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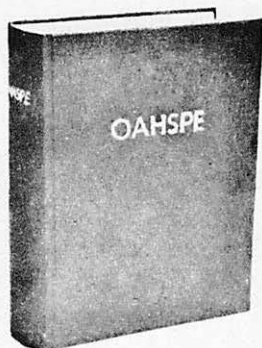
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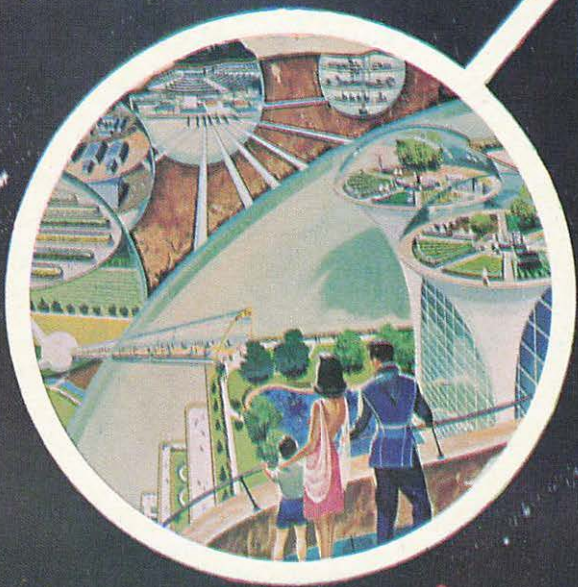
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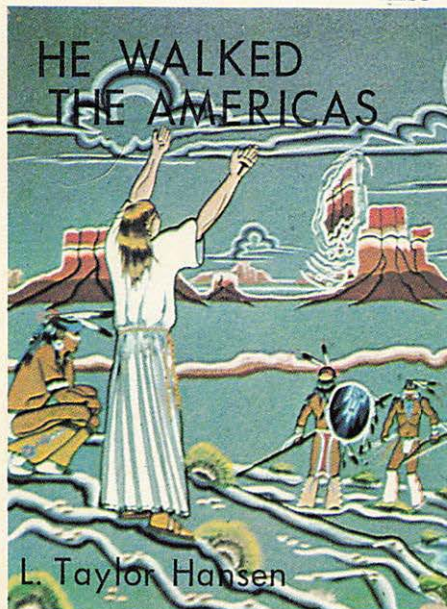
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EDITORIAL



SEVERAL TIMES now, we've heard speakers, two of them clergymen, who have stressed what they deem to be a vital fact which has thrown things out of balance - they have said that our mechanical and material civilization has advanced faster than our spiritual and moral development. They say that we are spiritually unable to cope with the responsibilities thrust upon us by the tremendous science of today. We don't know how to handle the atom bomb; we are surrounded by electronic marvels that somehow come out detrimental to our liberties, and even our mental health. We have a pace of living that is much too fast, and we no longer stroll or work our way through life - we hurtle through it; in fast cars which are out of control and kill us by the thousands; in giant aircraft which cross the country in two hours, (which again is totally fatal if the slightest mechanical part fails) only to land us in a traffic jam that

negates the time saved by our speed. We won't go through any list of this kind, because it is endlessly complex; and its very complexity is driving us mad through interminable tensions to which we cannot adjust. We'll turn, instead, to the statement that our spiritual development should have advanced at an equal pace, so that this civilization of ours will not blow around our ears.

What do they mean when they say "spiritual advancement or development"? How do you advance "spiritually"? Do we through some process, become more ennobled? Do we become "nicer" people? Are we more forgiving, more charitable, more. . . . what? How can we develop spiritually, if we do not know what the word means? Let's look at the dictionary: "Spiritual. Of or consisting of, spirit; incorporeal. Of the intellectual and higher endowments of the mind; intellectual. Of the moral feelings or states of the soul. Of the soul or

its affections as influenced by the Divine Spirit, pure, holy-opposed to carnal".

Well, one way, apparently, to become more spiritual is to become less corporeal - in short, to die. Another is to become more intellectual; this means (?) the process of studying and learning, more than likely in a philosophical sense, since we are speaking of "higher endowments of the mind". If we are to do this, we need to retire to some secluded, quiet place, so that we can study and meditate - hardly possible in the turmoil of our mechanical advancement. Or, it can mean our moral feelings (the state?) of our soul. Here we have a very indefinite factor - our morals are directed by our experiences, and by our environment, and also by our prejudices, as impressed upon us by our parents or our tutors, or our propaganda experts. If we mean "behavior" by "morals", then our moral development is strictly a matter of what we have learned is "right" or "wrong", and this is only a matter of opinion. There are some people who believe murder is morally right. The last definition says spirituality is "of the soul or its affections" (as influenced by the Divine Spirit) and it is defined as pure and holy, and not carnal. This is a very difficult thing to pin down, as the word soul is in itself indefinable. Also, we have no control over it, because it is influenced by the

Divine Spirit. Nor is it even remotely related to the physical world, because it is not carnal. It also is dead.

When we think about it, the argument is not whether or not our spiritual "development" has kept pace with our physical, scientific development, what we are pleased to call our "civilization", but whether or not the two can exist together in harmony?

It is extremely doubtful if we can "advance" spiritually by any effort of our own. Spiritual development, it would seem, is something that happens to us because of our experiences at living. And to become the things the dictionary says being spiritual is, we must abandon a great deal of our civilization, which is the factor that is defeating our spiritual advance. In very plain words, our problem is not how to keep our spiritual development apace with our physical scientific development, but the fact that we have TOO MUCH CIVILIZATION! Civilization, at the pace we are experiencing it today, is a destroyer of spirituality.

How can we be "pure and holy" in an environment which forces murder upon us? It is murder to take a car on the road, drive it recklessly, and kill another driver or passenger, or pedestrian, or ourselves. This act of killing is avoidable, simply by reducing the amount of "civilization" we are

utilizing. In our civilization, we must also lie, cheat, steal, debase. It's called "getting on in the world". There is no way in which you can build a rocket to go to the moon without stealing food from starving mouths, depriving struggling laborers of better tools to make their job easier, neglecting the tasks of conquering disease, ignorance, inadequate housing, not to mention those indefinable "moral" precepts of education we now leave to chance and environment.

If we envisage this life as a sort of school where we learn spiritual things, it must be because we are destined to enter a spiritual world, where "intellectual and higher endowments of the mind", "moral feelings or states of the soul", "its affections", "purity and holiness" have meaning as opposed to carnality. We have so very many words here, all of which we should look up in the dictionary, to see what they mean. Carnal? What does that mean? Purity? Holiness? Morality? Divine influence? We are in a morass of definitions, none of which we understand. Perhaps it is only by devoting ourselves to the "intellectual and higher endowments of the mind" that we will come to know what they mean. Even the word "endowment" confuses us, because it implies something with which we are "endowed" (by a Higher Power?). So perhaps even in the pursuit of intellectuality, we

have no personal choice, but only the utilization of some "higher mental endowment". We don't even know what we mean by "higher". Higher than what?

It should seem obvious that the tack taken by these speakers, these clergymen, these philosophers, is a philosophical one - and one which leads us ever away from the concept of civilization as we understand it - and that is the fact of mechanical, electronic, physical advancement toward such things as smashing the atom, and traversing the empty reaches of space, mass manufacture of washing machines, western movies in color on ever bigger television screens, paving the entire countryside, building towers a mile high, and so on.


This sort of civilization is incompatible with spiritual advancement, and what we would be better off to debate is whether or not we can use so much mechanical development here on this tiny planet where we are multiplying at so great a rate that soon we will not even have room for our machines, much less a quiet place where we can think and advance our intellect, our morality, our spirituality. We haven't the SPACE or the TIME to handle so advanced a mechanical civilization.

Civilization is not machines! It is SPIRITUALITY! We advance in intellect, morality (always depending on environment), the ability

to live RIGHTLY. And what is right living depends upon philosophy to define for us. It is this "endowment of the mind" that we must USE in an intellectual fashion to determine our future course of action, so that it will be compatible with our fellow man. Or, more properly, with our fellow spirit - because we are not, after all, incorporeal, consisting of spirit, tending toward the non-physical? Do we not all die? And after we die, is it not the spiritual that counts, and not the mechanical, the physical?

We make our mistake in calling a lawn mower civilization. It is the concept of beauty that we can make on the landscape with the use of a mower that is civilization. And beauty is a concept of the mind, a thing we can use to advance our happiness because of a mysterious quality with which the "Divine Spirit" has endowed us.

Today we are living in a world which has become rank with "civilization". We have too much development of lawn mowers while we destroy the grass we would beautify with their use. We find ourselves engaged in perpetual destruction of life and property because we have invented machines that overwhelm our spirituality, drown it in a mad cacaphony of dizzy speed, whirling lights, and roaring, shrieking sound. We cannot hear ourselves think. And worst of all we cannot hear the voice of that "Divine



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Spirit" that appeals to our "intellect" and our "affections". Jesus said: "Love one another". But even He would admit that you cannot love that other driver at the posted speed limit (which we haven't the intellect to tell us not to exceed) when he gets in our way. When he does, we have no alternative: WE KILL HIM! - Editor.

TROLLS - Do They Really Exist?

Wilfred Manstein von Eichtenstedt

The front cover of *SEARCH* is a photo of a modern-day troll. It was made in Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Albert Thalin, after a model found in a Stockholm shop. It is said that trolls live in caves in the woods - this troll did come from the woods - of Wisconsin. It is made from many woodsy things found in the forest, and is more droll than troll. But, as Mrs. Thalin confesses, it may be more true to life than anyone might suspect.

MOST OF us consider trolls the product of fairy tales, and we all remember one in particular - the story of the troll that lived under the bridge across which Billy-Goat Gruff and his family were wont to travel. Personally I have always felt that this folk tale was an affront to trolls, and painted them in a very unfavorable light - for you see, I once saw a troll!

Tales of trolls are legion. The folk lore of many peoples is full of them, particularly the Teutonic. I doubt if any true German has ever trod the gloomy beauty of the trails of the Black Forest of Germany for any length of time without having either seen something out of the corner of his eye, or heard the story

of such a glimpse from another Black Forest traveler.

Contrary to popular opinion, trolls are not always small, dwarfish in appearance, but many times they are giants, and sometimes fearsome monsters not at all humanoid in appearance. They take many shapes, and they can also appear and vanish out of nothing. Trolls are supposed to rule the forest and the caves in it, and each troll dominates a particular portion of the woods. He is absolute dictator over it (or queen, as the case may be; for trolls are of both sexes). Any interloper in his domain must answer to him for any damage, or any theft. It has even been said that some trolls are eaters of human flesh, and when the

bleached bones of some forest traveler are found, there is no doubt in the minds of many as to what happened to the unfortunate fellow.

Trolls are always ugly, ferociously so. It is said that one time, far in the distant past, trolls were the ruling race on this planet and at that time they were noted for their beauty. So beautiful were they that they became arrogant, and professed themselves to be more beautiful even than the gods - and the gods, angered by their pride, cast a foul, noisome mist over the world that made of the surface an unlivable place, thus driving this beautiful people underground. There they were forced to live, away from the light of the sun, in perpetual darkness and unhealthy darkness, the prey of moulds and slime. After eons of this sort of existence, they emerged from their



hiding places into the new light of the sun, after the mist had dissipated, and found their beauty gone, and in its place, fearsome ugliness - so that in terror of themselves, they fled back into their caverns where they remain to this day.

Only on dark, misty days do they appear on the surface, or at night, or in the gloomiest portions of the forest. And always, when they see a creature less ugly than they, they attempt to exact revenge by frightening the unfortunate one with their ugly appearance. It is not an uncommon tale to hear of some traveler, emerging from the forest after being lost in its depths, with his hair white, his face a mask of terror, and mad as a hatter.

Whatever trolls really are, they belong to the vast body of legend that makes up the "little people" lore of the world. Trolls can be the tiniest of



creatures, or the tallest of giants. But always they are hideous.

The droll trolls of Mrs. Thalín, however, did not seem to me to be at all fearsome when I saw them in the lovely wooded Wisconsin dell where the Thalín's live beside a rippling stream where trout leap and flash in the sun. Mrs. Thalín's trolls are made of bits of bark, fungus driftwood, moss and woodsy things that are found in the forest that surrounds the Thalín cottage. For instance, a hat may be an acorn, a belt a bit of birch bark, shoes may be made of lichen uppers and fungus tongues. Their teeth are wood (toothpicks), their hands and faces are salt ceramic.

The secrets of troll manufacture are really not secrets, for Mrs. Thalín is a master craftswoman and she has little fear from competition in her chosen field. So she readily told



me how to manufacture a troll.

The bodies are aluminum wire, wound with nylon, in most instances, or are plastic foam blocks. The heads and hands are made of a formula that consists of two cups of salt boiled in two-thirds of a cup of water for five minutes. To this is added one scant cup of cornstarch which has been stirred into a half cup of cold water. After combining the two mixtures, to blend it, it is allowed to cool. If the mixture is too wet, roll it in flour and kneed it like a biscuit. If it is too dry, dip one hand in water and work with the mixture quickly. It hardens rapidly and you'll have less than an hour to make the head.

The heads are dried for several days before painting in the features, using a plastic paint. Flat toothpicks are used for teeth, tiny beads or rhinestones for eyes, which according to legend are supposed to gleam





maliciously.

For the clothing, Mrs. Thalin uses woodsy looking fabrics, like rough textured wools in browns, rusts and tawny shades, as well as fur. The trolls may wear mink hats, and fur pants. The females wear heathery skirts and matching shawls, hand knit socks or tights. Hats for women trolls are often half circles of a fungus, found on a dead tree, and decorated with lichen. A vest of green moss is lined with birch bark. A birch bark basket matches a belt, and the birch bark strip which shapes a shoe. The trolls often lean against a driftwood branch, or sit upon one. These driftwood pieces are found along the stream, and are thoroughly washed and sanded. Tiny birds, made of basswood berries and fungus, may perch nearby.

The female trolls always wear long, dangling earrings, made from

bits of copper wire, beads, aluminum washers, beer cans cut into diamond shapes, upholstery tacks.

Each of the trolls has a name, and a personality. And sometimes, in the moonlight, they seem to move. Perhaps they do; for they are too real to be entirely lifeless. Certainly they are made of the living things of the forest, which they are said to dominate. But to Mrs. Thalin, they are not fearsome - and considering all the birds, opossum, leaping trout, deer and even giant owls that surround the Thalin home in the forest, it may be that the ancient curse of the trolls may have been lifted in this tiny corner of the world, and while a studied ugliness remains, it is so lighted by drollery that these tiny figures blend perfectly into the beauty of nature about the Thalins.

I don't believe I will ever be afraid again, when I meet a troll in my travels. Perhaps if I return to the spot in Bavaria where I caught that never-to-be-forgotten glimpse of "something" that looked remarkably like the droll image you see on the cover of this magazine, I will entice the creature to come out and get acquainted. How else can Mrs. Thalin make her "droll trolls" so true to life to my personal encounter - if there are really no trolls? She says she makes them like this because "that's the way they are!" Her eyes twinkle as she says it, but I am not so sure she jests.

Have you ever seen a troll?

An Answer To The Teenaged Atheist

L. L. Brown

FIRST I shall quote a few words from your article, "I think it is time for my generation, the 'Pepsi Generation', to come alive." I assume from that, that you are asking us, your own mother, father, and grandparents to sit up and take more notice of you - you, whom we have lovingly nurtured all these years.

The dictionary says: generation - a group of individuals born about the same time; such a group regarded as having similar opin-

ions or behavior. There is nothing very original in that. You are the product of all the generations of your ancestors, and each generation is more wonderful than the last. Each takes his place in the scheme of things; all have their dreams and convictions.

Go ahead and be an Atheist, if it pleases you, and your friends. You speak of the rituals in the church - I would like to bring out the following point. If you go to a dance - you put on your pretty evening gown, have

your hair done special, and your escort is well dressed. You enter a hall gaily decorated. The dance band players have special clothes, and when they strike up a lively tune, it makes you feel like dancing. Yet when a church has a certain ritual, you condemn it. Think about it.

You have much to learn, and learn you will, but - KEEP AN OPEN MIND. GET WISDOM, BUT GET UNDERSTANDING with it. You will change your mind many, many times in the years to come.

You say that the world's present mess has so many teenagers in rebellion. Is that the real reason, or are they using that as an excuse? Are you just feeling 'your oats', and just showing off, as children do when the teacher steps out of the class room for a moment? I don't think religion even enters into the reason that teenagers use alcohol, pep pills, LSD. It's merely that they are curious about everything and want to go along with the crowd, as you identify yourself with the "Pepsi Generation". You write well, why not identify yourself with future writers? I am wondering if the next generation will call themselves the "Moon Generation" or the "Astronaut Generation". Perhaps there will be a new soft drink invented and they will identify with it. You didn't get where you are all alone. Generations back helped to mold you into what you are today.

I am sixty-eight years old, and I believe there is a God. I have had many prayers answered in my life. True, there have been many things that have happened in my life for which there seemed no answer, but as the years passed, I like to feel that I found the answer to some of the things that I did not understand.

It seems to me the abuses you blame on religion, are the mistakes made by man. Yes, it's easy to crack jokes about religion. How about the atrocities committed by non-believers on Christians? History is loaded with that subject, too. Look what they did to Christ! Can Man alone make life and intelligence? I don't believe there is a scientist in the world who can put life and intelligence in a human being. They know what composes a body, but cannot give it intelligence.

So the Catholic Priest in your city has the best house in town, and a wonderful car. Did God give them to him, or did the people? Was it given by one person, or collectively? Why don't you appoint yourself a committee of one, and go to the Priest and tell him these children are without shoes or proper clothing. Ask his help. I am sure that Catholic or Protestant, he would do all he could to help. Why don't you try it and see? You sound as though you had met more of the 'bad guys' than 'good guys' in this world. There are plenty of both, as you

will find as you travel along life's pathway. Did you ever wonder where you got your intelligence? The years will show you. You will not be the same person at thirty that you are today.

You speak of the Vietnamese as the enemy. Well, are they not human too, and should they not love us? Do you love your enemies? Do you turn the other cheek if someone strikes you? You say, "I am an Atheist", but you are human, are you not? You have life and intelligence, which allows you to think for yourself. Lots of things have life, but not intelligence as we know it. I think that everything alive has a form? How would a dog know when a prowler was not his friend, and intended harm to his home? Who told the dog, in the first place, to guard a home? He must have a form of intelligence. Every living thing has, although we may not know exactly how much. If we talked their language we would know.

You say "the most rabid segregationists are in the Bible Belt". Knowing a little about the South, I assume that is what you are talking about. Generations back have believed in slavery. Those people who live there are learning that it is wrong to enslave any one, and the Negro are human and are God's people the same as the whites. It is hard for the white people there to understand this, as it is hard for you to understand there is a God.

But they will learn, just as you will learn as you go on through life.

You are right, teenagers are not fools. Please understand that we are all seeking and will be led in the way that is best for us. The young are naturally restless, and will be until they find themselves. Even then, the restlessness will not leave them, as they constantly seek the answer to things. We old folks are restless, too. We don't know all the answers either. You can't find them all in a lifetime. You laugh at that? Wait and see. As we progress, each generation has a new set of problems. There are those who get by with a lot of things under the guise of religion - but that is not the fault of religion. There are also those who get by with a lot of things under the guise of politics too.

And who are the "intelligent men" that you teens are going to work to put into power, instead of the so-called 'puppets of religion'? They no doubt will be some of the 'Pepsi Generation', who will have grown a little both physically and mentally. By that time, a new generation - possibly called the "moon generation", will be coming along, blasting the way you are doing things and hardly able to wait until they can get the reins in their hands. If it's possible that you still proclaim you are an Atheist (which I doubt) they may use that against you, and seek to wrest your power away from you on the grounds that

you are corrupting the peoples of the nation. Again I say - wait and see. There's more to this religion than meets the eye. When you are tired of this worry and strife, the church and religion will still be there, and will welcome you with open arms, THEN you won't think it is so backward after all. We hope for great things from the youth of today - our great 'Pepsi Generation', and we know you won't let us down. Remember - there have been

Atheists since time began - but God has a lot of believers too. Don't forget that things change with each generation. Religion may change, but the basics of religion will never change. You will find a lot of people use religion for their own ends, just as they use politics to get what they want. We like to think that the youth of today will use our mistakes as stepping stones for a better world. We have faith in you - and in religion.

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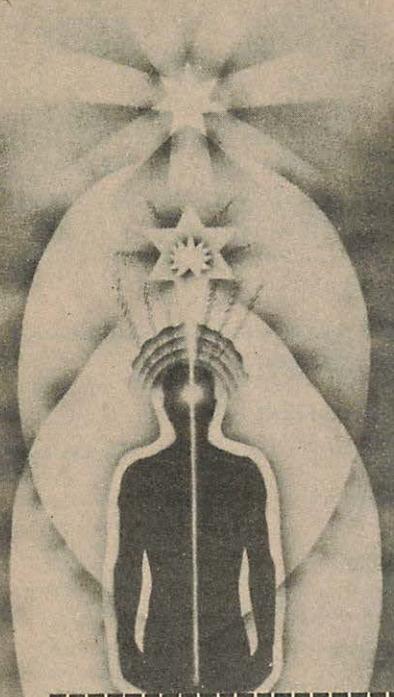
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LOOKING AT OUR NEW *WORLD OF* **SEX**

GERINA SHARE

SEX WAS a word rarely used in mixed company before the turn of the century, for man's sexual desires and behavior was a personal matter not considered to be attractive to public exposure. Today, however, we have a "sex-minded" generation, with freedom of speech in full swing.

The subject of sex is freely and openly discussed in the coeducational classrooms of our colleges and universities. Its possible virtues or spiritual values, which may have been taught the student prior to the study of "health" (required

for a degree) is completely disregarded.

The background of the student (race, culture, and religion) was, apparently, of no importance to the writers of our text books. For teachers, whose training and experience appears to be limited to Sigmund Freud's philosophy of sex, present without restriction this limit view, with emphasis on appeal to the lower nature of their eager listeners. And any preconceived ideas, especially if they differ greatly from this subtle and

well thought out "conspiracy", are promptly dealt with accordingly.

No consideration is given the girl student who might appreciate a woman rather than a man, to teach her what the educators of our country think she should know about sex. This also applies to the young man who might prefer certain functions of his body be taught him by one who knows and understands that function - a man. Ridiculous, say the "authorities".

Parents who have a growing concern - and they are increasing in number - would, perhaps, have less objection to this sometimes appalling presentation of "sex education" required of our schools if the information given was not limited to the physical sex union for expression, thereby encouraging experimentation.

Sex is more than a mechanical function of the body, infinitely more, and if those responsible for this imposed teaching are not aware of it, a book covering other areas of the subject matter is not only timely but necessary. For, indeed, there is much more to be learned of the power of sex, its purpose, and its ultimate fulfillment.

The teacher's thought-to-be knowledge and understanding, presented as it is, completely robs the student of the opportunity to think upon the yet relatively unexplored spiritual significance of sex.

The time is not far distant that

man will be forced to take notice: Sex has a divine purpose and spiritual function. It does not exist solely for one's good health, pleasure, or for the propagation of the race alone, as our youth is so cleverly led to believe.

The much talked about New Age (now begun) must necessarily bring into existence a "new man", with sex-energy contributing in full measure. This new man is now in the making, and sex (senses) must be dealt with, that the "old man and his deeds" will vanish with the age.

Even now man's consciousness is being flooded with strange new energies, which is calling forth the unanswered questions and undisclosed facts regarding man's undiscovered Self, for recognition and acceptance.

When our youth talk of being "turned on", they are talking about an expression of this energy, active in their body. They will tell you that being "turned on" is like being charged with a thrilling kind of electricity - a very real experience - and someone or something unseen throws the switch. Some say that this delight surpasses the pleasure they have experienced in physical sex. What is it? A higher form of energy presenting itself?

A new look at sex and its related expressions is making ever-increasing demands for attention. The creative force of the physical body is up for a much needed re-

evaluation; perhaps to claim man's thoughts of it for a more effective spiritual usage.

There is every indication that our generation is releasing incredible energies; to be expressed in full capacity. However, it is also indicative of an existing urgency for man to explore, to investigate, thoroughly and completely, this vital energy.

Intellectually perceived ideas of man's origin, purpose and function, no longer satisfies his desire for spiritual knowledge of himself, and his possible Eternal Life. Religion per se has failed to produce the desired results. Soon, however, man will come to know more about God, and in a very personal way, not possible before this century.

Consider this: If sex energy is used to create a physical body, in which is housed the mysterious and complex entity known as man, it should not be difficult for the mind to accept the possibility of that same energy having the potential power to create a "divine man".

The essential essence of life (that creative power within that which brings a body into being) is the Great Mystery of God beyond the capabilities of man's mind to understand, and certainly beyond his ability to duplicate. But our teachers fail to bring this to the attention of the future leaders of our country; though it need not be referred to as having anything to do

with God (a word almost forbidden in today's classroom) since it is a scientific as well as spiritual fact.

Physical man is the instrument through which the creative energy of God generated (not created) for use, and the means by which people continue to exist. The birth of a "living soul" (the vital and essential part of man; breath, ability to think, feel, see, etc.), however, comes into being as a direct result of the Great Intelligence from which that necessary energy flows and which does not originate with man. This Intelligence guards, guides, and directs man to the degree that man will recognize it as the Divine Authority it is, but will not be led by man.

The Twentieth Century has introduced revolutionary ways of exploring the consciousness beyond that commonly experienced by man, in hope of communicating with other dimensions. These man-made formulas, however, do not permit the user to go beyond the fanciful imagination of the mortal mind. And those who believe they are taking a "short cut to God" are in for a rude awakening. A spiritual consciousness is not attained by the greedy, the impatient, or those who would "take" spiritual enlightenment for personal use and exploitation.

Man's delving into thought-to-be higher levels of consciousness (which in reality is only the sub-

conscious) such as that produced by hypnosis, LSD, and other modern methods used to disturb the normal function of the mind, is not without its purpose, however, in man's expanding awareness. Such investigation will continue to uncover hidden levels of man's thinking, for a closer look. It will serve to prepare the mind (or destroy it) for a better understanding of its purpose and function. Be not deceived, however, God will not be mocked, nor will it permit man to interfere with the Divine Intervention, now taking place.

An Intelligence, now known only to the initiated, is stirring man in spirit, soul, mind and body; bring attention to the authority of Divine Law, which, man, in making his laws does not consider. This is soon to be felt in a very personal way, leaving no room for doubt as to the Power it wields.

This "power" will relate to man's consciousness as sex; though this is because man thinks of it as such. And whether man chooses to believe or not, this unique expression of God's power in action will not change its course because of man's ignorance, nor will it be deterred.

The plant is experiencing its Great Transmutation, which could be said to be reflecting in the consciousness of the youth to a marked degree; but this is known to be only the beginning of the "new experi-

ence" facing mankind. And our increasing awareness of sex expressing will tend to re-direct man's thinking; prompting a closer look at our new world of sex.

Man will not always release his energy for the pleasure of the senses, for he will come to recognize it as belonging exclusively to the Creator, who has shared with him this great power; that he, too, may create. When man becomes conscious of this truth, he will conserve his vital energy, for use in creating the "new man".

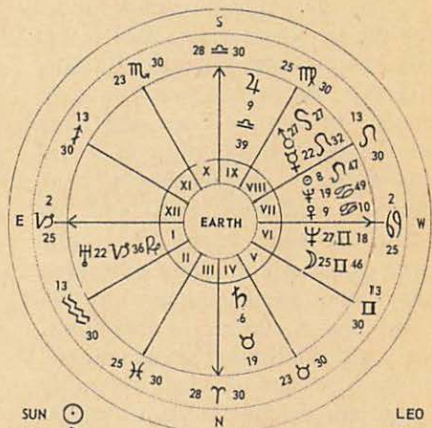
Sex energy in reality is a sacred trust, and a power which deals with man according to his use of it. Its expanding effectiveness, being keenly felt within man at this time, is quickening the consciousness and awakening the mind of undreamed of new creations (not excluding "divine man").

If the young people were taught in the classrooms, that energy, in any of its many and varied forms of expression (including sex), is God's Power and man's greatest gift, we would already be enjoying a new and wonderful age. Since this, unfortunately, is not possible at this time, if the young (or old) will consider the validity of what is written here, they can, even now, have a better understanding of the oft times bewildering, unsatisfying, and uncertain world of sex consciousness in which they find themselves.

SEARCHING BY STARLIGHT

PLANETARY PERSONALITY— Mr. Ray Palmer

By James Philip Morgan



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TO HELP the reader better understand the science of astrology the following will in-

clude an explanation of the above map of the heavens at the time of Mr. Palmer's birth, and a sketch of

his make-up as shown by the stars and planets in their relationship to him.

The houses are the Earth divided into twelve sections which have been found to have influence over all mundane affairs. The planets, appearing to revolve about the Earth, show their effect, good or bad, upon these affairs. And the stars act as sounding boards for the planets, in tones harmonious or discordant to human nature.

In the 1st House, which symbolizes the personality, early life and body, is Uranus, planet of originality. Mr. Palmer is a very unusual person, in that he does not think like the general run of people. His expression is magnetically convincing, unconventional and abrupt. Because he is one jump ahead of that which is at the moment understood, some consider him extreme and eccentric in viewpoint. Most of this stems from an unusual childhood where he found authority severe and independent action most rewarding. The nerves, stomach and knees are weak points in the anatomy.

The home, property and old age conditions are governed by the IVth House. Saturn, ruler of the Ascendant (East), planet of obstruction, is here depicting careful management of houses, property and money, but too much anxiety over these matters causes gloom to settle over the home life. Inheritance is

also shown here, probably due to the early death of the father. An effort for love, gaiety, and social merriment will antidote feelings of depression and a tendency to be a recluse during latter life.

Pluto combined with the moon for a spiritual mentality in the VIth House of service and sickness gives Mr. Palmer the ability to contact the inner planes for information of an occult nature; and to enlist the help of others of common purpose to make the world aware of the unknown wherever it exists. Healthwise, there is a tendency to lung (Gemini) congestion.

The VIIth House portrays partners, the public and competitors. Venus, planet of affection, here attracts a marriage partner who is loving, graceful, sociable and artistic; qualities that are much needed to dispel the aforementioned Saturnine gloom. Neptune here deals with those who would use their psychic ability against him. Some always want to maintain their ideals regardless of evidence to the contrary, and hate, with powerful thoughts, those that would speak truth. The sun, bringer of light and life, also expresses through his wife, who is literally the bright spot in his life, honorable, steadfast and of great help to his success with the public.

Death, occultism and inheritance are ruled by the VIIIth House. Mars conjunct Mercury signifies

aggressive speaking and writing concerning the secrets of nature, and investigation of entities that have passed over. Finances gained through inheritance, the marriage or the public may have some strife connected with it, but this his tremendous energy should overcome.

Jupiter, planet of benevolence and highest elevated in Mr. Palmer's chart, in the IXth House angle of publicity, philosophy and long journeys, speaks of fortune and fame through publications, belief in providence, donating to idealistic causes and travel in search for the higher meaning in life.

COMMENTS BY MRS. RAY PALMER

1st House: This indeed describes Ray perfectly. The only point I'm not sure of is the weak points of anatomy.

IV House: To me this is not an accurate description of Ray's characteristics. He wants good management of properties, but he is not "careful" as he very much resents the time needed for this. Also his very generous nature often interferes with "careful" management. As for inheritance, the only thing Ray ever inherited, or is likely to inherit, is a bunch of headaches. It is true that he often is anxious and depressed over financial affairs, and he may have some tendency to be a recluse during

latter life.

VIth House: This may be correct to some degree.

VIIth House: This is fairly accurate, although I am not sure he got exactly the right wife with all of those particular qualities.

VIIIth House: True enough, but again no finances gained by inheritance, or marriage. Selling books and magazines to the public is done by much striving, if that's what you mean by strife.

IXth House: We'll be waiting for the long journeys, fortune and fame through publications.

COMMENTS BY RAY PALMER

1st House: It is true that childhood suppression led to independent action. The only way to "have your way" is to be "original". Any parent who forces his child to attend church for twelve hours on Sunday is asking for some "original" action in contriving to spend at least four of those hours in the local movie house without being caught. Which belies the weak nerves, stomach and knees. Today the knees are indeed weak, but only because of paralysis due to an accident.

4th House: Careful management? 100% wrong. Yes, I WANT good management, but somebody else has to do it! Generous? In cruder terms, it is called "being a sucker". Inheritance? Everybody

who died left me the bills to pay!

6th House: Lungs? Perfect. The idea of some sort of "sickness" making me a bit able to contact the "inner planes" is consistent with a theory I have that spine or brain injuries harm what might be called a natural defense against being a bit psychic. I sometimes suffer from delusions. I generally keep them secret, because they obviously are delusions - to those who don't even dream.

7th House: I shudder to think of what life would have been like if I had married any other woman I

(then) considered eligible! I married the right woman, all right. Any other woman could not have endured living with me! And you'd have to see my lovely children to know how fortunate I am.

8th House: That's my career, all right. But I sure missed on that inheritance!

9th House: The last thing I want to do is travel! And all the publicity I've ever gotten has been scandalous, fostered by liars. Fortune has ever eluded my grasp. And notoriety is the more applicable word; not fame.

QUESTION: Mr. Morgan, when were you first introduced to astrology? What convinced you that astrology was scientific, and helpful, rather than hocus-pocus, as many believe? RB.

ANSWER: Like most others my introduction to Astrology came from popular publications on the mag stands nearly 15 years ago, but I didn't begin a serious study of it

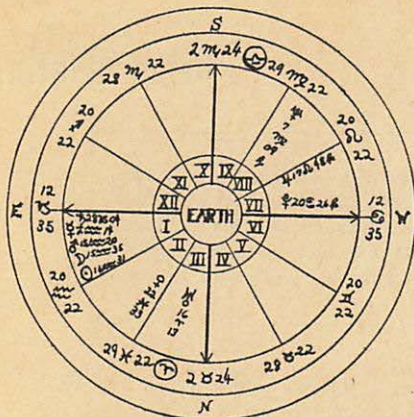
until Jan. of 1963 with the Rosicrucian Fellowship.

"Astrology: 30 Years Research", by Doris Chase Doane of The Church of Light helped to convince me. However, the real proof was in working out my own chart and reading backwards in the ephemeris for the positions of the planets that corresponded with the events of my past life!

Mr. Morgan will be happy to answer your questions in this column, providing they are of general interest to all. Please send your questions to: STARLIGHT, c/o SEARCH, Amherst, Wisconsin 54406.

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— MR. RAY PALMER

Helen Binglin

The editors of SEARCH thought it would be interesting to have two astrologers cast Ray Palmer's chart; and here you have the contrasting chart. A study of it in comparison with the previous chart should prove to be quite interesting. Any astrologers who disagree would be welcome to present their charts in future issues.

Every false prophesy shall come to naught; every plan my Father in heaven has not planned shall be dissolved and dissipated, the divine idea now come to pass.

DUE TO the many misunderstandings that prevail with regard to astrology, it is considered prudent to place the following statement before all work.

Astrology is not considered an art whereby details of the future can be told. This would be fortune-telling and is not within its scope.

The more modern attitude is as follows:

The universe is one and all that is in it works under the same natural law. This law can be observed through the measuring and observation of planetary motion. We can then see these same natural laws working through the lives of

human beings.

The delineation of the charts, herewith is based on the experience of astrologers through many ages and especially current day practitioners who are working along psychological lines. Astrology attempts to define a "life-pattern", but there is more than one way for any one indication to work out.

Many technical astrological terms have been omitted. However, all correlatives of every deduction made from these charts has been entered in the margin of the copy filed for my personal reference and can be obtained by arrangement, if desired.

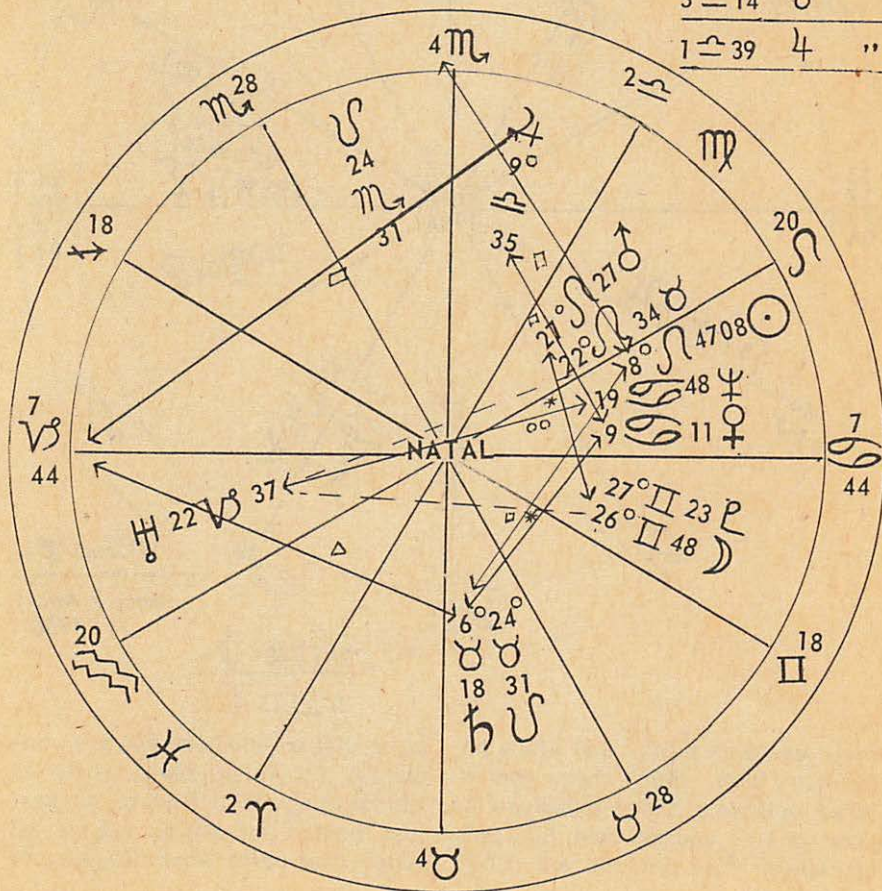
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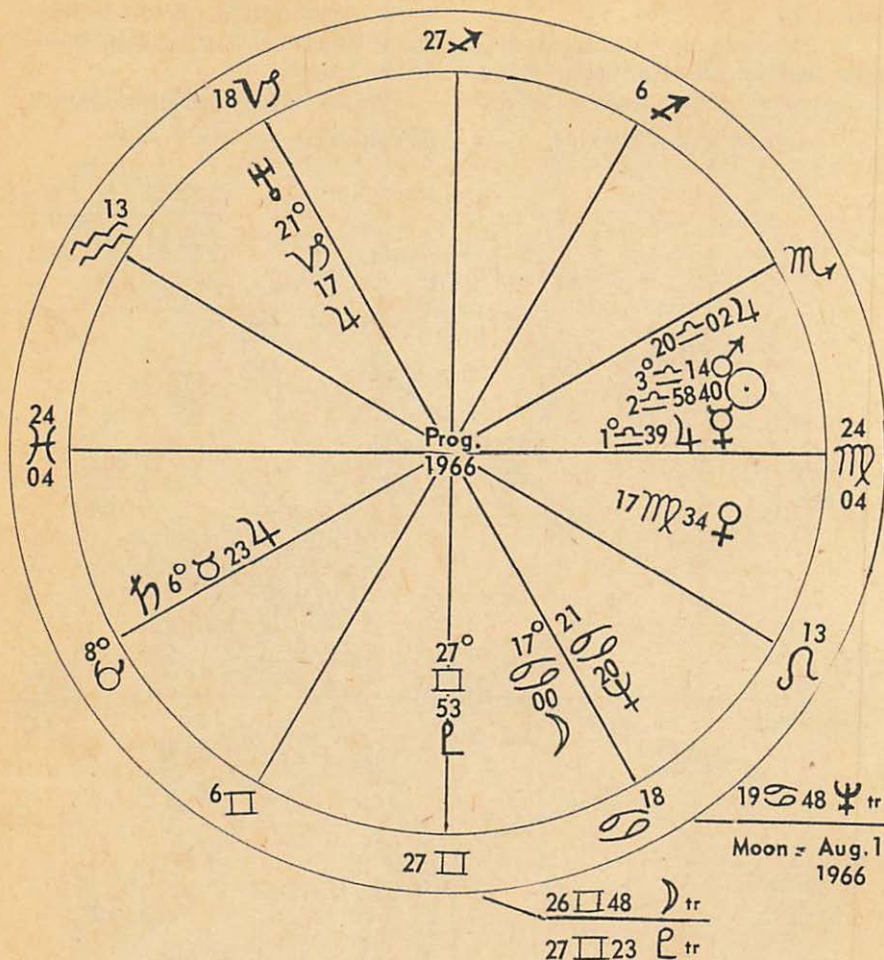
tick! Checking it over, I noticed some things going on and suspect that a word of encouragement would not be amiss.

Events have been happening with

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their usual rapidity, and since on October 28th, 1966 there was a lunar eclipse to the mid-heaven of your chart, square your Sun and opposition your Saturn, you could

be at that point where you are wondering if it is all really worth it? Remember, it is always darkest just before the dawn, and we all reach that point when things can't

get any worse; they just have to get better.

Jupiter turning stationary direct on your natal Moon should eventually bring success for your venture through FORUM.

Saturn becomes your own personal ruler, since this chart gives you Capricorn as the rising sign. The first week in July, 1966 Saturn turned stationary-retrograde to square your Moon-Pluto conjunction. This conjunction (planets in the same place in the chart) is a fascinating aspect, and does a great deal to draw us an animated picture of the "real you"! Saturn has been moving at its own leisurely pace, back to make its direct station in square aspect to the Jupiter station. This was a sign-post along the way of your new venture; to build strong foundations, not to be in too big a hurry and not to attempt to do more than you could accomplish. These are all qualities that your Gemini Moon does not possess of its own accord.

Saturn will have completed its backward journey by the last of November, and at that time some of the restrictions you have been feeling should begin to lift. And, let's really face it! If you don't have a few restrictions along the way, you are one of those people who would feel that you hadn't really accomplished anything very important. A person with the Saturn sign rising in the birth chart has their own psy-

chological need to fight above and beyond the call of more ordinary man; an almost fanatic desire to prove their worth against tremendous odds. Are you quite sure that you don't subconsciously call for some of the things that seem to happen to you?

There are what I consider to be two really outstanding configurations in your chart. One is the conjunction of Moon and Pluto in Gemini, the second the opposition of Uranus to Neptune. These two aspects are tied together by what Thyrsa Escobar calls the "Y" configuration or Hand of Destiny. This aspect implies, along with a pattern of destiny, a touch of genius for the individual so endowed. Could you do less than give your best, even now when perhaps the obstacles seem quite obstinate as indicated by certain configurations in your chart of birth?

As always, it is often difficult to know just where to begin to analyze a chart. However, let us take a very close look at the Moon in the same place as Pluto to begin with, and I suspect we will draw much of the rest of the chart in with it.

First of all, what about Pluto in Gemini? You had lots of company, for all of those born between 1883 and 1914 had Pluto here. Ordinarily this placement of Pluto would have had more to do with the circumstances of humanity as a whole, but we find you receive special

attention from it as your birth Moon is applying to this same place with less than a degree still to travel! This means that it is very close indeed and therefore very important in your scheme of things.

The moon in our chart has special reference to that part of our personality which we show unabashedly to the world around us; people see us as we are without having to look too far. This is somewhat altered in your case through this aspect of Pluto, for you are most adept at presenting the personality you want your public to see, and only a chosen few are allowed to see you as you really are.

Since both of these planets must function through the sign of Gemini, perhaps we had best take a closer look at it. Gemini collects information like a sponge and there is no limit to the amount the Gemini personality can assimilate. It has particular rulership over communication through personal contact. It is the sign which writes, lectures, teaches and spreads information.

The Moon in Gemini is very versatile. It is capable of doing more than one thing at a time and doing them all equally well. It always has many irons in the fire. This tendency helps to contribute to one of its biggest faults: these persons are inclined to brush only the surface of things, to have too many things going at once and never quite finish one before it

starts another. They seem always to begin to visualize a new project before the last one has had time to jell. This I suspect is really the "story of your life" though it has been given deeper meaning by the aspect to Pluto. This Pluto gives you a greater determination to see all sides of a given idea, thought or presentation. It adds (or can if developed) a bit of patience to an otherwise impatient Moon. It brings the assets of delving and research into the mental gymnastics that are Gemini.

No other sign of the zodiac endows its natives with the ability to tell a story in a way to get the most out of it. You are keenly observant and closely in tune to entertaining a listening audience with that which they wish to hear as well as making each word carry its own special message for those who wish to hear. You are inventive, witty, clever, provocative and judge life and living from your own power to develop and use the intellect.

Pluto's conjunction (same place) with the Moon in Gemini gives the mind and intelligence a decided advantage over its cousins who do not share this placement; a deeper meaning and function to mind plus an almost inexhaustible spiritual energy. A mind more concerned with and bent on research. It adds to an adventurous spirit which is always searching and seeking that which is old and worn

out on the mental plane especially and build it into that which is re-useable in some constructive sense. You would seem to get your plans in focus when all at once you see a better way of doing the same thing, and destroy again to build anew! You lead yourself and those around you a merry chase.

Fritz Brunhubner says of Pluto in Gemini: "There is a predilection to literature of an adventurous or sensational nature, and to similar travels and investigations." To this I might add, if not on the physical level, surely on the mental.

It is not surprising then to find that this is what you have done with your life, for we find that Pluto is the ruler of your 10th house (profession, reputation, career, etc.) and is placed in the 6th house of work and service to one's fellow man. Fritz Brunhubner also says of Pluto in the 6th house: "These people are human beings who have a preordained mission in life."

The aspect of Moon conjunct Pluto has given you another exceptional talent, for it has opened the avenue of mind to explore astral influences. This talent can be consciously developed to a high degree. This leads to prophetic dreams, an ability to see events that happen at great distances and psychometric abilities. The sign of Gemini gives you the ability to relate these experiences to others in a most interesting way, and to be motivated to do

so as an aid to helping your fellow man through the 6th house influence. These planets in trine aspect to your mid-heaven (10th house cusp) indicates fame and fortune through this ability and are the indications which show what would be the most natural way for you to make your mark in the world.

Interestingly enough we find that there is only one planet on the personal side of your chart (the side rising-East) and the other nine planets are on the side of others whom you contact as you go through life (setting-west). This tells us that you have had less to say about the events and shaping of your life than most. Almost every event is directly traceable to that "someone else". This of course can work both ways, for your good as well as for the more difficult problems.

We find that Uranus occupies the unique position of not only being the only planet on your personal side of the chart, but is situated in the 1st house, the most personal of all the houses. Standing alone as it does it is apt to work something like a "whip-lash" catapulting you into one thing and then before you have a chance to get your feet firmly on the ground, off again into another.

Uranus is the REBEL of the zodiac, and this has a very personal meaning for you. The existing order on any level has no place in your personal scheme of things.

The above paragraphs on Uranus are given special meaning by the added testimony that Uranus is the natural ruler of the 11th house, (conditions beyond one's personal control) and that Pluto is the ruler of this house in your own chart and who sets directly opposite the part of the chart directly related to you.

Uranus here in your chart is something of a saving grace, for it gives you a personal determination to see the conditions of this life through and make something out of it that not only you but all those who come in contact with you will be impressed. It gives you a very positive and active boost to accomplish which does often take an independent if not unconventional turn. It is the kind of positive determination that says if it is impossible it will just take a little longer. Nevertheless, in the sign of Capricorn, this is governed by some practical application.

Uranus is considered to be the higher octave of the planet Mercury so that he is most interested in some form of communication, writing, speaking etc., but here you are inclined to think your own thoughts and go your own way. This planet reinforces the Moon's conjunction with Pluto. Interesting also is the fact that the Moon on the day of your birth had reached its greatest declination. This indicates the personality and to some extent the

mentality is "way-out" both figuratively as well as literally. Its motion was unusually fast indicating the ability to cover a great deal of ground in a short period of time and is of course closely associated with the mental plane which dominates your life.

The Uranus-Neptune opposition has kept you in something of a tug of war all your life. You have a personal preference for scientific and intellectual knowledge, quickly finding that which has proven value for mankind. At the other end of the spectrum sits Neptune reminding you that there are more subtle influences that are not necessarily provable. These impressions come to you mainly through contact with others whom you attract within your environment. So we find you are constantly torn between the two: the practical as against the emotional, the ideal against the facts. I feel quite certain that anyone having read a few of your writings would agree to this. What a set up for writing your science fiction and your many editorials!

This does have the effect of making you very high strung as well as extremely sensitive. But self-will is strong, as is also a well developed ego (Sun, Mercury and Mars in Leo).

There are several indications of at times falling into periods of deep depression, something you need to build up a good resistance to. This

you are quite capable of doing so that it shouldn't present a major problem.

There are also indications of "high-temper", so that I suspect you are not the easiest person in the world to live with in close contact. This does however give you the ability to be independent in your thinking and shows that you really love to take the other side of any question. It gives the energy to give a good rebuttal for your own point of view. You are by nature not about to take the other person's viewpoint, so this contributes to the fine job you do as editor of FORUM and related endeavors.

Needless to say, much has been unsaid. You say you are not particularly sympathetic to astrology. There is a place for astrology in the lives of some people. Everyone should have the chance to make up their own mind. I am sure that many people are influenced in their way of thinking, by you. You were blessed with that kind of magnetism in your chart. True it can make you just as many enemies, but these are only a challenge and stimulation for you. In fact I suspect that you have less personal respect for the person who agrees with you than the one who doesn't.

Admittedly it is much easier to do a chart by "hindsight" than by foresight. Nevertheless, one would have to conclude from the above that it is a pretty apt description of you.

Even with the small amount of your chart that we have covered it should seem that you might be a little bit impressed with the blue-print there indicated for your life.

Earlier we mentioned the "Y" configuration.

This technically a configuration of two planets in sextile aspect to each other who in turn make a quincunx aspect to a third planet. This usually leaves the point exactly in opposition to the third planet unoccupied, waiting to be activated by a strong transit or by a progressed planet. In your case we find this reaction point already occupied by the planet Neptune. This usually strong configuration was already ripe for action at the time you were born. Neptune came to the descendent at about twelve years and Uranus came to the ascendent at about age fourteen. So then your career was underway, even at that very early age. I rather suspect that many of your stories and such were well formed in your mind prior to that time, but it took this stimulation to your chart to actually put them down on paper and have them published.

At the time you began FORUM one arm of this "Y" aspect was again stimulated with Jupiter's transit over your natal Moon-Pluto conjunction. There is an astrological saying that "Jupiter in Gemini promises more than it can deliver", and many have felt the

"sting" of this transit as it inclines to expect too much - too fast without seeing a really practical picture. This is especially true when Saturn was still to move to make its station in square aspect to the Jupiter station. (And especially when Saturn is one's personal ruler.)

Jupiter has now moved on to make a new station conjunct your Sun square Saturn. This will occur the last of November, and could cause added expense. It is however, another opportunity to put firm foundations under your many projects and proceed with deliberation; moving cautiously. In the spring of 1967 Jupiter will turn direct upon the reaction point of the "Y" aspect, and you will probably find that through now unforeseeable events things will begin to smooth out and you will wonder how they could ever have seemed so rough. Some new road of endeavor could open for you and you will reach another pinnacle on your road to success. There will be an element of fantastic luck involved here, and perhaps come through some of the other-people influences we spoke of earlier. A partnership is possible.

Progressed Sun has come to the conjunction of progressed Mars. This has already been working as witness to your recent accident mentioned in one of your Editorials. Also the recent time you spent in a hospital. It is inclined toward rash action, spur of the moment stuff

which you will be wise to keep under control. It does at the same time heighten creativity and can be used constructively in this way. Your creative energy will seem almost inexhaustible. Here again don't carry it too far as it can make noticeable inroads into that sensitive nervous system of yours which could then have a direct bearing on your health and personal well-being.

You are quite apt this year to resent some form of authority and vent some stored up emotions in this direction, even toward that "wee-small-voice".

Neptune in early August, 1966 turned stationary direct in trine aspect to its own birth position so that you should be able to act in a positive way to your own hunches, especially where your career is concerned. You could also find you are more inclined to listen to the other person's view point. There will probably be a connection with your financial position.

Things should be looking "UP" soon, so in case this catches you at one of those low periods, know that all our dark clouds do have silver linings and yours should begin to shine in the very near future. Helen Binglin, P.O. Box 104, Paradise, California, 95969.

COMMENTS BY RAY PALMER

I'd have to agree that events

since October have not been conducive of any reaction but doubt as to their value. However, perhaps they only seemed dark in October, because now (in March) they seem even darker. The word "eventually" is proper to use in predicting FORUM's success - it has been very slow, because it is unacceptable to many who do not wish to be as "controversial" and "way out" as FORUM is. It takes intestinal fortitude to read FORUM - not too many people have it.

Yes, I always have many irons in the fire. I agree that many do not get finished as a result.

In recent years it has become more and more difficult to speak openly to anybody, thus it is true that not too many see the real me. Perhaps it is the most disturbing problem in my profession today - the inability of the vast majority of people to be REALLY open-minded; so oftentimes I open my mouth to say something, then snap it shut again, knowing it will be rejected. Whenever I give a speech, I actually do not know what I am going to say until I determine what the audience is capable of accepting, or wants to hear.

Research and adventure - what else is there! Why on earth would anybody want to lead a dull life and remain uninformed on ANYTHING?

I don't think I have a preordained mission in life, except that which I think we all have - to keep

things from stagnating.

As for having to go in somebody else's direction, that certainly seems true - aren't there any persons who are willing to compromise? Must Ray Palmer always do it? Want a swimming pool? Give Ray Palmer a shovel - that idiot will dig anywhere just to see what's underneath.

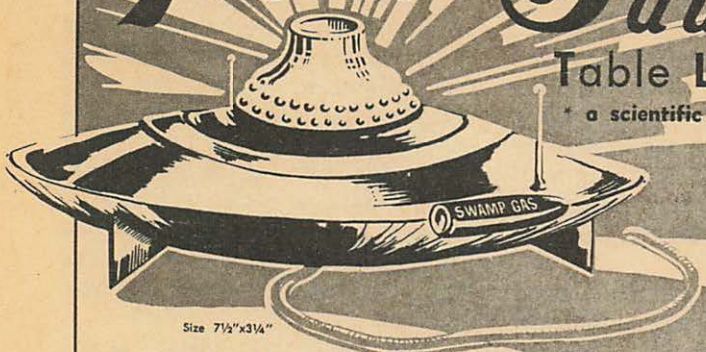
As for wanting to get things done, I have no patience with people who can only think of reasons why things can't be done. Of course they won't if that's the way you steer it!

The rest of this "chart" is remarkably accurate. I could hardly deny the characteristics attributed to me. Yes, November (and all the rest of the months since then) have brought added expense. Had to put a halt to it. And this seems to have added up to the prediction of putting down firm foundations. All my life that irritating intruder, money, has been a barrier to doing what I want and plan to do. So, if that's the way it has to be, okay - I'll do that too! I can see that the only way things will go UP, is to push them there. According to this chart, a lot of planets are getting in their kicks at this particular Leo, who is more a lamb than a lion. However, if we must play the other fellow's game, he'd better be sure he knows the rules. He isn't going to get any free points just because he thinks all balls should be round. -- Rap.

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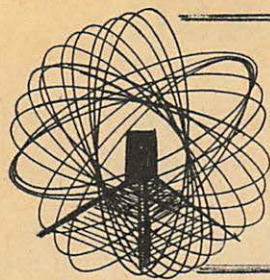
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MY JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN

THE DUCK LADY

Sheryl McFarlane

AS A youngster, I lived with my parents and grandparents. My grandfather was an occultist and always had a wide assortment of people coming to visit.

I recall them speaking of the Duck Lady. She had earned the name because she had a duck farm which had become very famous. She was never referred to by her real name and I got the distinct impression that no one knew it. By listening to their conversations, I learned that she could move objects around the room with no physical exertion. All she used was mental concentration.

My father was a very strict Catholic and quite a skeptic when it came to the supernatural. I was upstairs with them when my mother mentioned that the Duck Lady was coming to visit that evening. Daddy kept saying that the woman was a

fraud and that we were insane to believe in her. He didn't even want her name mentioned in his presence.

Mom kept trying to calm him down because it was a fairly well-known fact that the Duck Lady had supersensual hearing and could tune in several conversations at once, even though they might be great distances apart. It would be very embarrassing for my mother if the Duck Lady were listening then.

Daddy decided to use a statement to win us over to his way of thinking that proved to be his nemesis. He said "If this Duck Lady is as great as you say she is, have her move that bag of candy sitting on the desk." At that moment the doorbell rang and the bag slid to the front of the desk and dropped on the carpet. The Duck Lady had arrived.

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Do Miracles Really Happen?

Huey P. Beasley

BY "MIRACLES", I mean an interference with Nature by a Supernatural power. This is the same definition used by C.S. Lewis in his book, "Miracles: A Preliminary Study". Mr. Lewis goes on to deal with the rational and philosophical likelihood of miracles. In this article, I propose to deal with actual occurrences - though not in specific detail.

If readers will refer to SEARCH, November, 1965, pages 40-41, to the article "The Higher Critics Exposed," they will find - from quotes I have given - what is the attitude of the typical, materialistic, critical historian, toward miracles. To summarize briefly,

the so-called "scientific" historian usually assumes as a starting point that no miracle is possible; or at least that miracles are so unlikely as to merit no serious consideration. Thus they attempt to explain all things in terms of "natural" occurrences.

As was further pointed out in the same SEARCH article, many of these "scientific" historians who have dealt with the New Testament (The Higher Critics) have tried to explain away the miracles of Jesus. The explanations are varied, but essentially they consist of two major types: 1) the "miracles" were natural occurrences which were misunderstood by the "ignorant" people of that time, or 2) the "miracles" were tales made up later by the Christians, having no real basis in fact.

Now, it should be pointed out here, that first, there is much circumstantial evidence that miracles did occur (were done by Jesus), and second, there would be no way possible, for the critics to have the slightest evidence that the miracles were not real. Their whole theory (or theories) is based on their "dogma of faith" that "miracles do not happen because they cannot happen".

However, Jesus walked the earth, and did his miracles, a long time ago. They are recorded for us by people who either knew Him, or knew those who had known Him,

and who in many cases gave their very lives in witness to the truth of what they wrote and taught. But these men were not scientists (except perhaps Luke, who was a doctor). Further, the scientific method of analyzing theories and data was not yet known. And there were no "before and after" medical documents to demonstrate the truth of the healings which Jesus did.

But would it make any difference, to these critical historians, if such documents were available, and could be proven genuine? For many of them, I am afraid the answer is no. Because they adopt the very same attitude, for the most part, toward miracles which occur today, under the most controlled conditions possible, and under the observation and documentation of some of the ablest and most critical doctors and scientists on this earth!

To get the detailed story one should read the book MIRACLE OF LOURDES, by Cranston. But I will very briefly summarize it here. To even be considered for a miraculous cure at Lourdes (that is, a cure which is declared to be a miracle) the patient must have a very serious disease or injury, which must have been specifically diagnosed by a competent and recognized physician. Further, the disease or injury must have reached the stage where the patient is considered as beyond the help of

medical science; all available treatments having been tried without any success. Often, the patients are on the very brink of death.

Once a decision is made to go to Lourdes, the patient is finally examined once again by his physician or physicians, who send along with him the detailed medical records of his case, beginning from the time of initial diagnosis on up to a final description of his condition at the time of departure.

Upon arriving at Lourdes, the patient is taken to the hospital which is maintained on the grounds. This hospital is staffed by several of the world's finest doctors. They are not all Catholics, or even Christians. They also include Jews, skeptics, and atheists. When the patient arrives, they study his records, and again give him a thorough examination (including photographs and X-rays, where applicable). This is to be sure they concur with the diagnosis of his physicians and to give further testimony to his condition. Before it is even considered as a possible miracle, all the examining physicians must agree that the case is beyond medical help. Of course, all this information is recorded and documented.

After this the patient is allowed to bathe (or be dipped) into the waters of Lourdes one or more times. Most miracles take place during or shortly after this experi-

ence. Some occur during reception of communion at the chapel of Lourdes.

If a healing or cure occurs, the patient is again examined thoroughly by the doctors; and upon returning home is examined by his local physician. Their description and prognosis is carefully recorded. To be considered as unexplainable by natural means, the cure must in addition to the above requirements possess the following characteristics.

(1) It must be sudden; that is, either instantaneous or so rapid as to preclude the possibility of a "normal" recovery, even if such a recovery were possible in any length of time.

(2) It must be permanent. At least two years must elapse before the cure is even considered as a possible miracle. The patient is frequently examined during this period, and any tendency toward relapse disqualifies the case.

(3) The disease or injury must be of a definite physiological nature, such as cancer, tuberculosis, bright's disease, leprosy, or physical injuries such as a missing section of bone in a leg, etc. Psycho-somatic, nervous, or psychological disorders are not even considered.

To summarize, in order to even be considered as a possible miracle, a patient must have a definite real physical disease or injury,

which is beyond medical help, and must make a sudden, complete, and lasting recovery after being immersed or bathed in the Lourdes water, and this recovery must be beyond explanation by any means other than supernatural. All this, while under the closest possible scrutiny by very skeptical doctors, who keep detailed records.

Once a case of this kind has occurred and has been approved by the doctors as a cure which is beyond explanation by natural means, the case must then be submitted to the Catholic Church for a ruling. The Church is even more strict than the doctors! Insisting on eliminating every possibility which could raise even the slightest question of any sort, the Church only approves about one-fourth of those cases which have been approved already by the doctors!

In spite of this, during the past 100 years more than 50 cases have been declared by the Church to be miraculous cures. This means that more than 200 were approved by the doctors. Besides this, there are literally thousands of cases which are in all likelihood real miracles, but, which could not be officially declared as such because some small detail of documentation was absent in the patient's previous medical record, or for some other such reason.

It has been said, that one definition of insanity is the inability to

face reality. Faced with all the mountains of documented evidence which are available at Lourdes, it would seem that a person must in one sense be truly insane to persist in denying the reality of miracles. Yet, this is exactly what the skeptics do. It has been reported that one well known skeptic (Emile Zola) went to Lourdes once asking to see "only a cut finger healed". It so happened, that while he was there, he saw a woman completely healed, in 30 minutes time, of a cancer which had eaten away half of her face. He saw her "before" and "after". But his reaction was, "Even if I saw all the people here healed, I still wouldn't believe!" What can be done for someone with such an attitude?

Alexis Carrel, for the "crime" of simply reporting the facts as he found them at Lourdes, was forced to flee from his medical and academic colleagues in France and to pursue his career in the United States. His closed-minded colleagues wanted nothing to do with a man who would even consider that miracles might occur!

I say then, that many of the critics would not accept the miracles of Jesus, even if they had a thousand medical documents attesting to them. They reject them on faith, not on fact. This is proved by their attitude toward Lourdes. Let no one be disturbed, then, by their vain babblings.

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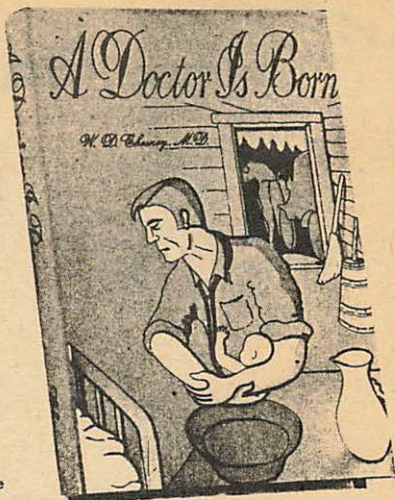
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Dear Editor:

This can be run, if you care to, in the form of a letter from the readers, or as an article. My main purpose is in answer to your S.O.S. for "help" in the April issue of SEARCH. I sincerely hope more of your readers will respond with comments.

It was not long after I became interested in your publications, and ultimately a subscriber, that I recognized what you were trying to accomplish in many of your editorials and answers to the readers comments. In the medical field this is called a "counter-irritant"; an irritant which stimulates new growth, and sometimes it backfires!

It is regrettable to read letters from sincere and intelligent individuals such as Mr. John Thar,

withdrawing their support because they failed to perceive what your ultimate purpose has been. His defense of Mrs. Lauer was justified, as a friend, but not the manner in which he evaluated your editorials, as well as Sharon's, concerning Mrs. Lauer's gifts. I know you have a deep respect for Mrs. Lauer, as do all of those who have contacted her. That she has a gift, which she uses with reverence to the Source from which she was given this gift, is very evident. Mr. Thar was correct in making a statement of which I am certain he did not realize the full import concerning her human nature, that she, like all of us, is subject to human fallibility. This is not necessarily in the area of her gifts, but rather a frailty, strictly on the human reactionary level. She was angry and hurt, and this is the area where we all react and show our frailty. Her gift should have

told her what you were attempting, and would have, had she been able to control the hurt and anger. If this had been possible then she could have used her gift to help you show the readers, as well as Sharon, the trees instead of the forest!

It is my sincere prayer Dorothy and her friend Mr. Thar will take your advice and re-evaluate their reactions to your editorials, and in turn give you the support you are asking for.

I will join you in weeping for the youth if all of the Mr. Thars refuse to help them learn, rejecting them because they haven't the wisdom of age built in, and because they question and, yes, are rebellious and sometimes show disrespect for the "elders". The article "I Am A Teenage Atheist", should shake the elders right down into their boots. Here is an intelligent young person who has evaluated this civilized world and organized religion and found it wanting. I challenge anyone to deny her evaluation is wrong. Note I said, evaluation, not the concept she formed. The elders have given these young people no other choice, because too many have refused to lead them in wisdom. Those who have wisdom have all too often crawled into their ivory towers and allowed the brainwashers of this age to totally sway and confuse the youth.

The whole structure of our society in this age is geared on de-

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ceptions of one sort or the other! Many of our young people recognize this. Some are swept into it as a way of life; other rebel, and their rebellions take on many forms. Without someone who possesses wisdom to point the way for them, they are lost in the jungle. The hope of humanity as well as our entire nation depends upon our youth being directed toward goals which will stimulate them to think, reason, search and evaluate, and to find the spiritual values upon which this nation was founded.

Bertrand Russell in an article published by the Saturday Evening Post some time back stated: "Religion has long taught that it is our duty to love our neighbors and to desire the happiness of others rather than their misery. Unfortunately, active men have paid little attention to this teaching. But in the new world, the kindly feeling toward others which religion has ad-

vocated will not only be a moral duty, but an indispensable condition of survival. Human society as a whole is becoming, in this respect, more and more like a single human body; and if we are to continue to exist, we shall have to acquire feelings directed toward the welfare of the whole.

"Seers and poets have taught that men are capable of something which is called wisdom, something which does not consist of knowledge alone, or of will alone or of feeling alone, but is a synthesis and intimate union of all three. Some of the Greeks, and notably Socrates, thought that knowledge alone would suffice to produce the perfect man. According to Socrates, no one sins willingly, and, if we all had enough knowledge, we would behave perfectly. I do not think that this is true. One could imagine a satanic being with immense knowledge and equally immense malevolence..... and, alas, approximations to such a being have actually occurred in human history. It is not enough to seek knowledge rather than error. It is necessary, also, to feel benevolence rather than the opposite. But although knowledge alone is not enough, it is a very essential ingredient of wisdom.

"The world needs wisdom as it has never needed it before. If mankind can acquire it, our new powers over nature offer a prospect of happiness and well-being such as men

have never experienced and could scarcely even imagine. If mankind cannot, every increase in cleverness will bring us only nearer to irretrievable disaster."

Russell, a Nobel Laureate, once served a jail term for his opinions. During the 1950 Nobel Prize for literature presentation he was characterized as "one of our times' most brilliant spokesmen on rationality and humanity and a fearless champion of free speech and free thought."

Our nation has long been the symbol of Freedom, Justice, Mercy and Charity....founded upon spiritual values...."This nation under God...." On our coins "In God We Trust", many of our great presidents and statesmen of the past believed and trusted in these values to lead them. Within our society today these values have become expressions of derision; these attitudes denote a mark of weakness, so they are ridiculed. One question alone arises in the hearts of many, "What have I to gain from it?" It is a rare candidate for public office in this age who expounds these values, and who, if elected follows the direction of such.

Laurence M. Gould, President of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, a world famous geologist and Antarctic expert wrote:

"I do not believe the greatest threat to our future is from bombs

or guided missiles. I don't think our civilization will die that way. I think it will die when we no longer care. When the spiritual forces that make us wish to be right and noble die in the hearts of men. If America is to grow great, we must stop gagging at the word 'spiritual'. Our task is to rediscover and re-assert our faith in the spiritual, non-utilitarian values on which American life has really rested from its beginning."

These are the guides which should be given the youth, it cannot be forced upon them, but given to them to evaluate. Religion as organized and displayed in this age pays lip service only in many in-

stances; it is for this reason youth rejects it. A new approach must be given them, a door opened. I believe that your publications can well be one of these doors. The spiritual forces have not changed, only our knowledge of them is changing.

Let these who possess wisdom draw together and guide youth in these paths. R. Russell.

• You've stated your case quite clearly. I am sure that many young people who read it will find your viewpoint encouraging and acceptable. -- Editor.

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for April, and the editor's rebuttal. That rebuttal sounds much like the proverbial snake that wiggles its tail until sundown.

Flunked out? Stumped? Definitely - unless he is willing to learn the one lesson that is his for this incarnation. Otherwise he'll have to learn it in another life cycle. May I suggest that he ask Dorothy what that lesson is? Clint Lambert, 120 South Second Street, Slatington, Pa. 18080.

● You seem to know - why didn't you tell him? -- Editor.

Dear Editor:

I have just read your tale of woe in SEARCH number 73. It is indeed my impression that only about 10 per cent of Dorothy's predictions can be regarded as true predictions. Dorothy is tough on others, but easy on herself. In one of her columns she condemned the entire "Spiritual Healing" movement because a few healers lost a few patients to the gravedigger. Not only did Dorothy goof frequently, but she insists that she was right, as no time element was given for the fulfillment of her predictions. She predicted that skirts would go down; instead they went up to become miniskirts. But there is no doubt that skirts will some day again go down just as the stock market will go down, and again up... If I predict that the editor will die, sooner or later that prediction

will be fulfilled, as all of us are mortal. Not long ago, Dorothy predicted that there will be some "unpleasantness" in Viet-Nam. She also said that the war may end soon, or it may last long, or it may develop into a major war. Evidently she exhausted all alternatives; this is no prediction at all. Naturally one of these alternatives must come to pass. If Dorothy does not bet on horses, it is because she can't win without knowing the time element. She could collect nothing if her horse won four years later than specified by the terms of her bet.

The truth is that psychic powers are never reliable. This is the reason why healers get sick, prosperity practitioners are broke, and clairvoyant people often marry unsuitable life partners. However, psychic powers do exist, but one must experience them in order to believe in them. One must also believe in them in order to be able to experience them. George W. Lagus, 111 West Myrtle, San Antonio 12, Texas 78212.

● I do not object to the "generalities" you are stressing here - it is the 10 per cent "unexplainable" on-target shots that she gets in that intrigue me. However, being editor of SEARCH involves appearing reasonable also to those who are skeptics. If I maintained that Dorothy was right (precisely) in 85 per cent of the predictions, any reasonable reader would say: "The ed-

itor is ignoring obvious facts (like the ones you point out), therefore his judgment is poor, and his is an editor I do not care to consider very seriously." But, if I have the temerity to analyze the results as best I can from a factual viewpoint, I risk the anger of those who WANT to accept the 85 per cent accuracy figure because they need a very substantial bolstering of their spiritual confusion. They feel "lost at sea" among the tremendous problems of life, and they seek some mysterious assistance which will rescue them (the basis for the "contactee" type of flying saucer fan). By accepting Dorothy's powers to a far greater degree than is actual, they can throw out all their own responsibility, as to reasoning, and rely on faith alone. "Believe and ye shall be saved" is the prop of the spiritual coward, if I may proceed to "insult" another great faction of my readers. However, it is absolutely true, to my way of thinking, that if a person is insulated when he is called a spiritual coward because he replaces reason (and the responsibility bestowed upon him by God when He created him) with "faith", then it must be because deep within him, as part of his anxiety over the problems that beset him, he KNOWS that he really does not believe, but is AFRAID to admit it, and worse, CANNOT formulate for himself even a FACSIMILE of re-

ality upon which he can ACT in living out his life.

I do not profess to be a psychiatrist, but I think that in publishing SEARCH and other magazines for nearly 40 years, I have learned what makes people "think", and what passes for thinking in most of them. We go to church because we need help. We are looking for a guiding hand, a helping hand, and in so doing, we are admitting that we are not helping ourselves, and admitting to a partial blindness that does not permit us to see clearly what our true course ought to be.

I cannot help admiring the courage of Mary Jane de Young! I don't quite agree that she has the answers she ultimately will have. But she will not be "carried into Heaven" on a stretcher! If it exists, she will FIND THE DOOR herself, and WALK in under her own power. She will not be "saved". I am very positive that nobody can be saved, but must save himself (by using his mind). If reincarnation is a fact, it is necessary only to convince those who rely on faith, that this is not the road!

I disagree with you when you say psychic powers are never reliable. True psychic powers are ALWAYS reliable! It is a contradiction in terms to link psychic with unreliability. My concept of psychic things is "true" things. Being psychic (which Dorothy is - to a greater

degree than most) is to have a tool which can be used. We can use any tool incorrectly, but the use is unreliable, not the tool itself.

As for healers who get sick, most of them are in that category I mentioned before - they REALLY don't believe they can heal. However, the patient may believe they do, and THAT may be what heals him!

As for having to believe in psychic powers in order to experience them, this I stoutly deny. No more than you have to believe in your leg to walk. Psychic things happen to EVERYBODY - because we are not just protoplasm. Protoplasm does not think, it cannot reason. The very act of thinking is a psychic power. -- Editor.

Mr. Editor:

As a current subscriber to your publications, SEARCH and FLYING SAUCERS, I feel licensed to submit a comment on the Editor-Lauer controversy; a fastidious 'origin' and/or 'perpetration'? I think the breach of propriety in this regard is nothing short of scandalous, absurd and ambiguous! The two of you are too evidently discreet and intelligent to indulge such an overtly manifest form of altercation, I'm sure. Now, perhaps you assume a major proportion of your readers to be somewhat naive; hence, this ludicrous outburst to stimulate conversa-

tional empathy upon the part of those who rarely PARTICIPATE, as I see it. Okay, you asked for it! What a level you've stooped to, to stir up an incentive for PARTICIPATION - when argumentation of any other variety of interest may well have been ventured upon, other than the expression of generating PERSONAL strife among the immediate 'ken' of understanding; you have provoked my distrust. There is a motive to increase PARTICIPATION; but, alas!, this is hardly an honorable avenue by which to pursue actual ways and means toward achieving an optimum of INTEREST. I am appalled! It is a disgrace, for mature persuaders in the arts of the occult philosophy to exercise such a purely trivial and disgusting attitude of disagreement, warranted or not; indeed, you did explain your motive - and I cannot say that Dorothy was not wholly 'unaware'. So, from where I view it, let's clear the air, and have less INTENTIONAL controversy (on such a morbid level); it is a public disgrace; a shame to both good names; won't you agree? Raymond W. Hill, 8928 East Newton Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

● There is a somewhat less scandalous motive that I think you have failed to see, or I have failed to make clear. I did not stoop to mere stirring up of controversy - I was in the position of acquiescing to an assumption to which I do not want to

be positively related. It has been more or less accepted that in proving Mrs. Lauer's psychic ability we have established a figure of ability in terms of percentage that is too high to fit to the facts. It really is necessary to "classify" a bit more in detail, rather than to say she is a "blanket" 87.6% correct. I said 10% (not exactly, because an exact figure cannot ever be known) of Dorothy's predictions are NOT DUE TO ANYTHING BUT SOME UNUSUAL PSYCHIC POWER. A larger percentage carry the element of "reasonable analysis, shrewd deduction, and generality". And, naturally, a small percentage are definitely incorrect. Mrs. Lauer charges for her service. In return for allowing the use of my pages to advertise her service, she pays me a percentage of the take. (In the case of Malva Dee, she prefers to buy advertising space, and pays at the page rate.) Thus, if I convey the impression to my readers that I have found Dorothy to be 87.6% correct, I am persuading them to send her \$5.00 in the belief that she will tell them events of their future which will be 87.6% correct. If the federal government wanted to get really tough about it, I could wind up in Leavenworth penitentiary for criminal fraud. This is asking a lot from the Editor, just to support a claim I know to be debatable, simply because the persons involved are in that cate-

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gory of people who "want to believe" because they are basically insecure (else why would they be so concerned with advance knowledge of their future fate!).

Another point I tried to make is that there is an implied "knuckling down" to all psychic frauds, by allowing them to bask in the reflected powers of those who are not frauds (such as Dorothy Lauer). Many of you object to some of the ads we carry in SEARCH. In fact, those who relegate psychic powers to the realm of the strictly theoretical and unfounded, object to ALL the ads. Such as the spiritual healers. These people say it is not proved that healing can be done by these people. I tried to put out a magazine in which no advertising was allowed, so that this objection could be overcome. But not even the objectors are willing to pay an extra 10 cents for their magazine to make up for the loss of revenue that comes from ads. It is a FACT that advertising revenue is a must to the existence of a magazine, in 99% of the cases. All I want to do is to carry the ads, get the revenue, keep the magazine

going, without having to compromise myself by seeming to be a party to a deception. Actually it is not a deception. But to overestimate the percentage of accuracy IS a deception, unless it is qualified, as I did.

There is a final reason I did what I did. Many of you have detected it, and written me letters of encouragement. To those people I say thanks, and I also am impressed with their astuteness! How many of you have seen this final reason for what you, Mr. Hill, have called "scandalous, absurd, ambiguous, shameful, ludicrous, disgraceful, disgusting, trivial, morbid, a breach of propriety, dishonorable?"

Finally, I am in the position of having to apologize for having an opinion! In SEARCH, everybody is entitled to his opinion, right or wrong. But by actual demonstration, we have proved that the editor is NOT! After all these years of thinking I was one of you - it is a shock to find out I was alone in the belief! -- Editor.

A FRIEND, INDEED!

Dear Editor:

Now that Oahspe is going fairly well, you should gradually set yourself up as the Kosmon Pope. With your personality and your contacts with the "invisibles" it

should be easy to get approbation from the Gods or you could possibly get a message from Jehovah. Oahspe possibly does not favor churches etc. However, there should be some form of a leader and what can be greater than the Kosmon Pope. A friend.

● Just spoofing, of course. But seriously, you readers who are not familiar with the references in this letter should make sure they do not miss our "An Introduction to Oahspe" in the next issue of SEARCH. -- Editor.

WHISPERING ANGELS

Dear Editor:

In answer to request for letters from those who have experienced clairvoyance and clairsaudience, I have had the following experience: In January of 1961 my youngest son and his wife presented me with a grandson. The little fellow and his mother came to stay with me on leaving the hospital. We set up his crib in the spare room, and about four weeks later I gladly baby-sat while the young folk went out for the evening.

I lay down on the couch in the front room after giving the baby his ten o'clock feeding. He, like the angel he was, went right to sleep. I laid in such a way, facing the bedroom, so as to be able to watch him if he stirred. I began to doze off, when I was aware of a soft rustling,

I kept my eyes closed, but listened and could hear soft whispering, but could not make out the words. As I was alone in the house with the baby, and the whispering continued, I peeked through my half-closed eyelids and saw three forms standing in front of the couch looking down at me. I pinched myself to be sure I was awake, and as I did, they disappeared. Frightened for the baby, I sat up and looked into the bedroom. There the three forms were looking down at him, and whispering. He slept on. I, my fear gone, began to feel that it must be the deceased great-grandmothers, or some other deceased relatives, come to see our latest little one. The feeling I had then was one of great love being sent out to this baby, and he certainly has been a favorite of all. Mrs. C. Vigenser, 11759 So. Ridgeway, Chicago, Ill. 60655.

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Dec. 9, 1966

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date - ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!
It would have been the work of a
moment to take the three maga-

zines from a shelf and get them in to the mails. (2)

I was in a mail order business some years ago, and I had a standing promise with all customers that their order would be filled the same day as received, and I kept the promise. It built good will. All you can do is build ill will. You not only take all eternity to fill an order; what is more, it looks like you have no intention of filling it at all. (3)

I want my magazines NOW. I paid for them in advance, and I have a right to them, or I will take the matter up with the Postmaster General, and keep it hot till I get my property. People who use the mails to get money out of customers on false promises need investigating. You'll get it.

I want the magazines that I ordered and paid for but never received. Eugene Grossenheider, 3645 Cleveland Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, 63110.

SEARCH Editor:

This is the fourth letter to you on this subject. You will soon be dealing with the U.S. Government.

On November 3, I sent you a U.S. money order, and with it an order for three back issues of SEARCH, as advertised in your magazine.

I have never received the magazines, you refuse to answer my letters, and you refuse to return my money. (4)

I kept copies of all my letters to you, and they are going to Washington, D.C. along with a notarized statement of the facts. They will put you out of business, so you can't use the mails to defraud others.

You will hear from D.C. (5)

A happy New Year to you, cheat.
E. Grossenheider.

● We have put identifying numbers in the foregoing letters, so that we could answer the particular points raised.

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Point (2): "The work of a moment?" We have a staff of five

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Point (3): "Some years ago." Things have changed, today! Even Readers Digest warns its readers that just the simple changing of address takes six weeks! As for

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Point (5): We did. And we filled out plenty of forms. And they WITNESSED the reshipment of your magazines to you. Now what? Do you still say you don't have them?
-- Editor

Dear Editor:

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● If we did, you'd scream at your postman, asking him why he's delivering so late. We wouldn't do that to him - it isn't his fault! Also, we've got enough work to do without adding such a futile and discouraging thing as this! -- Editor.

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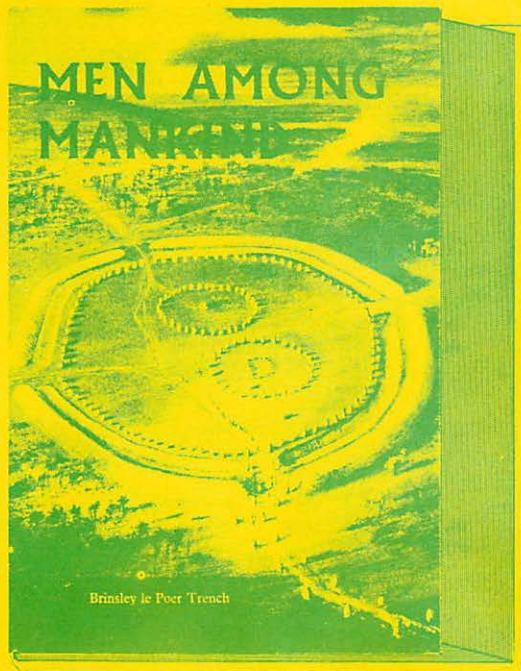
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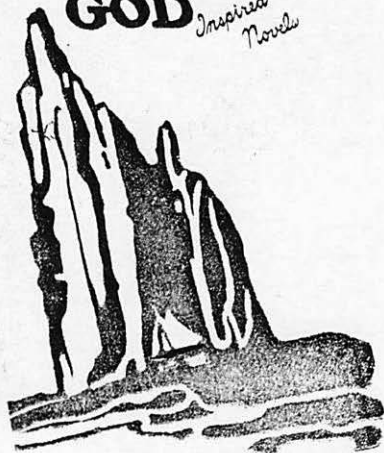
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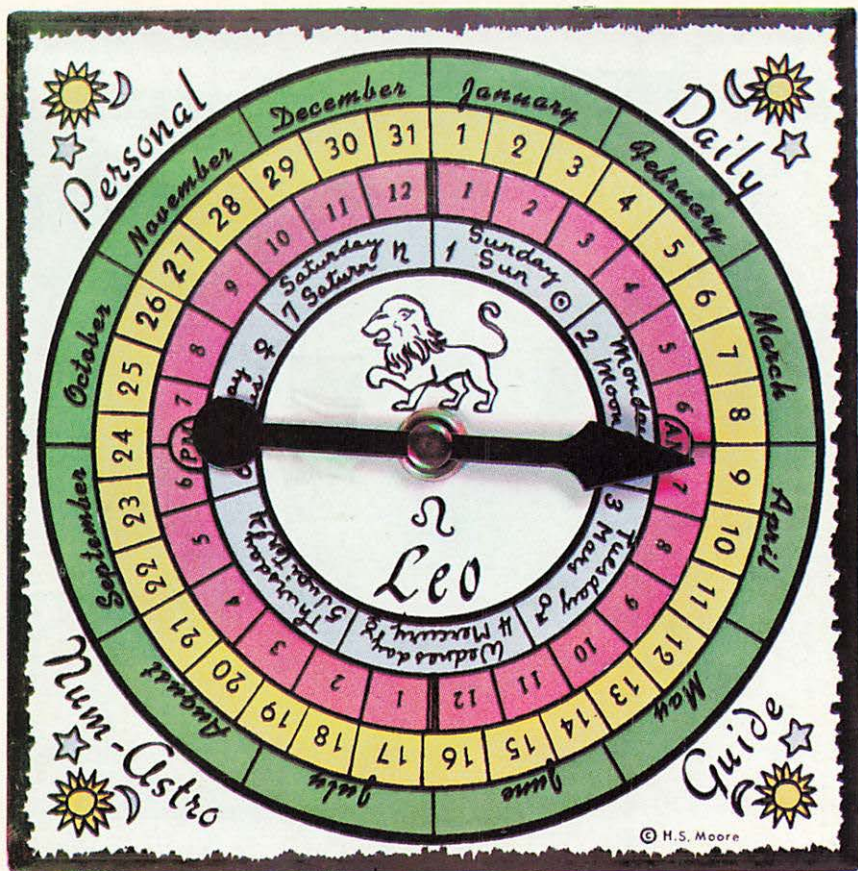
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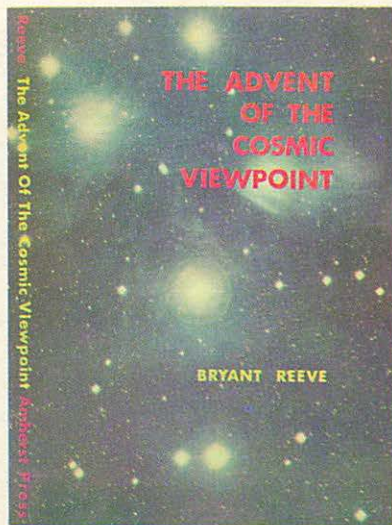
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