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Astarā--What's In A Name? by Pamela Sargent

Similar sounding names do not necessarily have similar meanings, but in looking to the past it is interesting to note that some of the names of ancient gods and goddesses are similar in spelling and sound to modern day *Astarā* as well as contemporary religious festivals.

The dawn goddess was a very prominent one in ancient history. The Greeks called her *Eos*, and on teutonic soil *Eos* became known as *Ostara*. Her Latin name was *Aurora*. In Lithuanian and Lettish folk songs she is referred to as the daughter of the sun.

The dawn goddess—bringing the sun each morning—was portrayed as awakening mankind each day and sending them out on their daily tasks with renewed

strength. She was invoked as a beautiful daughter of heaven and a symbol of universal life—both physical and spiritual. She was represented as young, beautiful, immortal and born anew every day. She was hailed as the diffuser of Light, as the mighty, as the giver of Light who beholds all things from on high, and as the Mother of the Morning.

In ancient Greece the word “to awake” also meant “to know” and so the

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Heidi Olsen points to depiction of Buddha on 16th century Chinese painting given to Astarā by Anne Hughes as her expression of “Creative Giving.” (Story on Page 2)

Chinese Painting

Astarian Anne Hughes presented Astara with a 16th-17th century Chinese silk painting, depicting a pantheon of Buddhist divinities surrounding the central figure of Buddha. The work is multi-colored and intricately executed with added touches of gold.

An expert in oriental art who has a background in Buddhism has identified the divinities in the painting as representing Bodhisattvas, Arhats (or Lohans), Disciples of Buddha, Heavenly Divinities and High Priesthood.

A calligraphic panel of the painting contains this affirmation:

*Forever firm the Imperial line
Praise to the selected Heavenly Way
Ever increasing daily the glow of Buddha
Ever revolving the Dharma Chakra.*

The Dharma Chakra is interpreted as a mystical reference to the duty of every person to correctly unite within himself right religion, right philosophy, and right science.

We gratefully thank Anne for her valuable gift, which will be hung in Astara's growing Museum of Religious Antiquities.



Astara congratulates Pamela Sargent upon receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from U.C.L.A. Pam majored in psychology. She is a member of the Correspondence Staff at Astara.

Voice Month

Each month the Voice visits every Astarian around the world with news from headquarters, interesting articles, photographs of activities, schedules of Astarian events, special messages of various kinds, book reviews, announcements of new Lessons and recordings, etc. It is mailed without charge or subscription fee.

Many Astarians appreciate this service and wish to contribute toward the expenses of publishing, addressing and mailing. A convenient envelope for this purpose is in this month's edition.

Dr. Robert has declared July to be *Voice Appreciation Month* among Astarians everywhere. In doing so he stated: "Under the editorship of Ted Liliensteins, and with the help of others on Astara's staff, and still other persons who have contributed articles, the Voice has yearly grown in size and in value to its readers worldwide.

"Because of its continuous increase in value, I am certain there is equal increase in appreciation among its readers. I therefore declare July to be *Voice Appreciation Month* and hope each of us will pause a few moments to reflect upon the personal benefits we receive by its regular arrival in our homes and hearts."

John Morley

Astara's July pulpit guest is Mr. John Morley, speaking July 2 on the subject *Ideals in Action Around the World*.

As a newspaper columnist and international lecturer, Mr. Morley regularly visits trouble spots, political capitals and news-making events throughout the world. He is an award-winning news analyst and lecturer.

Youth Group

Meetings held the 3rd Sunday at 12:45 in the afternoon in the Museum Room.



Robert narrates THE STORY OF ASTARA movie for Astarians and guests in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Movie Schedule

You are invited to see *The Story of Astara*, the color documentary movie which tells how and why Astara was founded, how the Lessons are created, and describes many other aspects of Astara and activities at headquarters.

The movie will be personally narrated by Dr. Robert, and the Chaney's daughter, Sita, will accompany him.

This professionally-made motion picture is shown as an instructional service for members of Astara and any guests they wish to invite. A meditation service will also be presented.

Whenever two meetings are listed in the same city, the meetings are identical.

Two meetings are offered so that everyone has an opportunity to attend. Please attend one meeting only. Usually there is a better selection of seating at the afternoon meeting.

There is no admission charge for attending the movie, but an offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

A list of showings will appear regularly in the Voice.

• DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Tuesday, June 27, 1972, 2 & 7:45 p.m.

Holiday Inn-Northland

10900 W. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit 48220

• CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Thursday, June 29, 1972, 2 & 7:45 p.m.

Sheraton Chicago Hotel

505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611

• INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Tuesday, July 11, 1972, 7:45 p.m.

Holiday Inn-Downtown

500 W. Washington St., Indianapolis 46204

• CINCINNATI, OHIO

Wednesday, July 12, 1972, 7:45 p.m.

Holiday Inn-Downtown

8th & Linn (At I-75), Cincinnati 45203

• SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Tuesday, July 25, 1972, 7:45 p.m.

Holiday Inn-South

11244 Pacific Hwy S., Seattle 98168

• PORTLAND, OREGON

Wednesday, July 26, 1972, 7:45 p.m.

Holiday Inn

10 N. Weidler (I-5 & US 99),

Portland 97227

Abraham Lincoln Said:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."



An Astarian in Need Never Walks Alone

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. (Ps. 147:3)

MIRACULOUS HEALING AFTER SURGERY

Dear Drs. Earlyne & Robert:

On March 26 I requested healing for S.B. via the Ansafone system, and I want to extend my gratitude to those of you who worked to direct the healing light to her. She had surgery on March 27 for the removal of the obstruction. A new opening was made in her stomach to which the intestine was attached and an ulcer removed. The doctors and nurses were amazed at the success of the surgery and her condition following it.

S.B. was released from the hospital on April 10. She is at home and convalescing beautifully. She can eat almost anything she desires. There are those who speak of her miraculous healing. How I long to tell them about Astara.

I am deeply grateful and send my love to all of you at Astara.

S.E.B., Laurel Hill, N.C.

PASSING GRADES

Dear Astara:

I would like to tell you about the wonderful thing that has happened because of Astara. Our son, D., has been very slow since birth. We have had him to many doctors, and several clinics. All helped him some, and God has always led us each step of the way.

What I write about today is our latest step. We asked the Circle of the Secret Seven to pray for our son so he could make his grades. He does the best he can, but he always fails. Not this time. When the report cards came out, he had all passing grades! This is the first time this has ever happened.

We are all thrilled, grateful and happy -- thanks to Astara!

B.P., Hector, Minn.

PAINFUL SWOLLEN EYE HEALED

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Chaney:

Last Thursday a small flake of nickle-chrome flew in my eye. It didn't hurt, so, rather than go look in the mirror (I was at work), I forgot about it, but Friday morning when I got up my eye was swollen and mattered shut. When I did get it opened my eyeball looked like a cherry, it was so inflamed. My husband wanted me to go to the doctor but I put it off. I intended to go Saturday, but I had to go to a wedding and then the reception, so I didn't have time, but my eye was worse. I could see in the mirror the flake of chrome imbedded in the eyelid, and every time I moved my eye it scratched.

We had to leave the reception early because my eye was so swollen and red, and I was in so much pain I was almost sick. We came home, my son came over, and I asked him to call Astara. Then I went to bed. This morning (Sunday) when I got up the chrome was gone, the pain, the redness and the swelling! My eye was perfectly clear. Now if that wasn't a miracle of healing, I don't know what is, because even if the chrome had worked out, the infection wouldn't have left that quickly.

Thank you ever so much. Every petition (except one) has been answered, and perhaps that one has been, too -- only in a different way.

G.E.F., Wauseon, Ohio

PRAYERS STOP BLEEDING

Dearest Ones:

God bless you for your prayers in behalf of my mother. She was in the hospital in the intensive care unit for a period of 2 weeks. Her condition was first critical, then serious, and finally became satisfactory. They were unable to find out the cause of her internal bleeding. She then flew to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. They also were unable to determine the cause of the bleeding, but she is home now, and well.

We owe it all to the miracle of your prayers.

F.M.M., Hollywood, Calif.

Astara's Building Fund Honor Roll

A special thank you to persons listed on this Honor Roll. Since the last issue of the Voice was printed they have contributed to the cost of purchasing and remodeling Astara's newly acquired property. Repeat names are members who have made additional donations.

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Richard Hahn	Paula Nitsche	Gloria E. Fernandez	of father,
Oscar A. Skogen	Br. B. B. Emelife	Delia M. Hyland	Edgar L. Habersham
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Prize Winners

Every donation to the building fund is numbered upon arriving at headquarters; each 50th donor becomes a prize winner.

Each of the following Astarians is a "50th" donor to Astara's building fund, and has been sent a special medallion containing Astara's emblem on one side and Astara's affirmation on the other.

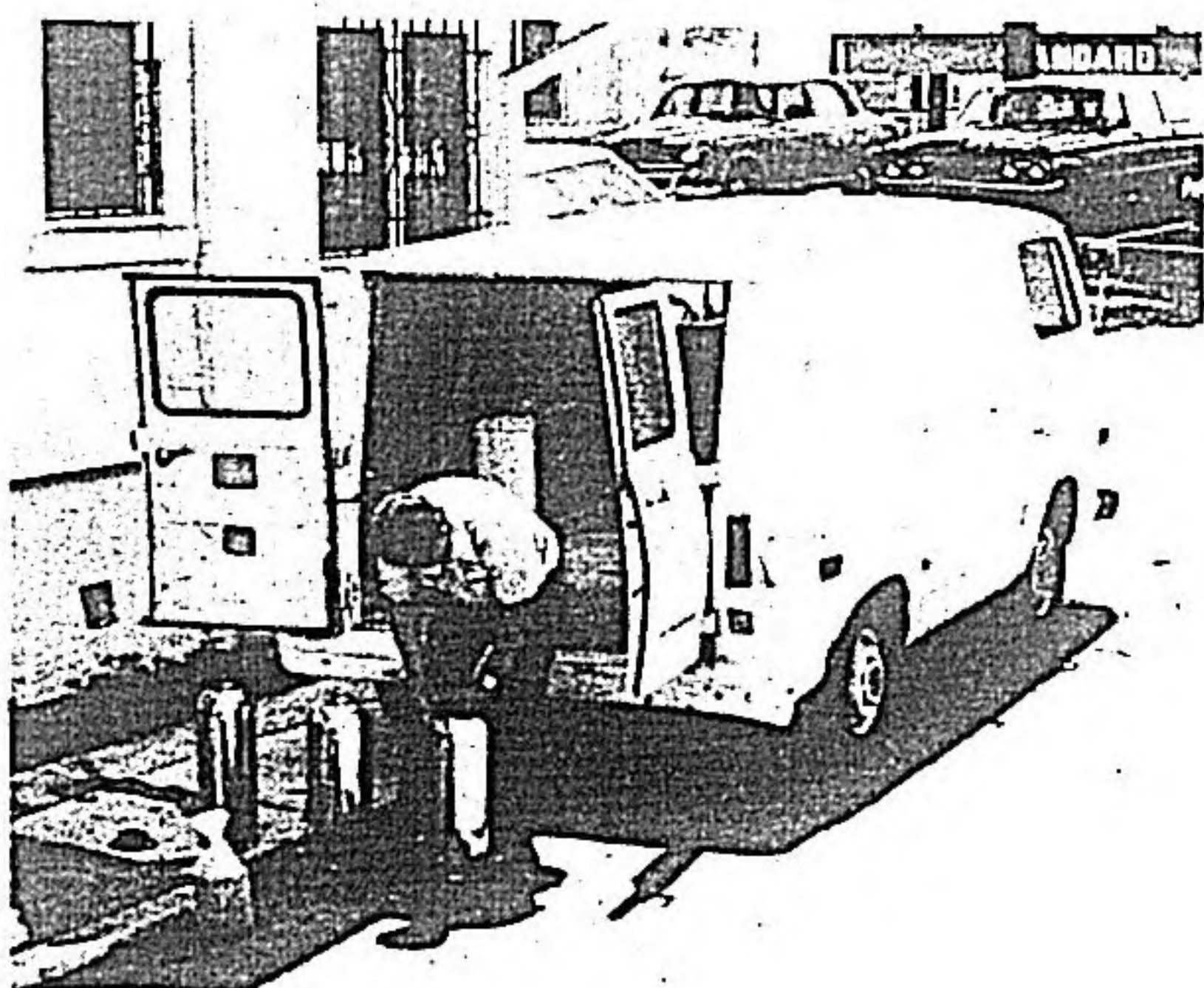
Frieda H. English, Ohio

Charles F. Henry, Ohio

Irene Gatch, Florida

Sonia Blumenthal, Switzerland

Myrtle A. Ward, Florida, announced as a medallion winner in last month's Voice, also won a cassette recorder, being a "1000th" donor. Myrtle is the third winner of the cassette recorder prize.



Checking fire extinguishers

Fire Protection

One sees all the Lessons and other materials which Astara produces and is inclined to overlook the fact that there are some prosaic matters also to be handled at headquarters.

An example is fire extinguishers. There are eleven of them. They must be checked and refilled every six months. We didn't deliberately decide on eleven because it is a mystical number. It just happened that way.

What Astara Says

(Part VI)

Ten minutes before a Sunday service at headquarters recently, Dr. Robert asked members of the congregation to write, briefly and anonymously, their own statements of what they felt membership in Astara had helped them accomplish, or in what way Astara had changed them. He then commented on the written statements during the service.

Some of the statements follow. Others will be published in future issues of the Voice. You might wish to compare them with your own ideas on this subject.

I am grateful to Astara for many spiritual blessings; among them, healing.

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Astara has helped me to forgive other people and myself for the things that make me feel bad, like my troubles. It has also helped me to understand life and its meaning better.

☆☆☆

It means intunement aiding me to express my higher self under trying circumstances.

☆☆☆

As a star in the firmament seems infinitely beyond reach, and yet its light reaches down to me to illuminate and guide me, so does Astara represent a consciousness of an infinite Light which shines down upon me, to guide and illumine me. And as the astronomer with his instruments learns new knowledge of the firmament, so do the Lessons through Astara serve as the instruments for greater Light, and the Spirit of Astara the motivation for seeking that greater Light.

☆☆☆

Astara has given me a greater understanding and meaning in this life, as well as for the next.

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Astara teaches me the wonderful power of the White Light inside and around me.

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ASTARA—WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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goddess of the dawn (Eos) also became known as the goddess of wisdom.

Capturing their artistic imagination, Aurora is pictured by poets as sitting in a chariot, and opening with her fingers the gates of the East, pouring dew on the earth and making flowers grow.

In art, Eos is presented as a spirited maiden, with large wings, clad in robes of dazzling white and purple, a star or cap on her head, riding in a chariot or on Pegasus with a torch in her hand, or floating in the air and pouring dew from a vessel down upon earth.

Eos to Easter

The goddess of the morning evolved into the goddess of spring. Spring was the time when homage was paid to the dawn goddess, and it is not at all difficult to see how this came about. Each dawn was a renewal to the ancients, a coming to life after the dark night. Spring was a renewal of life after the long winter. The dawn-spring goddess became known as *Eostur* and in her-honor April was called *Eostur-monath*. Other similar names were *Eostre* and *Eastre*. Her time of special worship was named after her and became known as Easter. An especially meaningful time of spiritual awakening, rebirth and spiritual renewal to us today.

A goddess whose spring festivals were very similar to those of the dawn goddess was known as *Ishtar* to the Babylonians and Assyrians. Other goddesses were of slight importance next to this "Queen of Heaven" and "Chief of the Igigi" (spirits of heaven in Babylonian mythology). There were two sides to her character. She was thought of as Mother of mankind and merciful goddess, and also the goddess of fertility. She is identified with the planet Venus. *Astar* is the Southern Semitic spelling of *Ishtar*. She appears as

Ashtart on the Mediterranean Coast and has been adopted into the pantheons of many races.

In Syria, *Ishtar* was known as *Astarte*, a powerful divinity and almost the same as the Venus of the Greeks. She had a famous temple at Hierapolis in Syria which was attended by 300 priests. The Phoenicians called her *Ashtaroth*, and King Solomon himself had a temple built to honor her.

The widespread importance of this goddess reflects the awe in which the ancients viewed the yearly renewal and productive power of nature.

Astraea to Astara

It was said by the ancients that from the union of Eos (the dawn goddess) and *Astreus* (the dawn wind) was born *Astraea*—the dawn star.

Astraea was the goddess of divine justice, good faith, modesty and truth. She was said to have been the last of the immortals to withdraw from the earth after the Golden Age. Does this ancient "myth" describe an actual mystery school that once existed in Greece?

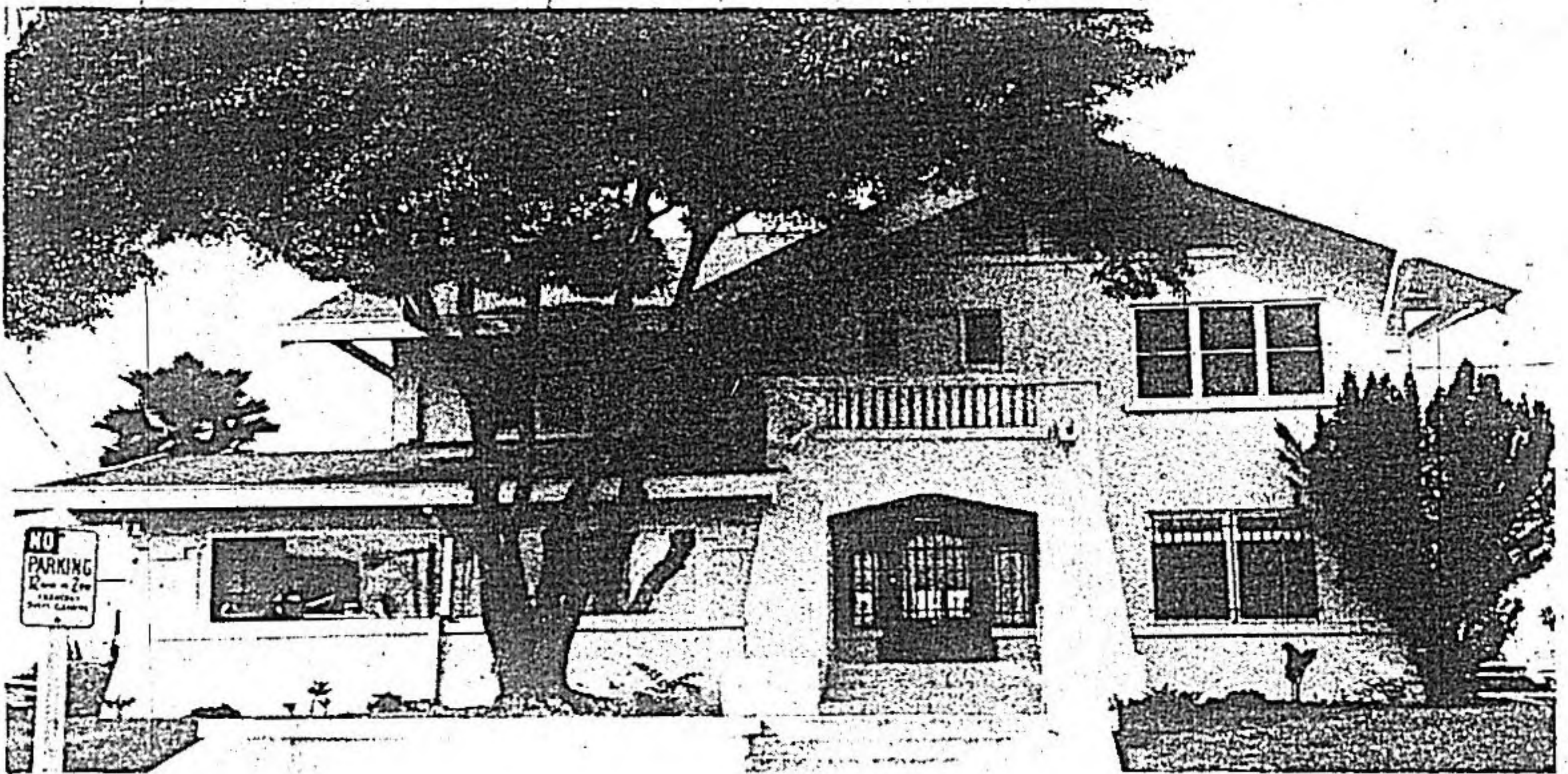
As mentioned in Lesson 5 of the First Degree, *Astara* was named after *Astraea*, for both are the sign of Light and both represent the coming of the new Golden Age.

Recently there was an article in the Los Angeles Times about the suspected existence of another planet in our solar system. It can't yet be seen, but is making its presence felt.

Is *Astraea* even now beginning to exert its influence towards the coming of an incomparable Golden Age?

Light Of Truth--

O, Philosophy, Thou Priceless Pearl!
Thou Guiding Star, Thou Light of Truth!
I have silently sought Thee, HOLY SPIRIT,
THE COMFORTER, THE CHRIST DIVINE!



MY GIFT TO ASTARA TO PURCHASE AND REMODEL NEW PROPERTY

Dear Robert and Earlyne,

To make Astara's Light brighter, I send this donation toward the cost of purchasing and remodeling Astara's new property.

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Address _____

City _____

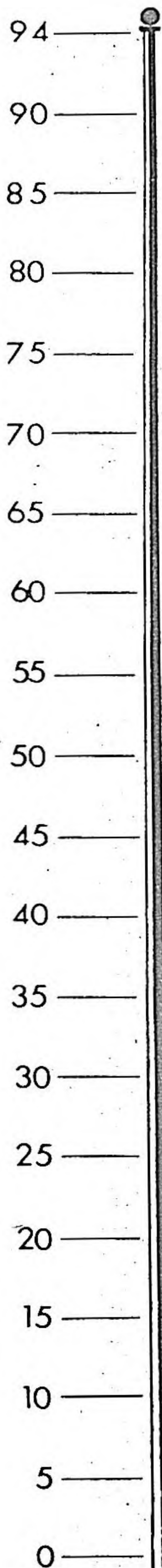
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- ☐ I wish to present now my gift of \$ _____
- ☐ I wish to send my gift over a period of time. I'm sending \$ _____ now and will send more later.
- ☐ I have already made a donation, but I wish to offer the enclosed additional gift of \$ _____

Gifts by U. S. citizens
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Astara

261 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90004



*The top of Astar's
flag indicates the
amount raised thus
far to purchase and
remodel the property
adjoining present
headquarters.*

Thousands of Dollars



JULY IS VOICE APPRECIATION MONTH

Month after month the VOICE of Astara visits your home as an emissary of Robert and Earlyne and all the members of Astara's staff. It is eagerly welcomed in Astarian homes because it contains articles of inspiration and of spiritual and philosophic interest, it brings you news of Astara, it shares healing experiences, it brings you a personal visit with the Chaney's and it keeps you informed of the latest in publications. Nothing is asked for this service, but perhaps you, like many Astarians, will want to express appreciation and this offering envelope makes it convenient for you to do so. Thank you for the help you give.

(Note: Remember, every contribution to Astara is deductible from U.S. Income Tax)

To All At Astara:

Because I appreciate the VOICE, with its inspiring and educational articles, its pictures of and news about Astarian events and Astarians at headquarters and around the world, and because I want to share in its cost, I send the enclosed contribution of \$ _____.

This contribution is my way of saying "thank you," and with it I send my best wishes that the VOICE will continue to brighten many lives and strengthen the contact between myself and Astara.

Name (please print) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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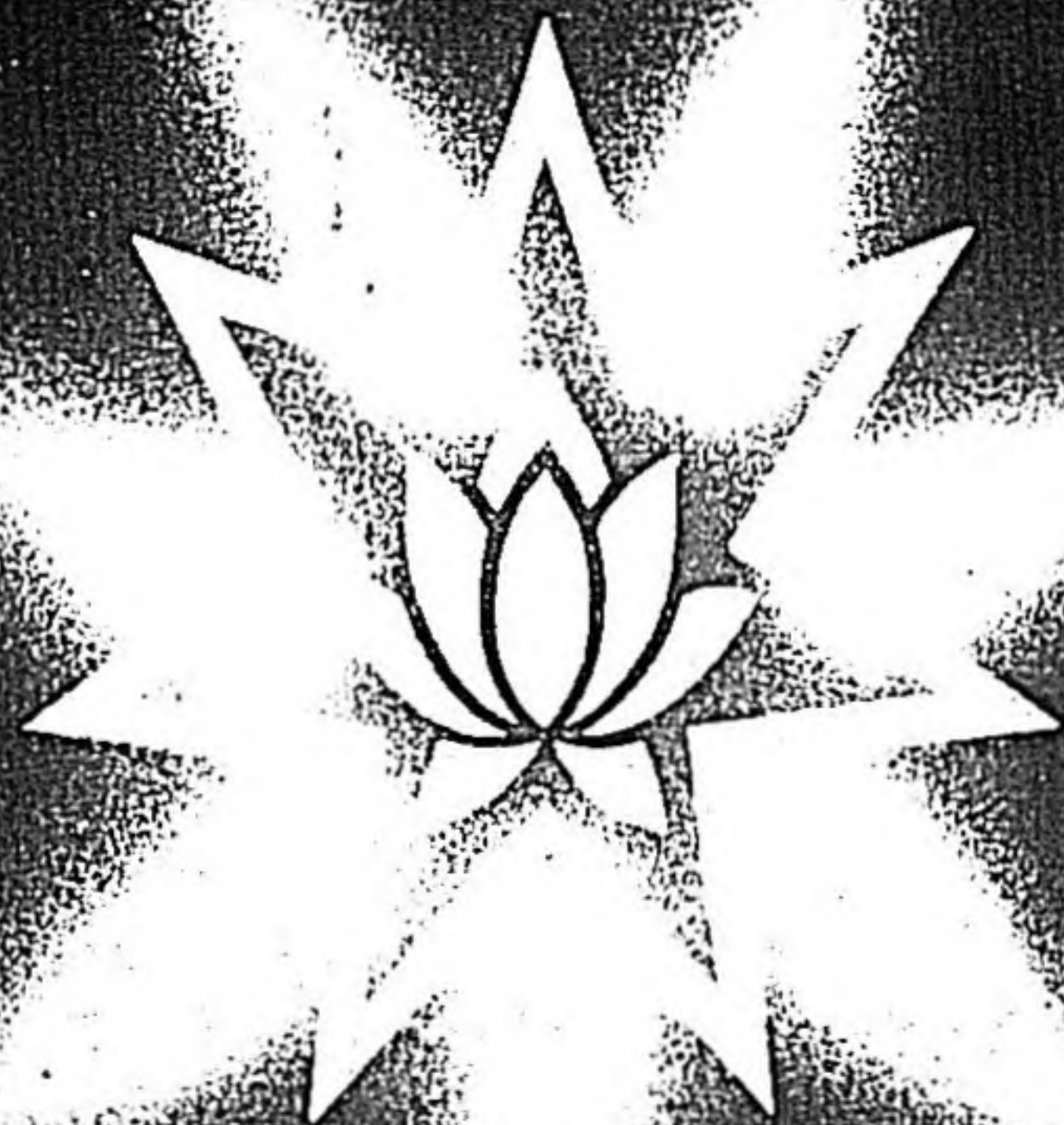
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ASTARIAN healing petition



1. Fill in the Petition.
2. Concentrate a moment upon the Astarian Symbol.
3. Hold it between your hands with a prayer . . . then send it to us.
4. Each day sit in meditation for a few moments, visualizing yourself in an aura of White Light.

Please direct your prayers and spiritual healing energies to:

Name _____

Address _____

for the following difficulty: _____

NOTE: When requesting healing for someone else, write your own name and address on the back of this Petition. This is *IMPORTANT*.

Astara 261 South Mariposa Avenue Los Angeles, California 90004

THE ASTARIAN AFFIRMATION

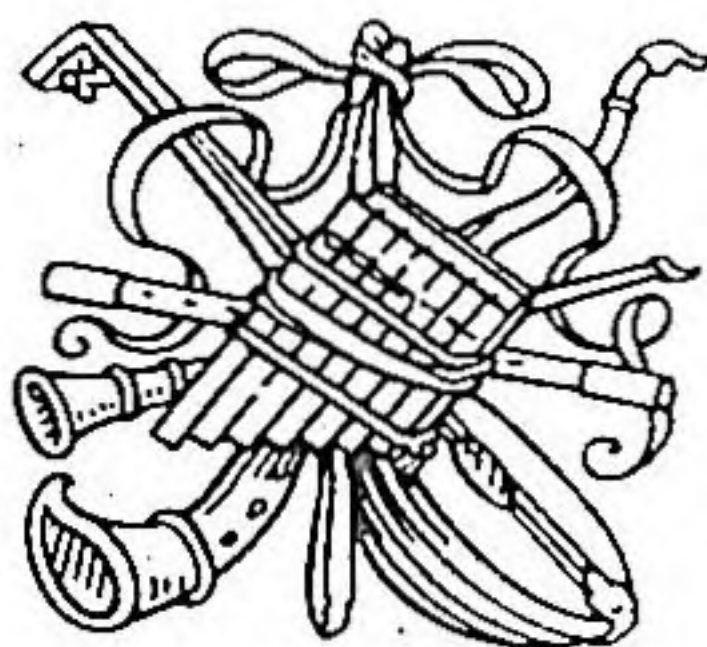
I am surrounded by the Pure White Light of the Christ . . .

Nothing but good can come to me . . .

Nothing but good shall go from me . . .

I give thanks!

A Visit With Robert



Dear Fellow Astarian:

July, 1972

If you feel as I do about television's commercial messages, you will agree they often leave much to be desired.

They are not always in good taste. Their claims are frequently quite exaggerated. They often set poor examples for young people. And there are far too many of them.

However, one commercial has provided me (and many others, too, for I'm sure I'm quite average) with a great deal of satisfaction, enjoyment, and a meaningful message. It has also provided popular music with what probably will become a "standard," a song that will be played and sung for many years. The title of the song is: I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING ... in perfect harmony.

The song tells how one would like to "build the world a home and furnish it with love," with peace and with harmonious relationships. Then it asks for a friendly handclasp and for help to find the way to accomplish these goals.

It's an aspirational song for young and old, and leads me to examine myself to see whether or not I really am harmonious with my world and all the wonderful people in it.

At Astara's New Year's Eve party, the Astarian fun musical group presented the song

during their program. I haven't been able to get it out of my head ever since.

This is Voice Appreciation month, as you probably have seen elsewhere. I'm particularly happy that the atmosphere of the Voice has remained friendly and outgoing, and that it has never attempted to become a "slick" or stuffy type of publication.

FAMILY TALK

Earlyne's creative work on the Degree Lessons keeps way ahead of my editing responsibilities with them. By the time you receive this, Sita and I will have shown THE STORY OF ASTARA in Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Detroit and Chicago. Hope to have some pictures for you.



Sita has just completed her sophomore year in high school, and I snapped this photo as she was leaving for a "school closing" party.

I'd like to teach the world to sing ...

In perfect harmony--

Robert

To Build A Better World

The Thoughts of Teilhard de Chardin

Part Two by Gregg M. Rolla

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void; darkness covered the abyss; and the spirit of God was stirring above the waters. And God said, *"Let there be Light."*

The first inkling of consciousness became aware of itself within the elemental manifestation of the universe. The sea of substance began to move within itself. It yearned for self-fulfillment. Something within compelled it onwards, to expand, to understand. As eons passed, a wonderful transformation took place. What were once shadows now began to glow with physical light. And the light revealed a fathomless cavern of forming substance which moved towards fulfillment of that first Omnipotent phrase.

"Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place and let dry land appear."

Substance found unity in substance and proper combinations. At one small tiny portion of the cavern a sea of lighted substance condensed itself into a spherical body: our planet. Seeking the radial meaning within itself, it coagulated and cooled, and out of the steaming gases of plentitude came water. Deity baptized the world in order that it may have life.

"Let the earth bring forth vegetation."

Consciousness found itself compelled forward in search of greater freedom. After seemingly endless time, a new kingdom was brought into manifestation; another initiation attained in the unfolding Cosmic Drama. It possessed greater movement, greater self-expression, and it continued the search for ultimate perfection.

"Let the waters abound with life and above the earth let winged creatures fly."

The vegetable kingdom found its greatest potential within the substance of sea. As the plan evolved according to Providence, consciousness developed new extensions of itself in minute organisms which were developing small segments of brain. As the organisms evolved through mind's onward seeking, they became more complex. Slowly, creatures outgrew the needs of the sea and found greater freedom upon dry land.

"Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures."

Evolution took new turns at each crossroad. Consciousness, through a process of trial and error, evolved all sorts of new forms in the hope of finding its ultimate extension.

"Let us make man in Our image and likeness; and let him have dominion over all the earth."

Mind expanded, converged upon itself, sought out the greatest possibilities where it could reveal itself. Suddenly, it became aware of itself! It looked around and perceived. It was man! And now, the attributes were mighty extensions of the faculties of the Great First Principle! Indeed, here was a child of God!

"God blessed the Seventh Day and made it holy."

The evolution of consciousness had reached an apex. It rested and looked upon itself and all thereof.

Evolution and Involution

Teilhard de Chardin saw the divine plan as a dual process of evolution and involution. As the outer universe expanded, it became more complex inwardly. Thus, every kingdom possessed a *within* and a *without*. An instinctive drive compelled that meager form of consciousness existing within the expression of that

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TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD

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kingdom towards its ultimate perfection. There was direction; otherwise, the entire structure would have ended long ago in chaos.

But Chardin wondered if man might not have a "direction ultimus" in which to go. It was here that he turned his eyes towards Christendom. It is here that man's instinctive drive becomes concrete reality with the advent of Christ into the world plan. With His coming, man's direction was revealed. It was the ethic of Love and Unity as preached by the Master which would bring about such ideals. For the first time since the Beginning, God was able to communicate with His Creation in a very special way!

Chardin saw the world converging upon itself once again in hopeful unity. Although he never logically dealt with the possibility of mankind blowing itself up, he believed that such would not happen because man's within-ness would pull him out of threatening annihilation. It was always one-step ahead of him . . . and at the present moment, Chardin saw man creating a better world.

He pointed out that an understanding of evolution would help all men achieve the unity which they sought. Love and Brotherhood, overshadowed by the Deity, would build the earth towards freedom from the shackles of ignorance which bounded man as an oyster to its shell. Yet, mankind should realize the onward flow of striving perfection within the universe itself. Man has been given the powers to bring about the next evolutionary step: A world in which reside many cultures and races of people, only to eventually "melt" into each other to form a perfect whole; a world which proclaims the might and right of God and reaches out to grasp the Hand which

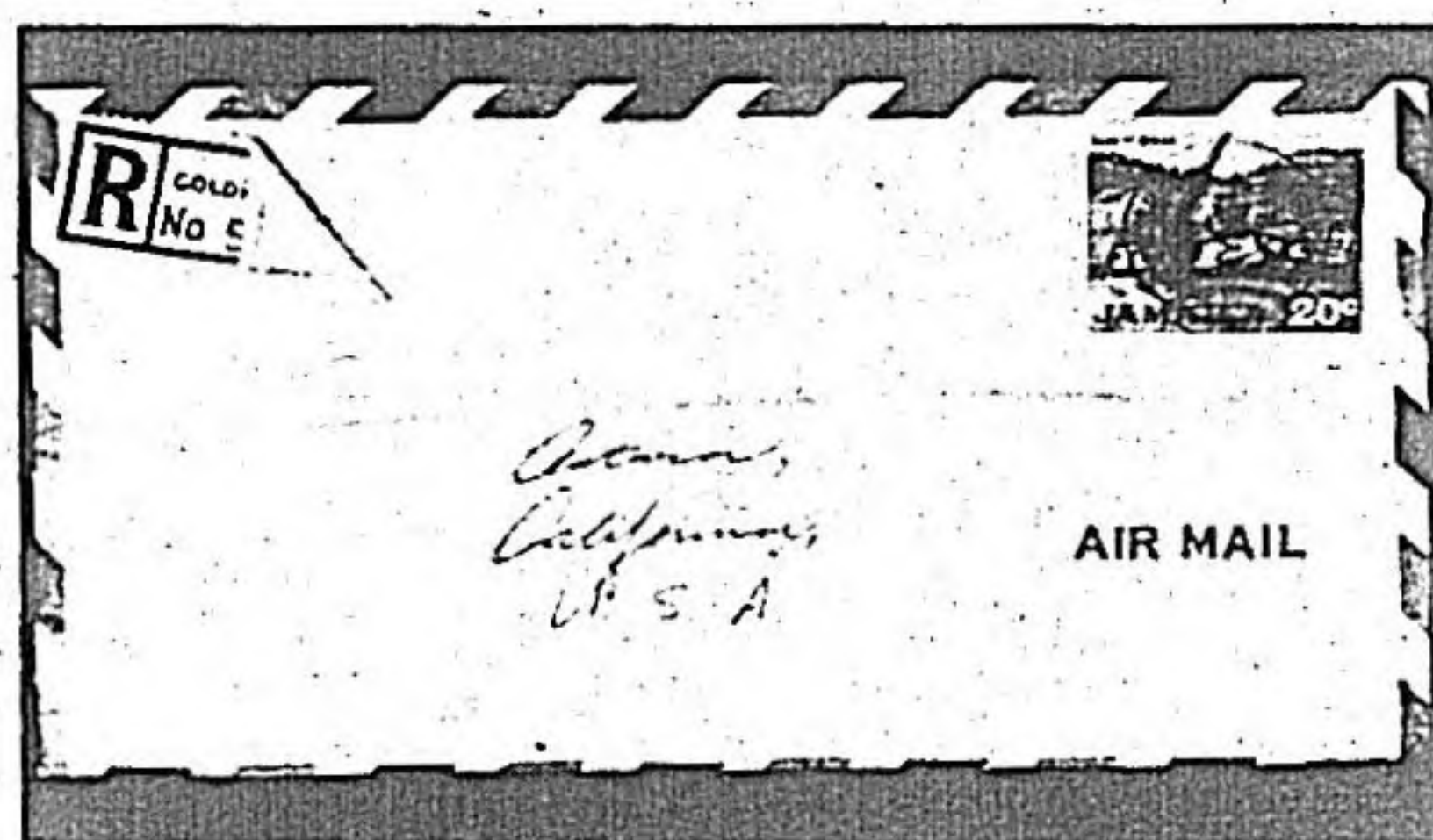
carefully holds all within its Mighty Palm; a common credo held by all human participants; a philosophy stemming from the opposites of science and religion.

These were the dreams of a mystic, a philosopher, a scientist, a priest. Are such thoughts valid?

HOPE—a pure, unadulterated and chaste hope. This is the thought which man must bring into his mind if he is to attain more influx of Divine Grace. A hope born from the fact that the universe is eternal and ever-changing, never dying; that God is within and without all-expansion; that man contains a segment of the First Principle.

To a world converging towards the Ultimate Omega Teilhard de Chardin gave the following watchword: "Remain true to yourselves, but move ever upward toward greater consciousness and greater love! At the summit you will find yourselves united with all those who, from every direction, have made the same ascent. *For everything that rises must converge.*"

And everything that converges becomes One.



We compliment the Post Office for delivering the above letter to Astara from a member in Jamaica. The address on the envelope simply reads, "Astara, California, USA." Care should be taken to see that Astara's complete address appears on all your correspondence with headquarters. This insures prompt delivery—and will prevent the Post Office's "wink" from turning into a "frown."

Walking Away From God

by Alfred A. Montapert

Author, The Supreme Philosophy of Man

It is not doing us much good to unravel the nature of the Universe unless we can unravel the nature of man.

We live in a day when so many are occupied with the "outer man", while the "inner man" perishes. The tendency today is to ignore man's inner nature and his eternal welfare, as if he did not have a spirit, a mind, or a soul.

As far back as 1874, William Gladstone, perhaps the greatest statesman England ever produced, said, "I am convinced that the welfare of mankind does not now depend on the state; but upon the greatest treasure of mankind: belief in God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." I wonder what his comment would be today were he still living among us?

That his conclusions were right is conclusively demonstrated by the fact that, since the removal of the Bible from our public schools, an anti-God philosophy of life has taken over that has done exactly what David predicted several thousand years ago: "The nation that forgets God shall be turned into hell." And the hell of the theologians of yesterday is a pleasant place as compared with the hell we have on hand here and now. With the passing of God has gone conscience, and with the passing of conscience has come lawlessness and crime, lack of restraint and moral decline.

Dealing with the Problem

According to the late J. Edgar Hoover, 82% of all crime is committed by young people under twenty years of age. Our crime bill has reached the staggering figure of nearly \$50 billion. And we taxpayers ought to remind ourselves that THE CHURCH is the only agency on

earth dealing directly with the problem. It is a paying business to attend and maintain the church and take our children to Sunday School with us. Neglect of, and indifference to the Bible and the Christian church will empty our churches, fill our jails, increase our crime, and destroy us as a nation.

A Sing-Sing warden once said, "We have enough Ph.D's behind bars to staff a modern college." Why? Because we are separated from God, and without God we are restless, we cannot control our passions. And that's the reason if America forgets God, we are going to become even far more violent.

The Duke of Wellington once said, "Education without religion gives us only a lot of smart devils." Only for religion I would substitute Christianity. Christianity is the one thing that involves the heart and that is the urgent need of men. To be transformed is the one thing that will save us from being conformed to the way the world lives, and the way the world lives is too low a standard to lift us to God's level. We must be raised to His level or tomorrow will be our undoing.

When Roger W. Babson asked Thomas Edison what he thought the next great scientific discovery would be, he answered: "There is a great moving spirit in the Universe. We must discover Him in order that our souls may keep pace with our brains or our brains will destroy us." Men who do not experience Jesus Christ in their hearts, will become so clever in their brains that they will destroy us with their undisciplined genius.

A world famous physician recently said that the modern medical scientist must know more than the physical realms; he must know how to relate the physical to the spiritual; men need peace more than they need pills. Security and

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safety are more a matter of soul than of brains and scientific genius. Our day is too busy teaching us how to make a living rather than how to make a life. As General MacArthur has well said, "The only way to save the flesh is to save the spirit." It's time, past time, for us to get first things in first place.

Praying Hands

You may have noticed that one of Astara's donation envelopes enclosed in the Voice each month has on its face an illustration of praying hands. This well known drawing was done by the fifteenth century German master draughtsman, Albrecht Dürer.

The reproduction of the praying hands on the envelope inspired Astarian E. Lois English to compose this poem:

A PRAYER CANNOT BE MEASURED

I must recall

The verse

That accompanies

The praying hands:

That I may accept

The things I cannot change,

And have the courage

To change those things

That I can change—

The war rumble

Sounds close—

I am not one in power

But I can pray for peace—

And praying, I can believe!

And joyously I think on the truth

That no scientist,

No statesman,

No man—

Can really measure

The length, the depth,

The height

Or the power of a prayer!

Amen



Headquarters staff member Calla Haack carries her convenient cassette player to work and home in her handbag. This same player is available from Astara.

More Tapes

It is estimated in the International Tape Association Newsletter that 200 million cassette tape playing units will be sold in the United States in 1972. There were an estimated 120 million units sold in 1971.

The cassette tape player is creating a revolution in communication, for education and business as well as personal. "HOW TO" cassette tapes are now available on nearly every subject imaginable.

As more Astarians obtain cassette players, more material will be made available in that form. Next month's *Voice* will announce two new tapes of instructional teaching specially prepared by Dr. Robert for cassette tape use.

Membership

Remember that Astara will send a special invitation to your friends to join in membership, if you will send us their names and addresses.

Try to select only those persons you are certain will be interested so that expensive material will not be wasted.

Each person will receive a personal invitation from Earlyne and Robert.

The Great White Light

by Susanne Dedrick

Once upon a time there was a Great White Light which contained within it all the colors of the rainbow. But this light was so white and so bright, that it couldn't see all the beautiful colors. So one day, it decided to set free all the vast array of colors. But before it did this, it warned the colors not to forget where they came from. They promised they wouldn't.

So, it sent out Red and Yellow and Orange and Blue and Green and Purple and Turquoise and Tangerine and many, many more. And there they were absolutely gorgeous.

All was fine for awhile and then each color began to feel his own individuality and wanted to express it. Red was dramatically inclined. Yellow was so smart and bright. Blue was very relaxing, while Orange was extremely active. Purple was a spiritual hue. Green loved to frolic in the woods and fields along with his friend, Brown. Pink enjoyed keeping company with newborn babies.

Clashing Colors

Time went by, and as colors sometimes do, they began to clash with one another. Blue said Green cramped his style, and Orange said Red always stole the show. Green and Brown joined forces and challenged Blue and Gray to a battle. It seemed the days had become less sunny looking and more storms occurred.

Things had gotten pretty gloomy. And one day while Purple was praying, it came to him in a flash that they had all forgotten they were part of the Great White Light. So Purple ran to his fellow colors, who were, in fact, all parts of the one Great Whole White Light, and reminded them who they were.

Well, some remembered instantly and some just couldn't quite bring it to mind.

But the ones who had remembered wondered how they could recall all the power and glory of the Great White Light.

"For one thing," said Purple, "we've been seeing the bad side of each other when we should see only the good side. Blue may be melancholy, but he is also true and loyal. Let's think about his good side from now on. And the same goes for all the rest of the Colors."

For awhile, it was pretty hard to do. Just when Yellow was looking so bright, he would go and show his cowardly side. But the colors who were really trying would ignore this and would tell him how proud they were of him when he was bright and shining.

Before long, all the colors were living up to their best selves, and were raised a hue or two in brightness and intensity. The storms became less and less frequent and the days were bright and cheerful.

The colors were happy now. They shone in rainbows and glistened in the skies and the ponds and in butterfly wings and flowers and all the beautiful jewels of the world.

And every now and then, one would sparkle with a flicker of the Great White Light.



Bob Smock prepares material for Albuquerque, N.M., showing of THE STORY OF ASTARA movie.

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AROUND THE WORLD
John Morley speaking
Robert Chaney, healing service
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Robert Chaney speaking
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Rodolfo Silva speaking
- July 23: SOULS ON THE WAY TO FREEDOM
Robert Chaney speaking
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Glen Raymond speaking
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- August 6: EVERY THRESHOLD HAS
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