from the beginning." 1 John 3:8. If God did not intend for Satan to sin, and Satan did it on his own initiative, then God sinned (missed the mark) in creating Satan, for His purpose for Satan then failed! Armin would say, no doubt, that the evil spirits, as well as those men whom they "degrade", are doomed for eternal ruin of some kind. Logically, then, God is either (1) not all powerful, for he wants all saved but is unable to bring it about; or (2) God does not want all beings saved; hence, is not "all good." Either part of the universe is so much out of God's control that the best God can do is to destroy it, or else God deliberately created part of it to be eternally lost. A pretty unsatisfactory picture, either way!

The truth is, that God is bringing all beings to eternal salvation. God created evil to be used for the purpose of bringing about greater good, and we are now in "school," learning the difference between "good" and "evil".

Armin is generally correct, that God uses suffering as a discipline, etc. Though not all suffering is a discipline; some of it comes on innocent victims as a result of the sins of others. For example, Christ

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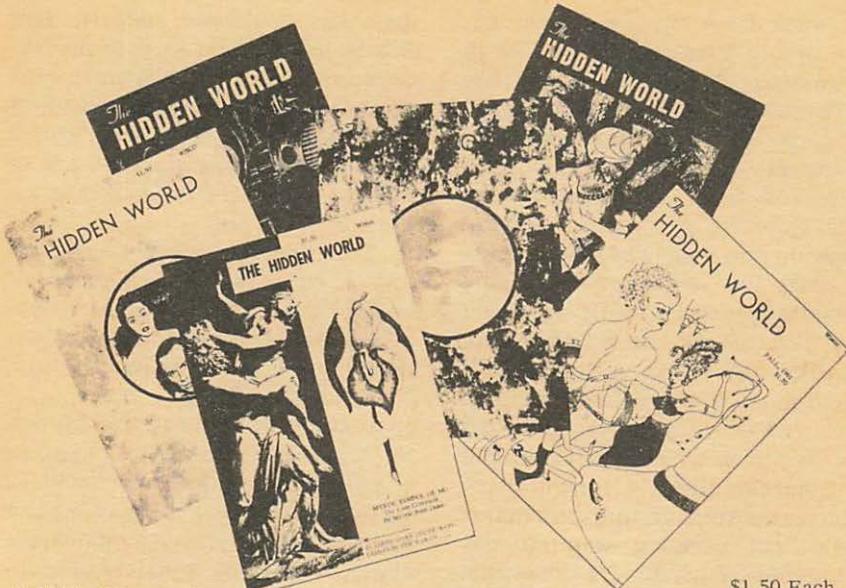
was crucified, not for what he did but for what we did. And the little Vietnamese girl was suffering, not to "discipline" her, but because of the greed and evil in the hearts and in the actions of the world leaders who are causing the fighting in Vietnam.

Armin seems to think that God punished Job to "discipline" him; because Job was "sinful." It is true that God permitted this, and it is true that Job learned a lesson from it. Thus God wrought good from evil, and Job learned more humility. But it was Satan who did the evil, not God directly. Further, Armin seems to have missed a major point in this book. It was the continual argument of Job's "companions," Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, that God was punishing Job for some evil deed, that God was so "just" that He would not permit the righteous to suffer. Armin seems to agree with these three. Yet God himself called Job a "perfect and upright man" . . . "destroyed without cause" (Job 2:3, 1:8, etc.) And in the end, God told the three companions: "You have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant, Job, has (Job 42:7-8). It is not that Job was sinlessly perfect; no one ever was except Jesus Christ. But the major point of the Book of Job would seem to be (from the verses quoted here, and many others) that the more righteous and innocent often suffer, while the

wicked often prosper and go free. It is a pharisaic and Satanic theory, that a man's good (or bad) fortunes on this earth are necessarily a measure of his degree of righteousness. In the future, yes, but not now. Yet God used all this evil which Satan brought on righteous Job, for good, and Job learned humility from his contact with God, as well as patience in suffering.

As a practical measure right now, it is certain beyond question that Christian people have done by far the most (in fact almost the only) work to aid the unfortunate of this world, such as the little Vietnamese girl. We have such as the Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, American Friends Service Committee, etc. In addition, I believe there are a few Jewish relief agencies also. Contributions to any of the above (and there are others also) will do more to aid the unfortunate victims of war and poverty, than anything else I know. It is true that the ideal will never be achieved in this age, but if we wait to do works of charity until that age, we may not be there! Read Matthew 25:31-46.

Armin seems to place great stress on the necessity of keeping the letter of the law, the 10 Commandments. Has he not read that we are not under law, but under grace? And don't try to tell me this refers to being under the "penalty for breaking the law" - that's



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not what the scripture says at all. The whole context, especially in Galatians, is that the Christians were making a great mistake, trying to go back and live by the letter of the law (they had already been delivered from its penalty when they believed on Christ - and the question now was, was it necessary to keep the law to remain true Christians. Paul's whole argument is against it). Of course, the fruits of God's spirit in our lives will fulfill many of the same principles which also were included in the law as given through Moses. But not because they are written on tables of stone or in the old Covenant, but because some of the principles (such as "you must not murder") are always good. Love fulfills the law. If you love your neighbor, you won't murder him. But the reverse is not necessarily true. The pharisees were very strict about the law - the letter of it - but had no love. Armin seems to approach the subject in reverse. We wonder which "commandment" he thinks the little girl "transgressed", so as to merit such suffering? And what of those who, while small children, develop mental illness, and suffer mentally? Which "law" did they break?

The law was never given as a way of life for all peoples. It was given to Israel only, and that not for them to keep, but to prove to them (and through them to all men)

that they could not keep it. This should lead to the recognition of the need for a savior. Thus the law became a school master to lead them to Christ (Gal. 3:24). But now that faith in Christ is come, we are no longer under the school master. (Gal. 3:25).

This does not mean we are now to sin, but it does mean we are no longer bound (in bondage) to observe the letter of the law (Galatians 4:1-31, 5:1) (Romans 8:15, II Corinthians 3:1-17), etc.

It is necessary to point this out, to show the fallacy of Armin's argument regarding the cause of suffering. Not that the way we live has nothing to do with our happiness, but it is not a matter of keeping the law of Moses.

It should be noted, where this type of reasoning leads Armin. He proposes nothing which might in any way help his suffering fellow men. Like the priest and the Levite, he is too absorbed in his religion to care much about helping an unfortunate fellow-human. He conveniently brushes it aside by saying "they are suffering because they didn't keep the law. Too bad. Wait 'till the millenium and all will be well." Jesus Christ, who lived under the law, didn't do this. He helped the suffering here and now. While it was not his purpose at that time to go to anyone but Israel, He did tell us, his followers, to go to the whole world. Again I say,

read Matthew 25.

It is not my intention to be harsh in my criticism; after all, I used to believe much as does Mr. Armin.

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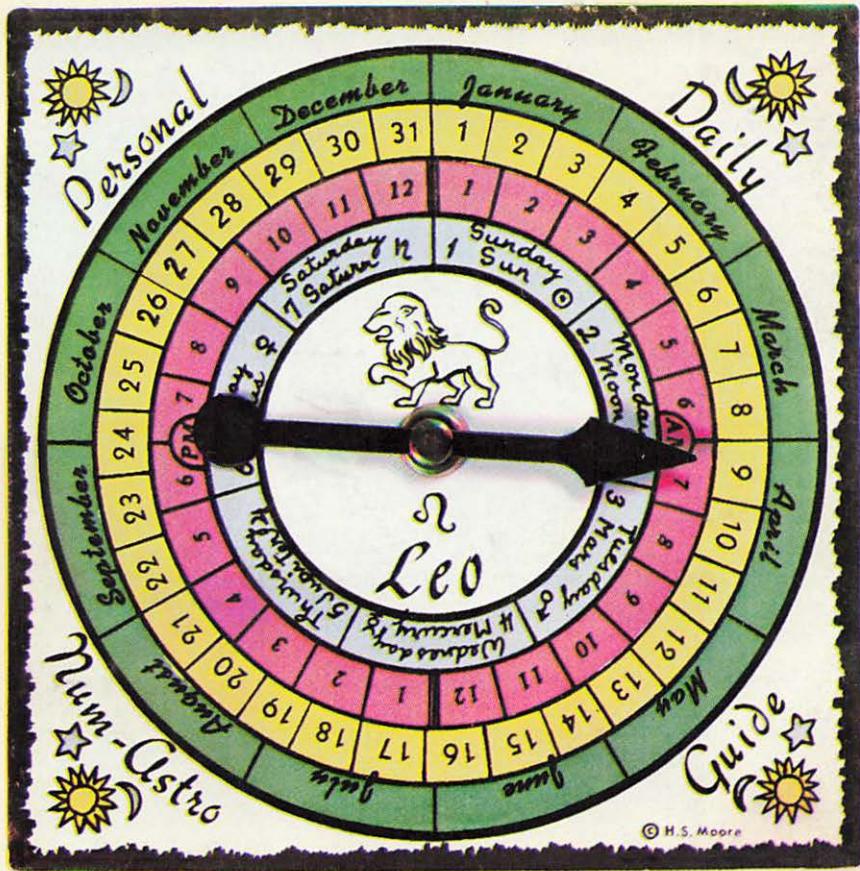
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