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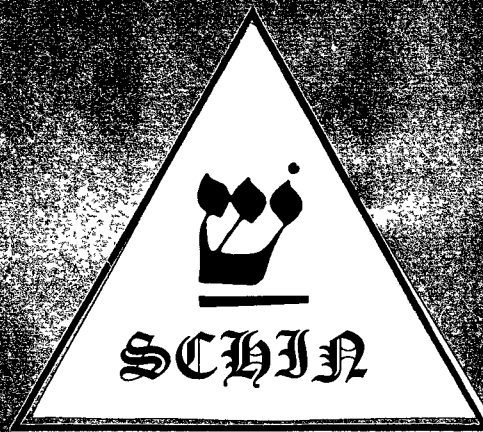
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SCHIN is the 21st Section of the great 119th Psalm. This verse is for use in times of persecution and when deceit is practiced against you.

Princes have persecuted me without a cause:
But my heart standeth in awe of Thy Word.

I rejoice at Thy Word,
As one that findeth rich material.

I hate and abhor lying;
But Thy Law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee
Because of Thy righteous judgments

Great peace have they which love Thy Law:
And nothing shall hurt them.

LORD, I have hoped for Thy salvation.
And done Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy Precepts and Thy testimonies:
For all my ways are before Thee.

The triangle has always had trouble with this verse and to the above is another free rendering is given for all the members may be made more clear. It teaches that when one hears "The Word" and follows the same, even princes have no power to hurt or persecute and that one who persecutes it has also "Persecuted even those who pray" (ONLY seven times a day). Rather it refers mystically to every one symbolized by the triangle and the four cornered square.

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LECTURE ON HEALING

Beloved Companion:

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate. Though man has many afflictions, even among the righteous; yet the Lord will delivereth him out of them all.

The Hebrew letter "Schin" in that alphabet has the power of 300, and represents the Perfection in Trinity. Father, Son and Holy Ghost is but another way of saying "The Creator, The Created and The Life" that lives freely in Holiness.

Soul, Mind and Spirit are our personal trinity within ourselves. Soul characterizes our Mind. And Mind characterizes our Spirit. And our Mind plus our Spirit, in turn, stamps our character more deeply in our Soul.

Our earthly lives are our opportunity to build more nobly the character of our immortal soul. It is a time of expiation or cleansing our soul of errors which occurred in previous incarnations.

Shin or Schin, would in a sense correspond with our modern word "sin". Not strictly so, in the usual understanding of today, but mystically so, as the ancients understood it in its duality.

We speak of certain things as being "evil" yet few things are of themselves evil. A fire that burns down a man's house is to him an evil. But a fire that in his grate warms his house against a freezing cold is "good". A person is stricken with pain, - it seems to him an evil thing. Yet, were it not for the pain, he would not have been aware that something is wrong, and THE CAUSE of the pain might have destroyed him before he discovered it.

That which seemed evil, the pain, persistently calls his consciousness, his attention, that something is wrong. He sets about discovering what it is. Perhaps he discovers that he has been working too hard, or perhaps, that he has been eating more than is good for him. He corrects the cause and is healed. Now, is the pain which called his attention to that error a "good" or an "evil" thing? Few things are of themselves an evil. It can be truly said that man is the real maker of evil.

Schin, corresponding to the English letter "S" is truly a sacred letter.

The 21st letter of the old Hebrew alphabet ($3 \times 7 = 21$) and the numerical power of 300; it is a letter whose soft, clear sound is heard in the symphony of all religious terminology. Steeped in religious and metaphysical significance, it is more than coincidence that it be the symbol of our Sixtieth Lesson. In itself, the letter connotes the soft, soothing harmony of the spiritually pure-in-heart. The tongue caresses it sweetly as we speak of the Spirit, the Sabbath, the Soul, Sacerdotal Science, the sacrament, sacrifice, sacrosanct, a sanctuary, the saints, the Sanhedrim, the great judicial council of the ancient Jews; the sarcophagus of the Egyptians, serenity - to list but a few.

That the letter has directly opposite shadings, as represented by Satan, sorcerers, sin and sickness - shows its mystical significance.

You have come far in your understanding of the psychic and physical forces which motivate the healing art. A thorough understanding of the preceding lessons will have clarified your thought so that you may enter into our next phase with little trepidation. For now we deal with healing as manifested by - as it is popularly termed - the laying on of hands.

Perhaps the most ancient form of healing on record, the art of laying on of hands has been largely lost to the world for centuries. The Bible narrates scores of such cures and occasionally we find tangible evidence of the use of the Power during the ages when Faith was second nature to man. Ability to heal in this impressive fashion was for a time the hallmark of Sainthood. Many of the earliest leaders of the Church used this spectacular method to achieve healings. No doubt, in many instances, the "laying on of hands" was superfluous for the purpose, and a cure could have been effected as quickly without resort to its applications; yet the early Saints using this principle of healing, assuredly riveted the public eye to their higher aims.

In recent lessons we have scrutinized the almost supernatural phenomena which transform overwhelming wish-thoughts, via prayer, into spiritual vibrations capable of penetrating to outermost space. We have seen how, by receiving and relaying the answering vibrations of Divine Intelligence, we are able to destroy disharmonious chords - the source of illness - and restore health. It remains for us to learn how to harness this power so that it may be directed in concentrated form upon a specific part of the body and thus, in time, achieve miraculous cures of an instantaneous nature, such as were worked by Christ almost weekly.

To be sure of our grasp of the all-potent nature of cultivated spiritual radiations, let us review a few basic premises as laid down in foregoing lessons. The mind, as we know, may be likened to a powerful broadcasting station. Its power springs from a healthy nervous system in perfect harmony, and this condition is the fruit of proper living and mental tranquility. Its frequency, or effectiveness, increases in direct ratio to the intensity of feeling we are able to place behind our wish-thoughts, or prayers.

Now we must introduce a new term, one that will not be unfamiliar to students of science. It is "Radio-Active".

Webster defines "radioactivity" as: "The property possessed by certain bodies, such as radium, of emitting invisible radiations which can penetrate

objects opaque to ordinary light."

Scientists, in their present limited scope, attribute the term solely to certain physical substances and have established a whole new field of investigation, known as "radiochemistry", to study the phenomena first observed and applied by Madame Curie. To most of them it is inconceivable that the human system is capable of a similar power to emit healing radiations and, better yet, control and direct these vibratory emissions to greater advantage than is the case with radium itself. Radium is now the accepted means of destroying cancer cells, and yet surgeons admit that in many cases the injury done by its application to surrounding tissues nullifies the value of the cure.

Despite their preoccupation on the purely physical planes, a few scientists have caught a glimmering vista of the true nature of radiations such as was sensed instinctively by the High Priests of the Mayans.

Says Professor F. Soddy, an outstanding physicist of Columbia University, "The prospect which has been opened by the discovery of radioactivity is without parallel in the whole history of science. It leads to the question: There must be sources of energy unknown at present to science, yet which are the creative force underlying many miracles."

Yes, the more advanced thinkers among our scientists are less prone than a generation ago to talk in terms of immutable laws. Too many of these laws and "fundamental facts" have been exploded, and each explosion has soared speculation into higher and more diverse realms. Once, for example, the solidity of matter was accepted as a matter of course. Then it was discovered that all physical things are composed of atoms. Now the atom is discovered to be composed of radioactive particles in rapid rotation - a finding that upsets all our comprehension of what is "solid" and what is "non-solid" matter. It requires a certain fluidity of mind to grasp the fact that nothing is "solid" or a set mass - that all is fundamentally a form of vibration, and that only the rate of its frequency determines its form - whether an apple on a tree or the love of a mother for her first-born.

Truly, only Newton's law of gravity continues to withstand the test of progressive scrutiny. Until the discovery of radium, chemical and physical laws appeared to follow certain well-defined patterns which are the particular delight of those unimaginative types of minds which like to believe that all is material, orderly and "safe": the type that scorns all manifestations labelled "occult" and mentally rejects all psychic reports rather than be forced to rub its eyes. For the mere fact of radium alone sufficed to destroy the validity of their basic premise - and Einstein's theory of relativity provided another very heavy blow.

Before we proceed directly into the significance of the non-solidity of everything, and the vibratory nature of all, let us pause and pay homage to those who first mastered and perfected the art of applying spiritual radiations toward their highest purpose - the healing of the afflicted.

As your studies have revealed to you, the ancient Egyptians were among the first great inheritors and beneficiaries of Mayan Mysteries. The sacred rites and divinities of the early inhabitants of the Nile have been found to

duplicate with reasonable closeness the mystical ceremonies of the Mayans even at the time of the Conquest.

The writings of Homer, Diodorus, Herodatus and Pliny testify that the Egyptians did not hesitate to resort to mystical agencies when the skill of their physicians had failed. These forces were embodied in several shrines. One edifice, Abydos in Upper Egypt, where the head of Osiris was buried, had a sanctity equalled by no other place in the land, though it was rivaled somewhat by the temple of Busiris, which was consecrated to Isis and Memphis.

From the delta of the Nile, the Greeks and Romans borrowed their conception of Asklepios, who became chief among their healing deities. "Thou, Asklepios, art born to become a great solace to all mortals", was the prophecy of the Delphic Sibyl upon his mortal conception. To him the Romans erected a temple on Tiber Island at Rome and the site may be located to this day by means of the stelae of inscriptions recounting its miraculous cures.

That certain points on the surface of the earth are in different eras peculiarly sensitive to the impulses of Divine Intelligence, has been believed and proved to the satisfaction of most great races. To them it was as logical an understanding as is the common knowledge among radio technicians that certain areas enjoy unusually favorable radio reception.

In India, for example, the sacred Hindu city of Benares is a center not only for spiritual but for physical healing. The Sikhs have their Pool of Immortality which mirrors the Golden Temple at Amritsar. Four healing sanctuaries in North India are consecrated to the Hindu God, Dat-tat-riya, a Sanscrit form of a sacred Mayan word, in whose name miracles of healing still occur.

Early Zoroastrianism - the cult of the fire-worshipers - distinguished between the three types of healers: Those who heal with the knife, those who heal with herbs, and those who heal with the Holy Word. The last was held to be the best.

Among the ancient scribes Irenaeus dedicated himself to chronicling the tenets of one special phase of healing. He called it the "cure by the imposition of hands." Now we will proceed to show that such cures are not due to any particular manipulation of the hands, but that the hands, in effect, are terminals; or, as it were, electrodes, for the invisible but all-powerful radiations of the Divine Healing Force.

No doubt you have become aware at various times that you are the source of a certain degree of radiation. Perhaps a sleeping infant stirred into consciousness as you watched. Occasionally you may have clasped the hand of a particularly dynamic individual and started at the mild sense of shock you received - or could not fail to notice that you transmitted something of the same sensation to the other person. How often have you felt an "unseen presence" in the room, and turned to behold another person who had strolled silently through the door. This phenomena is more acute in a few individuals than in the many. Now for its significance:

The medical world has determined in the last few years that healthy tissue sets up a radiation that can destroy harmful bacteria. It has largely

missed the truth of the matter - that healthy tissue is more, - IT IS A CONVEYOR OF A MILD HEALING IMPULSE, and that this impulse may be multiplied and multiplied again by the ability of the healer to make of his whole physical being one tremendous "relay station".

Once you have practiced the precepts as laid down in our last lecture-lesson, you gain a perfect accord with the vibrations of the Divine Healing Impulse, you have marshalled your spiritual wish-thoughts (prayers) to an irresistible peak of intensity - you have only to extend both hands slowly, lay them either on, or a few inches above an afflicted member and, by concentrating your thoughts exclusively upon that area, bring to a focus an over-powering radiation of the healing force.

Such a force, if positively applied, and providing you have achieved the proper preliminary attunement, will unfailingly produce that manifestation which mankind calls a "miracle".

Simple, isn't it? Or so it sounds. Yes, the mere use of the art is not hard to describe, nor too difficult for anyone to execute. But - and here we must bow to the inevitable - while we can tell you how to work "Miracles" - it must lie within you to qualify yourself for the task, and that can only be done by sincere and continual devotion to the Mayan ideals and the Mayan Way of Life.

A challenge, we admit - but are not the rewards worth the effort? Naturally, we have merely given you the essential and elementary facts concerning this type of psychic operation and we plan to elaborate as helpfully as possible in later lessons.

As an exercise we recommend that you dwell upon the marvelous workings of our own Little Chapel of Miracles, and ponder other well-documented manifestations of Divine Mercy. To strengthen your confidence in your own mystical powers, study the many reports of miraculous attainments as gained through our little Shrine, and reported in Daily Meditation. Nor let us confine ourselves to purely Mayan miracles. It would bespeak an un-Mayan intolerance to do so.

For example: A study of healing would be incomplete if it failed to examine the miraculous cures which take place every year at Lourdes. Here is one of the world renowned shrines but which, for all its fame, in result is only comparable to the Mayan Chapel of Miracles, with which you are familiar.

The shrine of Bernadette furnishes a further clear refutation to the widely-held belief that Miracles cannot occur in modern times.

Reputable physicians have authenticated several hundred supernatural cures at the spot in Southern France, where, in 1865, a simple peasant girl claimed that the Holy Virgin had appeared to her eighteen times.

In the past few years distinguished scientists have made a detailed investigation, examining so-called incurable patients before and after a trip to Lourdes.

Dr. Blanton, a prominent physician and psychiatrist of New York, was among these able investigators. In 1939, at a joint meeting of the American

Psychoanalytic and American Psychiatric Associations in Chicago, he read a report which he called "An Analytical Study of a Cure at Lourdes." It described a typical case which he had observed and followed closely.

The patient was a young Irishman, named McDonald, who had been fighting a losing battle with tuberculosis for eleven years. The disease had spread to his spine and his left shoulder joint, causing severe abscesses on his back. He also developed acute Bright's Disease.

Three of the leading doctors of Dublin told his wife that there was no hope for him. She induced him to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes. He had been bedfast for fifteen months, much of the time in a plaster cast, with his pus-running wounds being drained twice each day.

The report continues:

"McDonald arrived in Lourdes on September 5, 1936. A physician and nurse dressed his wounds. On the 6th and 7th he was taken on a stretcher to the baths and immersed for several minutes. On the 8th, while alone in his room, he got up, dressed without assistance, and walked as far as the foot of the bed.

"On the 9th, he shaved himself and walked about thirty yards from his wheel chair to the baths, into which he went again. The next day, feeling quite strong, he left for Dublin by way of Paris. His case was not recorded at the Medical Bureau of Lourdes as a recovery, since the five abscesses on his back were still draining pus. It was on the train, sometime before it arrived in Paris, that the wounds healed."

Dublin physicians who had treated McDonald during his illness certified that his case had been desperate before his departure for Lourdes - but that now, upon re-examination, he was completely cured.

Dr. Blanton reached the conclusion that the miracles at Lourdes "are due to some law of function not yet fully described."

Dr. Auguste Vallet, chief of the Medical Bureau at Lourdes, says:

"The cures of Lourdes are in some sense a suspension of the laws of nature. They argue the intervention of a principle or agency which has control at will over those laws. That agent can only be the author of Nature, upon whose absolute will the laws depend for their existence and function. The author of the laws of Nature is God. Logic, therefore, forces us to admit that the cures are brought about by the intervention of God; for it is impossible otherwise to explain how Nature's laws can be rendered inoperative in so many instances."

The Medical Bureau at Lourdes is international in character, and is staffed with a number of learned men. Its records chronicle hundreds of cases in which people have been almost instantaneously cured of savage diseases. Healthy tissue has replaced cancerous sores at a tick of the clock. Lepers have stepped forth completely clean. Blind eyes have seen. Every miracle is substantiated by the solid evidence of professional testimony.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, the distinguished French physician, expresses the viewpoint of many scientists in his book, "Man, the Unknown." He writes: "Certain spiritual activities may cause anatomic as well as functional modifications of the tissues and the organs. These organic phenomena are observed in various circumstances, among them being the state of prayer.

"Prayer should be understood, not as a mere mechanical recitation of formulas, but as a mystical elevation, an absorption of consciousness in the contemplation of a principle both permeating and transcending our world ... It is incomprehensible to philosophers and scientists, and inaccessible to them. But the spiritually minded seem to feel God as easily as the heat of the sun or the kindness of a friend. The prayer which is followed by organic effects is of a special nature. First, it is entirely disinterested. Man offers himself to God ... He asks for His grace, exposes his needs and those of his brothers in suffering.

* "GENERALLY, THE PATIENT WHO IS CURED IS NOT PRAYING FOR HIMSELF, BUT FOR ANOTHER ... (Recall our Lesson 57).

"When it possesses such characteristics, prayer may set in motion a strange phenomenon, the miracle ...

"The most important cases of miraculous healing have been recorded by the Medical Bureau of Lourdes ... The only condition indispensable to the occurrence of the phenomenon is prayer. But there is no need for the patient himself to pray, or even to have any religious faith. It is sufficient that someone around him be in a state of prayer. Such facts are of profound significance. They show the reality of certain relations, of still unknown nature, between psychological and organic processes."

* Refer to Lesson 58.

A noted English physician said in a recent address to a group of medical men: "The best medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer. The exercise of prayer in those who habitually practice it must be regarded as the most adequate and normal of all the pacifiers of the mind and calmers of the nerves.

"As one whose whole life has been concerned with the sufferings of the mind, I would state that of all the hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depression of spirits, and all the miserable sequels of a distressed mind, I would undoubtedly give first place to the single habit of prayer. It is of the highest importance merely from a physical point of view, to teach children to hold daily communion with God. Such a habit does more to quiet the spirit and strengthen the soul to overcome mere incidental emotionalism than any other therapeutic agency known to man."

As you delve into your fourth lesson in healing you will be struck by the fact that medical men acknowledge the effectiveness of prayer, yet fail to reveal a glimmering of the reason for its effectiveness. How much more conversant we Mayans are with the nature and workings of spiritual vibrations.

It has been the policy of The Mayan Order not to publicize nor in any way commercialize upon the Blessed Little Chapel of Miracles. Our shrine is

unique in that it works its miracles from afar. No pilgrimage is necessary. It is never advertised. Instead it is hidden away awaiting discovery by those whom God leads to it.

Unlike the town fathers of Lourdes who, with understandable pride, have spread the reputation of its shrine throughout the world, the Mayan Order has studiously avoided such a program. In the original instructions from the Grand Master we were strictly and severely enjoined from exploiting widely upon the marvelous healings and miracles of the Chapel. Perhaps this taboo was to prevent a public association with the shrine in connection with any particular locality. It is suggested that the powers of the shrine are not contingent upon any particular spot - in fact the shrine once reposed in the depths of the Guatemalan jungle beside a shimmering blue lake. It was commanded that a definite spot, known to all Companions in the Order, be established. For the Miracle Power springs from the fact that the shrine is the apex of the prayers of all Mayans, a sounding board for their chorused Amens. That it should be in San Antonio or atop a mighty Himalayan peak is immaterial, so long as its location is consciously IN THE MINDS of the Mayans.

The Mayan shrine further recognizes that written prayers are equally as potent as spoken prayers, perhaps doubly so, because a written prayer remains in the mind and on the lips of the supplicant. The act of writing necessitates a concentration of mind peculiar to the act. It gives a VISUAL FORM to the prayer. That visual prayer seems to more readily reach the Inner Wisdom, the place of the God-within. Such a power to heal as the Little Chapel of Miracles reveals every day is something that cannot be rationalized or analyzed by test-tube analytical processes. It is the flower of Faith.

How can one gain faith? Many people are born and raised in an environment that precludes faith in anything but a solid bank account. Even then, in times of national economic stress, our faith in financial institutions totters, resulting in such collapses as the bank holiday of 1933.

"Put not your faith in material things", say the Scriptures and history echoes this truth again and again.

Faith is merely an older and more direct word for confidence. You now have in your possession certain pieces of paper engraved with the seal of your government. You have always known these pieces of paper as "money" and you have had complete confidence that you could convert this paper into needed commodities, providing you had enough of them to meet the price. You accept the value of these pieces of paper as a matter of course; it never occurs to you that they are just that - paper - with practically no intrinsic worth. Yet you have absolute faith in "greenbacks", because you know they are the promissory notes of a powerful government, and because you know that every other person accepts them in good faith.

Similarly, spiritual faith is merely the habit of accepting the Lord's currency, of accepting the fact of the Lord and his works without equivocation or question, as you consider U. S. money. It is an attitude, a state of mind and feeling.

Probably you have long known the age-old truth that our feelings are a

more direct indicator of our wishes and our best course of action than is our mind. Feelings are the commands of your subconscious mind, the directives from your storehouse of accumulated knowledge. Many of your feelings were inherited from ancestors who no doubt faced the same problems and thought the same thoughts as you do.

The farther you progress in your healing, the broader your reputation becomes, the easier will it be for you to heal, for the simple reason that patients will approach you in complete faith. Such a faith provides an immediate spiritual attunement so that you and the patient are in complete harmony with Divine Intelligence.

From this stage hence overlook no opportunity to heal. A solicitous interest in the welfare of friends will reveal many afflictions, some no more serious than a headache, which may be relieved. Do not be discouraged if chronic illnesses do not respond immediately to your treatment, but carry on and feed your own confidence on the manifest improvement that will be shown.

There is a time in the affairs of man when it is possible for a comparative handful of people to change the destinies of the race.

Today is such a time.

Climaxing two centuries of growing and rampant materialism, the bared brute forces of the apocalypse are riding for a fall. Their destruction will bring down most vestiges of our modern way of living, but as compensation many will regain their spiritual balance.

It lies to us - The Mayans - to direct this resurgence of metaphysical values to the maximum welfare of us all. So, strengthen your worthiness against the Day when you, in your demonstrated leadership, shall show the way. God's near presence shall not be "blacked out".

You have proved equal to the task and upon your mastery of Lesson Sixty we will be signally honored to unveil deeper knowledge of the healing and other seemingly supernatural arts. It is our purpose not only to reveal your inner powers fully but to assist in their development with a studied course of psychic conditioning.

You have proved of worthy mettle. Together, let us go up the path, pausing here and there to contemplate the indescribable beauties of Eternal Truth, slaking our thirst at the Springs of Divine Knowledge, and gaining utter serenity in the glow of newly-nurtured powers.

So arise, Oh Worthy Student, and seek the light that radiates to you from the source of all good - Above. Now, is the dark night of mankind, that precedes the dawn. Be ye the seeker after light; and that which ye seek shall not be denied to you.