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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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Let Your Light Shine!

GEO. B. BROWNELL

N the first few chapters of Les Miserables is pictured the transformation of Jean Valjean. How little people in general, who read this great book, realize what transpired on the spiritual and soul planes between this convict and the Bishop Myriel. When we bear the Christ Light within we are always blessing wherever we go, and helping and healing other souls, though often unconscious of the process ourselves. But this story gives a wonderful illustration of the power one soul has over another. It shows the unawakened divinity in this convict responding to the light in the great soul, the Bishop Myriel. We have all noticed how a live coal in the hearth. nestling up against a dead one, will communicate its fire to the dead coal, and it too will begin to glow. This is exactly what takes place between a soul aglow with the Fire Divine and a soul unawakened to its slumbering divinity. It imparts to others its own soul light. It transmits its own powers and qualities. It inspires a new vision. It gives of its own awakened glory that the other also may shine. No greater joy is there than this. In giving we do not diminish our store or our individuality, but build greater. Selfishness dwarfs a soul. but love enlarges it. "He that shall lose his life shall find it."

When a soul incarnates, its glory is veiled, it falls asleep as it were, and only a small fraction of its hidden powers come into manifestation in contact with its new environment, but larger and greater areas can be awakened by knowing and living the truth. The fact that we have lived before, either here or in some other sphere, and have spent long periods in the Spiritual worlds between lives, and have all the memories and the unfolded powers of this great past locked in the secret chambers of the soul, shows how little of what we really are, we are conscious of, or express. If the soul has builded well here it attains to a higher spiritual plane than previously, when leaving the body, but if it has gone into bypaths against its inner promptings it will be detained on lower planes until it has retraced its steps and made good.

All souls are not equal. They are in all stages of growth or unfoldment. The same possibilities are open to all, but each manifests only what he has appropriated and builded into expression through struggle with existence, aspiration and the effort to reach and pattern after higher and nobler ideals. One can make great strides forward in soul-unfoldment through consecration and devotion, but few are willing to sever their contacts that bind them to the more material.

Souls come into life who manifest the car marks of genius along some line even from carly childhood. They have these powers because they have builded them in the past, either here or in some other sphere. Emerson said, "One world at a time for me." We grow step by step and do not jump from soulinfancy to Masters and Gods at a bound as some would have us believe. The fact that no one has made this leap, even after years of faithful effort, shows the all-permanency of the great law of Growth, which operates on all planes of life. If we were all-perfect now, finished products, we would all be alke, or else it would be easy for us to throw aside this mantle of limitations in which our perfection is obscured, and walk in living splendor.

The soul germ with its small beginning has unlimited possibilities of growth before it. It can grow like the tiny acorn into the magnificent oak, with wide-lung branches, with the exception that the oak is limited, while the soul can expand to encompass Infinity.

The soul can be awakened in its whole subconscious area, while incarnate, but it requires tremendous intensive training

and the help of masters from the invisible side of life. The soul of this Myriel was largely awakened and invested with great power as the result of his benevolent work. He exerted a powerful influence for good in every one he met and stimulated the highest and best in them toward expression. Let your light shine, the world needs it. All the progress the world has made has been due to a few souls letting the Christ light in them shine forth. Nothing is more contagious, and nothing is more needed in the world today.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

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The Science of Names and Numbers By Orcella Rexford, B. Sc.

CHAPTER FIVE

(This series commenced December, 1920. Back numbers can be supplied.)

IIE Ancients meditated upon Symbols to convey abstract ideas which did not find a medium of expression through the study of mere words. Thus Symbology was much more profound than the mere alphabet which came into use after man became cruder in his soul life, and no longer communicated through thought transference.

Geometrical symbols and numbers were very closely associated as was demonstrated in the two former articles, and it is from this source that the modern exponents of this Science have evolved an interpretation of the Numbers from one to nine, which is characteristic of them wherever they are used. Many people believe that the definitions given to each of the numbers are merely arbitrary, and are therefore unreliable as a means of analysis, but a careful study of Number Symbology will indicate the relationship which is found not only in Geome try but throughout all nature. To Summarize: We found that all life begins with the dot in the center of the circle or the nucleus of the cell, and it is from this point in the naught or zero of mathematics that figure one evolves. Extend this dot into space and we have a straight line or figure one. This, in Biology, is called the primitive streak, and is the forerunner of the spinal column. In plant life it is the stalk and the root, which springs from the tiny dark spot in the seed or the dot in the middle of the circle. It is the spinal column that enables one to stand erect, just as the stem and the root form the upright of the plant.

Thus Number One, because of this similarity, is associated with erectness, uprightness, individualization and Oneness. Therefore, we give it the characteristics of this association, that of the pioneer, the forerunner, the leader, the originator, the creator, the Self. Those who possess this number are very independent, individualized and have the courage of their convictions. They have little respect for rules and authority, and can be appealed to only through their reason. They are creative, but plan better than they execute. Just as the plant has a force which impels it to break its surrounding husk and push up through the obstacles of the earth, so these people seem to thrive on opposition and to be somewhat combative. For this reason we often find them espousing an unpopular cause. Number 1 stands upright and apart from every other number, although it is also an integral part of each digit, so these people are the same, they are in the world but not of it, exclusive, but with a strong note of Unity.

Number Two is two straight lines, or Number One reproduced. The two cotyledons put forth by the plant indicate the next step in its evolution. The Pythagoreans spoke of Number Two as the number of audacity, because it was the first to depart from Divine Unity. Thus, it is a reflection of Number One, its shadow, as it were. Duality is strongly expressed here, Number One representing the Creative, or Male principle, and Number Two the receptive, or female principle. We have, therefore, found that those who have this number in their makeup are just the opposite of Number One. They are receptive, quiet, always wait for the opinions of others before expressing their own, peaceful, very domestic, maternal, do not like to take the lead, have little initiative, tactful, reflective, a human question mark, always seeking knowledge, introspective, natural mediators, intuitive.

Number Three is symbolized as a third line connecting two radii, or the first geometrical figure, the triangle. This represented the Deity in three-fold expression, Spirit, Mind and Matter. This symbolized divine love, completeness, expression or manifestation. Only in translation can matter body bring forth spirit, thus three indicates perfection of creation. Thus, Number Three signifies perfection, and those who have this number in their make-up demand perfection from themselves and others. For this reason they are often inclined to be critical. They desire to express themselves through art, music, adornment, and writing. They often exaggerate because the mind works rapidly and they have great breadth of vision. They are so versatile and interested in so many projects that often they are not profound, and dissipate their energies. They are lovers of happiness, sunshine and good cheer and do not worry. They are able to conduct several lines of effort at the same time.

Number Four is symbolized by the square, the cube, the anvil upon which man must beat out the spark divine from the material of himself. The idea of sacrifice is inherent in four, because ancient altars were rough cubes, upon which was kindled the flame and consumed the sacrifice. This is a material number, and associated with it is the idea of sacrifice and service. Those who have Number Four in their make-up are materialistic and demand proofs of soulful truths. They are the plodders, the workers, those who love details and are exact, methodical, and tenacious of purpose. They prefer the useful to the ornamental, are studious, intellectuai and the "Marthas, troubled about many things."

Number Five is symbolized by the pentacle, the geometrical emblem of man, his head in the heavens, his hands outstretched to receive and dispense, his feet spread and firmly planted upon the earth. The five-pointed star in ancient times was the symbol of magic. Its reversal, the point downward and the two points upward, signified black magic. Many secret societies use this symbol, and through the ignorance of the jeweler, the star is often mounted in this manner, and it should not be permitted, as the emblem loses its meaning of truth when the ' point is reversed. The five senses are strongly developed in those who possess this number, and for that reason one is either true to his higher nature or seeks self-gratification. This number signifies new life, inspiration, the Christ consciousness. Here the creative powers are stirred on all planes, but they are sometimes only used for worldly indulgences. These people are fond of travel and change, and because nothing is permanent under this force, these people are crucified by the experiences which force them to grow into bigger things. They love mystery in all things, and are interested in scientific and occult studies, and are mystics.

Number Six is symbolized as a double interwoven triangle which makes the six-pointed star, or the hexagon. This, in ancient times, symbolized man and woman or marriage. Thus, Number Six has been associated with work, domesticity and industry. The bees, ants and wasps, the most industrious creatures in the insect world, are six segmented and have three pairs of legs. Those who possess this number are cosmic fathers and mothers, who often have as much love for another's child as for their own. These people assume responsibilies for the family and the community, and for dependent humanity. They are honest, reliable, loyal and conscientious, and have a marked faculty of imparting their knowledge to others. Since this number is twice three, they also possess many of the characteristics of that number, but in a more practical sense.

Number Seven is symbolized by the addition of the dot to the

center of the hexagon, thus suggesting creation or divinity, cradled in matter and fecundation anew of the central point or All through sacred literature, Number Seven has scintilla. been regarded with reverence and mystery. It signifies rest, poise, the Sabbath day, worship, the "Seven Ages of Man." The physical cycle of every individual is computed in sevens, for man is a seven-fold being, renewing his cellular construction every seven years. His body is composed of layers of skin, seven in number. Even his allotted time to live is three-score years and ten or 70, a multiple of 7. Those who possess this number like to rest, meditate, to worship and be alone. They are fond of nature and quiet places. They live much in the subjective realms and have little understanding of objective life. They are deep wells of wisdom, which the secker must discover. They are intuitive, and it is difficult to penetrate their being.

Number Eight is symbolized by the octagon, and again by two circles interlaced or emerging one from the other. Eight is four plus four, or equality and balance. This number was associated with evolution or progression. There was some inflow of divine truths into the material four, so that those who possess this number are more interested in soulful truths and less skeptical than those under four, of which is is composed. Justice, balance, wisdom, success in material matters, all are a part of this force.

Number Nine is symbolized by the nine-pointed star, or three interlaced triangles or perfection manifesting on the three planes of soul, body and mind. This was the figure of initiation into the mysteries of a higher life or the door. Here the nine again meets the one and is to manifest the ten, or man complete, or the beginning of a super humanity. Those who possess this number are universal in love, desire perfection of the arts and sciences and are selfless. They have strong emotions which they must use in the right direction, for, as in five, there is a great need to live constructively, to have the courage to penetrate into higher realms and not follow the path that their feet have made smooth, the broad and luring road that leads to destruction. Fear is the great demon that these people must face and conquer. They can truly say, "Not my will but thine be done." They are the great humanitarians, the leaders of the Brotherhood of Man.

Thus we conclude the first nine digits and all other numbers are produced from these nine in combination, but are reduced in this system by addition to a single digit. Fourteen is composed of one and four, but reduced to a digit by adding them • to each other, thus, one plus four equals five. It is stated that the number system of Pythagoras employed numbers into the hundredths, which, of course, made it very intricate and almost unintelligible to the lay mind. Many teachers today use numbers beyond the nine to signify higher states of consciousness. I know of one system that uses them to thirty-one, and another to sixty-three, and while it is true that these give us a finer understanding of life and its interpretation, we need only ocnsider the nine for our present study.

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The grand essentials to happiness in this life are, something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

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Life is made up, not of great sacrifices and dutics, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. SIR HUMPHREY DAVY.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to attain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.

PHULUPS BROOKS.

Happiness must be earned, like other good things, else it cannot be held. It can be deserved only where its price has been somehow paid. Nothing worth having is given away in this world—nor in any other that we know of. No one rides deadhead on the road to happiness. He who tries to do so, never reaches his destination. He is left in the dumps.

DAVID STARR JORDAN.

Extracts from the Mystic Road

EIGHTH LETTER

WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT

IIAVE set out to prove that the inner quest, far as it seems from life in America today, is the key to all that is great in the arts and romance, the talisman for the quest of happiness. There are the paths of the Head and the Heart. The occultist relines his intellect to the point of utmost delicacy before the perception of the

larger consciousness dawns upon him. To reline the intellect, the occultist finds it necessary to begin upon the mastery of his body. Somewhat upon the ordering of his life in the flesh, depends the poise and potency of his thinking organism. He cultivates attention, memory, concentration, tensile strength of faculty, until he reaches the point when chemistry becomes alchemy, astronomy becomes astrology, physics, metaphysics. This arrival is quite as inevitable as the lift of the airplane from its wheels to its wings when a certain speed is attained.

The road of the mystic is the road of the heart. The mystic contemplates where the occultist concentrates; the mystic realizes while the occultist analyzes; the mystic turns to the innermost and uppermost and finds them one; the occultist patiently discerns his god in the outermost, in the nethermost, and makes no mistake. The first adores a star, the second scrutinizes a clod; neither is more right than the other; the greater each, the more he reveres and needs the other for being that which he is not—as man to woman. In fact, mystic and occultist should work together like a well-mated pair, in which the man learns the secret of life from the woman's heart and tells it back to her brain.

Ours is the mystic road, and such of course, is the temper of these Letters. We read occultism, but the unfoldings of our inner life, the source of our strength to endure with secenity such days as these in the world, the grace to perform our tasks and prepare for greater tasks, now that the warrior passes and the workman comes again—for us these are from the doctrines of the heart.

You understand that meditation is the way out of the prison-house of self. All amusements and performances are to forget the self, to lose the sense of time and space, the numbing constriction of the here and now; the same is the drive of our zeal for books and plays and friends, for all rushing to and fro. The time comes when we turn screaming from the external and look within.

Release from the pain comes from within; life and light and love and inspiration and heroism and mastery—all from within. It is only by a correspondence within that we can perceive and become cognizant of anything without. Our cutlure is a continual tallying of the within with the without. If we had not light within, we could not endure the light from without.

Man is a little cosmos, but it is only his body which is relative to the carth. Other spheres of the cosmos also have their centers within. Through the awakening and unfolding of these centers, literally, the cosmic consciousness dawns.

1 join with you in the great and splendid laugh of it all. We apprehend air, water, fire and earth, because of such our bodies are made, but with greater zest we find that we are made of star-stuffs and celestial ethers: that we are dynamic centers of wisdom, love and action. The body of flesh is but the borderland of our Province. Deep within is the Sacred City; deeper still, the Square, the Palace, the Throne-room, the Throne, the King Himself. Through the inner quest we pass, step by step, until at last we are face to face with— Ourselves. Many of us are confined to the outposts of our borders. We have hardly heard that there is a Capital—much less, a King Himself.

As we awaken the centers within through the administry of meditation, we quicken our lives to greater voltage throughout. The evil intrinsic in our natures springs into being as well as the good. It is like alternate sun and rain upon prepared lands—all seeds quicken, tares as well as grain. The battle then, according to our progress, is ceaseless and furious. Pain marks the swift growth, but gives way to power. Power is the triumph of the force of levitation in our natures; it comes to be through the conquest of the pain-bringing forces, which answer only to the pull of the earth.

The more concrete a thing is, the more it is limited. The more abstract a thing is, the more it is free, but to be perfect in freedom we must establish our beginnings where materials are heaviest, matching our foundations well with the foundations of the earth—happily an chored, so to say, among and upon the rocks. This gives tone and art to our abstractions, and is one reason for life here.

One's attitude to death often reveals the strength of his inner life. The deeper one goes in the quest within, the less desirable life here appears. We loosen our hold upon the material form as well as upon the external possessions which bind us to the world. The realization comes again and again that life in the flesh is the lowest arc of a great cycle. This arc contains the deepest darkness, the heaviest impediment, dullest coloring and most inflexible equipment. Yet mystics and occultists here joyously serve out their sentences, having learned how to live. They endure the full term of imprisonment with growing adoration for the Plan; for it is here in matter that the abuttments are sunk for lovelier spiritual editices. Length of days is accepted as a means for balancing and perfecting the higher arcs of the cycle. We crawl at midnight to wing across the vivid noons.

The mystic and occultist, on the other hand, alone perceive the dim decencies of life on the ground. Their inner windows are opened to the higher spheres, but also the five senses are made delicate and animate through spiritual quickening, so that sounds, textures, colors, tastes and fragrances are sensed to a degree incredible by those to whom the five senses mean all. It is invariably true that one must lift slightly above a plane to perceive it.

One must become intuitive to comprehend the function of intellect; one must become spiritual to perceive sensuous beauty and force; one must dwell in that sixth sense to appreciate the excellent and revelatory play of the other five; in fact, one does not develop this sixth sense, which is a synthesis of the others, until the five have been almost miraculously quickened. It is the same story again of the airplane reaching a certain speed on wheels before wings take the strain of the fabric and the hold of the earth lets go.

By transmutation we make of ourselves what we will. We cultivate our tastes by choosing what we wish to enjoy. We bring ourselves to relish a dull task by making a character-test of it. The pain and the danger flashes away from an enforced fast, if we make a sacrament of it; a wearisome walk may become a pilgrimage.

In fact, the very core of the meditative purpose is to get out of the detached will of self, out of the heresy of the sense of separateness, into the great moving law where inter-atomic and inter-solar are but terms of traffic of one great Plan. To return into the Holy Law, we look within. We have had our fling at managing the world. It has all come tumbling about our heads. We are sick and slack and at strife. We sit with swine and snatch our husks, before we remember the house of the Father and arise. The way Home at first, is thought by thought. The time comes when we can no more permit a question able though to rove into our minds and take control than we would ramble in a by-way, when in a hurry to get somewhere.

Very early we learn that we are not our bodies, not our desires, not our minds; that we must manage exactly the movement and play and flow of all these. Then, step by step, the meaning of man, the little cosmos, becomes clearer; also that man must rule this microcosm. Presently we see that the cells of the human body are as mysterious and marvelously swung as stars and planets through the universe; that sickness is an imperfect polarity of the cellular system, local or gen eral, a house divided against itself, out of the law, out of touch with its Throne.

We all want the same thing—the co-ordination of the mind with the Soul. We want for our own use down here the powers of Being. We know that every significant thing man has done has come from the Soul, not from the mind; that his inspiration for poem or song, or invention is from the Knower, not from the thinker. Actually the thing we want is to become Spiritually-minded.

You may let these words drum on your consciousness for ages, and never get the meaning of them unless you answer them spirit for spirit in the mind. They are so simple that they contain no astonishment for you; perhaps they contain disappointment because no art adheres, because they are so mystical as to have achieved clarity.

The highest mystical injunction I can give relative to attainment is this: TIRELESSLY, HOURLY WORK UPON THE CORRECTION OF YOUR FAULTS! Yet you would hear this in the infant class.

Ten years ago Bucke's book on Cosmic Consciousness came into my hands. From various angles it discussed the mystery of the enlargement and cleansing of the mind to receive the Spirit. It made vast approaches to the Great Subject, reverential researches. It was something in those days even to know what the title of the book meant, as a hypothesis. Today it is the very breath of the Runners—the quest, the one song, the one story of life—to make the mind beautiful enough to entertain the Spirit; to link the natural with the spiritual.

We overcome our bodies that our minds may be cleansed to receive the Guest. We expand the mind with sacred writings and the words of all teachers to accelerate its vibration. When the gickening reaches a certain point, the lowest spiritual vibration is able to touch the mind's highest, and there is union.

Always there are fruits of a true union. Poems, songs, inventions are the fruits of momentary flashes. But we wish this sustained power, this *sustained* clation. Our minds must be deepened, strengthened, sweetened to endure the steady inflow of our own spiritual powers.

It all comes back to the correction of faults as the way. A clean body is required to support the mind to the point of its great renunciation. The mind must surrender itself to the Spirit. Now see the importance of becoming simple, receptive, free from opinions and parti sanship, all of which belong to the realm of chance and change; to the thinker not to the Knower. They obstract the union of the mind with the Spirit, as does all that a man thinks he knows. When the mind gives itself over to the revelations of the essential life he no longer thinks, he Knows. Yet it is necessary to think that we do not know, in order to clear the mind for Knowing. All in a sentence—the quest is to become *Spiritually minded*—and that is to become superb and inimitable.

By thought we rise; by thought we fall; by thought we stand or go: all destiny is wrought by its swift potency.— James Allen.

The Sacred Centers

(The article in the January issue on "The Twelve Gates" brought a number of inquiries and comments, and among them was this excellent article by Sunshine Daddy, who has evidently given the subject profound study:)

My Friend:

Regarding your article on "The Twelve Sacred Gates" in the January Aquarian Age, I feel that we are working along the same line, each of us having a glimpse of the truth, and as the other fellow's idea is usually illuminating, I am going to offer you mine for your consideration as follows:

For years I, and since Mrs. E, and I became one, we, have done our work on the physical body along the idea of the seven, not six, Centers and the Twelve Gates of the Body. Let us first take my idea of the Gates. There are Twelve, and I divide them into seven (Spiritual Man), and four material man) and one connecting which gives us five or a physical man. The Seven Spiritual Gates are the seven openings in the head or the Higher Man through which we take in that which is necessary to build "our universe" or our physical growth, which is the first step toward the growth of the soul. The seven are, of course, the eyes (two), the ears (two), the nostrils (two), and one mouth. The four material gates through which we throw out both waste and our share toward the keeping up of the vehicles for the life stream to manifest itself in are the nipples and the openings of the rectal and sex organs, the connecting gate being the navel.

The Seven Sacred Centers are the seven greater plexuses, chakres, Chablean sacred fires, also the seven cities of Asia of the Revelation. There are, of course, forty-nine plexuses or nerve centers in the body as there are forty-nine sacred fires according to oriental and occult philosophy, but the seven most important, the ones designated by John of Patmos as the seven cities of Asia (the body) which is also the scroll sealed with the "Seven Seals' and are in the order named. The pineal gland situated just back of the third ventricle of the brain is the City of Laodikeia. This is the third eye, the eye of the spirit, the door of Jesus, astrological sign Leo the Sun. Second the pituitary body or the Cavernous. This is the City of Philadelphia, sign Cancer, the Moon. Third. larvngeal. City of Sardeis. This is Mercury. Fourth, Cardiac, City of Thyateira, Venus. Fifth, epigastric or solar plexus, City of Pergamos, Scorpio, planet Mars. Sixth, prostatic, City of Snivrna, planet Jupiter. Seventh, sacral, City of Ephesus, Capricorn, Saturn. The scroll sealed with seven seals is the body and the life force Jiva, Fohat, Pranna, ordinarily flows down through the two sides of the sympathetic or ganglionic nervous system or rather down one side and up and out the other, the left called Ida and the right Pingala. The pineal gland is still the organ of spiritual sight though as a physical eve is atrophied. Through the action of man's spiritual self consciously or unconsciously he endeavors to open up the third channel, the street paved with gold in the New Jerusalem or the River Jordan, namely, the hollow in the spinal cord, and let this life force Fohat or Speireima, displace the slow moving nervous force of Pranna or Jiva. This is done through the action of man's spiritual will and arouses into spiritual activity Kundalina (Speircima) coiled at the base of the spine as it is poetically expressed in the Upanishads. Our work as healers is to help in this opening up process, starting with Smyrna the prostatic, working up carefully, opening up one center at a time up to and including Philadelphia, or pituitary; then down to Ephesus and finally to Laodikeia the pineal. When the force flows from Laodikeia to Philadelphia "a Cross" is formed. The Christ within is brought to life and then only can one be said to have a glimpse of "cosmic consciousness," a term that is much mis-used and the experiences called by that name are often only an emotional or sexual stress or a condition of self-induced hypnosis.

Now, my friend, remember I am not trying to start an

argument, not set myself up as a "wise guy." I am only offering to you the portion of truth that I see, hoping that each one of us will get a larger vision of truth out of it.

Oh, yes, I also use the seven aspects of the Logos, viz., in Ephesus, the aspect of the Logos is memory, Smyrna reason, Pergamos will, Thyateira direct cognition, Sardeis divine love, Philadelphia divine thought, Laodikeia divine subsistence, "Arche" from which come all elements, subtle and gross. As I understand it the Kundalina takes the place of the ordinary slow moving nervous force and becomes the agent of the Telestic or perfecting work and as it is specialized in the ganglionic system becomes the seven tattvas, pneumata, or breaths of the Apocalypse. Concurrent with the seven human forces are the five solar fires pertaining to the cerebro-spinal system. called the seven Pranna Vital Airs, Life Winds, or the Winds (anemonia) of the Apocalypse. These twelve forces correspond to the twelve signs of the Zodiac, which of course in dual presentation becomes the four and twenty Elders or Ancients before the throne.

> Sincerely yours, SUNSHINE DADDY, The Sunshine Path, 18 East Thirteenth St., Lawrence, Kas.

Much which we think essential is merely a matter of habit. THOMAS WENTWORTH HUGGINSON.

Faith, hope and love are puritiers of the blood. They have a peptic quality. They open and enlarge all the channels of bodily vitality. As was learned long ago, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." And the self-control which keeps reason on the throne and makes passion serve is the best of all domestic physicians.

CHARLES G. AMES.

Thought and Locomotion

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

F. often hear the expression, "How easy it will be for us to travel about in the ethereal realms when we lay aside our bodies. All we will need to do is to will to be at a certain place, and we will be there immediately, even if our destination is a remote star." It is true that locomotion in • the invisible realms is conducted with wonderful speed and under the direction of the will, but there are limitations that effect all beings more or less according to their state of development. For instance around this earth, and in fact around all heavenly bodies, are great magnetic or etheric zones that reach out one beyond the other millions of miles in space, becoming more intense in vibration as they graduate away from this earth. Earth-bound spirits, those who have passed from this plane with little or no aspiration, find themselves bound so close to earth conditions that they cannot rise into a higher altitude because of the intensity of the vibrations. They can only rise to higher planes as they spiritualize themselves, that is, purify themselves of all selfish and earthly dross. No one rises to a level higher than the plane he has attained to in spiritual progress. No one can rise higher than his vibratory force will carry him.

These magnetic or etheric fields have been separated into three great divisions called firmaments, the lower, middle and upper firmaments. Each of these are subdivided into three planes, the lower firmament embracing the first, second and third spiritual planes; the middle firmament the fourth, fifth and sixth spiritual planes, and the upper firmament the Divine or Celestial Realms. Paul, speaking of being taken to the third heaven, did not refer to the third spiritual plane, for that is not a high plane, but referred to the upper heaven or Celestial Kingdom. "How that he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful (not possible with our limited faculties or means of communication) for man to utter." 2 Cor. 12:4.

To the lower firmament gravitate the souls who have not evolved or riscn out of their mortal attachments or sense plane conditions. This is particularly true of those in the lower strata of this realm. In the higher states of this realm they are awakening, and in the middle firmament are awak-, ened to a greater degree of universal love and affection of the ego, and are more fully engaged in service to others. In the upper firmament, or realms of benediction and glory, reside the master souls, the great helpers and blessers of mankind. Only those who have cultivated a broad universal love and sympathy and mastered all mortal limitations, are qualified to enter this realm. Many of these great ones descend and work upon the lower planes, healing and teaching those less advanced. Many are able to work directly upon the earth plane when they can find souls who have elevated their vibrations through devotion and consecration, purity of thought and feeling, and by love and service, with their own high plane of thought and benevolent aims. With their greater vision, understanding and power they can deal with conditions from the invisible side of life that are hid from the eyes of their servants.

We look out into the blue sky, so symbolical of the Infinity of Spirit, and a restful feeling steals over us, the effect of the soothing blue ray and the spiritualizing effect of looking up, which always opens up the petals of the soul to the spiritual light, and we wonder about the immensity of this deep, unfathomable ocean of blue, in which we can lose our cares and worries. Only when the stars come out at night do we realize that this ethercal vault contains something. Yet if we could see with added vision, or travel through its transparent waves, freed from our denser bodies, we would be surprised at the magnitude of life and activity manifesting everywhere, the Kingdoms, the Societies, the Orders, the groupings o fsouls with allied interests, the institutions, the vistas of beauty and splendor.

One can project his thought immense distances and almost instantly make connection and communicate with another soul on some other planet or plane of life, providing of course he knows someone who can catch his call and respond to him, but to go there in person, that is, in your spiritual body, takes time. On this plane you can, or rather a few can, connect up immediately and communicate with others telepathically at a distance, even across continents and seas. but to go to them in person is a matter of days and sometimes weeks, according to the distance. This same law holds good in the spiritual realms. "As above so below," or "As below so above." Although flight in the more ethereal realms is made with wonderful rapidity, it is not instantaneous, for there are paths through space, and bars and obstacles to overcome, and detours to make, and a body cannot travel as fast as thought. There are suns and systems of suns so distant that it would take years and even centuries for a spirit to reach. We cannot with our limited faculties comprehend the vastness of God's universe. Some astronomer has said that when the telescope is stationary, the suns that pass through the field of the aperture look like an avalanche or a Niagara of falling stars.

A point of light in the heavens when viewed through the telescope is found to contain six thousand suns, all relatively as far apart as our sun is from the other suns near us. New instruments applied in the measurements of stars have disclosed the great size of Betelgeuse (the great sun in Orion, in the shoulder of the great giant) which is so large that one-half of its bulk could not be squeezed between our earth and the sun, which is 92,000,000 of miles away.

"When I consider thy Heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that

thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth." Ps. 8.

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THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE MUST GIVE

What would you think of a rose that would say to itself, "I cannot afford to give away to strangers all my beauty and sweetness. I must keep it for myself. It is wasteful extravagance to give these things away"? But behold, the moment it tries to store up, to withhold them from others, they vanish. The fragrance, the beauty, do not exist in the unopened bud. It is only when the rose begins to open itself, to exhibit its petals, to give its secret, its life to others, that its beauty and fragrance are developed.

So selfishness defeats its own ends. He who refuses to give himself for others, who closes the petals of his helpfulness, and withholds the fragrance of his sympathy and love, finds that he loses the very thing he hoped to gain. The very springs of his manhood dry up. His finer nature becomes petrified. He grows deaf to the cries of help from his fellowmen. His tears are dried up, and he stares at misfortune without wincing.

Refuse to open your purse, and soon you cannot open your sympathy. Refuse to love, and you soon lose the power to love. Your affections are paralyzed, your sympathy atrophied from disuse, and you become a moral cripple. But the moment you open wide the door of your narrow life, and like the rose send out without stint your fragrance and beauty upon every passer-by, whether peasant or millionaire, you begin to develop a marvelous power.—Marden.

I believe if we could only see beforehand what it is that our Heavenly Father means us to be, the soul beauty and perfection and glorv, the glorious and lovely spiritual body that this soul is to dwell in through all eternity; if we could have a glimpse of this, we should not grudge all the trouble and pains he is taking with us now to bring us up to that ideal which is his thought of us.

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Letter No. 16 JESUS AND DAVID GOD'S PLAN

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N MY letter No. 15 I set out the Sworn Covenant of God put on King David, *about* 1050 B. C., showing what God intends to do with David; but the world is so astray on everything set in the Bible that a discussion of the points in detail has to be made in order to bring the people out of their false ideas, as God is, now, bringing things to a focus so that it is a positive necessity for the people to get into the truth of things in order to stand at all and go through the *terrible* period that is approaching. They must know what is coming in order to get their bearings and not step the wrong way, as a wrong step will bring disaster.

The world must learn that when the Bible talks about David it does not mean Jesus Christ. This point is so important, these days, that I dwell on it and discuss it, in all its details, to break down the false ideas that people have about it. By thinking that the Bible statements about David mean Jesus Christ, the churches and the people have thrown the world into utter darkness and falsehood about God's plan for the future of this earth. Therefore, the mission set to David and the mission set to Jesus must be studied and compared, each with the other, and it will be clearly seen that Jesus was never ordained to be an earth king, as that mission was set to David; and this is why the Bible prophecies have so much to say about David. But the people always think that David means Jesus Christ: and this twist turns the Bible all out of square and puts a false idea on the world about lesus to come back to earth and set up a kingdom. The people do not see that this kind of a mission is set to David, and that it does not apply

to Jesus. This point must be thoroughly understood before any sense can be seen in the numerous Bible statements. The *people's* idea about it throws the Bible into an entangled mess of falsehood.

Now go over the subject and study carefully all the points in the Covenant of God, put on David, and then compare them with the sworn covenant of God put on Jesus Christ and note the wide difference of the two missions set on the two men. Here is the sworn covenant of God put on Jesus Christ.

SWORN COVENANT ON JESUS CHRIST

The Lord hath sworn and will not repent; Thou (Jesus Christ) art a Priest forever after the order of Melchisadec.—Psalms 110:4.

Nothing said in this covenant about Jesus Christ ever to be a King or an Establisher of a Kingdom. The covenant simply says: "Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchisadec," which is a Priesthood that stands forever. The Priests in it never die. But it is not a government ; therefore. it did not make Jesus a king; and he announced this fact by saving, "My kingdom is not of this world," John 18:36. If people would look at all these numerous statements and sworn covenants, set in the Bible, they would quit their foolishness of looking for the man Jesus to come back to this earth and set up a kingdom, as he says, *positively*, that his kingdom is not of this world. And the sworn covenant of God put on him shows that Jesus was made a Priest and not an earth king. But the sworn covenant of God put on David shows that David was made an earth king, higher than the other earth kings. He is to rule over other kings of earth. And he gets the earth kingship by being made God's first-born to comply with the ancient law that made the first-born or oldest son the heir to the father's throne. And the sworn covenant, put on David, says David is made God's first-born to inherit the throne. So all we have to do is to watch the wording of the covenants put on David and on Jesus and we can see what is set to come forever; and what the mission of each personage is to be. The wording of the David covenant contains many

points. And the wording of the Jesus Christ covenant contains just one point. "Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchisadec." Nothing said about throne to endure forever, as the sun. Nothing said about him being a King, higher than the kings of earth. These statements are set in the David covenant, but not in the Jesus Christ covenant because the *literal* Kingship and literal Kingdom are set to King David. And Jesus knew all this, and he said, "My kingdom is not of this world"—see John 18:36. The world seeth me • no more—see John 14:19. And he went on to say, "It is expedient that I go away"—see John 16:7.

The Melchisadec Priesthood, as applied to Jesus Christ, is discussed and explained by St. Paul in the 7th chapter of Hebrews. And Paul understood the difference between things sworn to and things not sworn to. And he compares the Aaron Priesthood with the Melchisadec Priesthood and shows the difference. And he puts Jesus Christ into the Melchisadec Priesthood and shows that it is a thing sworn to and is to stand forever; and that it is the perfect thing, while the Aaron Priesthood was not the perfect thing; and that the Aaron Priests died because they were only temporary and not sworn They were made Priests without an oath, Paul says, And, to. by studying, carefully, Paul's statements we can trace the thread of this subject about David and Jesus and the mission set to each; and why Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world," But David's mission is exactly the reverse. His covenant says he is ordained as a King, higher than the kings of earth. He is over the kings of earth. They must come under David. And this idea is positively stated in the 41st chapter of Isaiah which discusses this very day and time and shows that trouble will be on earth at this time, and that God will, right at this day, raise up King David and set him over all the kings of earth and give them over into David's hand just as though they were soft mud in the hands of a potter who takes the soft mud or clay and shapes it into any kind of vessels he chooses to make out of the clay. This idea is posi-

tively stated in the Isaiah chapter, but it does not name David right out. It calls him the Righteous Man from the east. It means King David who was buried in Jerusalem (the far East) 1014 B. C. And the Divine Spirit is talking in the 41st chapter of Isaiah and It is asking the question as to who raised up the Rightcous Man from the east and set him over kings and made him to rule over them. Then the Spirit answers the question by saving, "1, the Lord, did it. 1 am the first and the last. I am he." It is a thing set to take place in the near future but it is written as though it has occurred. This style or way of putting things is found all through the prophecies. They write it down as though it has occurred, but it means that it is to occur in the future; and, in this 41st chapter of Isaiah, the Spirit is telling about the trouble that will be on earth at this time (today) and how the Lord intends to raise up the ancient King David from his eastern tomb and set him up on his feet and have him pursue the nations that are in trouble and get the advantage over them by the power of the Lord put on David, so the nations and the kings will be as nothing before King David. But the reading of it shows that it will be a dangerous situation but that David will come through it safely because the Lord will be the Protector and the Power that will make David the victor. Here is the statement about it.

Who raised up the Rightcous Man from the east and called him to his feet (put him on his feet) and gave the nations before him and made him rule over kings, and gave them over to him as the dust to his sword and as the stubble to his weapon. He pursued them and passed safely, even by a way he had not gone with his feet.

Who hath wrought it and done it? I, the Lord. I am the first and the last. I am he. The isles saw it and feared. The ends of the earth were afraid and drew near and came. *Isaiah* 41:2 to 6.

This agrees with the sworn covenant of God put on David. It says, "I, the Lord, have made David my first-born and higher than the kings of earth. I will beat down his foes before his face and plague them that hate him. The enemy shall not ex act off of him."—*Psalms 89*.

This is why the Isaiah prophecy says the Righteous Man from the east (meaning King David) will pursue the warring nations and take them and rule over their kings; because the covenant makes David a King higher than the kings of earth. He is to rule over all other kings of earth. This prophecy of Isaiah, about the Rigtheous Man from the east pursuing the nations, will come to pass in the near future. Things are being made ready for it. It comes under the covenant put on David. and I introduce it here to show how different David's mission is from the mission of Jesus Christ who announced it that his Kingdom is not of this world. See John 18:36. While the covenant put on David shows that David's mission is to be a literal King of this world and pursue the nations and bring them under him, because his covenant makes him a King higher than the kings of earth. He is to be a King over all the other kings. This Isaiah prophecy positively states this and goes on to describe the movements the Righteous Man from the east (meaning King David) will make against the warring nations and, by the power of God, take them and rule over them. This is an all-around hard, literal Kingship to be acted out in the near future. And it shows that it does not apply to Jesus Christ who positively declared, "My kingdom is not of this world." See John 18:36. The world seeth me no more .--John 14:19. It is expedient that I go away. John 16:7.

One God and Father of all, who is over us all, who pervades us all, who is wITHIN us all.—Eph. 4:6 (Moffatt's Tran.).

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MRS. V. S.

Tiffin, Ohio—Your Lessons are line. When we read them we feel a peculiar uplift. I can sense your treatments. I feel as though someone had lifted me out of a low-spirited condition. I am sending money just to pay for your assistance in helping me out of the terrible misery (she and her husband were run into by another car, and their automobile completely wrecked, both being badly hurt). Where would we have been had we not had your help? God bless you both and keep you from all harm.

MRS. M. E. S.

Pasadena, Calif.—The temperature came right down after I telegraphed you and our little boy has slept and been perfectly normal in other ways. The swelling is slowly but surely diminishing. He is cheerful and brave and only when the neck is touched does he complain. We noticed the change at once and my courage is as big as a mountain. Worlds of thanks until you hear from me again. (Two doetors wanted to operate at once for dangerous swelling of gland under the ear, with high temperature, when the mother wired for help.)

MRS. M. C.

Phoenix, Ariz.—1 rejoice in being able to tell you that our little girl is greatly improved and we feel now that all is well. She will soon be able to be out of bed. We brought her home a week ago when the doctor wished to move her into the contagious ward, which we could not allow. I thank you so much for your kind assistance and love. God will bless you abundantly, I am sure, in all your work.

(This little girl was run over by an automobile and operated on for rupture of the bladder. Was in a very dangerous condition when they wired us for help. The grandmother had a vision of the accident three weeks before it occurred.)

MRS. L. D.

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MISS F. M. F.

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MRS. F. W.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—I am enclosing an order for another month's treatments. My eyes are much better and I can see to read the lessons. I have been having such beautiful experiences since I last wrote to you. I truly believe that I shall regain my vision, both human and spiritual. (This woman was blind.)

MRS. E. R. E.

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MRS. G. M. L.

Avalon, Pa.—The way you have helped me is remarkable, and my memory is steadily improving. It seems every day people become more interested in me, and every once in a while someone tells me they have heard favorable comments about me. The other day a fellow with whom I work complained of having rheumatism in his back and arm, and asked me to run an electric vibrator over him. I did this, but while doing so I repeated twice the following: "You are Divine, the Divine Life in you has power to overcome this condition. I now speak to you as a soul, to exercise your Divine Birthright and behold you are healed." And he was healed, and I don't believe it was the vibrator that did it. So I hope I am getting the power to heal and hope if it is so, that I may cure many. Thanking you for all you have done and will do for everyone, I am.

MR. H. H. M. (18 years old).

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George B. Brownell.

FROM SHADOW TO SUNSHINE

I learn as the years roll onward And leave the past behind, That much I have counted sorrow But proves that our God is kind; That many a flower I longed for Had a hidden thorn of pain, And many a rugged bypath Led to fields of ripened grain.

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The clouds but cover the sunshine, They cannot banish the sun; And the carth shines out the brighter When the weary rain is done; We must stand in the deepest shadow, To see the clearest light, and often from worong's own darkness Comes the very strength of right.

The sweetest rest is at even, After a wearisome day, When the heavy burden of labor Has been borne from our hearts away, And those who have never known sorrow Cannot find the Infinite Peace That falls on the troubled spirit, When it sees at last release.

We must live through the weary winter If we would value spring;

.Ind the woods must be cold and silent Before the robins sing;

The flowers must be buried in darkness Before they could bud and bloom,

.Ind the sweetest and warmest sunshine Comes after the storm and gloom.

So the heart from the hardest trial Gains the purest joy of all, And from lips that have tasted sadness The sweetest songs will fall. For as peace comes after suffering And love is reward of pain, So after earth comes heaven, And out of our loss the gain.

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