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LESSON IN HIGHER KNOWLEDGE PART III.

To consider our laws according to the facts thus far given: We have the Active and the Passive, which by their reciprocal action upon each other give rise to the Neuter, which partakes of the nature of both.

The following table will give the student a fair conception of the principle we are endeavoring to make plain.

The Active.	The Passive.	The Neuter.
The Positive,	Negative,	Neuter,
Attraction,	Repulsion,	Equilibrium,
Male,	Female,	Child,
Gaseous State,	Solid State,	Liquid State,
Light,	Darkness,	Twilight,
Acid,	Base,	Salts,
The Father.	The Son.	The Holy Ghost.

This list of new facts can be enlarged greatly, but enough has been given to show the truth of the law.

This law, which is known as the Law of the Series, forms the basis of many occult works. As it may be applied to the realm of chemistry, physiology, biology and contemporaneous science.

LAW OF THE TERNARY

By reference to the preceeding we find that the three terms which constitute the Ternary are: First, The Active; second, The Passive; third, The Neuter. As the law is general in its application we will take the numbers 1 and 2. By adding them we have 3 which must be according to the law of the Neuter.

Thus we find that the figure 1 stands for all that comes under the term Active, as Man, The Divine Father, Light, Heat and so on. To consider further the three worlds, we have: The material world, represented by light and the gaseous state; the moral or natural world by man; the metaphysical world by God the Father. In the same manner the term passive can be replaced by the figure (2) and the neuter by (3). You will thus see that the mathematical calculations of numbers, represented ideas in the occult science as studied by the ancients. We shall here give an application of this idea as found in an ancient Hebrew work called *The Sepher Jesirah*.

“The divine essence is inaccessible to the senses. In order to comprehend it we must have recourse to the language of the spirit. For this reason the ancients called the intelligence or active principle of the Universe, the Monad, or Unity, as it is always the same.

To matter or the passive principle, they gave the

name Duad or the multiplicity as it is constantly subject to all manner of changes. And finally to the earth they gave the name Triad as it is the result of the action of spirit or intelligence upon matter.

Thus God was designated as (1), matter (2), which placed side by side gives 12, which was the number used to express the universe. This doctrine as expressed by Pythagoras was in perfect accord with the wisdom of the Egyptians, the Hebrew masters, the Hindus and, in fact, the whole of antiquity.

UNIVERSAL LIFE—THE SECRET OF THE SANCTUARY

In the last analysis of the human body we find the cell Humanity may be reduced to its social molecule, which is man; the world may be reduced to its astral, and the Universe may be reduced to a world. But the cell, humanity, the astral, the world, the universe are but octaves of the unity which remains always the same. The cells are grouped together to form an organ, the organs are grouped to form the systems and the latter viewed collectively give us the individual.

Cells, Organs, Systems, Individual—such is the progression which forms man, physically speaking. But the individual is then but a cell of humanity. Continuing with similar reasoning we find that individuals are grouped to form a family, the families are grouped to form a tribe, and a number of tribes united form a nation, which is the reflection of humanity. Thus we have Individuals, Families, Tribes, Nations—Humanity. Humanity is still but a cell of the animal king-

dom, which latter is but a cell of the other kingdoms existing upon the earth. Look at the satellites which range around the planets, the planets about the suns in order to constitute the worlds, and the worlds are in themselves no more than cells of the universe, marking by the fiery lines of their orbits the eternal law of the Infinite.

Everywhere shines forth this mysterious progression, the arrangement of the inferior before the superior unities.

All is analogy.

The law which controls the worlds is the same as that which governs the life of an insect.

To study the manner in which the cells are grouped to form an organ is to study the way in which the kingdoms of nature unite to form the earth.

To study the formation of a system by the organs is to study the formation of the world by planets, or of a nation by families.

If you learn the constitution of man by a study of the different systems, you will then know the constitution of the universe by worlds, and of humanity by nations.

To know the secret of a cell is to know the secret of God.

All is analogy.

The absolute is everywhere—all is in everything.

Since man is a cell of humanity, humanity is a superior part of a living being called Earth. And does not the world in itself constitute an inferior series before

the Being of Beings—the Macrocosm of which the universe is its system? Such were the questions addressed to the Sphinx from antiquity.

The life which circulates in the cell also circulates throughout the constitution of man. Whence comes it?

The human cell is immovable in the organ, but the vital current borne by the blood circulates through it with rapidity. Each cell takes from this current what it is in need of. Although the blood is the same throughout the body, each cell transforms differently. In one part of the body the cells may transform the blood to saliva, elsewhere it may create bile or gastric juice and so forth.

The muscular cell finds in the blood current what is requisite for the formation of muscle.

The nervous cell transforms intelligence from the same stream. Thus from the blood which is the same throughout the body we find the different cells taking their supply.

To the Egyptian priests this proved a beautiful analogous fact. The blood may be likened to the white light which gives rise to the various colors when permitted to shine through the prism.

(To be continued.)

WAIT FOR INSPIRATION

What shall I say, O Muse of mine—
 What shall I say, and how?
 With thought I seem all out of line!
 I ponder, knit my brow.
 I try to think; but every line
 That might a tale help build
 Goes fleeting past into the past,
 'Till I doubt that, of the guild
 Of those who guide the press-bound pen
 I was ever meant to be.
 I wait but just a moment—when
 This thought comes back to me:

“You, child, must know YOU have naught to say,
 Until your guide gives voice.
 WAIT! And in silence wait, I pray,
 And God will give you choice
 Of thoughts to give unto His world,
 In language sweet and true;
 And when this banner He's unfurled,
 You will blush to think it's you
 The world applauds. But you will rise
 And herald forth acclaim
 That ONLY through mind infinite,
 These thoughts shall bear thy name.”

Weak human heart, list to thy SOUL,
 That speaks thro' God to thee.
 Learn well thy patience to control,
 And presently wilt see

A halo bright about thy head,
All peopled brilliantly
With thoughts in words more deep and grand
Than e'er you dreamed was given
To mortal ken. Take then, thy stand,
And send them back to Heaven;

But send them back well laden down
With thanks, and love, and praise,
That He has given to thee thy gift—
The pen that shall bring glad days
To human hearts; to human minds,
The pen that brightens WAYS.

—*Nellie Hawks.*

INSPIRATION

It is the wine of life, the elixir, the very joy of effort and exertion. It is the foundation principle of all labor performed by human hands that is of sufficient merit for perpetuation, and the foundation principle of all the grand and beautiful thoughts ever uttered by mankind and permitted to flow in language rhythmic, elevating and pure.

Inspired, and one lives in reality; labors willingly and cheerfully, and finds a peace and glory in the world that else would have been dominated slavery or mere existence. INSPIRATION is the PRINCE OF PEACE; the BREATH OF LIFE; the SOUL of man; the soul of the UNIVERSE. Inspiration is of goodness and GOD, and God is ALL. Why, then,

are we many times so chary of the sweet and cheerful words that bring hope and peace to the starved and wearied souls of mortals when, with but a word, a clasp of the hand, a smile of genuineness, meaning appreciation and love, one will carry to the ahungered that peace that passeth, most truly, all understanding?—that SOMETHING not to be expressed in words, but must be experienced to be known and understood?

If ever a soul was cheered to near repletion, let me inform my unnumbered readers this day, that among such mortals, at least, I shall wish to be known as numbered. Letters of untold value have come sailing into the pretty "FLAT-HOME" in Chicago where dwells the writer and her dearest on earth, and every one so filled with beautiful thoughts and expressions as to bring to the fore from within, all the love and gratitude that my heart is capable of feeling, and the alphabet of my typewriter capable of transcribing for me in messages to send out to those I love (the entire world) and these who have said, "I love you!"

Ah, Love! thou art a holy thing—descended straight from HEAVEN!

Though descended, it is yet of the earth, EARTHY. It is the propelling wheel, the guide, the inspiration of the world and all that the world, in living, implies. Hatred or even indifference does not impress or incline one toward that sensation of at peace with all the world that marks the path of the true student of occultism. It is love alone that "makes the 'wheels' go 'wound'" (Helen's Babies). And, as like begets like, so all throughout this great Universe, it is love that begets

love—an article of actual commerce with which the world has never as yet been surfeited.

And LOVE is the WELL-SPRING of inspiration.

Webster tells us that Inspiration is the supernatural influence of the Spirit of God on the human mind. But we further understand, or, not doing so, we SHOULD understand, that the much talked of and written of IN-BREATHING, in long, deep, full breaths, of the oxygen and ethereal essences of the atmosphere abundantly provided for the use of mankind, is an all-necessary part of the act of living, if one would ever hope to become materially inspired to the accomplishing of exceptional things, whether it be the writing of an essay or a poem, or the doing of the daily termed “prosaic” things of life that are in reality more necessary to the comfort of humanity than either.

Again, Inspiration is, in other words, IN-BREATHING. And no one has ever startled the world with great thoughts expressed, who has not lived near to Nature, in all that the living near to Nature implies. The inspiring and helpful one is one who daily communes with his (or her) own spirit. And his own spirit is GOD! And God is LOVE!

But those letters that have filled my soul with joy and my heart with a still deeper love for all humanity, if that love were possible to be greater than just before their coming. You see, dear hearts, it is just this way:

Letters by hundreds and thousands have been coming my way for many years, helping to make the hard places in life grow more pleasant, and the love for the

world sweeter and deeper. Without these truly dear stranger-friends of mine, I should have never been able to give out to the world the countless messages through the press that, my guides, Divinely appointed, have helped me to herald forth. For years I wrote on and on, unmindful, or rather, unknowing, the influences about me that were striving to win my recognition, and that were making it possible for me to voice my ideas, beliefs and unbeliefs. And all those days I was but blindly pursuing the walk in life that appeared to me indistinctly yet alluringly. But my friends (the earthy ones as well as the Spiritual ones) kept saying to me, "WRITE! Write ON!!!" And I wrote on and on, untiringly and happily, until eventually those same Spiritual guides had led me to YOU, and, more fortunate than all, had led YOU to me. For I needed you, and wanted you. And you have come. Peace and Inspiration be yours, through your love and your kindness. For great is your mission on earth. Prepare to meet your work, that you may labor understandingly, teaching those whom God has placed in your life and your way, the lesson of love and well-doing.

One of the old-time friends of the old home where, eighteen years ago, we took up our abode in pioneer ways and days in blessed old Nebraska, wrote recently of her appreciation of *Oriental Mysteries*. "But I seem to have so far found nothing along really 'New Thought' lines therein," she says, "though doubtless later I shall more clearly understand, when I have had time to more closely study into the subject-matter of the entire publication."

Oriental Mysteries LIVES New Thought while saying little, comparatively, concerning the two words. Diverse the definitions that have been given of the words since the twain have become familiar to almost the entire reading population of the world. And diverse the individual interpretation. But, dear friend of earlier days (and now as well), New Thought is as old as the world, and we are but awakening to a realization of the great primal principle of TRUTH ETERNAL—the truth of LIFE and BEING, the whence we came and whither we journey, and the ALL of life in all its phases, seeming complications and resultants.

The New Thought is bearing us swift on towards the MILLENNIUM, we are told. But how strangely we interpret the coming of Christ, taking the Bible as we do, almost entirely in a literal sense, rather than symbolically or allegorically. Truly have we in the past been groping in darkness. But the light DAWNS, and “clear seeing” is for all. Even the second coming of Christ is made plain to us, when we have risen to an understanding of the LIGHT WITHIN that all true Occultists are constantly and happily talking of. And they do not stand looking towards the heavens for the appearance of unusual signs pointing to the millennium, but KNOW that we stand to-day upon the threshold of that “A thousand years!” when Satan, bound hand and foot by righteous or right living entire, will find no place for holding sway. For the CHRIST WITHIN human souls will have so taken possession of all, that hearts will be pure and faces made beautiful in the ILLUMINATION that shall

overspread them. And then shall the so-called New Thought wave have encompassed the earth, bring millennium-peace to ALL, where but thousands perhaps to-day have really and truly wakened to a full recognition of spiritual blessedness and time without end.

We have doubtless and in truth unmistakably entered the era of the expected second coming of the Saviour of the world. The time had come for the unfolding of the messages that through all time have been meant for the children of the great and eternal God. And the unfolding began some years ago, and will extend unto ETERNITY. It is of the New Thought movement I speak in the last sentence, for it is but a few years indeed since the two expressive words were launched upon their probable never-ending journey of glad tidings, love and inspiration.

The Bible—blessed book!—to the student of Occultism, becomes interesting as never before in the history of his short earth-life. Where, until the scales had almost literally fallen from his eyes, passages of Scripture were declared mythical and unsatisfying, all has become plain when lighted through the light of occult truth. The world grows daily purer, better, and more kindly intentioned, and under the LIGHT of Heaven's disclosing, everything grows beautiful. The love-ties of home grow welded as through no other channel. Hearts grow more firmly united in the love-bond OF love—the sweetest bondage of earth and heaven, and the individual but forever Divine-linked soul goes forward rejoicing in the sweetest of truths that the world ever knew—the TRUTH of Home bliss

and love-bliss ETERNAL. It is sweet and INSPIRING to KNOW that there is no death, but an eternity before, and almost equally inspiring to know that friends and love are of sincerity and truth.

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We desire to thank all of our readers who have complied with the requirements of this department by sending us three subscribers. Besides assisting this paper to grow, you have also done a good and noble work in spreading the light of truth.

Many letters of thanks have reached us for the benefits received.

In fact, if the world only knew what a great influence is exerted upon the lives of mankind by those invisible forces known as elementals, the ranks of our Success Department would be speedily augmented to thousands.

We wish all of our friends to join with us and to receive daily treatments by our Adepts.

Adept No. 1 extends thanks for the financial contributions and desires to state that he has no personal use for money, but will use it for spreading the truth.

OUR ADEPTS

In answer to many inquiries concerning our Adepts, we give the following:

The Adepts are descendants of a long line of Occultists. They reside at present in Europe and Asia, located, respectively, in Paris, Lahore and Gobi.

Each of these great and good men devote their lives to receiving messages from the invisible world. Each is surrounded by secretaries who are able to translate all languages.

Although the Adepts have not mingled freely with humanity and have not especially studied languages, all dialects or idioms are known to them. Through these great mediums knowledge of greatest importance to mankind has been received. In answer to a recent inquiry "Of what is radium composed and whence comes it?" The following answer was received from Adept No. 1: "Radium is the divine substance of the sun. There are no veins where it exists on or in the earth. From time to time in the past particles have been hurled upon the earth and in the future more will be attracted to this sphere from the bright shining orbs of which it forms a part."

Remember, friends, that all you have to do to join the Success Department of the O. M. is to send in three paid subscriptions to the Oriental Mysteries. You will then have your name forwarded to our Adepts, and receive at once an elegant certificate, degree No. 1 and the sacred initiation which was given by God to Moses on the mount. And for two consecutive months thereafter you will receive a degree until you have the complete number three. These degrees are practical and helpful, as they contain knowledge needful for

your development. Anyone can understand them. So do not fail to send in three subscribers.

We want you with us.

HINDOO ASTROLOGY

All persons born from July 22nd to August 21st inclusive, were born under the sign of Leo. Leo, the lion, is the middle of the Fire Triplicity. You are naturally of a jovial, sympathetic, free and friendly disposition to the extent that you are kind hearted, generous, magnetic, and hypnotic, and these powers will give you force to accomplish much good, and will draw to you health, wealth and happiness. You must bend every energy to become magnetic and charming, because these qualities are yours by birth.

By paying the strictest attention to what I advise in this delineation you can swing through this world as a lovable and powerful being, and can avoid all trouble and friction. Put forth of your love freely to all mankind, and have only high aims to be pure and high-minded. There is nothing that can harm you or retard your progress and growth, if you will only hold steadfast to high principles.

Learn that silence is a great power, that cheerfulness, contentment and patience will bring you much prosperity, much health and happiness. Never shirk a duty, and work with high motives, and you will become invincible, and can overcome with your mind every obstacle in your pathway.

Education and refinement can do great things for

you. Always remember you were born under a very fortunate planetary condition, and that many of the greatest people in the world are Leo people.

You have the strength and courage of a lion, and if you are not successful or happy, it is entirely due to your neglect of cultivating and bringing out your wonderful powers. These powers and forces which make for success, are always latent in every Leo person, and can be developed by intelligent exercise of mind and will. Your will is naturally strong, but you can strengthen it by holding your mind to high and strong thoughts. Any line of thinking which causes you to be morbid or blue, is weakening to your will power, and worry or apprehensiveness will drive good things away from you. In money matters you must feel you will be successful, and there is no chance for failure. When you get into that state of mind your success is certain and sure.

Those of the Leo sign who reach the highest attainment are always of a philosophical turn of mind. They fully realize the importance of their taking the ups and downs of life without a single murmur. Be thankful for the good things, and learn to take the bitter with the sweet. By doing this you will strengthen your will power and will then more easily overcome and do battle with obstacles which appear in your path.

By being mild, gentle and kind to the one loved, you will in return not only win all of that person's love, but will also command their highest respect and admiration.

All Leo people should seek an early marriage, and

your chief aim should be to make your home bright and happy, flooding it with all the kindness and love you can command. In every move, be courageous and fearless. The educated and cultivated Leo persons possess intuitive and clairvoyant powers which enable them to foretell the future. Many prophets, sages and wise men and women were born in this sign.

You should listen to good music and read good books and magazines, and observe the ways of successful men and women. You can learn anything you wish to apply your mind to; ought to be handy in mechanical matters.

Your possibilities are so great when you correct and remedy your faults that I have taken special pains in cautioning you against faults which will retard you and make you unhappy. In no way give way to an inclination to be tricky. Always stick to the truth, do not borrow money, books or anything. Be independent and self-reliant, and you will become a giant of strength and power. If you yield to laziness, indolence, impatience, anger, worry and anxiety, you will bring on yourself misery and suffering. Control your passion for the opposite sex. Leo people have brought on great misery by not so doing. Always have high ideals, let your higher nature have full sway.

When in trouble go to a quiet spot alone, try to calm yourself in prayer. By prayer you can accomplish wonderful things, which to the ignorant and unbelieving seem like miracles. The great sun of this solar system governs your sign, and you can attract all the won-

derful solar fluids and currents to your aid, by living the higher life.

Your gems are ruby and diamonds. The astral colors are red and green. The diseases you are most likely to suffer from are weak lungs, heart troubles, and despondency. Your best companions are those born in Sagitarius, Libra and Ares. People born in this sign are usually wiry, but not over tall, well proportioned, round head, light or ruddy complexion, with large eyes and a deep voice.

DR. T. J. BETIERO.

NEW THOUGHT AND OCCULTISM

To our students of occultism we will say—all religions, creeds and fads usually have some truth in them. Although in some its size is quite diminutive. Self-jollification is the best that can be found in the so-called new-thought. It begins and ends with the declaration that "I am it." Occultism also teaches harmony and hopefulness of mind. In other words, it is the power of suggestion whether given by self or outside sources.

But it is so simple, and so easily explained that most discourses on it become prosaic and dull on account of their constant repetition. So to create additional interest, some of the more enterprising journals have begun copying the Yogi-breaths from a well-known book called Raja Yogi, by Swami Vivikenendi, a teacher who awakened much interest here during the World's Fair. As a cobbler cannot teach painting, we advise

our students to pay no attention to such instruction, as it is not only faulty, but dangerous. The true science of breath should be taught only by a master, as correct breathing starts a process somewhat like the rising of bread throughout the brain and spinal cord. If continued progressively it will lead to development and the illumination. But if interpreted or improperly followed, insanity may result. Every one is not competent to teach occult breathing, so we warn our readers to have nothing to do with it.

DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL MYSTICS

Dear Brothers:

We ask you to bear with us for a few days, and to pardon the delay in your lessons. In removing, some of our boxes which contained literature of our order were misplaced. We hope to be able to send two lessons at once to make up for the delay.

Fraternally,

DR. T. J. BETIERO.

Sec'y O. M.

Each reader of this paper should give himself a harmony treatment daily:

That is—when you awaken in the morning lie quietly in bed, taking deep breaths through the nostrils, and exhaling through the same channels, holding the thought in your minds—I am life, health and a part of God. Try it for one month, dear friends, and we feel sure you will follow it through life.

JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING

JUNE 24, 1903.

Fairest of flowers, brightest of dreams,
Sweetest of music-glory light beams,
Wafting my spirit, bouyant and free,
Into the realm of eternity.
Sad was the night-anguish so keen—
Longing for "What might have been,"
Angels of peace, bringing sweetest release,
Calming and soothing—by mortals unseen.
Joyous and happy, strong in the right,
Treading in safety, the "pathway of light,"
Asking for naught, but claiming the "All,"
Which by the spirit of love I may call.

Sorrow and suff'ring come to each heart,
Loss and desire each hath its part,
Teaching us lessons which must be learned,
Showing the danger, the wrong to be spurned.
When in the dark valley we weep,
Struggling our idols to keep—
Then from above comes the holiest love,
Lighting our path up the hillside so steep.
On we will go, then, doing our best,
Led by the spirit, trusting the rest,
Fearless and true, we'll walk in the light,
Heaven within, grand, effulgent and bright.

—Lillian E. McNair,

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DEVELOPMENT

In this age of commercialism it would indeed be a wonder if each aspiring student could easily attain the higher development. To begin with, one must contend against the great sea of inharmonious vibrations with which we are surrounded. Furthermore, the student must deny himself the pleasure of indiscriminate eating, and must in fact put a severe check upon his usual habits.

Many start out with good intentions but, strange to say, most of them find the restrictions arduous and retire early in the work.

I think the great error is that each student of the occult aspires to become a magician, instead of an occultist pure and simple.

In India and many countries of the Orient it is different. Instead of the practical vibrations of money-getting, these countries abound in the most inspiring traditions. The devotees of the occult are usually descended from a line of magicians. Their material wants are generally supplied without personal effort on their part, and all of their surroundings are conducive to that serenity of mind which is so necessary. In ancient times the neophytes withdrew from the labors and pleasures of the world to some solitary place where they gave themselves up to religious thoughts and holy contemplation.

This lonely existence on the silent mountains, or amid the darkness of immense forests, infested by serpents and wild beasts, and as they believed by evil

spirits, had an undoubted effect upon the mind and imagination.

Following the divine intuition which exists in all human beings the immortal soul, unsatisfied in its prison of finite limitation, is always aspiring to the good and true and hoping for messages from unseen friends in higher cycles of existence.

Thus these earnest hermits were regarded by great respect and veneration by the people. And when they had attained the illumination people came from all parts of the country to ask questions concerning the future or have diseases cured, for it was believed that in thus devoting themselves to a life apart from the tumult of the passions and occupied solely with penitance, fasting and prayer, they approached nearer to God and received direct revelations of his divine wisdom. Such anchorites were simple and austere in their modes of life and sought the highest standard of purity and holiness.

They lived in caverns or under the shelter of a few boughs which they twisted together in the shadow of some great tree. Their bed consisted usually of the skin of some wild animal, and their furniture was little more than a pitcher for water and a vase to receive alms, a basket to gather roots, a hatchet to cut wood for sacrifices, and a staff to help them through the forest. The beard and nails were suffered to grow, and to avoid the inconvenience the hair was twisted into knots resembling the close curls of an African. In later times they shaved their heads, probably from motives of cleanliness. They wore no ornaments or

badges of distinction, no matter how high their station in life. They wore simply a coarse yellowish red garment made of the fibres of bark. Their food consisted of wild roots, fruits and grains, and of these merely enough was eaten to sustain life. They might receive food as alms, or even ask for it in cases of extreme necessity; but they must strive to attain such a state of indifference that they felt no regret if refused and no pleasure if they received it. They were bound to the strictest chastity in thought as well as deed. So far as they coveted the slightest pleasure from any of the senses, so far were they from their standard of perfect sanctity.

"Some made a vow of continual silence and kept a skull before them to remind them constantly of death.

In addition to this routine they prescribed to themselves tasks more or less severe according to the degree of development they wished to attain, or had courage to pursue. Some fasted to the very verge of dissolution. In summer they exposed themselves to the scorching sun, or surrounded themselves with fires. In winter they wore wet garments, or stood up to the chin in water. They went forth uncovered amid frightful tempests. They stood for hours and days on the points of their toes, with arms outstretched, motionless as a tree. They sat on their heels, closing their ears tight with their thumbs, their eyes with their forefingers, their nostrils with the middle fingers; in this attitude they remained holding their breath till they often fell in a swoon."

The above account taken from an old book shows

our readers quite plainly why greater development has been attained in the Orient than in the Occident. As soon as our students firmly decide to rise above the demands of the material world and the physical body just so soon will they become magicians.

TRUE OCCULTISM

As most of our readers know, occult means hidden or secret. Thus many things which were occult a few years past are no longer so considered. And vice versa, many things exceedingly occult to the present generation were matters of general knowledge for the ancients. Many persons remark to us: "I am very much interested in this new thought." To those who have made similar statements we will say that occult science is not by any means a new thought. It is the science of the ancients, and has come to us through the lapse of centuries. Much of it is never written or inscribed upon either parchments or tablets. The profoundest secrets of the art can only be transmitted by initiation which is attended by the most sacred rites. The three magi who visited Jesus were representatives of the three branches of the Order of the Magi, which was at that period in a most prosperous and flourishing condition. And during all the succeeding ages worthy men have been the bearers of these weighty secrets. True, there are many who doubt the existence of any secrets of which they have perhaps never dreamed. Nor do they believe that masters of the art exist among all nations. These adepts are often encountered in the

most humble guise. And never do they seek to use such sacred knowledge for selfish motives or commercialism.

And instead of loudly proclaiming what they are able to accomplish they often prefer that others should not suspect their great power. The question may arise in the reader's mind, if such are the regulations of the magics, why should the writer of this article advertise his courses of instruction? In reply we will first explain that he was chosen by delegates of the last international convention of occult scientists which was held at Madrid in 1880 to come to America and spread the light of truth to those found worthy. At that time there were many societies throughout the country representing themselves as The Magi.

These erroneous teachings were propagated, and many sincere seekers for truth became discouraged. And in the progressive city of Boston, even at the present time, the name Magi awakens a feeling of resentment and distrust. When we started on our journey to the shores of America we had definite instructions which we have since endeavored to fulfill. Our first necessary work was teaching the basic principles of occultism to all who were sufficiently interested to seek such knowledge. Later we propose to establish a grand temple which is to be a fac-simile of the one at Lahore. Its location has not as yet been determined. But when the time arrives we shall receive proper guidance. We shall also surround ourselves with a band of colaborers, who will devote their lives to the fulfillment of the word. And to this end we might

add that inquiries are received almost daily concerning this project. When the time arrives for the completion of our shrine we shall receive pilgrims from all parts of the country. Now what can be attained by occult science after development? First, when one is properly developed the illumination is attained. One can then receive knowledge direct from the Universal Spirit. Next the astral vision will open to the neophyte new beings and new worlds. These are new to him in the sense that having existed previously on the purely material plane he was not aware of their existence.

He can also exert a control over the elemental spirits of nature and thus cause them not only to do his bidding, but to cease their annoyances to others. Furthermore, the student of true occultism obtains an understanding of those mysteries which await the soul after death. In fact, it is the grand connected truth of being. And all other cults which are worthy of consideration have seized upon some part of occult science as their foundation. Thus one sect will claim that Divine healing is their specialty. All occult scientists understand and utilize the law by which health vibrations may be attracted. Another will claim that the mind of man is a great power and should be cultivated to its highest.

The occult scientist knows the possibilities of the human mind, and devotes much time to the entrainment of the will, without which no great results can be attained.

The sources of occult wisdom are as follows:
First—In God.

Second—Spiritual Essences.

Third—Corporal creatures or signatura rerum.

Fourth—In nature, that is to say, a knowledge of the spirit or secret virtues of things.

Fifth—A knowledge of the planetary spirits.

Sixth—In the people of the elements, Salamanders, Sylphs, Undines and Pygmies.

Meditation, inward contemplation and love of God are the chief aids to the acquirement of occult power, together with great faith, strict taciturnity and even justice in the affairs of daily life.

TAKING TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED

From the Chicago American we clip the following by Garrett P. Serviss. It is useful only in demonstrating the fact that "one cannot succeed in explaining that which he does not himself understand."

"It has been suggested to me with regard to the extraordinary vision of the clairvoyant who, in a seance at Mr. Stead's house in London three months ago, when handed a paper on which the late King of Servia had written his name, broke out with a dramatic description of a murderous attack in a royal palace upon a king and queen, that 'mind reading' may have been at the bottom of the affair.

"At the time I wrote recently on some of the common sense aspects of this very remarkable case I purposely refrained from any direct reference to mind reading, because I did not wish to put forward any explanation which might in itself appear to involve an occult element.

"But now that the question has been raised, it is perhaps worth while to remark that if we suppose the clairvoyant, consciously or unconsciously, to have read the thoughts of the Servian Minister who handed her the paper containing his king's autograph, then we have exactly what needed to account for the direction which her own thoughts immediately took, and for the picture of a king and queen in a palace which rose before her mind.

Of course it is not necessary to suppose that there was in the mind of the Servian Minister any mental image of assassination, but what we remember he must have been aware of the constant danger of an uprising and the possibility of a murderous outcome in consequence of the known plotting against his master, it is evident that the impression which the clairvoyant would receive from a glimpse at his mental operations might naturally have been of a tragic cast. In other words when she caught the mental tone of the man, who, knowing her to be a clairvoyant, and intending to test her powers, handed her a paper containing King Alexander's name, the impulse that she received was in the direction of the unexpressed misgivings which were lurking in that man's mind, and which, in the circumstances, might well have been particularly acute at that moment.

It is indeed difficult to see how the Servian Minister could have avoided thinking of the affairs and the fortune of his king, since we know that it was with that king's signature, concealed in a folded paper, that he chose to try what the clairvoyant could do. His own

mind, then, was a mirror in which the woman saw reflected the image of a king—and of a queen, also, because no Servian could ever think of Alexander without at the same time thinking of Queen Draga, to whom his difficulties and dangers were universally ascribed.

And that same mental mirror in which the clairvoyant saw the royal couple was necessarily clouded with the apprehension which every subject of the King of Servia felt for the safety of his royal master, and upon those mental clouds born of vague fears and anxieties, the vivid and sensitive fancy of the clairvoyant instinctively projected a scene of terror and bloodshed.

Thus the materials and trend of the vision were unconsciously supplied to the Seer, whose tranced imagination did the rest.

It appears, then, that the suggestion of mind reading only goes to strengthen the view which I urged before that this strange vision and its apparent sequel in the slaughter at Belgrade were simply an extraordinary and an extremely interesting example of coincidence, but by no means a prophecy.

I do not regard mind reading as yet a scientifically demonstrated fact, but if it be a fact, as it may be, it is a very different thing from the power to foretell future events.

By the above explanation we are brought face to face with a sample that is entirely too common.

To begin with, the writer of the above unreasonably presumes that the Servian Minister has a knowledge

of coming events, which could only be tenable by the supposition of clairvoyant power.

He then chooses to credit the clairvoyant with mind reading powers which he naively admits his experience will not allow him to place among scientifically demonstrated facts.

He has in fact formulated a series of improbable theories with which he attempts to discredit clairvoyance. We should ignore such a puerile explanation, were it not for the fact that this writer has attempted to constitute himself an authority on a sacred subject of which he is admittedly ignorant.

It is such articles which prove stumbling blocks to the beginner in occult science.

Everyone acquainted with the science or literature of the subject knows that it is much easier for the true clairvoyant to sense the vibrations of happiness or impending misfortune than to read future events from the mind of another. Especially things of which the sitter is entirely ignorant.

No journal or daily paper of repute would accept an article or criticism on any branch of art from one totally ignorant of the subject.

But not so with things occult. Anyone is considered eligible to discuss them.

However, the time is coming, dear friends, when the waste basket will receive such comments, and the blind will refuse to be longer led by the blind. Let us keep before us the fact—that one cannot explain to others that which he does not himself understand.

A DELIGHTFUL LADY

A short time since we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Elizabeth Towne at the parlors of our friend, Dr. Paul Edwards. She is certainly a fine representative of the New-Thought. Her magnetic presence shows the effect of deep breathing, and a bright, pleasant mind and spirit shed harmonious vibrations over all.

We have been permitted to see a copy of her valuable book "How to Train Children and Parents." It is a valuable and timely work and will do much good if perused by those responsible for the future generation.

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS

The daily papers are filled with murders and suicides. Our institutions for the insane are filled to overflowing. The neurologist sooner or later secures as a patient most every successful business man. Neurasthenia, locomotor ataxia, palsy are all too common.

Why is this so? In answer we have only to look at our street cars, elevated trains and other forms of rapid transit and examine for a moment the haggard and careworn faces of our modern business men.

The keen and growing competition of business at the present time makes it necessary for the man who would succeed to rise early and retire late. And if the man of business rests for a day he finds himself behind the times. Therefore when he arises in the morning he hastily partakes of a cup of coffee and perhaps a roll, then with rapid strides he rushes for

the conveyance which is to bear him to his place of business.

There he rapidly scans his mail, dictates replies to the stenographer, then to various parts of the city a rapid volley of words are fired through the telephone. At lunch time he hurries to the nearest restaurant, consumes a piece of pie and another cup of coffee. Thus he continues throughout the day until he finally returns home exhausted, to be repeated again the following day.

As long as this typical business man continues to rush as described he may succeed in the great object of money-making. Yet success does not always come as a result of such effort.

Is it a matter for wonder then, that when he finds his business methods a failure, and his health gone as well, that he should leave this theatre of action by the carbolic acid route, or by the pistol or some other means?

This is what we call our boasted civilization. We look with disdain upon any race who does not understand our business methods and who have not such means of transportation, as our electric cars, cable train, automobiles, etc.

If we consider life seriously can we be sure that such conditions are right? The Creator has given life to mankind, the laws give each individual the right to pursue happiness. The earth produces an abundance for all, and conditions must be indeed abnormal when such destructive effort is constantly required to make a living. Is the fault in our economic conditions?

Or is it on account of our enlarged ambitions? In either case it is time to call a halt.

We should seek to learn first our origin; why we are here; and whither we are going.

Occult science answers all of the above questions. It shows that man has a higher duty than mere preservation of the material body and the accumulation of wealth. The Bible says "What profiteth a man if gaineth the whole world and loses his soul?"

Every human being is the custodian of an immortal soul. True, he has given him the germ only, but by cultivation and development he can fulfill the will of the Absolute and prepare himself for life in higher cycles.

He who neglects the immortal part of his constitution for purely material things mistakes the shadow for the substance and accepts the unreal for the real. Each one who would live according to divine law should devote at least one-half hour daily to silent meditation. Banish all material thoughts from your mind and sit thus in contemplation of the great God who has given to you the blessing of life.

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