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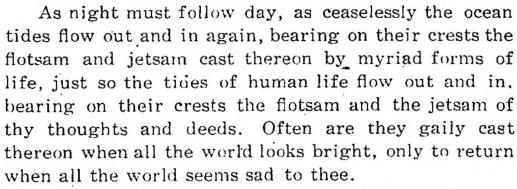
Behold I give



unto thee a key

EXTREMES

Does the sun shine brightly in the heavens? Does the full moon cast its tenderest beams across thy path? Does everything in nature hold a promise of a glad new day for thee tomorrow? Then take care! Seize thy happiness with steel-clad hands of courage. Close thine eyes lest thou shouldst vision gruesome forms of blighted hopes or stretching tentacles of envy.



Bear well in mind the truth that there could be no light without a corresponding shade, that all extremes of joy and bliss awaken pain and sorrow. So I would bid thee seek the heart of things and people and flee from all extremes of love and-hate, of bliss and sorrow, for only in the strong and tender heart of God—the center of all life—can perfect peace be found, and only where the blessed angel Peace resides can happiness endure.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

In the ancient book of wisdom, called "The Bhavagad Gita," Krishna, representing the Avatar, says, "Whenever there is an insurrection of vice, a decline of virtue in the world, I reincarnate for the preservation of the just and the destruction of the wicked."

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We are in an Avataric Age and all that is happening in the world at the present time—depression, unemployment, financial difficulties, cataclysms, disasters—is preparing the way for a full manifestation of the AVATAR. So let us know and all help on the process by the right attitude, ever bearing in mind it is the Divine Light which seeks manifestation through us. This really means the great battle between the powers of Light and darkness.

So, whenever difficulties occur in the nations, in the world, or in our individual lives, remember they will pass and stand with courage and determination, because this will help everything to come out right.

If students of occultism think for a moment, they must know the AVATAR cannot manifest in a world that is ruled by mammon—the money power. He can bring about right conditions on earth only when brotherly love obtains among the masses of the people. Therefore, let

us attune ourselves to the Divine Incarnation, the Avataric Force, and help Its manifestation in Power and Glory.

Let us say again, as in the "Editorial Mirror" of the Temple Artisan of October, 1912:

Without formality, without external organization, let all who feel and believe the truth of the Advent of a Redeeming Cosmic Force, repeat the following sentence daily and constantly. It will help to build a matrix—heart center through which the Christ Force will externalize in qualities of living power:

"I WILL ENDEAVOR TO REALIZE THE PRESENCE OF THE AVATAR AS A LIVING POWER IN MY LIFE."

W. H. D.

THE LIGHT WITHIN THE SACRIFICE

"And God said, 'Let there be Light,' -- and there was Light. And Ged saw the Light that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness." And God sacrificed Himself unto Himself that He might live and know and make Himself manifest. And there was life, light, knowledge in abundance. Within that sacrifice was conceived Light. Out of the Light was born Life. From Life was born Knowledge. From Life arose Knowledge that is Love. And God said: 'Throughout all the vastnesses of all the Spheres, over all the darknesses of the Cuter Worlds, over all the crags, under all the deeps of the Lower Worlds let My Light be freed and unfolded. On the seven points of the Tree of Life let My lanterns hang and glow. Without and within and about and upon all things existent and non-existent let the Light of My Life be poured, that they may grow and spring forth into form and knowledge and love of being. And it shall be My Sacrifice unto Myself, that My Light shall shine throughout the Chains of Worlds. And it shall be My Glory throughout all the eternities now and ever more, that I give Myself unto Myself, for My Sacrifice shall return unto Me time without end in unceasing measure of Light, Life, Love, Beauty without fetter and without bound. And the Light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. Lo, I am in the world. Lo, I am the Life of the World. My Life is the life of men. As long as I am in the World I am the Light of the World.' "

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THE COMPOSITE BODIES

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Contrary beliefs concerning the nature of the creation and development of the bodies built by the Ego simultaneously during its line of incarnations—as presented by different teachers of philosophy—have led to so much confusion in the minds of many modern students, owing to the unfamiliar terms and symbolic language in which they were couched that the subject of the composite bodies evolved by a single Ego should be simplified as far as it is possible. Although these bodies are separate while the Ego is manifesting on different planes of life during a great age, they are actually a composite body—many in one—in the last analysis.

In order to find an illustration, we shall be obliged to go back to the single cell, the spermatozoon of the seminal fluid in the generative organs of man and in the ovum of woman, neither of which is capable of using creative energy alone as man is now constituted. They must be brought together under right conditions for that purpose on the physical plane.

Each one of these primary cells possesses three special centers of unfoldment. When combined in the central cell of the foetus they are seven, the seventh being the synthetic center. While this seventh center does not function apart from the others in a physical organ on the plane of matter, it is nevertheless indispensable to the evolution of the physical body and uses the cohesive energy which combines all physical, astral and spiritual forms of life in one.

The three centers of the spermatozoon are positive to the three negative centers of the ovum, while the seventh is neutral to the positive and negative centers. It is from this seventh center that the central cell primarily draws the energy required for the unfolding of the multitude of cells which finally create the fully developed human foetus. During its growth in the uterine cavity the foetus draws from the six major chakras of the mother the life forces necessary for its sustenance during the nine months of pregnancy. It must be remembered that each human being has within himself the six major chakras or centers which correspond in their nature to six of the universal principles of life. The combined central cells of the spermatozoon and ovum correspond to the seventh universal principle. The umbiticus is the avenue through which the energy of this synthetic center contacts the nucleus of every

developing cell of the foetus, first passing through a corresponding seventh center in the mother, which endows it with the power of selecting from the four of the seven principles of universal life all that it requires for the sustenance of its physical vehicle.

It is evident that the poor debilitated mother who cannot take sufficient nourishment during and after her pregnancy to rightly sustain her own body, but who nevertheless brings forth an extremely large, well-nourished child, must draw on some power outside of her physical body for the sustenance of the child. When the reverse is the case and the healthy, well-nourished mother brings to birth a feeble, undersized child, she has used up the major part of the energy generated by the seventh synthetic center in building up and sustaining her own body, and so has not furnished sufficient energy for the growing foetus to draw upon to enable it in turn to draw upon the above mentioned centers of universal life to such a degree as to enable it to grow to the stature of a normal child. The energy released by assimilation of food and drink alone is not sufficient to furnish the prospective mother with vital energy enough to build and sustain the growing foetus she carries.

The chemical elements which in combination form the blood, tissues, bones and other portions of the organic structure of the foetus are supplied as a result of the action of the three lowest of the seven universal principles or divisions of cosmic life. The alchemical elements of the finer substances which form the vehicle of the soul—the higher Manasic body—are taken from the three higher of these principles. For instance, by the action of the breath center of the mother, the necessary gases-oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen-are drawn into the mothers luugs where, together with other gases released by assimilation of food products, they are changed or purified and raised into a higher degree of substance. The undesirable components, such as carbon dioxide, are thrown off in the process of assimilation. In the purifying combustion of the gases another elementary force is released, which enters directly into the building of the breath centers of the foetus, as this force is of the nature of that form of energy which is generated in the universal breath centers of the Heavenly Man. Constant interaction takes place between the energy creating the heart and lungs of the foetus and the energy generated in the universal breath centers until the corresponding organs have attained to full growth. The central cell of each physical, astral and spiritual body is developed in the heart center of each one of these three bodies.

What is true of the building of the physical body first through the action of the negative-positive aspects of the universal life principles, is true of the building of the permanent body of the soul by means of the positive-negative electrical aspects of the life principles. This vehicle of the soul is the Manasic or higher astral body, which functions on a corresponding interior plane. Thus gradually the embodiment or permanent form of the soul is being simultaneously created and sustained with each physical body during the many incarnations of the Ego on all planes, primarily by the energies generated and stored in the three higher of the six centers of each incarnated mother by the individual Ego during the whole line of its incarnations, and secondarily by the corresponding three higher universal centers, until the vehicle of the Nirmanakaya, the spiritual body of the Ego, is formed and its full line of incarnations is completed.

If the latter seems a material view of a spiritual reality, remember that spirit and matter are one in essence and that astral and spiritual substances are created by higher degrees of vibration than are those vibrations which create the substance we term gross matter.

If we are to reach farther back than the combination of the spermatozoon of the male and the ovum of the female for the beginnings of physical life, we must turn our minds to the great ocean of life which, from its material aspect, is the serum—the watery substance of the blood, "the waters of crystallization," the universal binding force—that vehicle of the creative fire which draws together and binds all living beings into one great Universal Entity. Every drop of serum contains in essence the ideal form, the outline of every created or creatable thing in manifestation. As every grain of matter, whatever its nature, contains this serum or water, the spermatozoon and ovum have within themselves the outline of the form of the creature to be evolved by their combination.

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[&]quot;I know that you bemoan the manner in which he has been brought up, but such late repentance must be avoided like poison. For the errors of the wise the remedy is reparation. Regret consumes the heart, but the effort to repair an error causes it to throb with a noble pride."

— From "An Egyptian Princess," by Geo. Ebers.

SELF-FORGETFULNESS

Self-forgetfulness does not mean forgetfulness of one's duties. It implies acting without self-interest.

Self-forgetfulness means not considering one's own interest as the most important thing.

Self-forgetfulness means the forgetting of one's own woe by thinking of the sorrows of others, even as a mother does.

Self-forgetfulness means silencing the voice of the insignificant personal self and so to hear the woeful cry of other beings.

Whosoever devotes his life entirely to the service of Mankind will find redemption here in this life. He will be free from the bondage of self and enter the universal self. Cease constantly thinking of self, give up thyself, for only then wilt thou be one with Him.

This union will only be possible if thy lower self is silent.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the first offering to be laid upon the altar of the Temple where thou seekest Redemption.

At thy journey's end the Lord of the Temple himself will wash and anoint thy wounded feet.

This ointment is composed of the cords of the hearts and the tears of joy of those, thou hast forgiven.

The gate of the Temple will remain closed to thee, if there is one single human being left whom thou hast not forgiven.

The first of the seven steps leading to the gate of the Temple is called Forgiveness. The first candle to be lit on the altar by the pilgrim is the symbol of forgiveness!

Do not close thine heart therefore against any human being or creature, thou who art the image of God.

There is no greater happiness conceivable than that experienced by thee when thou forgivest.

Blessed is he, who receives the gift of forgiveness.

A thousand times more blessed he who asks to be forgiven.

But infinitely more blessed is he, who has no enemy to whom he owes forgiveness.

Those who consider him to be their enemy, he will regard as friends and will treat them as the most needy of love among all his friends. He is full of compassion, he is the most Godlike among men.

From "THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP"

by H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaehr, Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

ASTROLOGY

The following notes on Astrology are written from India and represent at least a certain point of view on the place of Astrology in life.

When C. M. asked why it was necessary to indicate the exact hour when the deed of sale took place, we were told that in India the hour of all events is usually stated, because this is important for horoscopes. Rai B. B. D., the representative of the Rajah, related a long story of how you consulted the state astrologer of Mandi, who at that time already foretold that the act would take place and everything would be all right, and how Dr. George spoke with him in Sanskrit. Thus it was.

And the astrologer from the plains came uninvited a year ago and thus answered a mental question: "At the present time Bara Sahib—the great Sir—has great difficulties and turns heaps of gold into tin, but he will be victorious in December." So it was.

An astrologer came to Simla and told us again of things which afterwards turned out, and our tall neighbor, the goddess Tripura Sundri, came; she touched her chosen one and he began to tremble, became pale and said: "Everything is not yet finished; everything is not completed. Great difficulties are ahead but everything will finish well." And the same outcome was foretold by the sister of the goddess Tripura Sundri, and the same by the severe god Djamlu. And the same was pronounced by the protector of the house, the austere Narsingh, through the Brahmin. And as an evidence of authenticity, the Brahmin held a burning coal on the palm of his hand which did not even singe him.

Of course up to very recently, people still ridiculed astrology. But in line with the scientific discoveries regarding rays and invisible chemical reactions, the ancient science has again begun to occupy the place it has long deserved. One again realizes that the reaction upon man is completely different when he is placed in a room filled with arsenic vapor or when in contact with pure ozone.

Eminent astrologers can tell one in confidence how many western statesmen, judges and physicians come to them "by night" like Nicodemus.

Those who deny the idea of chemical atmospheric and planetary reactions ought to look into the astrological library of our friend, Dr. C. D. This practicing physician, Dr. D., does not look like a dreamer who has been switched off the track by nonsensical talk. Dutch by birth, having passed the severe school of practical life, she gives you the impression of being a dry rationalist rather than a dreamer. On the vast

shelves of her library are kept numerous horoscopes and various cases taken from her practice. She can relate many convincing cases in her medical practice when horoscopes helped her in her diagnosis. She has an entire collection of horoscopes of statesmen and social workers, and the facts in this rare library are substantiated by reality.

I remember two cases of more or less medical character, I brought to Dr. D. some facts about a little girl of four years. The horoscope of the child was immediately cast. The doctor said to me: "Look at these signs yourself. Even without knowing our science one cannot imagine that the child will live, when its essence is not marked and the field of the signs is empty." And truly, three months after this talk the little girl died of a very rare and unexpected illness.

Likewise certain information was given about a person who had undergone a difficult operation on his skull. Without knowing either the name or the circumstances of this person, our friend asked first of all what difficult operation he had had on his forehead. We must say that our friend did not make one mistake as to the year and time of events. And like the astrologers of India one had to say, "Thus it was." Besides, one must add that our friend spoke of planetary reactions, of astro-chemistry, with much greater scientific knowledge than the deniers, who could only repeat, "Everyone understands that." But when one came directly to the point as to what 'everyone understands," evidences were transformed into insults and ridicule. But it is most curious that some of the deniers afterwards casually asked for the address of the astrologer. And although they later received satisfactory indications, nevertheless for the sake of their social dignity they attacked that which they did not care to know.

Oh, these Nicodemuses of the night! What a remarkably subtle symbol of the testament that is! And what a dignified man this evangelical Nicodemus was. His dignity is equally applicable to our time. And this symbol is still vital and how often people cite word by word what they never dared to acknowledge because of prejudice.

Since we began with an English letter, let us finish with excerpts from a Tibetan letter. In its beautiful Tibetan signs this letter communicates: 'They came and removed from the breast of Maitreya the sacred treasure which you placed there. A short time afterwards the wife of one of them became fatally ill. And physicians could not help her. Finally a Lama who knows many sciences came and said to them: 'There is a sacred object in your home which was unjustly appropriated and if you will not return it to the place from where you have taken it, your wife will die.' The treasure was returned to the image of Maitreya immediately, and the woman recuperated. Thus the sacred object placed there by you is again upon its rightful place. . .''

Nicholas Roerich.

THE STARS SHINED IN THEIR WATCHES

"The stars shined in their watches and were glad."
So an old scribe had written, and as I read
Once, when my heart was sad,

"Put out the lamp," I said, "and lift thine eyes."

There went Orion moving down the west,

Beautiful, calm, and wise.

There was the North Star marching in the gloom, And a red planet climbing a dark hill Because its hour was come.

Shining and sure and all unswerving led
Through lonely space,
Each took its sentinel way;

',There is no fear," I said.

Who may not trust the Hand that summoned Mars, "This is my own soul's watch.

I take my sign from the courageous stars."

By Nancy Byrd Turner, Good Housekeeping Magazine February, 1932.

HEALING BY PSYCHIC RAYS'

ALL AUTHORITIES AGREE that disease is the result of inharmony caused by a disturbance in one of the numerous centers of the body structure.

The mental center, which is not only a receiving station, but a distributing one, is the watch tower. Any disturbance, however slight, is registered on the dial of the body brain and transferred to this center.

The healing psychic vay radiates from the mental center, spreading over the entire body. Thus, we have many mystifying appellations given to the phenomena of healing---known as divine, magnetic, electrical, mental, etc.—by the many operators in the various fields of the new orthodox religions of today.

All forms of life are provided by nature with this healing ray. People, though ill, may heal each other by harmonious contact and may likewise inoculate each other with disease through inharmonious psychic contact.

The living bodies of all forms of life hold treasures untold that can only be revealed and brought into service by the constructive development of the Psychic Mind.

Science will soon discover these emanating rays that are constantly and continuously creating themselves. When organized, the *psychic healing ray* will be classified amongst the most powerful rays known to the medical world.

Psychic activities should be taken from the religious field and placed in the *scientific field*. This *will* be done when scientific men and women *intelligently* investigate the subject of psychism.

By Effa Danelson (From The Occult Digest," Mar. 1932.)

DEATH THE GREAT REGENERATOR

You who have saved me out of many slaveries—Radical you are, refusing
Me life's habitual pathways,
Breaking and destroying bodies and environments,
Knowing well, I can be building better than those—Smashing and crushing my ideas.
My habitual thinking and living,
Understanding the God-sweeping power of imagination
Be rolling through my soul when that desire is with you
Be carrying my naked spirit away between your dimly
felt wings:

Old comrade, my close friend from the beginning o all time,

I have faith in your regenerating mightiness, I am not fearing the vastness of your unrevealed mystery.

-J. O. V.

The importance of purity of mind and body should never be underestimated; yet one should use all care lest in attempting to purify his nature he should mar it or destroy it.——From "Beacon Fires."

Temple Builders

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER-A DREAM

LESSON NO. 135

I dreamed a dream and in my dream I was shown an endless expanse of land divided, as it were, into little plots. Some were on raised slopes, some shaded by tall trees; some were on marshy ground; some were covered by stones and thistles. And as I gazed, behold, a Voice from on High spoke, saying: "Let each man sow while the sowing season lasts so that he may reap when harvest time approaches."

Then I seemed to enter into the consciousness of the possessor of one of the plots and so I was enabled to feel the freshness of the morning air pervade my whole being. Hope and joy were mine in their fullness as the man set about to obey the command which the Voice had uttered.

And he worked and worked, tilling the soil and sowing the seeds he had carefully chosen—wheat for the staff of life and seeds of plants whose fruit and fibres would shelter his body from cold and damp, and seeds of others whose leaves, roots or luscidus fruit would nourish the body, and finally seeds of plants whose fragrant blossoms would delight the senses. And when the sower had finished sowing he rested, turning at intervals to some lighter work and, behold, as the day wore on, the thoughts of the worker dwelt lovingly on the seeds he had sown, knowing that they must already have sprouted under the soft earth, and that in time he would gather in an abundant harvest and peacefully rest from his labors. But even as the worker mused, from the plot next his own there came a voice: "I am so tired and still have a large piece of ground to dig. Do help me!"

Then the man arose and, taking the spade from the weary worker, dug. And in that hard, irksome work, forgot in a measure his own weariness, realizing the duty of supplying as far as possible the need of that fellow worker whom the Supreme Disposer of all earthly things had placed nearest him. But, even while the worker worked, other voices from the neighboring plots rose clear and distressed.

One said: "Behold, my well has gone dry. Let me draw a bucket from yours."

Another said: "My supply of meal has run out. Be so good as to give me a measure of yours."

And while the worker with a glad heart supplied the needs of the careless and improvident ones, he became aware of an indistinct murmur which he knew to be proceeding from hundreds of pleading voices in the various plots. The actual words could not reach his ear, but the heart of the listener keenly sensed the bitter distress that was their keynote.

In my dream I continued to remain in the consciousness of the listener, in that heart which, realizing its own nothingness and impotence to help and comfort, I fted up its cry of anguish: "Father, my Father, what can I do? So many are calling; so many stumbling at every step under the weight of disappointment and discouragement! They are unable to recognize Thy Presence and guiding Love, and so they take no care to till the soil nor to sow. And in the evening they must seek rest on a bed of stones, or in a thicket of brambles. The mud of the marshy ground will close over their heads. Father, I beseech Thee, lighten my path that I may lighten theirs!"

Then the Voice answered: "Knowest thou not that all the workers of the soil are My children, and that as such have a place in My Heart. The weak in life-purposes, those who prefer idleness and pleasure to useful work, must learn thrift and care by suffering through the lack of such qualities. When the hardships endured during their day of labor have driven home the lesson, it will come to pass that as another morning dawns, I shall place them, not as formerly, in a stony or marshy plot, but in one whose soil is fat and fertile; and from their abundance they shall give to others, heiping to draw them nearer to Me. Therefore, My son, set thy heart at ease. Thou didst realize the duty of helping thy neighbor in his need, or more precisely, of helping those whom I had placed so near that you could distinguish the nature of their need and satisfy it. But as to those other voices too far away for their pleading words to reach your ear, remember that they arise from toilers around whom I have placed others who, on account of that nearness, are in duty bound to give them help. Remember also that whoever does as much as he can, and all that he can, does enough for Me. Peace be to you," And I awoke.

-Dott Eirene Niosi Risos, Pisa, Italy.

THE FUTURE OF THE PRESENT HUMANITY [Continued]

So it is evident that two races are coming into existence in the Americas; so much so that the Americas in their totality will in a few hundred years take on the distinct characteristics of the Sixth Sub-Race and show marked evidences of the Sixth Root. A peculiar people will appear. But this "peculiar people" that will bear the race marks of a new type of humanity, physically as well as mentally and spiritually, will be centuries yet in coming in numbers beyond a sporadic appearance here and there. In the meantime there will be pioneers to these pioneers, ones who, in the physical, are not "peculiar" at all; they being separated from the rest of the race only by a set of ideas and ideals. These latter, however, will be—and are—little different from what universally belongs to the Path.

When H. P. B. spoke to a gathering in Boston, only a short time before she passed over, about, "your duties as pioneers of that Race," it was to such pioneers as this that she was referring; such souls as could hear the Theosophical proclamation of a new "Race and races" and qualify for foundational work in building those races.

The part of this statement of hers upon which we would lay especial emphasis is the fact that the beginning of these races is not confined to a few hundred years ahead, but has its roots right in the present. This "New Humanity" is now in tangible process of construction. Which statement means that, at a definite time within the Place of Silence, within the Soul of this Planet's Humanity where all things human begin, this turn in race building took place. It began at a laya center wherein every cycle of evolution takes inception, the Plan, the Cosmic Idea, being placed therein at the 'zero point' that carries the "condition" to be unfolded in the sequential time periods. And, while it takes hundreds of thousands of years to evolve a sub-race and millions to run off a root race, necessitating thereby very long twilights between races, there is this precise mathematical point, this moment if time when a race, and even a planet—as measured by the atcm begins. The new is born "in a twinkling." When Jesus says, "The very hairs of your head are numbered" it is to this minute within the cosmic that he refers.

When we look at the evolution of a race we see that it is evolved by periods; a succession of families and civilizations rises and falls; and these divisions in turn are governed by the cyclic action of forces that have varying lengths of operation. And they fit, one into the other; cycles within cycles, that open and close in response to the law of rhythm. Although several cycles, moving within a common line of action may be of widely varying lengths, they will, every once in so often, by the workings of this law, strike precisely together; or, so nearly so that their forces blend. Such a confluence of cycles as this occurred around the dawn of this century, several of them striking together. That was—and is—one of the most remarkable confluences of cycles that can occur in the history of a planet.

Of these cycles two are well known in the earlier history of the Theosophical Movement. One is the hundred-year cycle under which the Lodge regularly gives a fresh objective impulse to the Race, stimulating thereby and keeping alive lines of activity laid down in a greater cycle, and also bringing into expression new lines of action that inhere in the larger cycle as their time arrives. This work is done in the last twenty-five years of each century. The other cycle is the one that marked the close of the first 5000 years and the opening of the second 5000 years of Kali Yuga, the Great Age in which this Aryan, or Fifth Race Humanity now lives. Two more of these cycles are the race beginnings that we have just been considering; that of the Sixth Sub and the Sixth Root races.

The next of these confluent cycles is that of the Zodiacal Age of Aquarius. And, with this Age, we will begin our study of these various cycles. The date of the beginning of Aquarius is a moot question, all sorts of dates having been set for it, most of them sheer guesses. Probably the most prevalent date, with a flavor of reliability, is that determined by astronomers, to wit, that the Sun is still between eight and ten degrees in Pisces. But, while modern Astronomy can find with exact precision the moment of the Sun's crossing the equator at the equinoxes, there is no surety whatever that it can determine at what point that "crossing" takes place with relation to the signs.

As a first point, the observations of modern Astronomy extend little beyond the date when Columbus discovered America; and their real scientific value is not so old as that. Consequently, for modern Astronomy to try to handle the ancient signs is as if it were to write a history of mankind and begin with Columbus. Indeed, that is just what it has done. Read any history of Astronomy and it begins with Copernicus (1473-1543). Back of him it collects some fragments which it places within the purview of science, the rest being myth and superstition. As far as any reliable information, according to its standards, is concerned, that is all there is in the racial background. It knows

nothing of that truly ancient world that has within it the records and observations of countless centuries. How can a few hundred years observe the beginnings and ending of signs aright when each sign spans a couple thousand years?

Any way, the very angle of approach to the question of the signs as taken by material science precludes the possibility of its ever knowing right beginnings and endings. From the viewpoint of space (scientific space) science concerns itself with distance, motion and the heavenly bodies, a matter of mechanics. But to the ancients the starry belt around us is not a mere matter of physics to be used for the location of the earth at an astronomical point. Rather, it is a configuration of Life and Spiritual Forces in the Cosmos, and each one of the twelve constellations and their transmitting "fourth, dimensional" signs pours into this planet and its humanity distinct rates of vibration that break forth in human and terrestrial expression, "each after its own kind." If this modern mind were to look upon the zodiacal belt as a huge radio, each sign broadcasting its own "program" upon its own wave length into this humanity and the humanities of all other parts of our solar system it would know what it is the ancients, the real ancients, far beyond the ken of material science had for their standards when They created the Zodiac and marked off its Twelve Signs in the first place, and what They mean when They speak of "the Regents of the Signs."—(To be continued)

Frederick Whitney.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

Dr. and Mrs. Dower, as well as other officers of the Temple, wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the helpful letters they have received from members and friends from various parts of this country and other countries, and if any matter ordered is delayed a few days because of the very peculiar inhibiting conditions of the world at the present time, we ask our members and friends to be patient.

A message came from the Lodge concerning the destruction of Pompeii, A. D. 79, and we were directed to look up all that we could find in the various books on the subject, this being in line with what was said about studying history, especially ancient history, in the last

Convention Message. Several members in America and Germany have culled interesting facts about Pompeii from books and sent them into the center. At the right time, when we get sufficient data, the message will be sent to Inner Order members.

HELPING HAND

Dear Friends: If you are in arrears of dues, or of subscription to the Artisan, or to the Helping Hand Fund, and you are able to send some money to the Treasurer of the Temple, please do so. We should be greatly helped, as we need all the support possible at this time to do the work expected in and for the Center and the members generally. Thanks in advance.

The German Temple Section has just published in book form "Goldene Blaetter," a translation of the "Yellow Folio" of Master Messages, selling at the very low price of RM-.50, per copy. The German Temple magazine of March, 1933, contains translations from last Temple Artisan of "From Midnight Communication" and "Closer Communion With the Oversoul;" "Multiple Flanes of Being," from Temple Teachings; "Interaction of Lives," from Oct.-Nov., 1932 Temple Artisan; "The Building of the Temple," by Dr. Franz Hartmann, from Temple Artisan, June, 1900; "Der Wanderer,"—The Wanderer—by Alice Freischuetz, Berlin; "The Voice of God," from "From the Mountain Top;" "The Life of the World," Temple Builders' Leaflet No. 30. An Easter Meeting of the German Temple members will take place in Zoppot-Danzig, under the auspices of the Zoppot-Danzig Temple Square "Einheit" ("Unity"). We are sending our love and comradeship to them.

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