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 AM one with the Love and Power of God, which expresses through me in perfect health, strength, poise, faith, opulence, happiness in service to others. ☪ God's glory shines through my soul and beautifies my mind and body, environment and affairs, and I become "A Sun of God."

L. B. B

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## HEALING *at a* DISTANCE

**"And He sent His word and healed them."**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1:1-5.

The power of the Word is mighty to make alive whether spoken by God, or the Christ, or by anyone who has the consciousness that "he is the Temple of the Living God and the Spirit of the Almighty dwelleth in Him."

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## To Those Who Still Doubt the Continuity of Life

LOUISE B. BROWNELL

AST winter we had the privilege of listening to several lectures on Etheric Vision, and various kinds of psychic phenomena, by Dr. Frederick Finch Strong of Los Angeles, then holding the position of Dean of the Krotona Institute of Theosophy. Before relating some of his experiences it may be well to preface this article by a word regarding Dr. Strong himself. He was formerly professor of Chemistry, Electricity and Physics in Tufts College, Massachusetts, and in his scientific research work became, to use his own expression, "a rank materialist." He is now a well known lecturer of the Theosophical Society, has experimented for twenty-five years along psychic lines, and lectures all over the country to large audiences on "How to Cultivate Etheric Vision" and similar subjects. In his classes at Krotona last winter he proved that fifty to seventy-five per cent of the members of his class were endowed to a greater or less extent with clairvoyant or etheric vision, showing that it is latent in all and needs only to be exercised to be brought more into manifestation. Dr. Strong has perfected many electrical instruments to help him in his experimental work, and at public lectures when he has used these instruments many people, who never knew they had clairvoyant vision in the slightest degree, could see invisible forms appearing in this electrical high-powered flashlight. Dr. Strong is widely known and highly respected, and his veracity in regard to the following experiences could not

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be questioned, and as they give perhaps the greatest proof of spirit manifestation the writer has ever heard, we know they will be interesting to the readers of *The Aquarian Age*.

As before stated, Dr. Strong said he had become a materialist and suddenly his attention was called to Spiritualism. He thought it was all humbug, of course, but he had been through some great sorrow or trouble previous to this, and was anxious to prove that we actually did live on after death. To make sure that he could not be tricked in his investigation he studied for two years into all the arts known to the stage magicians, who claim to perform all the tricks which the Spiritualists get through spirit manifestation. He studied into magic and all known trickery and ledgerdermain, and after he had investigated all there was to know along this line he began his real investigation of Spiritualism. He worked largely with a medium who had developed right in his own family, one in whom he placed the greatest confidence, and one who would have no desire or object in deception of any kind. Following are some of the tests which were made under his personal observation, and vouched for by others who saw them in addition to himself.

In one experiment he learned the Morse code of telegraphy, then got a telegraph instrument (unconnected by wires of any kind) and securely boxed it, nailing the cover on tight. In the presence of the medium, who I think he said was entranced, messages were ticked out on the sealed telegraph instrument, and taken down by Dr. Strong, who recorded them in his experimental work. (Some of you will remember a similar experience related in the book "Thy Son Liveth," a wonderful piece of fiction, supposed to be based on actual experience in which a mother received messages from her dead son across the water, through a telegraph instrument he had left set up in his room on the Hudson, near New York city, before going to war.)

Later in his experiments they had many materializations of spirit forms, whom they touched and talked with. In one in-

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stance he related that a man materialized who appeared to weigh about 180 pounds. After talking with him and touching him to see if he were really solid, they requested him to stand on some scales in the room. He obligingly stood on the scales and they found he weighed only 30 pounds. They then weighed the medium, whom they had weighed previous to the materialization, and found she weighed 15 pounds less than before, and they therefore came to the logical conclusion that in order to manifest in the flesh the spirit had taken 15 pounds of finer matter from her denser body and the balance from the others in the audience. (This is a proven fact, and one of the reasons why many people feel weak and depleted after attending a spiritualistic seance.)

Another ingenious method of proof was hit upon in the following experiment. Previous to the materialization seance one evening, they provided themselves with a pail of melted paraffin and another pail of cold water. After a spirit form materialized, they requested him to dip his arm, clear up to the elbow, first into the wax and then into the cold water, repeating the process until a perfect cast covered the arm. After the seance, when the spirit had retired to its more ethereal plane, the cast remained behind, perfect, with no break or crack of any kind at the narrowed wrist, as would have occurred when the hand was withdrawn in case of fraud.

The most interesting of all, and something entirely new to the writer, who had never previously read or heard of such a case, was the following experiment. In this case several people were present. The medium sat at one end of a circle and her husband held her hand on one side while Dr. Strong held her hand on the other, and they clasping hands with the others in the room made an unbroken circle. Before going into the trance the medium stated she would try to produce the usual materializations, and that if they would remain still, with an unbroken circle, no matter how long or tedious the sitting might be, her forces would endeavor to try a new experiment. She then went into the trance and many forms materialized.

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possibly fifteen or more people, so that all were pleased with the results of the sitting, but finally the last manifested form faded again into the ethers, and still they sat waiting, as the medium had instructed, for a clapping of hands to be heard in the atmosphere. They waited and waited, growing very weary, but still holding to the task, as the medium had said it might be dangerous to her if they broke the circle too suddenly. Finally when they were about to finish the sitting, as it was getting so late, they heard a slight stirring near the medium, and turning their gaze in her direction they noticed her suddenly slump or melt into her chair. They watched breathlessly as she gradually faded before their eyes, and just as the last vestige of her form disappeared they heard a faint clapping in the atmosphere above their heads. They jumped up and began to examine the room. Previous to the seance they had locked the doors and windows, so felt she must be still in the room. A search failed to disclose her, and the husband began to get frightened. They unlocked the doors and searched the hall and lower floor, then the upstairs rooms and finally the attic, and at last discovered her, lying apparently asleep on an unused couch or bed in the attic. They awakened her gently and no one was more surprised than herself to be found in such a position. She had been dematerialized before their eyes and rematerialized again in this attic room. This is the most remarkable experience we have ever heard, and in fact the only one of its kind, although many of you have heard of objects such as coins, dishes and other things being materialized in many instances.

All of these experiments were conducted by Dr. Strong under the most rigid test conditions, and should certainly convince an unprejudiced mind.



Those who live on the mountain have a larger day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

REV. S. J. BARROWS.

# The Planet Uranus

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

**Q**UOR to the discovery that Uranus was a planet of our solar system it was considered a fixed star. It may be a significant fact that this planet should have been discovered just as we were entering upon the threshold of The Aquarian Age, which this planet governs.

Ancient astrologers must have made many miscalculations when we consider the tremendous impetus this planet gives to other planets. Uranus rules railroads, air, electricity, ether, etc., and the higher faculties of the mind, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, intuition, inspiration, etc. At the present time these powers are only manifesting in a small degree. We read often of someone who has discovered how to draw electricity from the air, but we never hear anything more about it. The universal application of some mechanism that would polarize electricity direct from the air would break up so many fortunes that the money powers see that these inventions never get beyond some Diebolt safe. When this invention or discovery comes, as it is bound to come, because it is being impressed on so many minds, it will make a great revolution in our methods of transportation. For instance, the aeroplane will be noiseless and fly at tremendous speeds. Railroads will be built on hanging arches and make the speed of our present locomotives seem like snail's pace. This invention alone will liberate mankind to much less toil. There are people who believe that inventions that lessen the labor of man are a curse, because they give him more time to meditate and plan evil and mischief, but this is not so. In almost every line we in this country are further advanced than any other peoples or races on the earth, yet our hours of labor are only one-half to two-thirds that of other countries.

When a race gets to a point where such inventions are possible, reforms will be inaugurated which will tend to keep



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things balanced. Already prohibition has become almost world-wide under the reforming power of this planet Uranus.

What a wonderful sight we would behold if we could be back here a thousand years from now when the Aquarian Age is at the zenith of its power, or when it reaches its highest vibration. Everything will be changed. For instance there will be no policemen and all jails will have been closed centuries before. Criminals would be detected immediately by the high development of our psychic powers. All the finer powers of the mind would be developed, and the forces of nature controlled. We will be able to commune telepathically with the dwellers upon the higher planes and commune with spirits on other planets. The walls between the inner and outer realms will be broken down. We will see our departed friends and communicate with them at will. We will be able to lay down our bodies and take them up again. We will be able to travel consciously on the higher planes, while our bodies are asleep. Some few souls all through the ages have had these powers, but they will be so developed as to become universal.

Our governments will then be based on principles of Brotherhood. This may seem impossible to some of our practical minds, but there is now a small colony in British Columbia who are self-governing and their one law is to do in every case what they believe the Christ would do if so placed. This society is growing and prospering and their community property is worth about a million dollars. They live without quarrels or dissensions of any kind. All are happy and prosperous. This is another product of this Uranian Age which we have hardly entered upon.

Our present system is built on selfishness—get all you can before someone else gets it. But as the vibrations of Uranus work upon the higher, nobler instincts of man, the present system of things will gradually dissolve under its irresistible influence.

The people born under this planet are humanitarian, good-hearted, and usually far ahead of the majority of the race.

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Many geniuses and inventors are found with this planet well aspected in their charts. It gives great independence of mind, large intuitional powers and ability for metaphysical pursuits.

Uranus also rules strikes, the passion of the mobs, and socialistic orders. It manifests in conglomerations and masses of people in hordes like "The Coming of the Huns" that swept down upon Rome and helped to end its deterioration.

Uranus always acts quickly and in a chart where this planet is adverse to Mars we find violent tempers. An undeveloped character with Uranus adversely aspected is a dangerous character. This planet was in the first few degrees of Gemini (the sign which rules the United States) when the Declaration of Independence was signed and eighty-four years later when it completed another cycle the Civil War broke out. It will complete its cycle again in 1944 and many are seeing in vision and revelation other great changes to take place about that time. This planet is now passing through the twelfth sign of the zodiac, Pisces, which is also a sign of travail and sorrow for the race and great upheavals are prophesied. In the physical system this planet affects the nerves, and many mental and nervous disorders are traceable to its influence.

Uranus tears down and destroys only to build anew and better the conditions of the many. It is no respecter of money or wealth or of existing conditions. It had strong rule over Russia, which was the first European country to throw off the yoke of autocracy, and Russia is playing a strong part in world democracy. Many will suffer in the changes coming, but the results will be worth while, for in their place something better and nobler will arise that will make for more permanent peace and harmony and a more spiritual race.



Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just and beautiful.

PLATO.

## Extract from the "Mystic Road"

WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT

**G** HERE is an out-breath as well as an in-breath in meditation. We must awaken an awareness within before any realization can appear to us from without. . . . I have been in touch with boys of ten and twelve years who use the Silence. They emerge better gamesters, better workers, better players. They will tell you that the other half of finding one's Self is the perfecting of one's contacts with the world; that the other half of Silence is Action.

As a matter of fact, if your quest within does not perfect your external relations; if it does not make your hand unerring, the tone of your voice richer, your presence more endearing; if it does not empower you with patience and genius for the hardest of your human tasks and trials, you are following a lateral which must be retraced. If the quest of Yourself does not reveal to you the sons of God in the eyes of passing men, you are being woven deeper in meshes of the lower self, and can only be liberated through processes of pain.

Your quest within is to find the Flame of Enlightenment. By the path of your approach, this Flame must flash forth to the world. To emerge from association with the immortal You, and then permit anger or resentment to return to your mind, because of the lowered vibrations of material life, is to miss the central point of the whole effort--that the Flame is also in all life and creatures outside; the beauty of the grass and the herds; of star and bee and crystal; most radiantly of all in the hearts of men.

The time comes in the inner quest when you enter a Light which you must carry forth into action, if you would find the immortal in other men. . . . Those human beings, sometimes nearest, those hardest to endure, are especially important for you, since they enable you to become your own master. In perfecting your relations to them, you overcome the self.

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Every conquest of hatred and irritation for others liberates the expression of the Spirit even in these bodies of flesh.

. . . There is no mistake in your house or at your table; no mistake up or down the world or town. The ones nearest you are your saviours. In overcoming yourself to deal greatly with all of these, you come into authority over your own cosmos, and perceive that the Flame enthroned deep within is Yourself.

. In real moments, I see in you, one as much me as myself. Do you think They have lied to us all these ages—and that we are not as one in the ultimate plan? You have heard this a thousand, thousand ways, yet the instant you know it, you will never speak of service again as sacrifice. You will see that the Universe is literally one song; that you cannot do anything to quicken that Self in another without casting out fear and fulfilling the law in your own being. . . . Carry on this thought to the Avatars and see Them vowing to be with us always, vowing to stand at the gate until the last being passes through.

They know what they are about.

We liberate the love in ourselves by turning to the great heart of humanity without. . . . We talk much of Unity, yet how long have we failed to realize that when one works for Unity, he works for Self.



In all things throughout the world, the man who looks for the crooked will see the crooked, and the man who looks for the straight will see the straight.

RUSKIN.

To educate the heart, one must be willing to go out of himself, and to come into loving contact with others.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.



RABBI HILLEL.

If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.

EMERSON.

# A Little Visit to the Aquarian Ministry

GEORGE E. LITTLEFIELD

 THE most natural way and the easiest way—suggested by  our every-day observance and spiritual progress—is to hop into our soul-plane, start the propelling thought, rise over all impedimenta and steer west—now speeding like the eagle, and now poised and pausing, to notice a city or clear a summit, or thrill with our freedom and rapture—then open the throttle of expectancy wide and soar and glide to the island-guarded harbor, and ocean-edged, mountain-protected, saint-christened city of Santa Barbara.

Here we are!

Perched like an eyrie over the city, with world outlook, bowered amidst flowers and trees, wide-windowed like open-eyed Vision, trusting, fearless, into the very depths and heights of God's great Universe, is the Home, spacious and with every inner appointment for the souls (to me George, Louise and Ruth), known to so many of my readers as the blessed and blessing inspirers of many lives, whose work and life here quicken the home into a beautiful Ministry.

Hush! As we enter a glowing silence enfolds us and communion, like thrilling, permeating music—perhaps angels entering and passing are murmuring their messages—it is the hour of the Word sent forth to heal—the Word for the quickening and prospering of others—the Word uttered on this transfiguring mount that transforms the weakness of clay into the Power of the Spirit. O Word! one whisper Divine! and thou art more potent than all the clang and boom of the world—Thy love-note doth heal and halo us with immortality now!

We feel that we are ministers, too, to love and serve all humanity.

And so we are welcomed. In the big living-room our host and hostess charm us with a simple graciousness that makes us feel comfy and glad; then we step through the French door

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to see the roses ('tis June-in-mid-winter here) and we exclaim again and again, "The wonderful scenery!" "See those lights and shadows of color in the mountains!" "O ocean Pacific—symbol of the greatness and glory of God!" And then we are conducted above to the most wonderful of work-rooms—immense, those big wide windows we noticed visioning a lavish grandeur of Nature that God seems to have provided purposely for this Ministry and its dear ministering souls. Here is George's desk, and here Louise writes and replies to Ruth's assisting query; and here is the little press that supplements the larger printery of the Aquarian Age—desks and printery and room the church and pulpit of this ministry-at-large of an All Souls' Temple of the Living God.

The day begins to wane. We would stay—but we must go. The joy of this visit is so exquisite that we must be alone, must each carry the thoughts, special and precious to each one of us, to our own sanctuaries in our many homes. So, once more taking flight, inspired by all we've experienced, we are borne on our wings of thought, beating against the atmosphere of all human aspirations, sorrows, greeds and gift-givings, up, up we go to the azure consciousness of bliss glorified with Eternal Love, and poised there, like one of the ocean birds we saw in the bay, almost motionless for an instant we sail, and float and sail around the beautiful Home we are leaving, wave a salute to the three signaling "God-speed!" to us, then swiftly through a divine sky we go serene and happy our several ways.

GEORGE E. LITTLEFIELD.

(Written Xmas morning, 12-25-20.)



People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

EMERSON.

In looking back over our lives, we often see that what seemed at the time the worst hours and the most hopeless in their wretchedness were in reality the best of all! They developed powers within us that had heretofore slept; developed energies of which we had never dreamed.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.


# The Science of Names and Numbers

BY

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## CHAPTER TWO

### SYMBOLISM OF NUMBERS

 THE idea of five develops from the pentacle, and its included pentagon. The five points of the star rest in the circumference of the circle. Its center coincides with the center of the circle. The number 5 is odd and in ancient symbolism sacred, therefore. The odd number when divided into equal parts leave one or divinity intact. In other words, the odd number represents a manifestation which discloses deity. Mathematically the number five represents a degree of increase in the orderly sequence of values from one to nine. Indicative of man's progress through his cycle of development, it represents another step in the orderly sequence of his evolution.

Four represented the undeveloped man, man locked in the physical, laid upon the altar of materiality for consumption in the flame of his own spirit, uniting with divinity.

Five expresses the uniting accomplished, the inflow of divinity, the downflash caught by man's consciousness.

The pentacle so placed that a star-point is at the zenith represents the cosmic man, man complete according to divine plan. His head at the zenith, his feet firmly placed in the material, his hands stretched to receive and give and dispense, within grasp of both the material and the spiritual halves of the sphere. Flesh or the physical animated by life or divinity represents man at four. At four material is animated but consciousness is swooned in flesh. At five, man wakes, his consciousness illumined and animated by divinity.

Man thus animated at five is waked by the call of his indwelling spirit and thrilled to new consciousness by the inflow of responsive divinity.

Inherent in the symbol of man thus glorified is also the idea

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of man stretched in the wheel of the circle. Man cosmic or complete, stands in the wheel at balance, but man individual, pierced through by the bewilderment of the divine inspiration his flesh torn by the new vibrations, is drawn downward by the gravitation of his material and swung upward by the reaching spirit. He whirls, thus crucified, upon the turning wheel of opposing experiences, racked by the force of warring impulses.

If we conceive the circle to be the path of man's cycle of development from one through nine to the augmented one or ten, and place one at the zenith and five at the nadir, nine will coincide with the one of the beginning and ten will be upraised to begin the circle of the next plane.

Man thus is realized as having been tried out in the flesh and individualized. At five he stands in balance between the down-path traversed and the spiritual yet to climb. Material gravitation draws down; the spiritual corresponding influence draws up. Evolution has so far been an automatic process, but at five consciousness wakes to recognition of God and evolution commands man to conscious co-operation with its processes. Here man must take a hand in his own resurrection. And here, if he does not realize the import of the summons, if he does not understand the strange inward call of divinity, and with answering faith set foot on the new path, he will behold only a new radiance and allurements upon the old ways. Art, poetry, the swooning ecstasies of the senses, these will confuse and hold him and the inflowing light of divinity will but serve to gild the material of the old path, and inspiration be thus degraded to physical expression. So the new energies which should lift him on the crest of the wave upward towards divinity are spent in swinging first one way and then another, sometimes wheeling till man's proud head is no longer lifted toward the stars, but hangs down at the nadir.

When at last man translates his material experiences into divine effort and thus balances life and eternity, then the lesson of five is learned and he is ready to pass on. But here at five he must make choice and take the initiative. Here decision,



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regulation, discipline, or irresponsibility, perversion and crucifixion.

Five is two plus one, plus two. Here stands individuality, one, holding in balance the opposites, the material and the divine expression of that individuality.

Five is four plus one; the material four, the square, penetrated by divine consciousness, one. Even as in the triangle, three, spirit entered into union with mind and matter, expressing in form, so now the divine consciousness completes human consciousness, penetrating the physical with new inspiration and change of impulse.

The Grand Man of the Zodiac not only commands and includes the circle from one through nine, but he stands with the head or consciousness culminating at ten. Consciousness here lifts to the new cycle. Man individual, who has progressed so far as to stand at the nadir or five, is there pierced through with the bisecting diameter and his consciousness; the head, is thus in line with that One and ten above; here then at five, he is aware of his potential divinity. At five he sees himself at the completion of his cycle at ten. Here spirit demands incarnation anew and man answers with *self-expression*. And his the choice whether that self be the divine self rising to spiritual translations of the physical, or the material, still earth-hungry self, which dissipates in exaltation if the earth-self, in art and the flame of strange passions and the ecstasies of the senses. From all these symbologies derive the significances of five in the higher calculations of the science of Numbers.

New life, inspiration, duality, abandonment, the Christ-consciousness, these are some of the fundamental ideas.

The hand is the direct agent of consciousness. It may represent the violence of the physical will or may become a tool of exquisite delicacy, commanding the brush, the pen, the violin bow. It may caress or kill. It may guide the plow or lift to receive the response of divinity to man's prayer. Only by the use of the two hands together can man do perfect work. Only

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when the material and the spiritual together grasp, is man creatively efficient. Only so can man shape form to his own higher expression. Under five man's creative powers are stirred on all planes. Art, science, pro-creation, evolution, all these urges shake him, and towards all he turns as he spins at five, reaching in all directions. The five fingers subtly indicate and correspond to the five senses, each sense thus vibrating through two channels toward expression, the right and the left hand.

When the lessons under five are learned, then the upward way is taken and man's weight swings towards that foot which rests in the celestial hemisphere. Then his vibration lifts to six, and the science of numbers finds him at the next period of his development and one step further along the eternally completing half of evolution.

Six we see as the two triangles, the trinity—body, mind and spirit—or divinity incarnate, and the trinity, body, mind and spirit, or divinity released. These interwoven make the six-pointed star, including in its interweaving lines the hexagon. Here we have spirit, drawn into form, spirit cased in matter, and spirit expressed or emergent through matter. These intertwining and interlocked, make the new expression six.

This uniting gives us the star which engages at each point with the circumference, and is included thus by the completed cycle.

We think of six as sacred three plus sacred three. Here man, obedient to the outflung urge of five, begins his upward mounting. And the first step up rests upon the solid foundation of matter, hewn out into shape, or conquered. Spiritual consciousness takes now command, and to its service material man is harnessed. The drudgery of Adam cast forth into matter to knead it, with his own sweat, to bread, is now changed to the voluntary systematized and patient toil of one whose quarried rocks are laid to make the temples wherein his soul shall worship. Here is taken up the slow task of incarnation for the god-impulses, generated under five. We find six re-

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iterated in animal construction. Here at six is peace and quiet, content, patience and organizing, resultant from that decision which finally stopped the swinging agony of five. This peace and patience blesses the toil by which man here rears housing for his soul. The material self was left hanging on the cross of five, and now the cosmic self bethinks it of humanity. Here domesticity is developed and those responsibilities towards family and community, towards dependence and fellow-workers are assumed, under weight of which the individuality takes new strength and compactness. The old burdens bent him or tore him asunder; these are carried in uprightness and they knit his being into co-ordinated power.

In the lifted consciousness, awakens the Christ-love for God in man. The home-builder calls the many to his hearth. The maternal suckles the waif at one breast, while her own child is held close to the other. At six we find the creative principle again stirring matter to form. Here, however, comes a deep sense that the outer forms of life must satisfy the inner pressures of eternity. Balance was attained at five. Conformity must be constructed at six. Conscience is illumined, endeavor ennobled. From these many basic significances the values of six are computed for the higher calculations of the science of Numbers.

When outer correspondence to inner demand is accomplished, when the steps are reared to the temple, then man's struggle for a time is over and he enters into the temple, and the science of Numbers finds him at seven.

The idea of seven is geometrically conveyed by the addition of the dot at the center of the six-pointed star. Mathematically seven indicates the next orderly step in the sequence of numbers. Symbology indicates the next step in the sequence of man's development. The appearance of the dot in the hexagon suggests the kindling upon the altar of the divine flame. Long ago the cube was the altar upon which burned sacrifice; that rock of materiality has been re-shaped and carries now, not material sacrifice, but the clear flame of life springing eternal.

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That fecundation implied by the descent of spirit into form at six, results at seven in permutation anew of the dot, the central creative point, divine consciousness, the scintilla. This consciousness appears here cradled in matter, at the center of the hewn-out hexagon. Here at the seventh step in evolution man's consciousness centers and comes to rest, ignoring the turmoil and escaping the swing, the toil and the efforts of previous states.

He no longer turns with the outer rim of the wheel; he is serene and poised at its center. The number seven is sacred because odd, but thrice sacred because when divinity, One, emerges from it, there is left a sacred trinity to either side, for seven is three and one and three. Seven is also six (or physical perfection, the material regulated, flesh translated) united to One, the divine. Six, plus one. It is two and two and two, or construction on three planes, standing like three pillars to support the temple floor where burns the flame of one. ( $2+2+2+1$ .)

The candles at the ancient altars were grouped in seven-branched holders; we find the symbology of seven supported by Nature's construction. Man is a seven-fold creature, renewing throughout the cellular construction each seven years. Seven layers completes his skin, seven orifices serve his five senses, two eyes, two ears, two nostrils and the mouth, whence issues the word, or God manifest. Even the three pillars again and the altar, divinity.

The seventh day of the week is sacred to rest and worship. Humanity's life is divided into "seven ages."

Seven is three and four, the merging of material and divine into a conscious unity, the divine quickened to seek and know its source. From these symbologies the Science of Numbers takes the values of seven to serve its higher calculations.

Eight is suggested by the geometric octagon, each of the eight angles imbedded in the circumference, each marked a stopping place in the march about the cycle, nine coinciding with one. Here at eight man again emerges into activity. The

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period of rest and inner development passed in the temple of seven brings him to his task of incarnation with balanced powers. The figure eight is constructed of the circles interlaced or emerging one from the other. The figure is self-supporting, whichever circle is uppermost. If the circles lie side by side, we have again a suggestion of balance, or the scales.

The figure 8 suggests also the hour-glass. The full glass ever supplying the empty one. The ancient hour-glass was set in a frame-work, the top and bottom of which was octagon-shape, eight slender uprights connecting them. At 8 we find inspiration translated into practical form. The spiritual flow from the upper glass fully accommodated in the lower. The universal expressed in the individual. Here under eight vibration man brings into complete control and use his entire equipment, mental, spiritual and material. Eight is symbolized by the keystone to the arch, which locks into security and shape the two sides.

Eight is four and four, or again the balance of the upper square and the lower. It is sacred three and sacred three united by two, the double pillar of man's dual consciousness. It is the divine consciousness of seven brought to expression by the individualized man. From these symbolologies the number 8 takes value. It suggests also the material and the inspirational self.

(To Be Continued)



Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life.


My son, attend to my *Words*—let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For *they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*—Solomon: Proverbs 4:7-22.

Letter No. 14  
**How to Learn Things**

GOD SHOWS HOW

By WILLIAM ALEXANDER REDDING  
Cripple Creek, Colorado.

OD is drawing a tight line down onto the world and the world is squirming under it, but don't see what is the *cause* of all the upheaval: therefore, it is important for people to come to a *closer* study of things. The old slip-shod, careless, *surface* way of thinking and doing must be put away, and the human mind must be *drilled* and taught to carefulness and exactness, and be made to come to the *depths* of things. Skimming over the surface will not do. A smattering knowledge of things is nothing but confusion, which is damaging. A confused person can not stand, *these* days. The sweep-ups are putting people to their very best efforts to pull through at all; and it has to be done *intelligently*, and in line with God's plans, and the turns that are to be made while God is sweeping down and out the old order of things and fixing for the New Age that is, soon, to set in on this earth; therefore, the New Age plans must be studied, over and over, and become well settled in mind; and every move must be made in harmony *with* the plans of God in order to pull through at all. Therefore, people must put away their *old* idea about learning things by hearing them stated just once. *It can't be done*. And especially the New Age plans can't be learned by any careless, slip-shod methods. The subject is entirely new and unheard-of; and they are mysterious to the *human* mind and have many sides and angles and points so that the subject must be *carefully* studied, over and over, to get the different points in it; and people who are "touchy" about hearing it repeated over at them more than once will never be selected by God to be the *Elect* because the *Elect* are to be drilled, over and over, and taught and dressed down and hewn and lined up

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with a straight-edge, as no slip-shod, smattering, careless people can be taken into the Elect Company, as the New Age is going to draw a line on the world and make things come to *exactness* and to order. The old, careless, hit-and-miss ways of doing and thinking can not come into the New Age. God is going to make the people come to a focus; and those who refuse to be lined up to fit the plans of God will be set aside and will lose out from being selected as the Elect.

### GOD'S STATEMENT ABOUT IT

Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he *make* to understand doctrine? For precept *must* be upon precept, and line upon line—here a little and there a little. This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest. This is the refreshing, *but they would not hear*; for the word of the Lord was unto them in precept upon precept, and *line upon line*; here a little and there a little. Now hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful ones, for I say unto you that judgment I will lay to the line and righteousness I will lay to the plumb-line; and the hail shall sweep away your refuge of lies behind which you have been hiding, and the waters of the Spirit of God will overflow your hiding places, and your covenant with death shall be annulled and your agreement with hell shall *not stand*. Then ye shall be trodden down by it and it shall take you; for, by day and by night it shall pass over you; and the Lord will rise up and do his strange work and bring to pass his strange acts. Therefore, be ye not mockers (and flippant snarlers) for a consumption is determined upon the whole earth. Give ear and hear me and harken to my speech, for God doth instruct you and teach you.—Isaiah 28.

This is a *terrible* warning of God to people who snarl and grumble when God's very intricate plans and teachings are put before them and repeated, over and over, to press into their slip-shod human minds the very mysterious points from the *many sides* of the subject. Those who snarl and don't want to hear it from all its many sides never get the slightest understanding of the mysterious subject. I have watched this point on people, the last thirty years I have been putting the big subject before the world. This is why I have quit writing big books. People will read the book through in a few hours, and never touch it again. They *think* they have learned the subject and don't *need* to study it, over and over, like a

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lesson in arithmetic. They *think* they know all about it; but, when I come to talk to them about the subject I find they know *nothing* about it. And even the few points they *think* they know, they have all wrong and just the *reverse* of the truth of it. It is a subject with many sides, and covers over a period of six thousand years. And a person must have a good knowledge of ancient Bible history in order to understand the chain of the subject. It can't be thrown into a heap. God has been see-sawing it onto me ever since 1879—just 41 years up to this year of 1920; and I am still learning more about it. And, then, for people to *think* they can learn it by reading it over once or twice, is an absurdity. It has to be presented from all its sides and must be gone over and over; and people who are "*touchy*" about hearing any thing more than once will never be selected, by God, as the Elect.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, and because they reject knowledge, when it is put before them, I reject them, saith the Lord.—Hosea 4:6.

Many lessons in the Bible show that God rejected people and swept them off the earth because they snarled and refused to be taught and drilled by God's sent Messenger or Prophet. Even Aaron (Moses' brother), and Miriam (Moses' sister), were caught in a bad scrape. They snarled at their brother Moses because they *thought* he was not teaching and acting right. God heard it and took them to task about it. Leprosy struck the sister, Miriam, and Aaron, the brother, just barely saved himself by jumping to it quickly and repented for what he said against his brother Moses.

### A BAD, SCRAPE

Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses and the Lord heard it; and the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron and Miriam: come out here, ye three; and they came out and the Lord called Aaron and Miriam and they came forth. And the Lord said unto them: were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the displeasure of the Lord was kindled against them and Miriam became leprous and turned white; and Aaron said to Moses, alas! We have done foolishly and have sinned. Lay not this sin upon us. And the Lord said to Moses.



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If her father had but spit in her face should she not be ashamed. Let her be shut out from the camp seven days (with leprosy). And Miriam was shut out seven days; and the congregation did not journey on till Miriam was brought in again.—Numbers 12.

This is a *terrible* lesson, showing that God will not stand for any epithets or scoffing or fault-findings of people uttered against His sent Teachers or Messengers. But the balance of the Israel congregation did not benefit by the lesson. They committed the same grievous mistake by talking against Moses, and all who were guilty of it were swallowed up into the earth.

### THE TERRIBLE DISASTER

And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the Lord *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face: And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Moses rose up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons and their little children. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*. And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.—Numbers 16.

The people did not profit by this terrible lesson. They snarled at Moses again, and a plague struck them and killed fourteen thousand and seven hundred people.

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### ANOTHER DISASTER

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed. —Numbers 16.

The people were constantly drawing disaster onto themselves by snarling at God's methods of teaching them and drilling them. They *insisted* on telling God how to teach them and just what to do and *how* to do it. They found fault with God for keeping them traveling around in the desert while they were going from Egypt to Palestine. They could have walked the distance in a month, with plenty of time to spare, but God see-sawed them, backward and forward, forty years, in that sandy, desolate desert. God would keep them traveling a year or two, and, at the end of that time, they were only a mile or a few miles from where they were at the starting. He just see-sawed them, over and over, and around and about, all of the forty years, when they could have gone the distance, *easily*, in a *month*.

God wanted them to learn their lessons, to fine points, but they did not learn; so He just see-sawed them, over and over, till they all died but two. Only two men, of the crowd

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that *started*, ever landed in Palestine. All of the other million or more died in the forty years of see-saw, in the desert. This is an awful symbol for us to study. Does it show to us that only two people out of over a million will ever stand the see-saw drilling of today and land in the New Age or House of David? Christ says, "*Many are called but few are chosen.*" See Matt. 20:16. Yes—many people (over a million) started from Egypt, but only two of the number ever landed in Palestine. The two kept their mouths shut and kept thanking God for every lesson, and for all of the see-saws of forty years, and they landed in Palestine. The *others* kept snarling at having to go over and over the same road for forty years; and they, all, died, and landed nowhere. And the human mind, today, is acting the same way as those ancient Israelites acted. The human, carnal mind *thinks* it can take a hop-skip-jump and land in the House of David or New Age Elect Company. The human never wants to come right down to deep, fine points. It wants to *skim* over things. No *skim* game will work on the House of David, because it is to be *AS* God—Perfect. And the *drilling* will go on, years and years, over and over; and those who don't want to hear it, over and over, will drop down and out and perish on the road, as the million of Israelites did. The slip-shod *human* way of learning things will not meet the requirements of God, as He says He is going to hew to the line, and put a plumb-line on things to make them come up to the exact point. And it takes rasping and filing and see-sawing, over and over, to bring the human to it. And this is why Christ said, "He that endures to the end shall be saved." Matt. 24:13. It is no hop-skip-and-jump concern. It is filing and rasping, to the very last degree, to bring the human to the requirements of the House of David, which is to be *AS* God. Zech. 12:8.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people have three—all that they have had, all that they have now, and all they expect to have.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

# Vaccination

*From "Nature Cure," by DR. H. LINDLAHR.*

Vaccination of healthy children and adults is often followed by a multitude of symptoms which cannot be distinguished from syphilis, viz., characteristic ulcers and eczematous eruptions, swellings of the axillary and other lymphatic glands, atrophy of the mammary glands in the breasts of women and of girls above the age of puberty, etc.

This explains the constantly growing demand for "bust foods" and "bust developers." A perfectly developed bust has become so rare that many hundreds of "beauty doctors" and of business concerns that make a specialty of developing the flat-bosomed realize thousands of dollars annually. One firm in this city, and a small concern at that, has made from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year and has over 10,000 names on its constantly increasing list of patrons.

It is reasonable to assume that almost without exception these 10,000 women had been vaccinated from one to three times before the age of puberty. When this is realized, and the fact that vaccination dries up the mammary glands is taken into account, is it not time to pause and consider?

The figures of this one small concern represent the report of only one out of several hundred such firms doing business in all parts of the country.

Some years ago, a disease similar to smallpox broke out among the sheep in certain parts of Scotland. As a preventive, the sheep were vaccinated. *In the course of a few years it was noticed that a great many ewes were unable to nourish their lambs.* With the discontinuance of vaccination this phenomenon disappeared.

Does this help to explain why nowadays over fifty per cent of human mothers are incapable of nursing their babies?

At present the trend of allopathic medical science is undoubtedly toward the serum, antitoxin, and vaccine treatment. Practically all medical research tends that way. Every few days we see in the daily papers reports of new serums and antitoxins which are claimed to cure or create immunity to certain diseases.

Suppose the research and practice of medical science continue along these lines and are generally accepted or, as the medical associations would have it, "forced" upon the public by law. What would be the result? Before a child reached the years of adolescence, it would have had injected into its blood the vaccines, serums, and antitoxins of smallpox, hydrophobia, tetanus (lockjaw), cerebro-spinal meningitis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, pneumonia, scarlet fever, etc., etc.

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If allopathy were to have its way, the blood of the adult would be a mixture of dozens of filthy bacterial extracts, disease taints, and destructive drug poisons. The tonsils and adenoids, and appendix vermiformis, and probably a few other parts of the human anatomy would be extirpated in early youth under compulsion of the health departments.

What is more rational and sensible: the endeavor to produce immunity to disease by making the human body the breeding ground for all sorts of anti-bacteria and anti-poisons, or to create *natural* immunity by building up the blood on a normal basis, purifying the body of morbid matter and poisons, correcting mechanical lesions, and by cultivating the right mental attitude? Which one of these methods is more likely to be disease-building—which health-building?

Just imagine what human blood will be like in coming generations if this artificial contamination with all sorts of disease taints and drug poisons is to be forced upon the people!

## THE COMING AGE

These things shall be; a loftier race  
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise;  
With flame of freedom in their souls,  
And light of science in their eyes.

Nation with nation, land with land,  
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;  
In every heart and brain shall throb  
The pulse of one fraternity.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,  
And mightier music thrill the skies,  
And every life shall be a song  
When all the earth is paradise.

JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONDS.

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We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.

EMERSON.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart."

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

## Fruits of the Spirit

"Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord of Host."

—Zech 4:6

Malden, Mo.—I know you must feel that I am very ungrateful in not answering your letter and letting you know how I was getting along. To say that you helped me would be expressing it mildly in deed. I could scarcely be up when I wrote you for help, and Oh, everything looked so dark and uncertain. I can never thank you enough for the little gleams of Truth that I know you are instrumental in sending to me. I only pray to be able to live so I may be of like service to others. Wishing you God speed in your beautiful work.

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Mrs. M. C., Dec. 2, 1920.

Hitchcock Lake, Waterbury, Conn.—I have derived so much comfort and help from your lessons; beautiful messengers they are, and I only wish that people would feel the need and reach out for them more. I want all to be blessed as I have been. With my prayers and blessing.

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Mrs. E. H., Nov. 26, 1920.

DeSoto, Iowa—I am a great deal more than pleased with the book, "Your Destiny in the Zodiac and Its Mastery," which you have sent me. I have already been put in a way to increase my bank account. May the Lord abundantly bless and prosper your work and may I always have the wherewithal to help it along. I have been abundantly blessed in tithing. If I cease tithing I have no money for my own needs, so I consider it a paying proposition from a business standpoint.

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Mrs. M. P., Nov. 15, 1920.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—I am so glad I have affiliated with you good people, as it has made a wonderful change in me. I knew all these wonderful truths, but like a lost sheep had wandered from the flock, and it was for you to come out and get me. I have enjoyed this month's magazine so much. The affirmation is simply splendid, and when I repeat it I actually feel charged with power.

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Mrs. T. B., Oct. 16, 1920.

DeSoto, Iowa—The October magazine is so good and true that I wish every person, man, woman and child, in the whole universe could read and study it. What *could* be better than Louise B. Brownell's "Two Treatments"? The Holy Spirit has long ago enlightened me in the way of life, but not so bright as I now see the way, thanks to her teachings, which somehow seem to just fit my nearest need.

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Mrs. M. P., Oct. 20, 1920.

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Seattle, Wash.—I wish to say I have received great benefit since I joined the Ministry, and I wish to continue just as long as I am in the divine work. I want to be one link in the chain you are building so beautifully, and be banded together in one union, for in union there is strength. May God bless you with more life, wealth and strength to impart to all those who are in need.

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Mrs. W. A. D., Nov. 11, 1920.

Carmel, Calif.—Thank you for beginning treatments at once. Please continue. I think it was the day my letter to you was received, or before that time, when I wakened from sleep and felt conscious of a Mighty Hand laid upon my husband and about him were Forces of the Light. I heard this, "My hand is laid upon him not to smite but to save, and to lead him safely to a place of rest." As long as I am able I will send you a dollar every month. I feel that my husband is improving, also that he will yet meet me where my soul liveth. I say to him daily, "God is awakening thy body, thy mind and thy spirit to higher expression."

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Mrs. L. B. S., Nov. 15, 1920.

Randolph, Vt.—I am so grateful for help given to my mother. She will not have to lose her leg. Also my father's letters show a marked improvement in his mental condition. I am glad you are sending him the lessons and am sure they will prove a great benefit.

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Mrs. R. G. W., Nov. 8, 1920.

Ridgefield Park, N. J.—I suppose you think I have forgotten about you, but such is not the case. My health is gradually improving. I can raise my arm to the top of my head now, and attend to business every day. God bless you both, and so do I also.

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Mr. F. B. B., Nov. 5, 1920.

Montclair, N. J.—Thanks for your good letter. Certainly you are generous with your time and stamps. The lesson on breathing is superlatively fine. I have practiced deep breathing for years, but lacked the spiritual import which you give. I can report an improvement in my health. I am trying faithfully to work in unison with you. With love and sincere wishes for you.

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Mrs. E. B., Nov. 30, 1920.

Berkely, Calif.—Your special treatment for the bronchial catarrh has given me wonderful relief, and I cannot tell how thankful I am. Also my appetite is now good, and I should begin to manifest "abundant life" mentally and physically.

Lake Pleasant, Mass.—Yours is a fine magazine, and I would not like to miss a single copy.

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Mrs. L. M. B., Nov. 1, 1920.

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