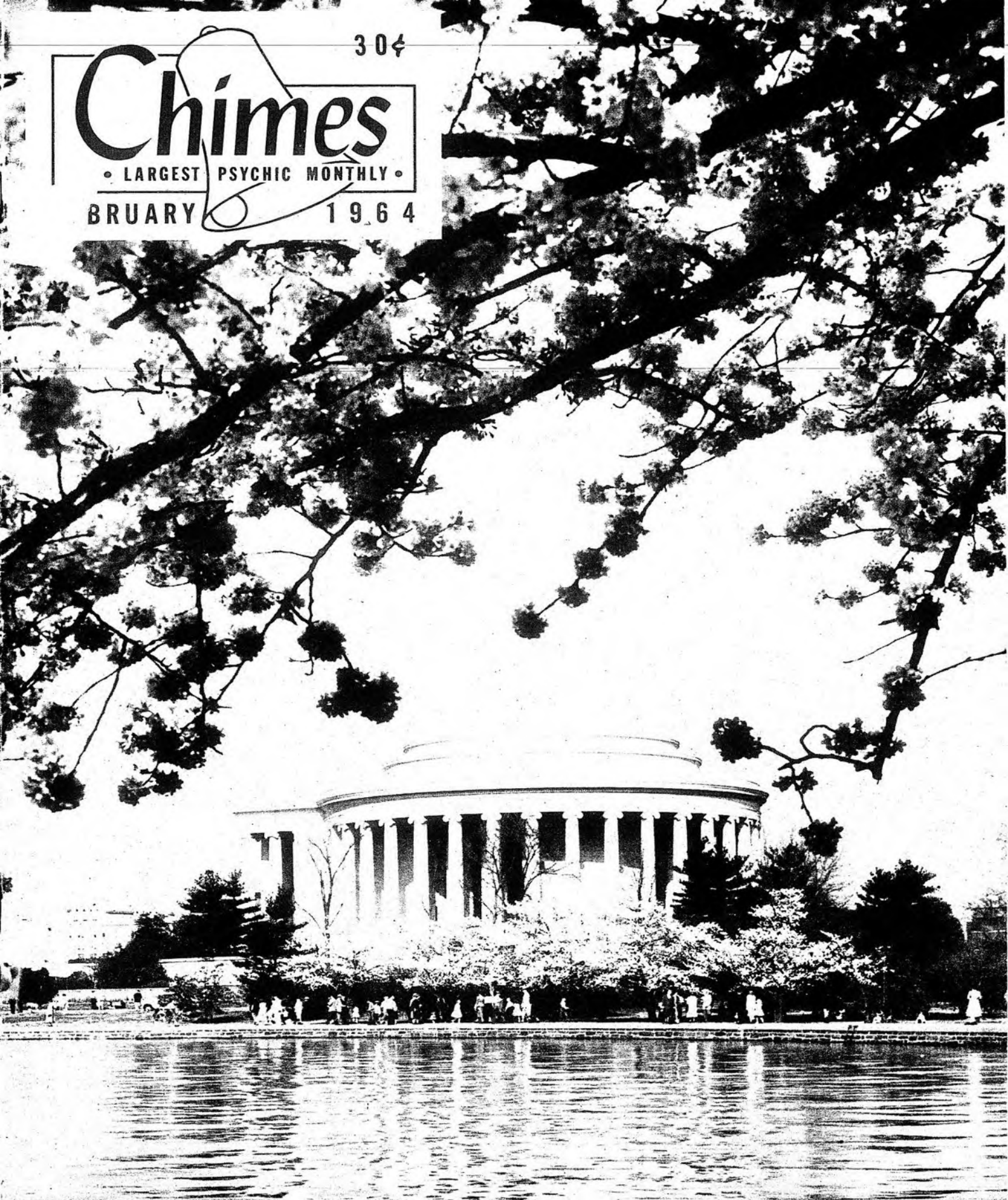


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*It's Love that makes the world
go 'round,*

*Some people say 'tis so;
But Love alone is not enough
To make this old world go.*

LOVE

and

*Faith is so important, too,
We need it all the while;
It's Faith in God and in
one's self
That helps Love through each trial.*

*For Fate oft puts our Love to test,
And Evil creeps within;
Then Love, though true, becomes
 confused,
And Evil seems to win.*

*But God is watching, waiting,
For Faith in Him to soar;
Then Love will triumph over all,
And Evil is no more.*

Faith

*by . . . R.S.
San Diego, California*

OUR COVER



The Jefferson Memorial
Washington, D. C.

FEBRUARY

THERE IS NO DEATH

There is part of the sun in the apple,
Part of the moon in the rose,
Part of the flaming Pleiades
In everything that grows.

Out of the vast comes nearness,
For the God of Love of which man sings
Has put a little bit of His Heaven
Into every living thing.

... The Ancient Mystical White Brotherhood



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TO THE
EDITORS

"with blessings from,"

Dear Editors:

Like babes in the woods there came into my life these two little grandchildren. They clung to each other and confronted me with bewilderment as the brother, three and a half, seemed ready to defend his sister, just two.

Their father, my son, recently home from the war, had just gained custody of this precious pair of souls.

We transported them across the country to live with us.

Somehow the budget of their school teacher grandmother was stretched to send them to nursery school and to hire baby sitters while their father continued his education as a G.I. trainee.

Frustrated over his interrupted college work and surprise marriage during the war, it was easy to believe the children would be secure when their father completed his training. But, the boy and girl have indeed proven to be babes in the woods.

When their father married a second time, the children were precipitated into a life they had not anticipated. They were also taken to a state half way across the country, far away from their many relatives. Child-like, they voiced their preference for the home they had known with their grandmother.

It is not given to us to judge. We must just state facts.

There are three other darling little boys now, sons of my son's second marriage, who know the security of belonging to a family, while my babes in the woods are in institutions. Both of them have run away from home a number of times. Both of them have asked to live with their grandmother, and been refused.

Lacking the funds to appeal through the courts for custody of the children, now fourteen and fifteen, I am appealing for help from Spirit.

I would like to rescue my darlings before it is too late. With Spirit, all things are possible. Can you tell me how to help these children before someone commits the boy where he should not be sent? Will you pray for my babes in the woods to be given the freedom to grow in God's love?

Please forgive me for not identifying them.

A Grandmother
Jamaica, N.Y.

(No power on Earth can prevent this grandmother from trying to help her grand-

children, but, of course this is a question of HOW, and what is best for their spiritual growth . . . how they might best learn the great spiritual lesson involved in this experience, as well as the grandmother. Indeed, it is true that with Spirit all things are possible, but let us be sure things must not always be our way. Let us have the faith in our prayers, to know that at all times we are in God's Hands, that no thing can keep our good from us, that we are surrounded and protected and guided in all ways if we will not be deceived by outer appearances, by the manner in which our prayer is answered. Call it good . . . call it God in action . . . know that God moves in and through us, His wonders to perform. He is our only security. He is our family before we came here, and when we leave. He is our . . . Father-Mother-Brother . . . now. We all are restless, seeking our true home, so let us know that these little ones will find what is meant for them, not what we think they should have. "Before ye ask, it shall be done unto you" applies to help requested for these children. God already has heard and answered the call for help. Yes, indeed, we do pray with you, grandmother, accepting for them freedom to grow in God's love. Will you do likewise, in faith, believing it is already done?)

Dear Editors:

Each issue brings added interest, daily help, and the precious contact with God and Spirit sharing our daily lives. My husband used to enjoy Chimes from away back, having read it avidly and appreciatively. He passed away only last December, and I know that from over there he still sends his best wishes and affection to you. God bless your efforts and the sincerity of your work. From your friend and long-time reader,

Mrs. Gus Pappas
Port Chester, New York

(A publication like Chimes enjoys quite a unique position, I guess, in that once a friend always a friend . . . even when going OVER THERE. You can be sure that if we didn't have so much help freely given from our friends OVER THERE, there probably wouldn't be any Chimes. Best wishes to you both, Mr. and Mrs. Pappas.)

Dear Editors:

I want you to know that I read, enjoy, and study Chimes from cover to cover, and that many times I copy little items that I use when I lecture. I also pass it on to a doctor's office where many may read it. You certainly have made a remarkable change in it. God bless you, and keep up the good work. Wishing you continued success and spiritual blessings from,

Mrs. Jean Rae
Burnaby, B.C., Canada

(Most of Chimes' material is such that it can be read and re-read over the years, still retaining its intrinsic value of spiritual

"Food for Thought." In this way it can be of value to ministers and students whether it be this month's issue or one of ten years ago.)

Dear Editors:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Chimes, as the Welches were called . . . I am enclosing my check for another year of pleasure. Chimes is the only publication I MAKE time to read. My husband and I both enjoy it greatly. It is so nice to know that it will be clean reading. The newspapers have so much that is otherwise, we have just given them up. Blessings,

Mrs. P. H. Van Doren
Summit, N. J.

(Everything in life comes to us according to the discrimination we exercise . . . in one way or another.)

Dear Editors:

I was very pleased to receive a copy of the November, 1963 Chimes and to note the big improvement therein. Gone were the objectionable ads, leaving only the good clean ones. The material in the magazine was very good too. Keep up the good work!

The special attention you are giving to healing is very commendable, and I know that much of great worth can be given to Chimes readers along this line.

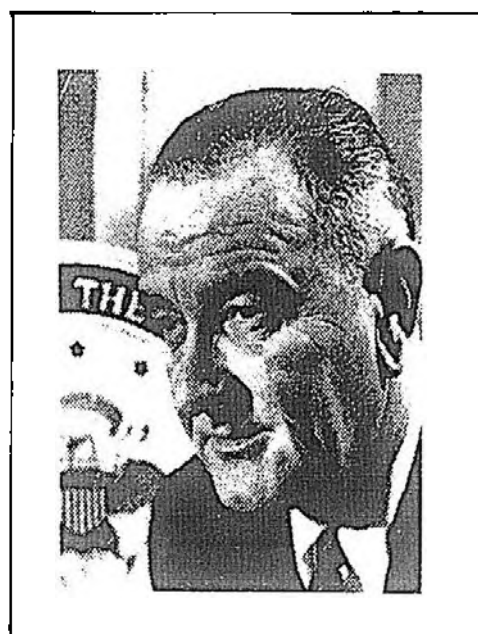
I know, friends, it takes time to build up a publication to the standards that you, the publishers and editors, would like to see it, but I would say that if all the forthcoming issues look as good as the November number, you are well on course. Believe you me, I can understand what work is involved, for I, too, once edited a religious publication back East. Perhaps sometime I may have something to send you for publication.

Perhaps, this is a round-about way of saying that I would like to re-subscribe to Chimes, but I felt that you should know that there are those rooting for you and Chimes.

Bless you,
Judith M. Davis
Santa Cruz, California

(Rome wasn't built in a day, as they say, so we have had to learn to be patient with ourselves in achieving those objectives of excellence we hope to share with all Chimes' friends. So much of what we all attempt is trial and error . . . of try and try again. However, we know that every responsive heart is blessed that receives as its own these words of Truth we are able to pass on, for in this way it becomes possible to reach others. And how we all yearn for that spark of human recognition that tells us we toil not alone in the dark; yet it is in our solitary efforts, like the seed pushing up on its own through the cold dark ground, that we bring forth the plant that blooms. So as we grow, we express life . . . the One Life . . . as the Divine in me sees only the Divine in you, we go forth together in peace.)

"ALL IS WELL"



Dear Editors:

On the fateful Friday of November 22, 1963, I had as a guest in my home the Rev. Auda E. Crocker, Pastor of the Star Light-House, Boston, Massachusetts, and Vice-President of the National Spiritual Aid Association. Not only is she gifted with the power of dead trance and of trumpet mediumship, but for seventeen years has been engaged in teaching Spiritualism.

As can be imagined, the impact of the tragic news which came over the television (President Kennedy's assassination) left us physically and emotionally shocked. Because Rev. Crocker was to conduct her usual Friday evening service, I suggested she retire to my room to relax before attempting to hold the service under such trying circumstances. To this she agreed.

Obediently she lay on my bed to rest, and I made her as comfortable as I could. As I was busy about other things, suddenly I heard a deep voice begin to speak. Looking at Rev. Crocker, I saw she was in a dead trance. Quickly I picked up my pen and tablet and took down the words that came through. These I have written verbatim and made no change of my own; the repetition is as it was given, and emphasis given as directed.

Rev. Crocker never has sent any of her numerous unusual or significant experiences for publication, but since this was such a timely and uplifting message, I thought it should be shared with you.

Sincerely yours,
Frances Thumim
Brookline, Massachusetts

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TELL HER, TELL THE WORLD, 'All is well; all is well. God giveth, and God taketh away. 'Tis man that destroyed the beautiful flower on the heel of vengeance.'

"I am Abe Lincoln. I have followed her all the day. As I was destroyed by a pistol shot, though of one party, so was the boy of the opposite party destroyed.

"Write this . . . and write it well:

"Countries will be drawn into many battles through disagreement, but don't ever say that any man with the training of Johnson cannot become a great leader. They said I would not free the slaves. With your prayers, he will release the negroes from bondage.

"We have known since the nineteenth of November, 1963 that your beloved leader — baby, he was; boy, he was; man, he was; President, he was to the best of his ability — was to go home to God. He is no more of Earth.

"He placed footprints on the sands of time that can never be erased. Short was his administration; many mistakes he made, as did all Presidents, but . . . he had heart . . . he had heart . . . he had heart for all mankind. Great leadership was his one

desire.

"Not one, not one, not one, but twelve of America's Presidents have been with him since he entered office . . . five Democrats, six Republicans, and one Bull Moose (Teddy Roosevelt) have tried to help him. A little boy, wading knee-deep in swift waters was cut down as I was — in the beginning. Now he has written his own epitaph; he has written his epitaph on the sands of history. (I experienced bloody wars in America.)

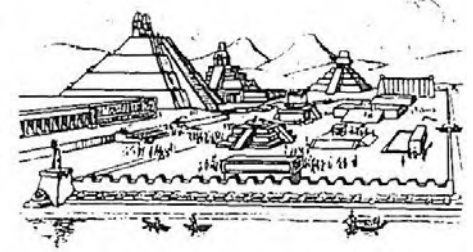
"Johnson is the man you should pray for. The help of a great leader who walked through the fiery furnace, Meshach, will be with him. Not for all the wealth in Texas, or in the whole world, must he sell America for a mess of pottage.

"This is the only avenue I could come through this day. I have never spoken through the mouth of this child before. I speak now . . . 'tis Biblical . . . 'Pray without ceasing.' The United States of America needs your prayers; the United States of America needs your prayers; the United States of America needs your prayers that we may remain a free country under the enlightenment of an educated world. Pray now for your leader. Twelve Presidents will befriend him. Old Abe is with him today.

"I am not saying, 'God save Russia, England, France,' but may they still be afraid of my little America, the land of liberty, the home of the free.

"God rest the soul of our new recruit in Heaven . . . God rest the soul of our new recruit in Heaven, and God bless the new President, and the voice I have used. Though she feels she is only a small grain, I have used her for all children that make up America.

" 'Tis Lincoln. God bless the big shoes . . . he'll have to wear them. We shall be his servants under the banner of Almighty God, and God bless and keep from harm my America. May she never fail!"



Absent Healing

By ANTONIUS of Alexandria in Ancient Egypt

◦ Received Inspirationally by DR. PETER BALLBUSCH
Los Angeles, California

Part II

(Having previously described the use of Color and Prayer Chants, two other ancient healing methods conclude this account.)

LURITI, who was a priestess in ancient Atlantis, was attracted to the Prayer Chant since she had used it many times before. She used the Soul Symbol of a chosen patient to attune herself completely with his need. Such a Soul Symbol may be a field of blue containing the patient's guiding star, such as: Venus, Neptune, or Saturn, or it may look like an ancient family crest divided into several areas. One may contain the breathing sea, another one the rising sun, another a tree standing in silent adoration in the field and by its side an open gate. Each of you has such a symbol to which a healer may attune himself. You will find that symbol in quiet meditation by submerging yourself into the innermost beingness of your patient. When the Soul Symbol had been found, Luriti held her hands over it and began to chant. One such chant was given for Dara, a young mother who had lost her only child. It brought peace and understanding, for she received a vision of her loved one blessing her and singing in realms of light and splendor. These chants can be short and simple, such as the one I give you now, but many a line must be repeated, for only thus will the subconscious mind accept it.

Rao, I send thee Love
 Rao, I sent thee Love
 Rao, I send thee Love
 Make it thy own, Rao,
 Make it thy own.
 Drink it, eat it, and rise with it
 in the morning
 Drink it, eat it and sleep with it
 at night.
 Rao, Rao, I send thee Love
 Make it thy own, Rao,
 Make it thy own.

This was the Prayer Chant for a man who had been deserted by his wife and

had thought of ending his physical life. Said three times daily, it healed his wounded heart.

Of all my students, only Soma Tarando was able to use Distance Healing, for he loved and understood the vibratory power of sound. His form of Distance Healing was quite different from Luriti's Prayer Chant. I shall describe it for you.

SOMA TARANDO'S SOUL SOUND HEALING

When the great Creator of all Life, all Spirit, all Matter and all Form began to create out of the immense void filling like a boundless sea the dark and lifeless space, He used the Creative Word to make Life, Spirit, and Matter spring into existence. The Creator's Creative Word contains the Divine Triune: the positive and the negative principle, and the moving force they create, or bear. The positive principle is vibration which can express itself either in light or sound. The negative principle is the image which can attract to itself all it needs to become a star, a soul, or a tree. The moving force is the will which enlivens Space, Spirit and Matter with its fiery breath. Thus the great Creator willed His creation into being through the image fructified by vibration and enlivened by the Holy Breath, or Will.

This may be difficult for those of you who are still imprisoned in physical shells and three dimensional concepts to understand. Let me illustrate this on your own plane of life encased in matter. If one of you is moved by a strong desire to create anything -- the welding of nations into one, the building of an entire city, or the splitting of an atom, this strong desire may be likened to vibration. When that desire fills one's entire being, then he must image (out-picture) that which he desires to accomplish. To do this he must use his will to bring his imaged creation into earth reality. Thus you use the Divine Triune: *Vibration, Image and Will* in anything you create.

You can readily understand the image and the will, but vibration is more difficult for you to understand. Its basic law

of attraction and repulsion looks obvious to everyone, yet when I tell you that the entire universe is held together by vibration, you wonder. When I show you examples of the law of attraction and repulsion, then you understand it better. Here are some examples: The orbit of the planets is governed by a fine balance of attraction and repulsion. Each planet, like a freedom-seeking child, seeks to reach its ultimate orbit out in space, thus its freedom seeking creates repulsion from its mother star, the Sun. In the Sun's concern for all its children, it used the love vibration to attract its shelter escaping brood, thus it holds them wisely in an orbit of the least stress and strain. The animal kingdom also is governed by the law of attraction and repulsion, for *like seeks like and never mates with unlike*. Even man in his cyclic appearances on Earth is governed by this law, for he is attracted to former friends and repulsed by former enemies. Even this may change though when cosmic learning requires it. Two former foes may meet again, both attracted and repulsed to each other until they are willing to learn the law of love which transforms hate, and blends these two foes into harmonious friends. All things are thus governed by vibration and its eternal law of attraction and repulsion . . . unless another higher law comes into operation for greater learning.

The entire universe is held together by vibration, and is governed by its law of attraction and repulsion. Think about this statement, and you will find many more examples to illustrate it.

If the great Creator were to withdraw His Divine vibration, everything would sink back into the limitless void of the uncreated. Yes, everything . . . all the solar systems, the planets and their inhabitants, all the realms of light and its Spirit beings, and your little world of life encased in matter would crumble into nothingness . . . so great is the creative principle of vibration.

This principle is in everything you see, feel and of which you have knowledge,

as well as in many things you neither see, feel, or have no knowledge. Vibration is the very life of our universe. It is God moving in matter that it may reach a higher form of awareness. It is God moving in man so man may aspire to a higher estate of beingness. It is God moving in Spirit that Spirit may blend and reside again in that great sea of light and love and beingness which we call God for lack of an all

of Light, reproduced and multiplied in all the realism of beingness.

Let me repeat: *Man is a being of light held together by the vibratory attraction of sound.*

Soma Tarando realized this and therefore chose sound as his form of Distance Healing. In his experiments, he discovered that the Soul Sound is the foundation of the basic melody which expresses man.

which will be much more effective than Soma Tarando's simple sheet of glass and string.

Now let us speak about young Galen's form of Distance Healing which he called: **HARMONIZING THROUGH PROJECTED LIGHT**

Young Galen found that the symbol of a man will represent this man if the healer states this by giving the symbol the name of the patient. First he used actual images of either a man or a woman, over which he placed the self-made imprint of the patient's thumb pressed into clay. In those days only the priesthood and some of the Pharaoh's officials knew how to master the art of image writing. Later on young Galen found this was not needed. A simple circle containing the imaged lettering of a patient's name, and the designation of his abode near such and such a hamlet, or bend of the river Nile . . . these simple things symbolizing the patient and his abode served as the bridge leading the healer to the need of the patient.

Young Galen used tablets of wet clay for this as he could obliterate the symbols and use them over again, for being Greek meant being practical.

When he wished to "Harmonize" a chosen patient, young Galen held his hand over the symbol filled circle, and spoke thus:

Great Father of Light and Life, use me as Thy channel through which Thy Light may flow and harmonize this ailing person. May the Fire current of Heaven, and the Water current of Earth be brought into perfect harmony. May all his bodies be filled with Thy Light and Harmonized with each other. May the seven vortexes of power (the psychic centers) be filled with Thy Light and brought into complete attunement with Thee, Oh Father of Light and Life, and may I whisper into the ear of his soul the magic word which will bring him into harmony with Thee. I ask this in Thy holy, Triune Name, and I thank Thee, Oh Thou great and Eternal Father, for I know I shall be heard and used to demonstrate Thy might and glory. Selah.

While young Galen thus implored the great Creator and held one hand above the symbol inscribed clay tablet, he held in his other hand the Indicator, a simple instrument which you call today a *pendulum*. His Indicator was fashioned from a piece of precious stone, cut and polished in the shape of a glittering pear. One end was pierced and through this tiny hole young Galen had inserted a camel's hair and fastened it so that the precious stone had a free and balanced swing. The Indicator would show him when the Divine Light projected from his healing hand had completely balanced the masculine and feminine polarities, or when the four-fold bodies were filled with light and harmonized, for then the circling Indicator began to change its

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ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HEALING METHODS

encompassing word.

Are you able to grasp this? If not, then ask your own God-given Spirit to explain these things to you in a more understandable fashion. Your God-given Spirit will make it clear to you in your own images . . . in simple words and examples which you can grasp in the light of your own understanding.

In one of the Divine scriptures, it is stated: "Ask, and you shall receive." This is as true today as it was at the time of the ancient seers and prophets. Today your modern seers, the scientists, are probing the secrets of the universe through telescopes and microscopes, in test tubes, and in the feverish imagination of inquiring minds. They are asking sincerely and they shall be given answers according to their understanding and their need. The great Creator wants His children to ask questions about the meaning of the universe, the meaning of matter, and the meaning of man. Little by little these questions will be answered according to the need of man, and according to the boundaries of his understanding.

I have digressed and shall return to our discussion of vibration. One aspect of vibration is light; another aspect of it is sound. Light and sound have been used by the great Creator to fructify His imaged creation. *Man is a being of light, held together by the vibratory attraction of sound.* Man's spiritual body, mental body, and emotional body are but different manifestations of light, attracted each to the other by vibration's basic law, and balanced by the other aspect of vibration, sound. Each one of you came into beingness through the fructification of the projected image of what we call "the basic Soul Sound." The first emanations, known as "The Great Sons of the Creator," were endowed with His creative Spirit. They created you, just as the flesh encased Spirit known as man must forever create his own species, and his sons and grandsons must reproduce their own kind. So also must "The Great Creative Spirits" forever create their own kind, endowing them with the urge to create.

It is true, as the various religions claim, that God created man, but He created him through his own sons. Thus man can claim heritage to the family of the Eternal One, and in this fashion is the God-Seed

Forever it is repeated and lifted into higher octaves so that each one of the four bodies . . . the spiritual, the mental, the emotional, and the physical . . . may vibrate in perfect harmony. Man's Soul Sound, in its endless repetitions and melodic variations, brings into harmony every spiritual and every physical atom of his entire four-fold structure, and harmony is health. Thus it can be readily seen that one's Soul Sound is a miracle worker when effectively projected by a knowing healer.

Soma Tarando used human hair, or sand, conditioned by the hand of his patient, as a means of attuning himself to him. He constructed a simple apparatus consisting of a single taut string, straddled by a small sheet of glass. On this glass he placed the human hair, or the conditioned sand, then began to pluck the string which emitted the basic note of the musical scale, the note "Do."

By placing one finger higher and higher on the string, he went up the musical scale: Do, Re, Me, Fa, So, La, Si, Do . . . then down again. Always he found one sound which made the hair, or the conditioned sand, vibrate. This was the patient's basic Soul Sound, or a variation thereof. When he had established beyond any doubt that this specific sound caused the hair, or sand, to vibrate, Soma Tarando tried both higher and lower scales until he found the one octave in which the basic Soul Sound caused the hair, or sand, to dance with joy.

He knew then that this was the exact sound which would heal his patient if projected in the right rhythm. To establish the right rhythm, he used sand which began to form beautiful patterns as long as the rhythm was right. These patterns were distorted when the rhythm was wrong.

Soma Tarando then sent forth this Soul Sound to his patient in the hourly intervals the sand patterns had indicated. In such a manner did he heal patients of every kind of dis-ease.

Later he learned to build melodies and melodious harmonies from this basic Soul Sound. He had the luteists of the Pharaoh play them to keep the ruler in harmony, and therefore in good health.

This form of Sound Healing will be used again in days to come. One of my former pupils will build an intricate instrument

Visiting with Grandma



DOWN MEMORY LANE



By REV. ROSE H.F. STRONGIN

San Francisco, California

FEBRUARY IS ONE of those months calling forth memories . . . birthdays, anniversaries, and courting. I call it the "Love Month."

We, of these United States, honor with love in our hearts the memory of the birth of the Father of our Country, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator. But Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to ALL who were born or married in this magic month.

Did you know that Saint Valentine was a Roman Martyr priest? His feast day is February 14th, and the festivities and customs that have come to be connected with him in English speaking countries probably survive from a period when a pagan festival associated with love occurred about February 14th. He is now popularly considered to be the patron of lovers and the helper of all those unhappy in love.

The lovers' greeting cards sent on this day (as well as the parodies of them) are called Valentines in his honor. One of the nicest such "I love you" mementos I ever received was given to me by my twelve year old nephew, Stephen Fliesler of Scarsdale, New York. It was a poem he had composed . . . one I treasure and would like to share with you on this occasion.



"THE FALL"

As summer is gone, and October is past,
November comes along and the days
go fast.
The leaves come down from the tops of
trees,
Like ripples in a brook or waves in the
seas.
The trees are bare as they can be,
And there isn't a leaf on a single tree.
Indeed, fall is a beautiful sight,
As between the trees comes a shimmer-
ing light.
Then the wind is blowing in a forceful
column,

And dies down at night as day grows
solemn.
But now I behold a beautiful sight,
As the leaf covered ground turns snowy
white,
I realized as the bell rings with a chime,
That the fall is past and it's winter time.

Also from Grandma's own Memory Box, this will no doubt recall to some of you the Valentine "I love you" magic of Cupid that does not fade with time.

"A LOVER'S TALE"

A Ballad

Two strangers meet upon a common street
They chance to glance as they go by
Not before their souls greet eye to eye
No pause, they just go their way
As each in their hearts do say, he - she
"I hope we meet again some day."
This is a lover's tale I tell
You know then that all went well.
'Twas on the night of a St. Valentine dance
Where 'tis meant sweethearts meet by
chance

Would he, in all this happy whirl
Could he, know she was the girl?
That was on 'that' street where their souls
did meet?

This is a lover's tale I tell
All began and ended well.
'Tis twenty five years since the wedding
Bells rang for he and she that chanced to
meet
While strolling down a common street.

Did you get your Valentine into the mail
on time?



NANNA ROSE

ABSENT HEALING . . . (continued from page 7)

swing and finally came to rest.

This form of healing balances the polarities, filling the four-fold bodies with light, attuning the chakras, and sending creative words to the soul. This has been rediscovered by the channel writing this who calls himself Peter. He was one of my lesser pupils in Alexandria and studied later with Master Galen in Greece to learn all he could so that he might use the healing arts of our time.

For those of you who have eager hearts and searching minds, let my words not be spoken in vain, for man - in healing his fellowman - heals himself, not only in body and mind, but in his innermost soul. Man is filled with "self," and therefore is steeped in fear, but when man forgets self in helping and healing others, then he finds his true nature and becomes one of the beloved children of God.

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... Myrtle Fillmore, *Unity*

"It is necessary that you give up your fear of evil, and your desire for earthly good, before you can become detached from this world enough to claim you are not 'of it.'"

... Ruby Nelson, *The Door of Everything*



WHAT DO WE KNOW OF SPIRIT AND SOUL?

◆ By DR. ERIC G. HAGEN

New York City, New York

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ONE OF THE most difficult and controversial themes of religious and philosophical discussions and literature treats with the question and explanation of "What is Spirit and what is Soul?"

The answers given either by theologians or metaphysicians rely mostly upon either the Holy Scriptures or upon philosophical speculations, yet when we search in the Old or in the New Testaments, we can scarcely find a clear definition. The Judeo-Christian faiths accept the idea of the Soul as being something Divine which exists separate from our physical body and continues to exist after death. However, here the concept of the Soul, the Spirit, and the hereafter ends.

Of course, Soul and Spirit often are mentioned in the Scriptures by the great prophets and in the Gospels by Mary, Luke, and Paul. The latter explains the nature of the Spirit body and the diverse spiritual gifts for the first time in his letters to the Corinthians. However, the most important declaration is to be found in John IV:23, 24: "True worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is Spirit."

In order to find out more of what is said of Spirit and Soul, let us also go to some other sources. The great philosophers have thought about those gifts of God in their way, partly led by faith and partly by reasoning. However, even their searching consisted mostly of metaphysical speculation, for only by Divine inspirations or direct Spirit communications can human beings on Earth have definite knowledge of the realm of Spirit. In his dialogue, "Phaedo," Socrates tells us: "The Soul existed before she took the form and body of elements which as yet had no existence . . . To the Soul belongs existence of which the very name implies existence. The Soul is the inherence of which she will render the body alive; whatever the Soul possesses, to that she comes bearing life, and will never accept the opposite of that which she brings, and so the Soul is immortal . . . The Soul is in the very likeness of the Divine, immortal

and intelligible, uniform, indissoluble and unchangeable, and the state of the Soul is called wisdom."

Imperator, the Spirit guide of Stainton Moses, in his "Spirit Teachings" tells us: "Spirit in itself is eternal. It had a prior existence before it reached your Earth. Its prior existence underlies, surrounds and controls your Earth. All spirits have a home in space until they take upon themselves a body of flesh. Spirit is developed through various processes up to the time of its incarnation. One of the properties of matter is inertia. It is governed and animated by Spirit, which is individualized when it incarnates."

Andrew Jackson Davis, the Father of Modern Spiritualism, published five books from which I have selected an excerpt from one, Vol. V, for the purpose of this discussion:

"As the physical body is the fruit of vitalized matter, so is the spiritual body the fruit of its vitalized exterior. The spiritual embodiment evolves and perfects the spirit, not in essence, but merely in its form and organization . . . The body does not make and concentrate the essence of which the Spirit is composed, but the physical organism gives permanent form to the Soul, or Spiritual body, which encases the image immortal . . . The principal use of the physical lungs is to make spiritual lungs in the body of Spirit. The crowning labor of the physical eyes is to make a pair of spiritual eyes within them. The grand use of bodily ears is to mold and make spiritual ears . . . The perfected and conjugated corporeal brain is to make a corresponding spiritual brain for eternal thinking and acting.

"Near the center of the physical brain is the central spiritual magnet, the center of the Soul, the fortress-point around which the Spirit gathers and concentrates all its organic forces. This is the magical magnet to which every vitalic force and essence incessantly gravitates. It draws from the surface, and looks at the center like a sun of gold, but not larger than a boy's marble.

"The Spirit, in consequence of its outer organization, can never be lost or dissi-

pated in any great circles of the ever changing Universe. There is an abundance of spiritual wealth, flowing out of the fact that the Soul is composed of imperishable materials . . . that this silver lining, or Soul, is the culmination and summing up of all the refined substances and vitalic forces, and when the two — that is body and soul within the double brain — are perfectly wedded, they discharge the sacred mission of developing a permanently individualized and self-centered existence.

"Spirit, in order to manifest, must be substantial and have a form, though spiritual. In the Spirit world there are the same gradations of substance that you have on Earth, such as vegetable, mineral and animal. Thus the change from your world to ours is only a change of condition.

"All creations of life on your globe have been made by Spirit power. The higher intelligences can mold the elements which they gather from the Earth's atmosphere, and can form new creations by infusing into them elements of life. Creation of spirits is perpetually going on in your world and in the Spiritual world . . . The birth of a Spirit in the spheres is very much like the birth of an infant in the world — it requires care and guidance.

"The Spirit body has the same faculties as the natural (physical) body, but in addition it has others which do not belong to the Earth. Within the Spirit body dwells the pervading essence of Deity, and by living much in prayer and meditation, and by the zealous discharge of active duties, the spiritual life may be unfolded."

And now we come to Levi H. Dowling's book, "The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ," which contains some interesting revelations from the realm of Spirit:

"Man himself is not the body, nor the Soul; he is a Spirit and part of God. Creative Fiat gave to man, to Spirit-man, a Soul that he might function on the plane of Soul, gave him a body of flesh that he might function on the plane of things made manifest." Why was all this

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NEW SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reports that a new expedition is being prepared to search for the fabled Ark of Noah on the ice-capped peak of Mount Ararat. Previous expeditions attempting the mission were doomed to failure because of Russian charges of espionage and Turkish permit requirements to enter a military area. Optimism has been expressed that remains of the Ark will be found that saved the remnants of life in the flood of five to eight thousand years ago. Since James Bryce, author and former British Ambassador to America, first sighted remnants of wood embedded in the ice on the snow-decked slopes of Ararat, there have been persistent reports of similar sightings. One was made by a Russian flyer, confirmed by the Turkish government, substantiated by photographs of an enormous vessel jutting out of a frozen lake. Carbon tests of wood found on the spot by a French explorer showed it to be about five thousand years old. Experts claim that an earthquake which shook the area in 1883, hurled up the Ark previously buried deep under ice which had rendered it impervious to the ravaging effects of weather. According to the Bible, the size of Noah's Ark has been reckoned as equal to a 43,000 ton ship.

FASCINATING LABORATORY FOR YOUTH

According to Phenomonist, writing for a publication of *The Young Spiritualist* in England: "Nothing could lend itself more to youth's craving for the sensational than the scientific aspect of Spiritualism which implies examination of spirit communications and other evidence in a systematic and comparative manner. The fascinating character of this highly sensational research is worthy of the sincere consideration of all young people who are searching for an alternative to the heritage which they resent." He further states that "Spiritualism for modern youth is an alternative to the ambiguities of orthodoxy. It is a rational approach to all the varied aspects of human living in body and spirit."

FISH ARE PSYCHIC TOO

Thanks to an electrical sense organ in its tail, *Gymnarchus Niloticus*, a fish commonly found in Africa, actually has a type of sixth sense which enables it to swim backwards or forwards without bumping into things. It has eyes too, but its most important sense organ is electrical. Like a sensitive radio, it changes its field of frequency and cuts out the radiations of other fish. This may not be recognized as ESP, say E. T. Bruce of the *Rosicrucian Digest*, but it serves the purpose just as well.



DR. J. B. RHINE TO LEAVE DUKE

In the autumn of 1965, coincident with the retirement of Dr. J. B. Rhine as Director of Duke University's Parapsychology Laboratory, its functions and assets will be transferred to the Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man. Already transferred are the financial assets, over 10,000 case histories, and the quarterly *Journal of Parapsychology*. Commenting on the change, Dr. Rhine is quoted as saying in the *Newsletter of the Parapsychology Foundation*: "Our center has long ceased to be an actual Duke center," adding that it "has progressively become connected with workers elsewhere and has withdrawn from its former ties within the University." He referred to the transfer of the Laboratory as a "graduation" after "thirty-six years of parapsychology on the Duke campus" and that the "larger, world-wide responsibilities" of the Laboratory could not readily be undertaken by the University administration, particularly as "there is no way of assuring that future administrations would accept them if the present one did." In September, 1963, Duke University was placed under the direction of its fifth President since its foundation in 1924, Dr. Douglas M. Knight. It is reported that two trends appear to have been operating favoring the transfer of the Laboratory outside of Duke. *First*, the feeling on the part of certain University officials that the Laboratory tended to over-shadow in its appeal to public interest some of the more standard academic features of Duke. *Second*, Dr. Rhine's desire to direct a Laboratory enjoying fully independent and permanently secure status, allowing free cooperation with, and assistance to, other workers in parapsychology around the world. According to the Laboratory's *Parapsychology Bulletin*, the Foundation is engaged in raising funds that would match an offer of \$1,000,000 if, from other sources, \$3,500,000 is raised by December 31, 1967.

"LET'S EXPLORE THE STARS . . ."

"It is now of great significance to those with New Age vision that both President Johnson and Speaker McCormack have shown a deep interest in the UFO phenomena. Now Kennedy himself is Outward Bound," says the *Little Listening Post*, "and, from the Far Frontier, it is as though he calls back in the same challenging words he used in one of his recent addresses: 'Together let us explore the stars . . . nor ever in this lifetime be trapped on this planet.'"

U.S. INVESTIGATES SPACE TELEPATHY

Dr. Eugene B. Konecci, Director of the Biotechnology and Human Research Department of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, stated in the *Bioastronautics Review*, 1963 that the possible use of telepathic means of communication in future space flights is now being investigated via specific U. S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration experiments in what he terms *energy transfer phenomena*. Dr. Konecci stated that the U. S. understands that Soviet researchers, under the sponsorship of their Academy of Sciences, have established at least eight known research centers specializing in the phenomena of *energy transfer*, all on an academic-scientific level, and that if the results of the conducted experiments are half as good as some claim, then they may be the first to put a human thought into orbit or achieve mind-to-mind communication with humans on the moon. Dr. Konecci stated that one of the difficulties in studying *energy transfer* has been the absence of controlled repeatability in the laboratory, but referred to the encouraging outlook of the work undertaken by American researcher, Dr. Andrija Puharich, wherein it had been found that "the most critical experiment could be performed with a man-in-space, under conditions where gravity-free conditions could be maintained for prolonged periods." Detailing possible telepathy experiments on a man-made satellite in outer space, Dr. Konecci said: "In this case the human receiver would be in the space platform, and the sender on earth would be subjected to high gravitational force conditions. Under these circumstances, as Dr. Puharich has stated, the U. S. could expect to find the most remarkable increase in 'thought transference' or interaction of *energy transfers* for communications techniques between humans and/or flight control equipment."

FINDLAY'S PSYCHIC COLLEGE

The *Herts and Essex Observer* of England reports that "Stanstead Hall, the 60 room mansion standing in 400 acres, has been bequeathed to the Spiritualists' National Union in the will of its owner, 81 year old J. Arthur Findlay" and will be the "first house of its type in the country to be used as a college for psychic research. After his passing, the newspaper told readers, "a full-time faculty will move into the hall to run courses, lectures and discussions connected with psychic research." It will be known as the Arthur Findlay College for Psychic Research. The house and gardens, plus his private collection of over 1,000 books, will go to the College. Founder of *The Psychic News* and *Two Worlds* in England, Mr. Findlay is also the author of some of Spiritualism's finest books.

THESE ARE TIMES when everyone seeks an answer to some kind of a problem. Without problems to be solved, life soon would become meaningless, and there would be no growth. The more hurdles and obstacles we overcome, the more adept we become in living the game of Life. While we are in training to learn this Truth, however, we have to earn our certificate from the School of Hard Knocks. When insurmountable problems arise, we question our friends, doctor, minister, priest and psychiatrist, hoping they will have the answers. The mind goes round and round, and the more we think, the greater the problem appears. People have come to me with many complexities ranging from mere trivia to ideas of suicide. I want so very much to tell them that *their answers lie within themselves* yet they are unable to grasp it. It seems that each one has a certain amount of mental suffering to endure before the Truth finally breaks through, but it is something each person has to find for himself.

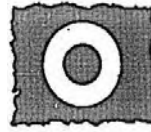
How well I know the feeling! I haven't forgotten when I was grasping at straws trying to find a solution to hold back the great monster, fear, that threatened to devour me. I poured out my despair to anyone who would listen, but no one seemed to be able to furnish just the information for which I looked. I was left with a bothersome void – a dull emptiness that nothing seemed to fill – hating myself that I had admitted defeat. Later, the boiling, churning energy straining for release welled up again, and I felt I must find the solution to my problem or else go mad.

When you stop and analyze the situation, you ask, "Just what is this thing that makes you so restless and unhappy? There is no pain and the material needs are sufficient. Why is it that suddenly everything is going wrong?" Tensions cause you to scream out at loved ones, and the atmosphere seems charged with static. Depression engulfs you and you can only sit and stare at the piled-up work that is waiting on every hand. Everything has gone wrong; the children are getting into trouble, and your mate scarcely speaks anymore.

After you have exhausted your friends, and they have failed to come up with the answers, you decide that you need professional advice. The doctor should be able to help. You decide you need some kind of a 'shot' to break the depression and increase the energy. Surely the doctor will know just the solution to your indefinable problems, yet when you venture out on the subject, his attitude bears down so strongly that you don't remember what he said and you draw back into your shell. You go away with the feeling that he considered you must be another neurotic.

A few days go by and you have another idea. Surely the minister will know.

FINDING THE ANSWERS



HOW ARE YOU FINDING YOURS?

o By BONNIE ROGERS

Beaumont, Texas

That is one of his duties – to counsel with his members. Then you begin to remember the things he said during his last sermon. His daughter (age four at the time) would never do thus and so when she reached a certain age! You remember saying that too before you became a parent. No, he would never understand how you had managed to get your affairs into such a state. You could hear him say, "Let us pray about it." Something rancored within you at the thought. Had you not prayed, in a way, during every waking moment? Somehow you have lost faith in prayer.

I have found that Nature conditions us with troubles and trials. This is one of her ways of forcing spiritual growth on the individual. You can accept it or reject it. The spiritual path leads upward to health, happiness and usefulness; the other to illness, disillusion and defeat. After the physical body has reached maturity, the spiritual body tends to come to the fore and demands nourishment, just as the physical body craves food. When the body cells are starved for spiritual food, there is a restless, a dissatisfied feeling that nothing of a material nature will satisfy. Since the Spirit is not of the Earth, it has to come through the mind (understanding) and the emotions. The hospitals are full of 'sick' people who are starved from lack of spiritual food. The Spirit within has worn itself down trying to break through the material-bound outer mind.

In our early maturity when we are faced with problems that only we can solve, we think at that moment if it were worse we couldn't endure it. We are given what we can bear, however, even though some do throw in the sponge and take suicide as a way out. Each adversity that we overcome strengthens us so that we can endure the next round which is a little worse. After we have gone through various experiences, the times when we thought it was the end of the world, we discover later that they were blessings in disguise, and we find the lesson we learned was worth the price we paid ten times over.

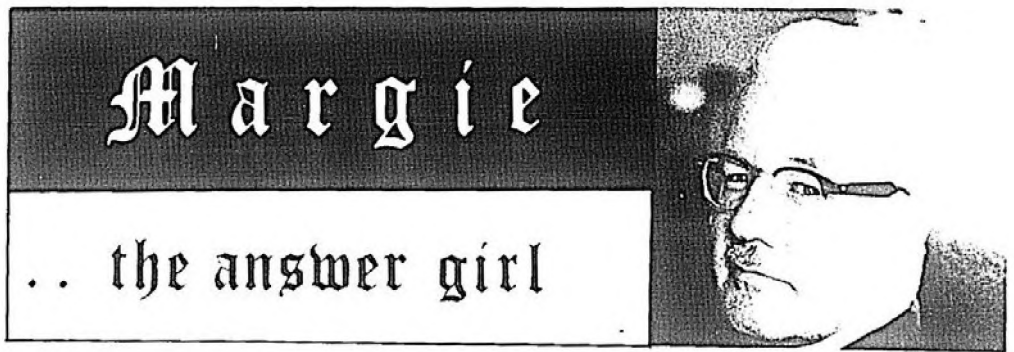
I had thought death was the ultimate in adversity, but later found that suffering because of it was merely self-pity. I found myself struggling in a morass of mental anguish, another hurdle to overcome, another infant step toward the Path of Attainment. My mind was shocked to the point where normal thinking or reasoning was impossible. In a moment of supreme despair, the conscious mind broke through its circuit and reached the astral – the gateway or bridge to the subconscious of the All-Knowing. The answer came to me, clear and definite. I marveled that I had not recognized it before.

Within ourselves, we have the answer to all our problems, though they may come to us in various ways. The astral, or psychic mind, is the gateway between the conscious and subconscious, where all our past soul experiences are stored. When the outer mind, through ignorance or false teachings, fails to recognize the impulses of the subconscious mind, great tensions arise and the emotions are torn in conflict. Because of the difficulty experienced by the astral brain in expressing information perceived by it upon the physical consciousness, it often makes use of symbols. Because of the association of thoughts, one thought, or image, suggesting another, the astral, or psychic brain, often finds much less resistance to presenting information in symbolic form than to presenting it as conversation or an image of the happening. Not until the conscious mind recognizes and agrees with the subconscious, can the body and mind be free.

Dreams can tell us many things if we seek out their meaning. These are most always cloaked in symbology. The dreamer usually can tell better than anyone else what the symbol means to him. All he will need is a key to it if the dream is not readily apparent. "I applied mine heart to know, and to search and to seek out wisdom and the reason of things." Eccles. VII:25.

Usually there has to be a great need for the mind to bridge or reach over to the astral. It requires high potential, or energy, to make this contact and the emotions have to be excited far above the normal state. In another time of deep despair when I reached out for an answer, I was told that for every problem there is
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(Chimes is happy to present MARGIE from the unseen realms of life to answer questions on life and death. Through the trance mediumship of Rev. Richard Zenor of the Agasha Temple of Wisdom, Los Angeles, California, Philip Hastings conducts interviews presenting your questions to Margie and many evolved souls who bring us invaluable knowledge from the world of Spirit . . . a most unusual educational opportunity which it is our privilege to share.)



o By PHILIP HASTINGS - Los Angeles, California

Since the recent assassination of President Kennedy is still upper-most in the minds of the American people, most of this column is devoted to remarks recently made in a historical and political vein regarding the current situation. Rather than answering questions of our readers, the following is in the nature of a conversation between Margie and myself.

o *Margie, have you in the Spirit world the power to look into the real facts regarding the Kennedy assassination?*

I can say, without exaggerating in the least, that we have the ability to look into any situation that has to do with crime, that has to do, for instance with this assassination. You must realize, however, that there are things that we are not necessarily forbidden to discuss when it comes to serious matters such as these, but, on the other hand about which we have to be extremely careful for a number of important personalities and obstacles are involved. We would be called upon to substantiate statements made in reference to anything as alarming as the assassination of the late President.

o *Will the change of administration result in a change in the American government?*

The former Vice-President seems to be a very good man, a man who is capable of knowing how to handle the American dollar as though he appreciates the American dollar, for he did not spring from millions. He came from a family having an income we would consider to be average. Therefore, we must realize that his attitude toward the dollar will differ considerably from that of the late President. However, we are told more things will take place to change the picture in the months ahead.

o *Could this assassination have been avoided?*

The events which led up to the assassination were unavoidable. That is, after the late President made certain choices of the past, a chain of events brought it to pass.

o *Some have said that his departure was foreseen astrologically? Is this correct?*

Yes, and astrally we knew of his passing. You will recall Agasha's mentioning it with such remarks as: "There is approaching danger for the President."

Would you be interested in knowing that

the President attended his own funeral? In fact he observed the entire ceremony and was on hand all that day.

o *Does everyone attend his own funeral in this manner?*

No, not everybody, especially those who have been ill sometime before departure. They usually go into a resting state. But then, not everybody has the grand ceremony the President did, either.

o *Are conditions that have developed going to threaten our capitalistic system of government?*

No, but new conditions are going to prevail. There is much to be discussed regarding the restoration of the people of any nation having a part in the earnings of the nation like you people here in this country who feel that you are a real part of your system of government, the capitalistic system, which we do so absolutely advocate and must have. For it has enabled the average citizen in this wonderful country, America, to live far beyond the means of the average person in different parts of Europe and Asia. This means one thing . . . that if our Capitalistic System is to stand, it must be enhanced. It must be strong. It must not be threatened by the little minds that want to nibble and gnaw upon the Constitution of the United States, for which your forefathers had fought.

Later you will have sufficient evidence of what you have been saved from - but all will be well. The political machine will be changing, but it will improve.

o *What would the effect on the world scene be if Krushchev or Castro had been assassinated?*

If these individuals were removed from the face of the earth it would not change their political machine appreciably. There would always be someone who would arise to do what they have taught. When the former premier of Russia came to power, it was foretold that his days were limited and that he would be returning to the astral world, but that it would not change the picture, for this other man would take over. There is also something else we must bear in mind. That is that removing an entity from the power, backed up by powerful armies and the citizenry of that nation, may give truth to the possibility of it getting more power, more of a

hold than ever on lesser nations.

o *What do you foresee with reference to world communism?*

We see that the "Reds" will turn against the political system in Russia and will cut the string that holds Germany. The three communist powers are to disagree and will take action to bring about the restoration of Germany. This will give Germany an opportunity to rebuild, and through the system of the future, they will have the co-operation of all the world. Foodstuffs and many products will be sent into Germany, the "walls" will crumble, and there will be the re-uniting of separated families.

o *Do you favor our selling surplus food to the communist nations?*

Yes. If we're spending one to eight million dollars a day to house the wheat and the other materials in the elevators, this is a waste of tax money. It is employed in channels that are helpful, perhaps, but this is a tremendous expense over an appreciable period of time. So here is where we have to draw the line. It would be far better instead of dumping or housing our surplus and paying millions of dollars a month to store it, that it be given to help rehabilitate the lesser nations and bring about the goodwill of the people. It is much better given to them than being at the bottom of the sea or rotting away in some storehouse not doing anyone any good.

So the discussion goes on among the well-informed people in the astral kingdom that we must find ways and means for more industry now. We need to build and multiply great industrial capacity to take care of millions of souls who need to be employed, to produce what they are capable of producing, not only for trade and bartering here in America, but to help rehabilitate the lesser nations. They need to be strengthened, to be given their freedom, and given the privilege of building a life for themselves so that they can pursue in the direction they so desire, to have a tool or a machine to work with, and to feel that they are important, precisely the same as other individuals existing on the face of the earth. This we must do.

o *President Kennedy was a great humanist (concluded on page 13)*

THERE MUST BE A HEAVEN FOR DOGS

The Record shows clearly that the animals made the passenger list on the Ark, but there is nothing I recall in the Bible about the admission of our four-footed friends into Heaven.



So long, Blackie!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS so deeply felt that the tongue and the pen are inadequate to express them. So this is my clumsy heartfelt way of saying thanks to all those who took the time and the thought to write or telephone their condolences on the death of the little black dog who had been with us for over fourteen years.

A special word of gratitude to the doctor up the block who ran over to tend Blackie after she was hit by the passing car, and stayed till the ambulance took her away.

This may sound maudlin to some, but not to dog-owners, who are a breed apart.

MARGIE . . . (continued from page 12)

tarian and had the good of the weaker nations at heart, as was evidenced in such programs as the Peace Corps, the Organization of American States, and others. Will this same interest continue with the new administration?

We feel so, and other radical changes will be forthcoming, we are told, but all these political changes will do much to bring about advancement for the entire world.

You might be glad to know that President Kennedy still will be able to assist you just as much on this side — maybe more than previously. Your former Presidents and statesmen go right on working here closely with those who are in politics, and in leadership on the Earth plane.

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(Keep Margie and Philip busy answering your questions, for in this way something that has confounded or mystified you can be clarified to assist others also. Send your questions to Philip Hastings in care of Chimes. Right now send in that question on your mind.)

Unless you've loved and been loved by a dog, the bond is impossible to describe.

The small son of a friend came nearest to it one day when he had battled with his sister and been reprimanded by his parents. In a rage, he picked up his pup and hugged it, shouting defiantly, "You know something? Peggy is the only member of this family I love *all* the time!"

In that nutshell lies the kernel that sets the dog apart from our other pets. As the youngsters were growing up, we had a small menagerie, all dear to us. But Penny remained a turtle, Pinky remained a rabbit — and how! If you know what I mean — and Silver and Alger, though not above melting their reserve to display their fondness for us, still chose to remain cats.

But Blackie, from the day she arrived, was a person and a member of the family to be consulted on important decisions. Twice a New York trip was postponed . . .

o By M. RYSKIND

London, England

once because she wasn't feeling well, and once because she was *expecting*.

Every family blessed with a dog has exactly the same attitude and this, unquestionably, accounts for the slight deviation from the accepted orthodox creeds to be found among us.

The Record shows clearly that the animals made the passenger list on the Ark, but there is nothing I recall in the Bible about the admission of our four-footed friends into Heaven. Yet, to those who have had dogs, it is incredible that this sort of segregation really exists.

It may have been so in the very early days, perhaps, but we are confident that the Supreme Court of Heaven long since has made a definitive ruling on the matter, and that the oversight has been rectified.

So, in our secret heart of hearts, every one of us is convinced that, when entering the Pearly Gates, we will be greeted not only by St. Peter, but our beloved pooch. Otherwise, the Court is going to be bombarded by an awful lot of petitions, signed by Republicans and Democrats alike. I am not always certain that I'll make the grade, but, if I do, and Blackie isn't there with the rest of the family, you can count on me for a couple of weekly editorial blasts.

There is the question, of course, of those good and devout people who are allergic to pets, and never had a dog, a cat or even a parakeet for a pal. Let them have the north side of the tracks where no lawn is ever trampled on, by all means; we'll be glad to live in the more boisterous section where youngsters and dogs frolic happily.

I pray sincerely that I have not trodden on anyone's religious toes, for I certainly haven't meant to do so. Sometimes, you know, a fellow essays a feeble grin lest you suspect he's crying, which is regarded as highly unmanly in one of my years. I am not one, usually, to wear my heart upon my sleeve, so I'll try not to mention that little dog again, but you can be sure her memory will be with me the rest of my days.

(The foregoing are excerpts from The Spiritual Healer Magazine.)

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ARE YOU READY TO TAKE OFF?

From an airline brochure: "Never before has air travel offered you so much. This is the time to break earthly ties."

GEORGE BUTLER

COMMENTS

Based on his column, the Pelican Post, one of broad and discerning perspective as it relates to psychic matters, the following excerpts appear with the permission of George Butler, author and staff writer for the Herald, Bradenton, Florida.

THE VALUE OF DREAMS

DREAMS HAVE LED to great inventions, to writing outstanding books and poems, to solving mysteries, to finding hidden treasures, to foretelling the future.

Ancient civilizations paid a lot of attention to dreams and their interpretation, but the modern, material - minded world appears concerned only with tangible things.

How tangible are dreams? Can they be more real than wide-awake experiences . . . more valuable than worldly possessions?

Robert Louis Stevenson, the famed writer, made no secret of his ability to dream at will of plots for his adventure stories.

Once he wrote a short story called "The Traveling Companion," based on the theme of a dual personality - one good and the other evil. An editor rejected it with a note saying: "This is an ingenious piece of work, but your plot is weak."

Stevenson read the story again and recognized the truth of the criticism, but he didn't know how to improve his ability to call forth plots in his dreams. He would simply stand aside as a spectator and watch a story as it unfolded.

One night, just before going to sleep, Stevenson reread his short story. In the subsequent dream, he witnessed a stirring drama and, upon awakening, set it down on paper.

This dual-personality theme became world-famous . . . The story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

James Watt was the inventor of the first practical steam engine. He made another contribution to science, and he attributed it to a dream.

In his time, the making of lead shot for shortguns was an involved and costly process. Lead was rolled into sheets, and the sheets chopped into bits; or the lead was drawn into wire which was then cut into tiny pieces. In both cases the price was almost prohibitive. Then Watt began having the same dream, night after

night. He seemed to be walking along in a heavy rainstorm, but instead of rain he was showered with tiny leaden pellets that rolled about at his feet. Was the dream significant? Did the dream mean that molten lead falling through the air would harden into tiny spherical pellets?

Watt got permission to conduct an experiment in the tower of a church which had a water-filled moat at its base. He melted a few pounds of lead and tossed it out of the belfrey. When he recovered it from the water in the moat, he found to his delight that it had indeed hardened into tiny globules.

From that day to this, all lead shot has been made by the principle discovered by James Watt in his remarkable dreams.

Modern road construction would not be possible without the versatile, heavy-duty road-building equipment built by Robert G. LeTourneau. This equipment erases mountains, fills in swamps and removes all obstacles in its path.

Some years ago, LeTourneau was broke and heavily in debt. The Texan had invented a new-type stove and manufactured it, the venture financed on borrowed money. The stove was a flop. It was too radical. People were afraid it would explode.

LeTourneau was desperate. He was brought to his knees - which is the best position when praying.

Pray is what LeTourneau did. He prayed from the heart and promised God, if He would get the inventor out of this dilemma, they would be business partners together . . . LeTourneau would tithe and give a substantial portion of his future earnings to God's work.

A few nights later, LeTourneau had a vivid dream. He saw a revolutionary new type of road-building equipment, every piece of it perfect in detail. Upon awakening, he hurriedly sketched the design on paper.

He secured a patent on the invention, made a scale model, and succeeded in

borrowing \$600,000 from a bank to finance the manufacture of the equipment.

The rest is a well-known story. In one year, LeTourneau made \$20 million on his dream-invention. He has established manufacturing plants in many parts of the world. His product is world-famous.

True to his word, he gave a portion of his earnings to God's work. He has financed missionaries, built churches, underwritten revivals, and has toured the nation as a lay speaker for the Methodist Church.

Without the dream he had many years ago, the fabulous success of this now famous Texan might never have been possible.

SPIRITUAL
STORIES
BEHIND STAMPS



MAHATMA GANDHI

1869 - 1948

Everyone knows the leader of India's struggle for independence. All his life was devoted to the survival of non-violent principles in a violent world. Yet, he died by violence at the hand of an assassin during his last prayer meeting. His ashes were committed to the sea. The site of his death has become a shrine . . . truly a saint.

*Stamps from the collection of Mrs. Ann Bell,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.*

EVERYTHING IN LIFE is good; even gold, for it teaches a lesson. Money is like a stringed instrument; he who does not know how to use it properly will hear only discordant music. Money is like love; it kills slowly and painfully the one who withholds it, and it enlivens the other who turns it upon his fellow men."

... Kahlil Gibran

SPEAK FORTH THE WORD

AND HOW OUR WORD CAN DO WONDERS . .

YOU HAVE KNOWN ME in your life, in your magazines, and on your television screens, you have seen me in a body shrunken from self-denial . . walking the streets of India to lead my people in the way of spiritual evolvment . . you will recognize me as the one who was called Mahatma Gandhi.

I come to you with an appeal. To whom else could I go? To whom else but those of you who are in groups of light, opening their hearts to all . . to the primitive races and those who have despitely used you . . to whom could I take my appeal with greater hope than to you?

You have heard or read of the unhappy situation of millions of people all over the Earth today. You will have feared to look fully at their conditions, for then you could not go forward in peace and relaxation to do the work you must do. I do not ask you to paint in your minds the horrible conditions of deprivation, starvation, oppression, and despair. I ask you instead to send forth The Word of Comfort, of Enlightenment, of Brotherhood which you can give.

Everyone in contact with the higher realms of light has been given the same command, the same inner urging, the same desire to speak forth The Word. Beloved ones, be so busy speaking forth The Word that you do not have time to bemoan and bewail the misery of others.

Let us for the moment think of the case of an accident on your streets. Which one is of the greatest help in such an emergency: the one who stands by wringing his hands, weeping, and saying, "Oh, isn't this awful!" . . or the one who, having prepared himself with some knowledge of the need, goes through all the steps which have been taught him and calmly acts to bring as much comfort and healing to the situation as possible?

The Word builds; The Word materializes; The Word revolutionizes. My brothers and sisters, I do not mean that you should publish more bulletins or mail them by the millions. I mean that you should consciously speak The Word wherever you are into the air and into the ether. Send it out. I am speaking to you with force and authority, for I have led a nation to freedom.

Some of you work in places of business

all day and think you have little time. As you prepare your body for the day, speak forth the fact that God's Life is being lived in every human being for the highest good. Say forth through the mind or through the voice: *God loves all; God feeds all.* From the exhaustless riches of His infinite substance all draw every needful thing, both material and spiritual. All are fed by the Bread of Heaven which is as infinite as the *All*. Speak forth these words with power and authority.

People are always saying, "What can I do about this? . . I am just one. I can write to the newspapers, but who pays any attention. I can write to the President, but maybe he doesn't even see it. It's all in the hands of the politicians, and I can't get to them. I have no money to buy their votes or give them privileges. I can't even get their ear. I can write letters, but unless there are many of us, they won't pay any attention." Every American has thought this at some time or other; he has felt powerless. My dear ones, you are not powerless; you have great power. You can sit within the four walls of your own private room and send forth such power and such light that the world will be shaped to your thinking. This is one of the laws, one of the principles of the Omniverse which you must begin to understand now.

Oh, how I wish you could see your light as it shines forth. I wish you could see how you radiate and scintillate and sparkle. I wish you could see the beauty of the growth in you. I wish you could see the unity of all who are here with you at this moment. You, and all who are with you, send forth a light so powerful that it is a great comfort to one such as I who desires deeply to ease the burden of the many millions of suffering, oppressed, downtrodden, confused, sick, primitive, ignorant and unhappy people.

May God bless you with all His fullness as you respond to the call of man in the multitudes for comfort, for peace, for love, and for light. I believe you say *Sologa* . . meaning, together we work - - together we send forth. Peace be unto you in the name of the Solar Logos.

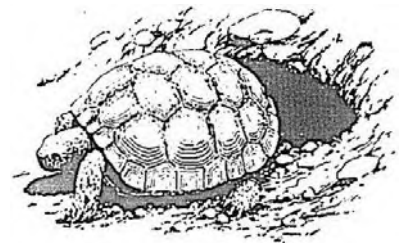
(The foregoing is an excerpt from *Solograph 7*, Miami, Florida.)

The following story about "Doctor" Tortoise is taken from the *New Zealand Herald*. We cannot give any definite explanation of it, but it may well be the act of sitting on the back of the tortoise acts as a focal point for those seeking the aid of healing forces.

UNIQUE HEALING

A TORTOISE TETHERED in the grounds of Nakaru European Hospital, Nairobi, is performing amazing cures of lumbago and other backaches, says *The Times*.

Medical authorities at the hospital are baffled at the cures. The tortoise has been named "The Doctor." People from



"DOCTOR" TORTOISE

miles around visit it and are being cured of back troubles. They sit on its back and within seconds all pains vanish.

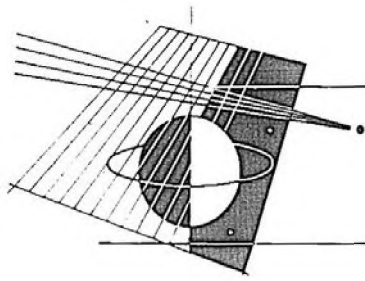
No doctor has been able to explain the cure, although it is claimed that three Europeans have been completely cured and results are awaited from several others, says *The Times*.

Some people say it is an ancient remedy of the Kikuyu tribe. Others credit it to the Zulus of South Africa.

The owner of the tortoise is the chief laboratory technologist at the hospital, Mr. A. Riley. Mr. Riley was the first to discover the healing properties of the two-foot tortoise. Forced to give up golf because of back trouble, Mr. Riley was told of the ancient tribal cure of sitting on the back of a tortoise. Skeptically he tried it - and was cured almost immediately. Now he is playing five rounds of golf a week.

"We must, like the oyster troubled with a grain of sand within, adjust to the growing pains and produce our own pearl of understanding."

. . . Eileen J. Garrett, "Life is the Healer."



Psychic Experiences

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL SHOW THEM

By Mark Twain
Received inspirationally by
Mildred Gourley
Hollis, New York

This is the story of John Niven. John was the purveyor of ice cream and goodies. He had a cart that the children loved to follow.

Often he noticed a child in the group, a little boy not unlike the son he had lost. "Strange," thought John, "The little fellow never seems to have money for ice cream. Next time I'll give him some anyway."

A few days later he saw the boy again. When he started to hand him a cone, the little fellow backed away, and while John's attention was attracted by another child, the boy disappeared.

For several days John was busy trying to contrive some way to give the child a treat. Remembering that some parents warn their children not to accept goodies from strangers, John thought of a scheme which might appeal to him. There was a red haired girl who was almost always in the group. She seemed exceedingly friendly. He would contrive to have her hand a cone to the boy.

When the boy was with the group the next time, John started to hand two cones to the little red head saying, "Give one to the boy next to you."

"What boy?" he heard her say, and at that moment, to his amazement, the child vanished before his very eyes.

That night, at home, John told his wife. "Our son lives! He has been appearing to me for many days. He wants us to know that life is eternal and he is alive."

"I know," said his wife. "I have been waiting to hear it from you."

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THE HAND OF GOD?

By Marguerette Gilmore
Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

We had a marvelous demonstration of protection in our town a while back that I should like to tell you about.

At 3 a.m. on Oct. 18th, 1960 the fire alarm rang until the little town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, was wide awake

and getting its fire equipment and volunteer force into action. A large house and outbuilding were saved from burning down, but no human hand had set off the alarm. The burning house had, until a few days previously, been occupied by a city official, and the fire alarm, which he hadn't had time to move to his new residence, was still in this house. When the fire reached the alarm it set it off and kept it sounding until help arrived.

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A DISCONCERTING EXPERIENCE

By Helen L. Cassity
San Jose, California

Last June, a tiny bird fell from his nest under the eaves of my home. My cat caught it and tossed it around quite a bit before I discovered it. The cat ran under my car in the sloping driveway with the bird in his mouth. I hurled a bottle at the cat under the car, and he dropped the fledgling and scurried off over the fence.

I picked up the little mauled creature and saw that he was still alive, so I sprinkled some cool water on his bill, put him in a box eight inches tall, and five inches square, on a napkin. I carried him to the den, closed the window (though the windows were heavily screened anyway,) and went out closing the den door, to get lunch.

In about two hours, I mixed up some corn meal in a teaspoon, thinking if he were still alive I would do a little forced feeding. When I looked in the box, to my astonishment, he was gone. I looked all around the room, but I felt that if he had gotten out of the box, it would have taken

"Have you ever experienced an unexpected blessing coming to you through an unexpected channel? Have you? If you have, why has it come to pass? Only for the reason that somewhere along life's path you became a blessing to someone . . . a blessing from the innermost depths of your heart."

... Melchizedek Truth Principles

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One life showing the way is better than ten tongues trying to tell you about it.

super-abundant power for such a tiny bird to fly out of the eight inch box.

I looked in every crack and corner. I was dumbfounded. We have no children, and had no company that day. I took down the curtains, looked under the chairs, in the wastebasket and left not one hair unturned . . . but no bird. The irony of the whole thing was that a generous dropping had been left on the window pane. I even left it there for a month to prove I had had a bird in there. In October I cleaned my entire house, and as it had been said by friends, the cat must have gotten the bird. I knew from my experience with cats that they do not run out with their prey, but toss them about, scattering feathers everywhere, and the cat had not been in the house since the rescue of the victim.

Could this have been the trick of Poltergeists? . . . Or could it have disintegrated by a condition of the ethers in the room? I doubt this. Can any of your readers give the answer? I feel I shall never get over looking for the bird.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO PEANUTS?

By Minnie Mae Karlo
Denver, Colorado

One afternoon I had been sitting in my Morris chair with my little pet three pound Chihuahua, Peanuts, sitting on my lap as usual. After listening to the late news on the T.V., I got up and went into the kitchen to finish some work before retiring for the evening. I was in the habit of bringing in some milk with Pablum to Peanuts each night, so I called to her to come and get it. Usually she was in my chair waiting for me . . . But no Peanuts! . . . so I put the dish down and began to look for her. I knew she couldn't be very far away, but after searching in every nook and cranny in every room of the house, she just wasn't any place to be found. I became frantic and on the verge of tears when I decided to call my neighbor . . . mostly to ease my fears, even though I knew she couldn't help.

While standing in the doorway looking into the room, all of a sudden Peanuts came bouncing up to me from the rocking chair just as though she had been dropped from above somewhere. Her little ears were pinned back in fright, she was nervous, shaking like a leaf, besides being extremely hot. She seemed to be so confused, and finally quieted down when I reassured her and petted her a little.

A few nights previously she had barked at a Spirit pet of mine, a Pekinese, and shied away from it. I broke the contact by picking her up.

Where was that little Peanuts for those fifteen or twenty minutes? Was she in Spirit, I wonder?



Chimes...CALL TO PRAYER

AS WE COME TOGETHER in these moments of prayer, loving the Father with all our hearts, all our minds, all the strength and depth of our being, let us know that in so doing we share this love with all mankind, that it is the very source of healing for all woes. It matters not whose need it is, where it exists, or its nature, for as we enter into this love vibration at any given moment, the peace of that healing touch . . . the deep communion of love . . . steals over us, and we know that all is well - now and forever.

We know that as we help to ease the burdens of those we love . . . and those who need love . . . that when we no longer see imperfections and afflictions, when we see all as God's children, we see the Truth about them, freeing them of all bondages.

Let us become aware more each day of the multitude of loving souls on all planes of consciousness praying with us, loving us, giving us strength, com-

... AND AN ANSWER

Dear Chimes Friends:

It is my pleasure to report to you that the request for your healing prayer service with regard to my condition is very much improved. I do not have the sharp pains any more, and I can walk around now very well. I do not have to wear the steel girdle, and I would say that my physical condition has shown at least an 85% improvement, and my mental attitude is so much better.

For your wonderful kindness and care about another human being, I am most gratefully yours,

Mrs. Ruth Schwab
San Mateo, California

panionship, protection, guidance, inspiration . . . lifting us above our fears, our loneliness, our frustrations and tribulations. Let us shower more love upon them, our family, our friends and associates, on all Nature. And let us be of good cheer in all our experiences, expressing harmony in all our responses to life.

As we express the Law of Love in all our thoughts and actions, we help to lift the curtain of darkness that has covered the Earth, and we become co-creators with God, hastening the arrival of the New Age destined for this beautiful planet.

Thank you, Father, for making possible the wonderful, simple oneness of this prayer fellowship. Thank you for all those love inspired souls eager to discover the "great reality" for themselves . . . willing to light the way for others. Let love be the way, the power, and the inexhaustible reservoir of our being . . . for GOD IS LOVE.

So be it . . . and it is.

As it is impossible to acknowledge personally each healing request reaching the Chimes Healing Ministry, we should like you to know that immediately upon being received each request is surrendered to the Power of Spirit in the Chimes daily prayer periods for a period of thirty days. It is our privilege and joy to be with you in prayer daily, and you can be certain we will appreciate knowing the progress of each request. Let the demonstration of your faith in the Power of Spirit be a source of strength and encouragement to others.

Won't you join us
in the Silence . . . ?

Each day at noon . . . we at Chimes devote a few moments to silent prayer. Wherever you may be - your time - let us spend these precious moments together in inner communion with God, finding the answer to our every need.

The Editors

Chimes Healing Ministry



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MONTHLY REPORT

Please complete and return this form to Chimes EVERY MONTH if further assistance is needed.

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WHY NOT LIVE TO BE

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I HAVE KNOWN MANY very spiritually minded meta-physical teachers who have healed thousands of others of all manner of diseases – and yet themselves succumbed to the Grim Reaper at a comparatively early age.

We cannot rationalize that their “work is done” and they have gone to their “heavenly reward.” The world desperately needs such gifted persons to lift it out of the swamp of ignorance and false beliefs. Countless numbers are prematurely deprived of the benefit of these teachers’ sage wisdom and teachings.

What is the reason that these healers and teachers fall by the wayside? It is the culmination of my beliefs that these great meta-physicians rely too much on their understanding and mental “control over matter;” they tend to neglect the body entirely. They try to claim that the body is “nothing” and has no place in their thinking. All the affirmations in the world will not help you if you constantly ignore the laws of nature and the simple laws of health. We cannot expect God to keep on healing us when we continually break His laws for us.

THE PATRIARCHS LIVED LONG

Most people seem to think that the Bible was written for religious instruction only, that it is something far removed from their ordinary, workaday lives. Yet the early Scriptures are primarily the chronicles of a people, meant first and foremost to preserve for them those experiences and those discoveries that would help them in overcoming the difficulties and dangers of their primitive existence.

The Bible is the Log Book of Experience. Through thousands of

◦ By GORDON COLLIER

Tarrytown, New York



years, the wise men of old handed down the things they learned which might be most helpful to posterity. How else would you interpret this passage from Deuteronomy?

“Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do. For this is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life (your health); and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land.”

What loomed up as of greatest importance to primitive man? Health, strength, did it not? So we may well expect to find in the Scriptures the methods which, in the experience of the sages of old, were best calculated to produce strong men, mighty men, men who retained their vigor and youthfulness to a great age.

Go back over all the heroic figures in the Bible, and what trait do you find most common among all of them? They were mighty men, strong men, healthy men, and unless cut down by

violence, men who lived to great ages. “There were giants in the earth in those days,” we are told in Genesis, “and also after that, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

Men of renown . . . go back over the list and see how many were strong men as well – Samson, Moses, Joshua, Saul, David, the Maccabees, John the Baptist, and a host of others. It was said of Saul – “Saul, a choice young man and a goodly; from his shoulders and upwards, he was higher than any of the people.” And of David – “he was ruddy, withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look to.” But how about the greatest of them all? How about Jesus?

Jesus worked as a carpenter until He was thirty years of age. He wielded an adze and pushed a plane in days when there were no sawmills to cut up the lumber, when every bit of work from chopping down the tree to raising the timbers of the house had to be done by hand. Tools were few in those days, and sheer strength took the place of winches and pulleys. Could a weakling have done such work?

Jesus, single-handed, chased the hucksters and the money-lenders from the Temple, scourging them as they went. Would any crowd of usurers and push-cart men that you have seen run from any but a giant among men?

There is in the Vatican Library in Rome a description of Jesus said to have been written to a friend by a Roman proconsul who had seen Him often:

“His fair hair is long, flowing down to the ears and thence to His shoulders. It is slightly crisped and curled, parted in the middle and falling on either side

HOW DID THE ANCIENTS MANAGE TO LIVE SO LONG ?

as is the custom of a Nazarene. His cheeks are somewhat rosy, the nose and mouth well shaped, the beard is thick and is the color of a ripe hazel nut; it is short and parted in the middle.

"His looks reveal both wisdom and candor. His blue eyes at times flash with sudden fire.

"This Man, usually so gentle in conversation, becomes terrible when He reprimands, but even at such times there seems to emanate from His Person a safe serenity . . . His voice is grave, reserved and modest. He is as handsome as a man can be. He is called Jesus, the Son of Mary."

"I came that ye might have life," Jesus assured us, "and have it more abundantly." Doesn't that mean greater health and strength, length of days and the capacity to enjoy them to the full?

But remember how often He warned those He cured — "Go and sin no more."

YOUTH UNLIMITED

In *The Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East*, by Baird T. Spalding, we read:

"You ask if we believe death is avoidable. Let me answer in the words of Siddha. 'The human body is built up from the individual cell, like the bodies of plants and animals, whom we love to call younger and less evolved brothers. The individual cell is a minute microscopic unit of the body. By a process of growth and division repeated many times, this minute nucleus of a cell unit results at last in a complete human being, built up of almost countless millions of cells. These body cells specialize for certain different functions, but they retain in the main, the characteristics of the individual cell whence they

AUTHOR OF, "MAKE YOUR OWN WORLD," TELLS US HERE SOMETHING HE HAS LEARNED OF LONGEVITY

arose. The individual cell may be looked upon as the torchbearer of animal life — reaching back to the time when life first appeared on this planet.'

"This individual cell has the property of *unlimited youth*. The group cells called the body arose from the individual cell, and retain its individual characteristics, one of which is the latent fire of life, or *eternal youth*. The body group functions as guardian of the individual cell only during the short span of life as you know it now."

THE MARVELOUS BANYAN TREE

"The most ancient of our teachers by inspirational means perceived the truth of the fundamental unity of all life reactions. We can imagine these teachers beneath the great Banyan tree, teaching their pupils: 'Look at this giant tree. The vital process going on in this and in ourselves is fundamentally the same. Behold the leaves and the buds at the tips how young they are — young as the seed from which the giant sprang into life. As the leaves and buds at the tips of the branches are as young as the seed from which the oldest tree sprang, even so the group cells in man forming the body need not gradually lose their vitality and die, but may grow young and ever green as the ovum or individual cell itself.

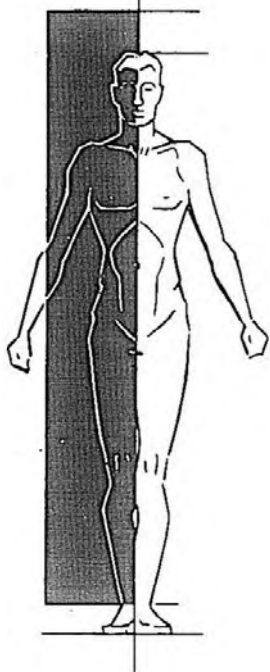
"Your body should grow as young and vital as the life seed

from which it sprang. The Banyan tree does not die except through accident. No natural law of decay seems to exist within the tree. The same is true of the human form divine. No inevitable old age process exists within his body or group cells — nothing that can paralyze the individual gradually. Death then is an avoidable accident. Senile decay, is the absence of ease, sweet joyous peace of the spirit reflected through the mind and body. Even accidents are avoidable by the correct mental attitude. Youth is the divinity within man; youth is the life spiritual — the life beautiful. The life that lives and loves — the one life eternal. Fear thoughts, pain thoughts and grief thoughts create the ugliness called old age. Joy thoughts, love thoughts and ideal thoughts create the beauty called youth. Age is a shell within which lies the gem of reality. Practise acquiring the consciousness of childhood.

"Visualize before falling asleep — I now have within me a spiritual joy-body ever young, ever beautiful, the body of the Divine child which is perfect! In the morning recognize the divine alchemist within. This inner alchemist has caused the dead and worn-out cells to fall and the gold of new skin to appear in perpetual health and loveliness. Truly Divine Love in demonstration is *eternal youth*.

"Learn that to smile a joyous smile from the soul is spiritual relaxation. Think a kind thought for all the world. Make everything bright and beautiful about you. Cultivate a spirit of humor, and learn to enjoy the sunshine."

The Masters of the Far East, like the Patriarchs of the Bible, lived to unbelievable ages. They are said to have retained health and strength and an evergreen youthfulness. Why should not we do the same? Why should not we follow the teachings which builded such mighty men of old, which enabled them to retain health and strength and vigor right up to the end of their days?



The Body Tells The Story

... OF WHAT YOU THINK

By DR. CUSHING SMITH

Detroit, Michigan

WHY ARE WE "BLINDED" ?

This affliction may be due to any or all of a variety of mental causes in addition to the physical. In the Scriptural case of the man born blind, the question was asked, "Who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" And the answer was given, "Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Now, this is usually taken to mean that sin is not the cause of blindness, but the import is that in true Father-Motherhood and in spiritual man such a thing as sin in any form is unknown. The cause was considered less important than the cure. But prenatal conditions, even when heredity seems obvious, constitute the only explanation for congenital blindness and must be handled metaphysically on that basis. Since this is relatively infrequent, attention here will be directed to loss of sight as experienced by an adult. Visual difficulties appearing at adolescence or menopause are often engendered by prenatal conditions that do not manifest themselves at birth. The proverb, "None is so blind as he who will not see," signifies that blindness is mental, associated with unwillingness to see anything except from one point of view.

For proper approach to difficulties in vision, let us contemplate what the optic sense actually does. It is a function of distinguishing between darkness and light, including color, which is a derivation of white light. We do not distinguish black furniture in a darkened room nor a white bear upon a snowcape. Therefore, optics metaphysically represents the degree of spiritual discernment between evil and good. Sinners often have good eyesight, unless infected venereally, because they do not have the acute moral sense to distinguish evil from good. On the other hand, truly spiritual-minded people should develop good eyesight,

because they can see evil as unreal. It is the fellow in between who has visual difficulties; the conscientious person who is afraid he may violate the moral law; one who becomes mesmerized by the evil he sees about him; the sacrosanct individual who turns away from evil in self-righteousness; the dreamer who will not contemplate realities in the ordinary sense of that term; the person who likes to say, "Well, I don't see" this or that; the man or woman who can see only one side of an issue; one who shuns evil rather than helping to overcome it; the unanalytical individual who takes most things at their face value; the narrow-minded person who "cannot see beyond the end of his nose"; the slave to earning a living who "keeps his nose close to the grindstone"; the unimaginative person with no sense of humor; one blinded by his own self-importance; the married couple who refuse to "see eye to eye"; the materialist blind to anything of a spiritual nature. It is written: "The eye is the window of the soul," and this is a very good lead to follow in exploring the field of blindness or impairment of eyesight.

Treatment

I refuse to accept the suggestion that I can suffer from eye trouble, or I-trouble, since the only I is God, the I AM whose child I am. It is He who sees, and I-am-God-in-the-act-of-seeing. Hence, my vision spiritually is perfect. I cannot be blinded

WHAT IS HEALTH? It is life abundant. To be! To live! To have an intense enjoyment in every inspiration of breath; in every beat of the pulse; in every movement of the limbs; in every sense.

- RICHARD JEFFERIES

by any phase of materiality, because my real being is divine. I cannot fail to see clearly with respect to any condition or situation in my environment, regardless of prejudice, personal viewpoints or perversion of the truth, since it is written: "In Him we live and move and have our being," and this environment is the only one I can really know. Seeing this mentally and spiritually enables me to see normally physically. It also enables me to discern any evil intent that might claim to "steal me blind." I am not blind to evil's claims, but only to their authenticity, in view of the fact that God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look upon iniquity." It is my privilege to look upon iniquity but to see it as unreal. I am not under any law of heredity or prenatalism, but only under the law of God as it is written: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." This law assures me of the perfectability of my eyesight. It is written: "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them."

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(Read Dr. Smith's self-revealing book, *I Can Heal Myself, and I Will*. Purchase from Chimes, \$5.15, postpaid, plus 20¢ Calif. sales tax.)

FINDING THE ANSWERS . . .

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an answer - if I would look for it. Jesus told us, "Knock and it will be opened - Search and you will find." When there is a real need and desire for spiritual knowledge, we find that literally we are surrounded with it. We discover that we are seeing with "new" eyes, and things that had escaped us utterly before suddenly come sharply into focus.

As our new eyes begin to show us the answers to what once seemed unanswerable, we soon become aware of an old word that has taken on a new meaning. That word is *understanding*. Solomon said, "In all thy getting, get understanding." From *Isis Unveiled* we read, "Study to know, know to understand." In times of stress and sorrow, what greater gift can one give than a pat on the hand and the assurance, "I understand." It's an emotional bond between two or more people that can come only from a former similar experience. One cannot truly understand what has never been experienced. After we have gathered in our harvest of bitter experiences, we can use them either for spiritual growth, or for self-destruction, self-pity, and resentment. An intellectual understanding of the giant storehouse of untapped spiritual power within is one of the first steps - that of *knowing*. After we study, we *know*, then our problems become stepping stones to spiritual riches - to the "peace that passeth understanding."

"BE YE LOVING"



Dr. Joseph Murphy
Los Angeles, California

If you would be loved, love and be lovable. You must remember that we are shaped and fashioned by what we love. Dwell on this great truth: The heart of him who truly loves is a paradise on earth; he has God in himself, for God is Love.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Lev. 19:18.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6:5.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love to another. John 13:34-35.

He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. I. John 3:14.

Everyone that loveth is born of God. I. John 4:7.

If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. I. John 4:11-12.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? I. John 4:20.

"The hours I spent with thee,
 dear heart
Are as a string of pearls to me;
I count them over, every one
 apart,
My rosary, my rosary."
 — Robert Rogers.

Today I will be happy
Today I will be glad
Today is the best day
I ever had.

Anon.

THE ETERNAL FLAME

This was written for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy in appreciation of a wonderful spiritual thought.

Let not marble, granite or clay
 Be the stumbling block this day
Let love and justice
 Be the Eternal Flame to light the way.
Let not selfishness, hate or greed
 Darken the path for you or me
Nor the next life to be
 Only the Eternal Flame will set us free.

R.B.N.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Ode
to
Spirit

I wish to dedicate these words to our dear late President John F. Kennedy. They came to me while watching television, thinking of him on that fateful day. I could see many books and papers, and then I saw him "hurry on" toward a beautiful set of steps and ascend them.

" I MUST HURRY ON "

It is not done — —
 But I must hurry on!
I hear His sweet voice
 Calling . . . "Come"
It is not done — —
 But I must hurry on.
I have no time to explain
 I know it is not done
But I must hurry on.
 My Commander calls.
He has other work for me
 And I must hurry on.
All is in order, and you must
 Take up the banner
I have carried and carry on
 For I must hurry on!

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: Has Spirit ever advised that the date of a person's death is predestined by fate?

ANSWER: I have never received such advice, but rather the opposite recently recorded as follows: "There is no calendar for the measurement of time in eternity, only a register of light and dark. Death of the flesh is mortal measurement only, due to laws of matter and mind. One can develop spiritual light or dark in a short or long life-time, depending on the mortal conditions and events. The healing mission of Christ was to salvage life and light, and therefore could not recognize fate's time-table. One can register a train's arrival at a destination, provided the tracks are kept clear and the power preserved. Righteous human engineers of life, however, often meet unexpected obstacles which do not weaken the engineer's wisdom, for the mortal condition was not on the time-table. Spirit never caused a wreck, but might anticipate it because it sees the broken track ahead.

"Fate is Spirit foreknowledge of mortal conditions made by lack of man's understanding. Spiritual wisdom can change fate, even as Christ healed mortals and extended their fates. The wages of evil and ignorance mean early death of body and dark of Spirit. The opposite of such is the purpose of righteous ministers, doctors and other healers and teachers of mankind under the laws of matter and Spirit as created by God, with each unto its own octave in atomic existence, visible or invisible to the eyes of man. Mortal time will open his eyes to the realization of higher laws of matter and Spirit."

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QUESTION: Can you give a Bible reference showing that Christ had Spiritualistic beliefs as to survival and contact with those still in the body?

ANSWER: Yes . . . Christ's words to His disciples in John 16:22 were: Just before His death, "Now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again and your hearts shall rejoice." (Read the whole chapter for further assurance). Later more than five hundred people still in the flesh saw and heard Christ as a manifesting Spirit, both etheric and materialized. Thus we see Spiritualistic Science authenticated for all Christian denominations.

MORE ABOUT PHYSICAL PHENOMENA . . .

ALL PHYSICAL PHENOMENA seem to be hindered by light — either daylight or artificial light — and rarely can they be produced except in darkness. Should you attempt to obtain phenomena of this character, therefore, it would be well for you to sit in the darkness, especially at first, then request that more and more light be permitted as your power increases and the phenomena appear. Most mediums begin their development by seating themselves in a cabinet in a darkened room, and often it is necessary to sit in this way every evening for several weeks or even months before any phenomena appear. If you are naturally psychic, however, and physical phenomena are going to be manifested through your mediumship, doubtless you would have to sit only for a fraction of this time in order for the first manifestations to make themselves felt. Probably afterwards you would be so interested in the process that you would not count the time spent in your development.

FIRST SYMPTOMS

It is probable that the first indications of phenomena you will receive will be tiny spots of light which form before you in space, suddenly appearing to remain stationary for some time, then joining themselves together to form one larger light. As time progresses, you will see that this light, cloudy mass will become more definite in outline and shape, and probably will begin to assume the shape of a form standing before you. When this stage has been reached, you should concentrate your receptive faculties and endeavor to get *en rapport* with this form. After a time you will be able to establish intelligent mental communication and exchange messages. Usually this will appear before physical phenomena manifest. Dr. Băraduc of Paris succeeded in photographing those groups of light which thus floated before him, and the student who once has succeeded in receiving manifestations of a like nature might well conduct similar experiments if he is sufficiently alert and able to do so. If not, a friend who is with him and has attended his process of development might try to take these photographs at the moment when the psychic states are vividly present before him.

There are thus two ways of cultivating physical mediumship. One is to sit in the dark; the other is to experiment more or less consciously in light or semi-darkness, and when a certain amount of power has been gained in this direction, endeavor to

transfer or carry this over into the dark seance and transmit this power to a spirit who will then utilize it and by its aid produce physical phenomena.

DEVELOPING IN THE DARK

If you sit for physical development in the dark, you are never sure what kind of phenomena you are to obtain. In a seance this is beneficial, since you should never aim to get just one type of phenomenon, for if you do, by your attitude you shut out all other phenomena that might develop spontaneously. At the same time, it is always satisfactory for the beginner to be able to control his phenomena, and for this reason the second method of experimentation is advisable. If desired, it might be carried out at the same time as the other method of development so that the two progress side by side. If you sit in the dark, you should, by all means, provide yourself with a cabinet, since this will tend to concentrate the force and much less energy will have to be expended for the production of any phenomena you may obtain. Also, you should abstain from using your will or thinking consciously of practical, everyday affairs. Make your mind blank, holding only the thought of the Higher Self . . . and await results.

TESTING INSTRUMENTS

A number of simple devices have been constructed with the object of testing mediumship in its early stages. One or two of these can be made at home. You might suspend a small pith or cork-ball by means of a silk thread, five or six inches long, from a hook. Then place the fingers of one hand almost touching this ball and leave it there for some moments. You may, if successful, succeed in causing this ball to move either towards or away from your fingers as you will. This is a very useful little experiment and will be found beneficial in developing simply physical phenomena. Another device which may be employed is to procure a straw, such as is used at soda fountains, and pass a needle through it directly in the center. Press the lower end of the needle into a large, flat cork; see that the straw revolves easily upon the slightest pressure. Place your fingers nearly touching one end of the straw and will that it shall move either to the right or to the left. This instrument probably will prove to be more sensitive than the last.

There are, of course, more complicated scientific instruments which have been devised to test the externalization of the human fluid and the power of the will. These instruments have been used with

great benefit by many scientific students.

HOW TO BEGIN

When the student has progressed thus far, he is ready to try his first experiment in the movement of physical objects lying on his table. Begin with a very small, light object, such as a cork. Do not choose any metal object. Place the finger tips of both hands on either side of the object, nearly touching it. Wait until you feel distinct tingling sensations in the fingers, and if this sensation extends to the elbows, or even to the shoulders, so much the better. Try to construct by your will; and in imagination, so to speak, a fine thread or hair, composed of psychic rays passing between your fingers, supporting the object in question. Concentrate on this for some moments before you make any physical movement. Then, very slowly, raise the fingers and see whether the cork is influenced to follow the upper direction of your fingers. If so, you have begun your course of psychic mediumship.

The aura extends from the body, and particularly the finger tips . . . a human fluid that is capable of projection at will. It is this fluid which is the basis, or substance, out of which the psychic threads, or rays, are spun. When these threads have stretched from finger to finger and gained sufficient solidity, they are capable of lifting quite heavy objects. Dr. Ochrovitz, who has studied these rays for years, calls them "*rigid rays*" and asserts that his medium, Mademoiselle Tomeczyk, can by an effort of will construct a psychic thread so strong that it can be heard scraping against solid objects and even seen occasionally . . . yet it does not exist as a physical reality, for the space between the fingers and the object may be cut without severing the connection.

These psychic threads are woven not of physical but of etheric or astral matter. As we do not know as yet how to mold or manipulate it accurately, we have to do the best we can by the power of the human will. The process to be followed therefore is: *first*, vivid imaginary construction of these rays or threads; *second*, projection of the vital fluid; and *third*, weaving this together into the rigid rays by an effort of the will. If the student can follow this process and persistently carry out the instructions, doubtless he will succeed in time in moving small, light objects . . . that is, if he is at all gifted with this phase of mediumship.

HOW TO CONSTRUCT THE VITAL THREADS

First of all, place yourself in a relaxed, restful condition, then think intently of the threads, or rays, you wish to produce. Imagine these just like any other threads coming from your finger tips and becoming more and more dense and solid as they emerge. When you have formed these vital rays clearly in your mind and have them all ready to project, extend the fingers and, with strong effort of will, endeavor to project this energy into space, beyond the

finger tips. After a few trials, you will doubtless begin to do so. This you will feel in the form of "pins and needles" sensations in the finger tips. They will also get warm, perhaps perspire. When this second stage has been reached, you are ready to proceed with the third. The fluid thus projected is not in the form of rigid rays or threads, but rather a vaporous mass, and you must toughen and strengthen this by *will power*. After the projection has taken place, think and *will* intently that this shall happen, and is happening, and at the same time imagine your consciousness in your finger tips themselves, molding and toughening these vital rays.

TRANSFERRING THE POWER

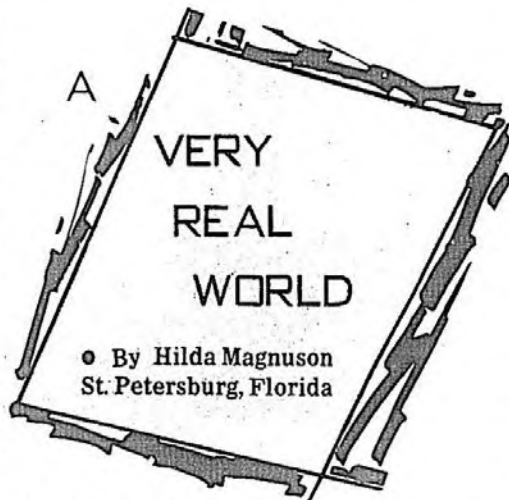
After progressing this far, the final step must be taken, namely, transferring this power to the control of a spirit, or outside intelligence. This is a very delicate and subtle process, little understood even by mediums. The best process is to develop gradually the power of going into trance coincidentally with the development of these physical phenomena. Once you have gained the power of projecting the fluid at *will* and moving material objects by its aid, you should endeavor to hand over this manipulative power to another intelligence. You cannot do this consciously, so you can only hope that the transference will take place when you have passed into trance. You should try, therefore, to pass into trance while actually conducting the above-mentioned experiments. The proof that this transference does take place is found in the fact that the most striking physical phenomena at a seance always occur when the medium is in deep trance. The deeper the trance, the better the phenomena. In other words, the more the medium's *will* is in abeyance, the more opportunity is given to the external *will* of the spirit to become active and bring about the required results. This fact is very strikingly proved by nearly all the best physical mediums in the history of Spiritualism.

GATHERING VITAL ENERGY

If you are unable to move material objects alone, you may perhaps be able to do so after gathering strength from others. You may do this either by forming a chain and gathering this energy by an effort of *will* before making your experiment, or by placing your hands in position and asking the two members of the chain nearest to you to place their hands upon your temples, or one on your forehead, and the other over the solar plexus. In this way a vital magnetic current is established which may add greatly to your powers and enable you to move objects and produce phenomena where you would otherwise fail.

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(The foregoing are excerpts from *Your Psychic Powers and How To Develop Them* by Carrington which may be purchased from Chimes, \$3.15 postpaid.)



TOO FEW TAKE THE TIME to elicit true information concerning life hereafter. They take the easy way out: listen to hearsay, the work of modern-day preachers, or just plain ignore it.

There is more than one way to become knowledgeable on the subject. Preachers of today extol the Bible in eloquent terms, however, there is much hidden meaning in the Bible that confounds man. He is well versed in the category of the Bible, but he is not as well versed in the true meaning behind many of its passages.

Nowhere in the Bible does it tell of the *Land Beyond the Sunset!* Nowhere does it tell of the life *hereafter*, its schools, its places of learning, its enchantment!

It is as real to the "passed on" soul as this mundane world is to the Earthly.

We, in Heavenland, come to places of learning, just as you do. We attend theatres, places of art — whether it be abstract or momentary. We have our family homes, our places of amusement, our halls of learning, esoteric and otherwise.

Children come to us from Earth bereft of any learning of true religion. Thus they must be taught anew the intricacies of another world — modes of habit, travel, thought, expressions and love. They are given counselors to guide them. The very young are given nurses, well trained in the care of children — with love to spare.

Infants usually are cuddled in the arms of their Mothers during sleep-time on Earth. They are brought by loving hands, placed in the arms of the Mother — to re-

ceive the love-vibration only the Mother can give. When it's time for the Mother to awaken — baby is returned "home" to its heavenly habitat. If Mothers only knew this they would so live that not a blemish of reproach is upon them, for the tiny infant receives his vibrational therapy therefrom — in his Mother's arms.

Older children are not hard to train. They learn quickly the ways of our world, in fact, they quicken the pace of learning over here. There is nothing to hamper them. They are free of the smut that clings to the Earth's vibrations. Automatically, they gravitate to halls of learning, with a desire to learn so that they, too, can enlighten others.

Children are the spice of Heaven. They bring laughter and warmth. They do not succumb to doldrums such as older folks are wont to do. They persist in melodic singing as a way to augment hearts deprived of fun and laughter on Earth. They have great respect for their teachers, their nurses, and guides. They do not hearken back to the Earth plane, except with love in their hearts. They visit old haunts, familiar places, homes and kindred souls every day — exuding love in all its glory, sending rays of light and laughter to cheer their own — left behind a while yet.

May we never lose sight of a Heaven beyond man's Earthly sight filled with laughter of children, for they are the biggest part of our population here.

Do not become discouraged if esoteric meanings behind Bible passages elude you. As we go along we shall learn more and more of the "ties that bind" the hereafter with the people of Earth, for we have much to learn. We aim to give you as much as you can assimilate via different teachers, writers, and instruments used by the unseen minds. Just as you of Earth have T.V. and radio to transmit certain programs of entertainment or education, we, too, need transmitters. They are the writers, speakers, mediums, and preachers through whom we must work to impress and advise men of Earth.

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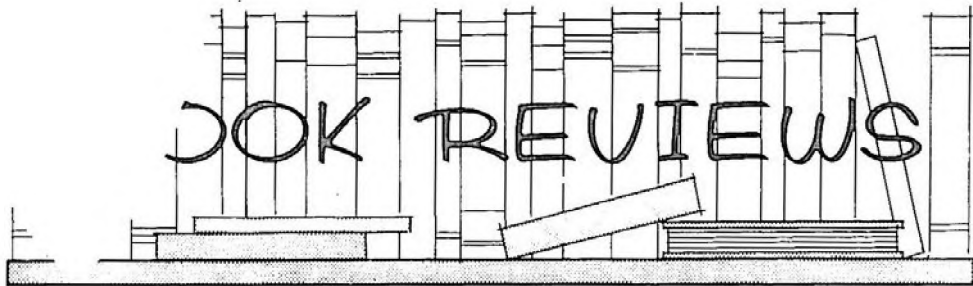
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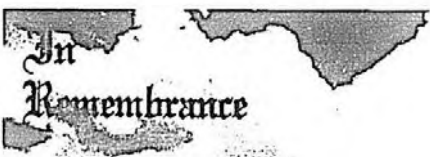
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