

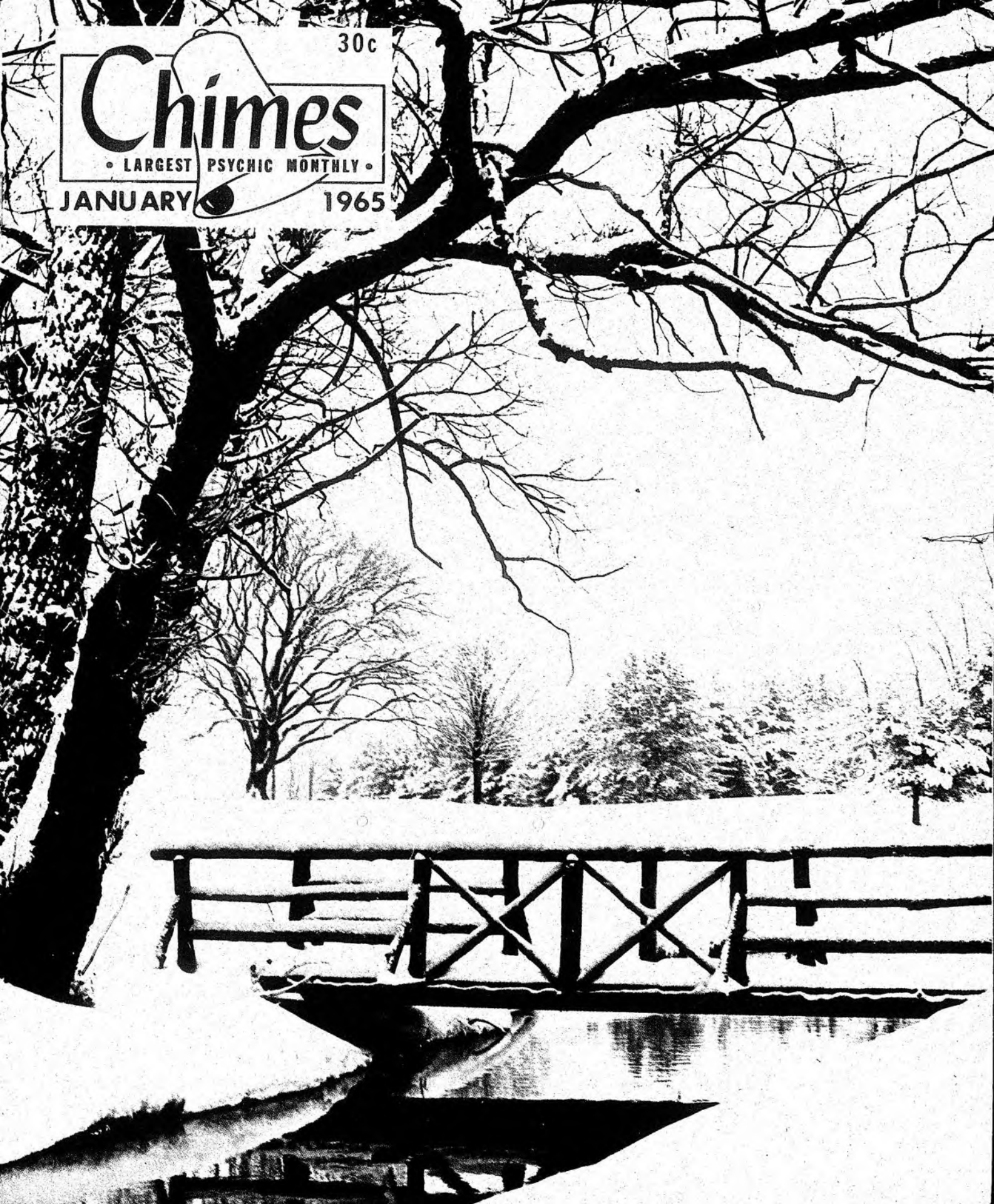
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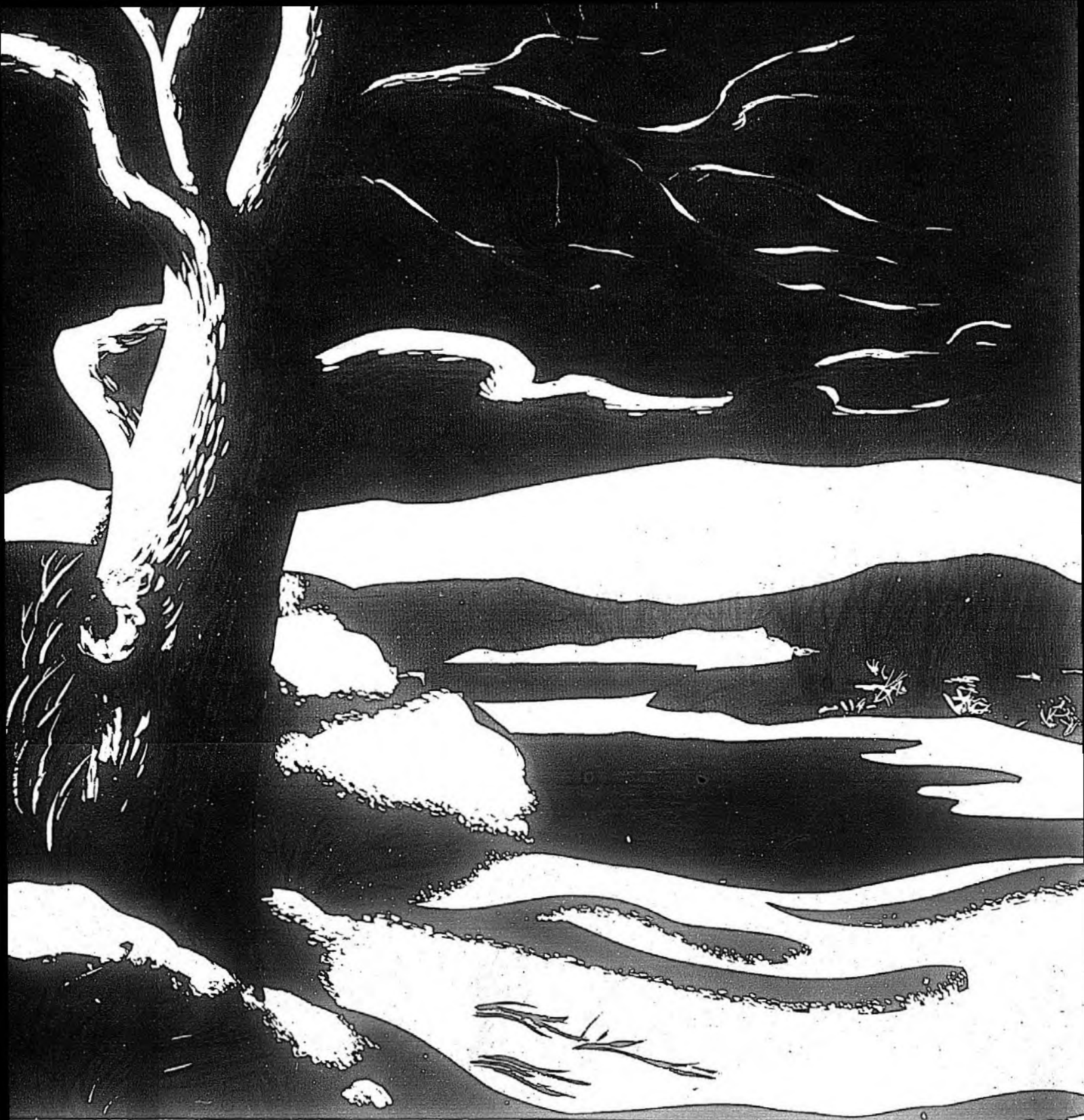
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My Father, my Creator, Thou whose likeness I am, whose image I bear, let my mind comprehend Thy beauty and purity, my body radiate it, my life express it, to Thy glory. May I let go of every thought, every desire, every material possession, that hinders this perfection from becoming my own. I am open and receptive to the river of Thy cleansing and renewing, and it flows through and through me, making me a new creature in Christ Jesus, every-whit whole.

— From *Effectual Prayer* by Frances W. Foulkes



The mantle of winter that clothes the countryside in Rochester, New York as seen by Glasheen Graphics, La Jolla, California

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Let's live today!
 Tomorrow is but a fantasy,
 For if we wait
 To be fulfilled
 In some far future state
 We will find, to our dismay,
 "Tomorrow" is an extension of today.

— From *The Expanding Self*
 by Grace DeBaun Jacob

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 Doris E. Thompson

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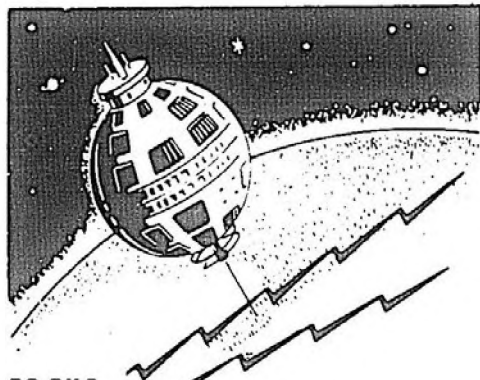
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TO THE EDITORS

"with blessings from,"

• We live quite a ways from a Spiritualist church, so my Chimes fills a need for thought and guidance. God bless you in your work, and for the help you give to so many.

Myrtle E. Grant
Palmdale, California

(This may be among the reasons many readers look forward to receiving Chimes, like welcoming an awaited friend who checks the hours and days of those who feel isolated . . . spiritually, mentally and physically.)

• Thank you, dear friends of Chimes, for your friendship during the trying times of earth life we have been experiencing, for you have played a great part in helping us to "keep our balance."

We oftentimes talk and think of the people of the world, of their beliefs for earth life and for the Eternal Life. World education has been progressing so fast, broadening beyond expectation, yet the most important education to each and every individual—to the majority of people—is insufficient. Some of the religious denominations are now beginning to skim the surface of true knowledge—for which we are grateful—but there is so much yet for all to learn. People still seem to "see" only with their material eyes, and it is this to which they most desire to hold. Their faith, trust, and belief in the "unseen" still need the nurture of knowledge and proof, there still being many "doubting Thomases." Life's experiences do not seem to help them, for they cannot apply the lessons to themselves. All is part of God's plan of life—which we know personally—and we so desire each one to know God's full Truth that each may be helped to live a far fuller life, with security and less confusion in their daily life. Strain and tension and man-made tranquilizers would then surely be in the background of many people's lives. To know the truth fully as to why God planned that Spirit could return and communicate would help every person beyond words. To be so brilliant in material knowledge makes us search for the answer as to WHY more time cannot be given to the preparation for the most important thing there is to us—our Eternal Life—and seeking more knowledge of this too. God bless each and every one that has this desire in his heart. All who have this knowledge try so hard to reach as many as they can, but at times we feel so few in number. We pray that many, many people will have the desire within their hearts to seek God's full Truth of a clearer understanding of our earth life and to be better prepared for the Eternal Life. The power is so vast for all. And so we should like to add our blessings to the every effort you dear children put forth to publish every copy of Chimes. May God's richest blessings be yours always.

Revs. Madeline & Charles Pugh, Jr.
St. Petersburg, Florida

(So often those who counsel others have tests as great, or more so, than those whom they would help, but of which the world does not know. It is from their own inner strength garnered from learning greater patience and understanding, from "overcoming," that they shine so brightly as a light unto others. In our oneness, in the silence, in our times of prayer and meditation we give the most of ourselves to help others . . . In more than we may ever know. Without even suspecting it, we help others by our example of just BEING what we are. Undoubtedly this is true of the Revs. Pugh.)

• I am attaching a letter to you, friends, that I sent to a client of mine who sent you an article HE THOUGHT would get published immediately. He was in an uproar because he had not heard from you, and it is now three months since material was sent to you.

I took it upon myself to answer him, along with his other questions, if you don't mind. I didn't know if your thinking would be along these lines or not, but I just had to explain something to this fellow. He is under the impression that he is a messenger of the Gods, and I had to set him straight. I suggested further that he take a writing course if he feels this is his goal. He made some very derogatory statements (some justifiable) about Spiritualists and publishers of this type of publication. So I thought I would put the shoe where it belongs . . . on his own feet. I sure hope you don't mind. I have to do this ever so often with some clients and, much to my surprise, they thank me for it. This is most interesting work—assisting people—and I am very grateful and deeply humble for the opportunities for being of service. Here, in part, was my reply. My very best to you folks.

(It is probably best not to reveal the name of the above writer, one of Chimes' loyal advertisers, or the person to whom she wrote, as we feel it would be violating a confidential relationship between counselor and client to do so. But such an unsolicited rush to our defense certainly was deeply touching, and made us realize how many Angels watch over us on this plane, as well as on countless others. She was right in what she said substantially, and said it so much more to the point, yet with firmness and kindness, that we couldn't have sought and found a better champion. We hope that any others to whom her answer applies will give it some thought and grant us their understanding.)

"Dear Friend: Before I go into your chart and check your questions, there is a matter I would like to clarify for you with regard to your letter and the article you sent to Chimes. Three months is not long to learn whether your material is acceptable for publishing or not. It is to be remembered that publishers receive close to 1000 articles, if not more, per month from would-be writers. These must be read and assimilated to see if the majority of the readers would find the article interesting. YOU may think it is excellent, others may not, and this is something only the publishers can determine from past experience. Then there is the question of "spacing." This is a matter that has to be discussed with their printers, because advertising is necessary to keep a publication going. The subscription fees frequently do not cover the cost of postage, etc. Advertisers must be considered first, and placement of their ads, then other material aligned to this.

In your letter to me you stated that you felt this would have reader interest as it was given to you by "spirit guidance" and should be of interest to all Spiritualists. From your previous letter, and your current one in which you describe your disappointment in Camp, ----- It is possible that your article may have contained such information, and this, of course, could not be published as it is derogatory to Spiritualists, the bulk of the advertisers. If your material contained such information, then, of

course, you cannot expect it to be accepted. You don't offend advertisers.

Physically it is impossible to answer all mail received. Chimes' entire time could be consumed with this. Most publishers clearly state in their publication that no manuscript can be returned (which Chimes does) or commented on. They do not run a "writing school" and the material has to be correct, timely, and interesting. There are millions of would-be writers, and if publishers answered them all, they would get nothing else done. You should always keep a carbon copy of your material no matter where you send it.

So, give this some thought and perhaps you will understand why you have not heard from Chimes. They are limited in their endeavors too."

• I am enclosing a money order for a copy of "The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus Christ" by Levi which I should like you to send to a friend of mine. He is a lonely leper on Calton Island in the Philippines, and I am sure he has probably never heard of it. I think he will get a lot of enjoyment out of it. This is to be one of his Christmas gifts. Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Hazel N. Shalp
Los Angeles, California

(Think what a treasure such a gift could be to this soul! This illuminating and deeply moving book has changed the course of many lives. It is, of course, a timeless gift. You may make one yourself at any time from Chimes. \$4.15 postpaid, plus 16c sales tax in Calif.)

• For seven years I have been reading Chimes with deep enjoyment and enlightenment increasing all the time. I finally decided it was time to subscribe. May Light surround you forever for all the Light that you bring us. Sincerely,

Mrs. C. D. Phinney
Los Angeles, California

(When we run out of extra copies some months, we feel badly not to be able to accommodate loyal readers who may miss out in getting theirs for some reason. In this respect, to be a subscriber does help.)

• Over the years that I have been taking and reading Chimes, enjoying every word of it, I have come to the conclusion that if we read an article before criticizing it, even if it is not especially for us, we may still get much help from it. Sometimes if it is not for us, it comes in handy to help others with whom we come in contact. I really appreciate the discussions on all subjects. What I do not understand I try to study up on. There seems to be so much love, prayer, and help in every item that I never miss a one, and then I pass my copies on to others to read. Blessings to all the contributors of Chimes. From an old subscriber, friend, and advertiser,

Rev. Clara Simmons
Mishawaka, Indiana

(We hear, read, see and become involved in many things often not of our choosing sometimes. However, if we are alert and open-minded, we store it in our mental computers, and at some given moment of need for ourselves or someone else, we are able to draw upon this fund to find assistance when we least expect. Keep an open mind—with discrimination—and your progress on this plane can be much accelerated.)

• Enclosed is payment for renewal of my greatly beloved Chimes. Please DO NOT wrap it when mailing (as some have requested), as I wish my neighborhood to know that I am a Spiritualist before I leave this planet, Earth. I am 79 years of age. Blessings from,

James Lakin
Campo, California

(Good for you, John. Sooner or later we will all have to stand up and be counted.)

WORLD PREDICTIONS

by Agasha

• Through the instrumentality of Rev. Richard Zenor, Trance Intermediary, Los Angeles, California

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SUPPOSE THAT twenty-five years ago, before the beginning of World War II, someone had described the amazing atomic age in which we are now living. Suppose you were told then that Mussolini and Hitler would die shameful deaths at the hands of their captors; that the United States had much to fear from the insidiousness of foreign countries, especially the Japanese; that millions of Jews would lose their lives; that the German people, in spite of their very great advancement in science and industry, would suffer very adverse conditions, not to be released from these conditions until 1965; that after World War II there would be additional threats of war in outlying territories and uprisings here and there? Amazing, perhaps. But suppose all these prophecies and more had been made a matter of record and were subject to being verified by anyone who wished. Would not this continuous chronicle of verified prophecy constitute as amazing a record as history has ever produced?

Yet the above is by no means the whole record, and is in all respects in accordance with established fact. These things had all been foreseen by a spirit entity, Agasha, speaking through trance intermediary Rev. Richard Zenor of Los Angeles. Rev. Zenor is not known to the public for the amazing things he is capable of producing, simply because he never sought publicity, even in the days of his public appearance tours. He does not do so now in that he devotes his entire time to the work of the spirit entities which compose the band led and directed by the master teacher and prophet, Agasha, the entity amassing such an astounding record of successfully foreseeing the future.

Agasha's many prophecies have, indeed, been almost incredible. Some of them, taken at random, from the past records are the death of Albert Einstein, the illness of President Eisenhower, the death of Pope John, and a threat to the life or person of Queen Elizabeth, the latter either having been averted or yet to happen.

The Anchorage, Alaska earthquake also was foreseen and its occurrence predicted, as was the exploration of the moon by a photograph-taking satellite. In connection with the latter, it has been forecast that science is to learn soon of some limitations that exist as to space travel, limitations that have not yet been made known.

An interesting curiosity that Agasha predicted was a chemical to fall from outer space. He first spoke of it in August, 1955. He said that it would fall from the sky, that it would be wispy, and that it would defy analysis as to its origin. In 1963 and 1964, falls of this substance were reported in several areas causing the congenitally rabble-rousing Castro to blame the United States and to say that it was some sort of germ warfare.

In the realm of curiosities also, the reappearance of the so-called "abominable snowman" in the Himalayas was forecast accurately, a forecast well borne out by stories in LIFE and other magazines.

Several forecasts by Agasha are interesting in that they are current trends and have partly come to pass, but at this time are still in the process of complete materialization. Such a forecast is the series of outbreaks fostered by an "undercurrent" of hatred in the United States which has come perilously close to costing us our freedom and has been more ominous than

we realize.

On the happy side of the ledger, Agasha forecast years ago, before such a thing was thought possible, that tremendous speeds would be reached in passenger flight, and that this would result in travel becoming cheaper, with many people traveling to and from the United States all over the world. He forecast, too, the unemployment resulting from automation, but says that in the long run it will not be a problem for there will be measures and systems brought forth that will result in more individual well-being. This is not to be a dole, but a system whereby one can earn a living.

President Kennedy's assassination was clearly foreseen and described months prior to its actual happening. In fact it was lightly touched upon in the published prophecies for both 1963 and 1964. Agasha also described the attempted assassination of others high in political office, but said that it was hoped that these could be avoided. He has often spoken of a sudden change in the Russian leadership which could take place and would strip Khrushchev of his power, and of a change in the ruling party in England. He has, to be as brief as possible, spoken of the Vietnam trouble, of progressive changes in the Catholic Church, and of the crisis between Red China and Russia.

Predicting the future, Agasha tells us, has been a hobby he has pursued over the years, but a hobby with a purpose. By this means he hopes to prepare his students to meet inevitable changes ahead with equilibrium and to make them more receptive to his teachings. Since his greatest prophecies over the years are in regard to the coming of

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IN ONE WAY or another a man should, when considering his eventual passing away, do something in order to secure for himself the best possible conditions in the land of the unavoidable beyond. There is no doubt that the best preparation for death is none other than *a well and wisely spent life here on earth*, but the problem of how to do this is not at all easy to solve practically. How many of us are able to become saints?

Nevertheless, there is a technique of preparation that is so useful for the not-too-well-prepared person that it is worthy of attentive consideration. In the *Tarot* philosophy we find a strange statement: "You must die every day if you want to live." Its meaning is that one has to be prepared to leave the physical life *at any moment*. Christ mentioned much the same idea when He advised us to be ready and watchful for we know neither the day nor the hour when our time will come.

Effort is necessary to achieve this readiness, of course. . . for we cannot get something for nothing, even in regions much higher than this earthly plane. But, after having read the technique presented here, everyone should be in a position to choose and to create his *last thought* for himself. . . for which he will be richly repaid when the time comes. As you work with it, gradually it will pass into a habit and become impressed on the subconscious part of your mind. It would be especially useful for you to use this exercise as *your last thought* before falling asleep every night.

1. In the beginning, during each day (the best times being morning and evening) one must quietly *imagine oneself leaving the present physical body* . . . that is, dying. A good, mentally visualized symbolic conception would be that of a bird leaving its nest, and flying into free space.

2. Become acquainted with the idea of abandoning your body, seeing it from above, creating the feeling of *nonattachment to it*. Such simple but effective exercises gradually will become deeply rooted in your subconscious.

Have you ever given any thought to what it should be? Did you know there are specific techniques that will prepare you for it? . . .



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3. When operating with mental theories of separation from the body and survival after its death, omissions are possible and very probable, especially *when death comes suddenly and unexpectedly*. . . an accident on the street or elsewhere, drowning, a heart attack, or some other catastrophe. . . thus the need for thorough advance preparation.

4. When the effort made to do this reaches the realm of man's unmanifested consciousness, this *subconscious element at death will take over* the duties of its conscious brother, which is then in difficulties or is oblivious under the impact of death's shock. It is therefore essential to have a clear and firm grasp of this fact if you want to take full advantage of your *last thought* when the fateful moment comes for you.

5. *How can you obtain the desired result?* Only by adequate exercises. Every day when you have an opportunity of being alone, or in a quiet and undisturbed position for a few minutes, as realistically as possible imagine yourself dying in an accident, for

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example, or being taken from this plane in some sudden manner. Then try to remember your *last thought*, just as you had decided to do in such a case. Do not think about anything else.

6. *What kind of thought should be chosen?* It should be something that uplifts you, gives you inner peace and hope, and quietens the disorderly thinking of your mind. This is something that should be chosen by each person after careful deliberation about the whole matter.

7. Some suggestions can be offered that would be helpful, such as:

a) A very short prayer or uplifting sentence may be more suitable for those who have difficulty creating vivid mental images. For this type of *last thought*, one's choice of the heart should be considered.

b) The image of an Ideal Being whom you revere and adore would be a good choice. This should never be a member of your family, a friend, acquaintance, or other average human being—either on this plane or the one beyond. In either case, it could bring a shock to the person, or bring on feelings of depression or fear. Rather, if you are a believer in Christ, Buddha, or any of the great saints of whom you know, or if you have had the rare priv-

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SELF-IMPROVEMENT IN PSYCHIC PRESENCE

A DAILY PLAN of Psychic Presence exercises has been recommended for students seeking self-unfoldment. Measures to take or observe at the waking or breakfast period and during the working part of one's day so far have been suggested. Proper diet and exercise, however, are also imperative in good psychic conditioning, thus it would be well to consider this in such a program.

3. Exercise

Regular routine exercise in keeping with one's age and condition of health is essential. Such exercise should be strenuous enough to absorb our mental activities. It is the only way we have of moving our concentration from Psychic Presence long enough for a natural equilibrium to take place. This equilibrium between Psychic Presence and work-a-day conscious activity gives our insight an opportunity to catch up, to integrate new experience, new gifts. This is also why we cannot remove ourselves completely from the world, and why exercise brings us back to conscious reality. It also makes us realize that our gifts are to be used for the benefit of the world, not for selfish ends, that they are given to mankind for elevation, and we are but the instruments of the higher powers that all may see God and know Him.

4. Prayer Life

Our whole life is a prayer. . . a thanksgiving to God for His blessings. As we realize this, as we walk with God more consciously, we become aware that we are always in prayer with Him. Thus we find that prayer is natural to us.

5. Your Meditation Period

This is the apex of the day, and probably should occur just before sleep. It is best to pick a restful, quiet locale, and a specific time each day. Your dream pad from the morning, and the projection diary, provide the basic material for the contemplation period, at least as a starter. Develop a series of questions to which you hope

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By Rev. Kingdon Brown
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to have the answers by the time you awake the next morning. Include any distorted signals you may have received from people during the working day, then try to sum up by setting a resolution for yourself.

Gradually, you may be able to try automatic writing, or receiving telepathic thoughts from others in need, projecting to them new energy, love, power and greatness, psychic gifts, and personal truth.

Advanced students, of course, enter trance after contemplation. But this is not recommended for the novice.

There may be some days when you are "dry," that is, when meditation seems very difficult. At other times, it will be easy. That is to be expected. So do not be surprised if you have to experiment a little with your projections at first. The idea is to develop the habit of contemplation so you can use it as a preparation for advanced power. Remember to conclude every contemplation with a harsh spiritual stocktaking and to set a self-improvement resolution for the next day. Make sure not to be too sweeping with your resolutions; they should be easily performed, and for the next day only.

Let me leave you with one final and conclusive thought. Do not at any time "fight" with yourself or your abilities. A pleasant, buoyant frame of mind can free your energy. This is not a suffering thing. Let yourself go, for

phantasy arrived at through no effort is most creative. A passive state is the necessary ingredient on your part. Don't try to mix a helter-skelter, rush-around existence with psychic development. It simply won't work. To do so is to ruin your health. Knowledge happens, in a sense, to you. Enjoy yourself, let worry depart, especially during contemplation. Relax all over. Your state of mind will improve right away. Your powers will take a little time.

Words are symbols, and in meditation the object is to use less and less from the meaningful set of verbal abstractions and substitute more pure tender flowing thought without immediate verbalization. It is, in a sense, what happens between meditations and the inventiveness of new, bold creative experimentation that causes a progression to higher level abstractions and greater unfoldment. Many who are gifted with mediumship, and communicate regularly with other planes, experience almost daily, hourly, the kind of sensitive perception we have described in this chapter. It is second nature to them. They specialize in spirit communication, but they are not exempt from other understandings. They have simply developed along very distinct lines, just as eastern mystics do, or Christian medieval monks did. Sooner or later the psychic experience of each person formulates, takes specific shape, and the follower of a certain set of spiritual disciplines becomes easily recognizable. Who cannot notice the characteristics of Christian Scientists, Rosicrucians, or members of the "I AM" movement? They all deal with the immortal, inner mind, and its various powers, but they each take a road of their own, and a character, flavor, distinctive to each group, is finally evident.

In a later chapter we will discuss the special mark, or aura, which seems to emerge among those studying Psychic Presence. They have a distinct personality of their own, and it is brought about by a very special art of meditation. That art we will discuss next.

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HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR "SELF"?



●By Rev. Rose H. F. Strongin
San Francisco, California

THE NEW YEAR has started. Isn't it a wonderful feeling not to have to start life from scratch each new year (except for the new born)?

What a blessing the "new day" can be. The "now," the "today," is enriched because out of our yesterdays we may re-evaluate our past experiences, take the best out of them, profit from positive or negative results, and incorporate them for our good toward our long-range program of what we expect to achieve in our life.

The "zest" in living, though at times we may become discouraged or disheartened, is our "trying." The *effort* we put into our plans as we work toward what we hope to accomplish, plus the *motive* behind our drives, is most important.

I would like to share with you some questions that came to my mind as the "Self" contemplates upon what "I" would like to come to pass in my life. It is, . . . Why? For whom? What does the end of it all mean to you/me and those you/I love? What do we hope to get out of it all?

Are you a drifter saying to your "Self," . . . "What's the use? Who cares?"

Is "Self" satisfaction all that counts? A factor that can mean much in rating our "Self" is how we get along with others. How do we resolve our differences?

Does your "Self" know that we may not be able to please everyone? What do you do about it?

Does the Golden Rule evoke from you that which makes you aware that

Cause and Effect start from within by your choice?

There are many who do not conceive or accept a Supreme Being, nor a Personal or Impersonal Deity. Whatever means you use to evaluate your "Self" this New Year's Day, may it be a good time to reflect upon the meaning of your purpose in life, and how it affects the lives of those near and dear to you, as well as those who may have influence in making you decide the direction you take in life.

Whatever your faith or belief may be, a wholesome "Self" has need of "Self" esteem. Using love, the flow of love from "Self" to others is important in the scheme of life. Love can give us wisdom and understanding that we may with good heart and reason act to make the Law (used by all the world to judge mankind) flexible, tempering mercy with justice. We should start with our "Self."

Let us all think upon our most valuable asset as Being created in His image—"Self." May you in this New Year come closer to "Self's" desire for *all good* in your life.

To my children, grandchildren, all my family, Leigh and June Denton, my friends and readers, thank you for your love. Know that you have given "meaning" to my life.

Me and my "Self" sing out. . . Happy God-blessed New Year!

I LOVE YOU ALL,
YOUR NANNA ROSE

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ilege of being a devotee of a spiritual Master, or even heard of him indirectly, then a last thought directed to such a great Being as any of these with love and surrender will bring his presence to you in your final moment of leaving this life. To others, this fact will not be visible, but for you it will be a glorious reality. He will then guide you through the initial darkness of death, and his light will dispel every shadow around you. For those who are able, in their minds, to conceive the Unique Absolute Being as the only reality and basis of this temporary universe, this thought formed in their minds will serve them best.

Often simple, uneducated persons when dying are astonishingly serene and fearless. In their simplicity they have a naive, but strong faith. Yet there are also the highly intellectual persons who spend their entire lives studying all kinds of philosophies and theories about the life after death, but who, nevertheless, do not achieve any spiritual realization. So it is well to remember that the Supreme Power never disappoints or abandons those who put their faith in it.

The magnetism of the *last thought* attracts the consciousness of the departing soul into just the region that corresponds to his thought. Just as in the physical life you can dive into a desired area of water, so at the time of your transition you may be able to find yourself where the realizing power of your last conscious effort was directed. How about it? . . . Have you given some serious thought to the direction in which *you* are headed?

(Ways to Self-Realization by Mouni Sadhu was the source of these excerpts relating to your *last thought*. You may purchase your own copy from Chimes, \$6.15 postpaid, plus 24 cents sales tax in Calif.)

WHAT IS ILLUMINATION?

SELF-REALIZATION ?

● By Father Hilario
San Francisco, California

WHATEVER YOU THINK it is, first of all, it isn't. Whatever you think it may be like, when it comes, it won't be that.

It is the most natural thing in the world, so much so that afterwards all the endeavors and aspirations of man and all of his greatest attainments and dreams seem, in this new perspective, more than laughable. Even the momentous struggle we make of realizing the Self, becoming absorbed in God, seems silly, since now you know in every pore that you have never been less than or separate from that which you were seeking through these many eons. Before you might have grasped it at times, but put a little pressure on the mind and that which we thought we had eluded us when most needed.

That is because Realization or Illumination, or whatever you wish to call it, is not something you have or get. It is something you *become*. Afterwards, when the pressures of mind become heavy, you become it more, not less.

It comes to each according to his nature, for it is nothing in itself. It is the reaction of mind, or man to having become totally absorbed in that which is the essence of all Life. If you ignite a coal, it will glow. If you ignite phosphorous, it will flash. If you ignite an explosive, the energy will not contain itself. That ultimate Realization, or Union, or Samadhi, which is the goal of all religion, may arrive, if the consciousness of the seeker is unprepared, as a thunderbolt from

outer space, a definite intrusion upon the established patterns of the mind. But for a disciple who is guided by a Guru (Master Teacher) who has attained before him, illumination may be almost imperceptible, for he lives in daily contemplation close to the brink of the Absolute. When he at last attains, his conscious mind will not at first register the attainment; he will only sense the inward change with time.

Perhaps it is a little like two men watching a tennis match. One sits in the stadium all day watching the ball pass back and forth over the net. The second man rushes into the stadium late in the day just in time to see the server "ace" his opponent. "He made the point" immediately registers on the second man's brain, but not to the first man, who has seen so much like action during the day that he does not at first distinguish between the winning shot and the other which led up to it.

Some mystics attain illumination quietly, the culmination of a life of prayer, meditation, or service. Others, following an act of extreme will or some extraordinary circumstances, are jolted, moved a long distance from the materialistic consciousness to their ecstasy. Some propel themselves too quickly from darkness into light, balking at the necessary preparations of character. They are "lost in the abyss," as described in "Light on the Path."

The most natural path is to follow a Guru or Master Teacher. It is not easy to offer up the ego to slaughter, particularly when it has held itself in

supremacy for so long. But there is nothing, really, of value to be lost in the struggle, and there is Eternity to gain.

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WORLD PREDICTIONS

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a period of world wide peace, it will assist those who have difficulty in accepting this to realize he has been able to amass such a record with respect to lesser things.

A BLANKET OF EVIL

It would be pleasant to forecast many cheerful happenings for the coming months, but this is not Agasha's over-all statement and, in fact, he warns that the coming months will be confusing. He warns his listeners against getting lost in the sea of confusion that will envelope certain areas, and he hopes that forewarning and foreknowledge will stabilize and strengthen them for the period he describes so vividly in the following words:

"I would like to describe the beauty I see ahead at this important time, but I must tell also of the ugliness. Naturally these things are distressing. But this is the adjusting and rectifying period necessary to bring about restoration as we move gradually into the period of peace.

"In 1965 the world will move out of one cycle and into another; the culmination of the action of the people of the nation is coming to a head. Like a boil, the negative things come to a head before it is lanced to spew forth its poison. This is the accumulated poison of all that has been brought into manifestation of an inferior nature. It has to be reckoned with, and the world is now reckoning with these forces. The same as we reckon with them individually, we must reckon with them collectively.

"Darkness is blanketing the earth in these latter days. Destruction will be

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● NO LONGER ON THE DEFENSIVE

At the Parapsychological Association annual convention held at Oxford, England in September, the *Parapsychology Foundation Newsletter* quotes banquet speaker, Prof. John Beloff of Edinburgh University as saying that the researchers in this field are too much concerned about placating scientific opinion, which can lead to premature defeatism. Dr. Beloff gave an illustration of this from the history of "eyeless vision." He concluded by expressing the hope that the time may not be far off when we shall have gained such a degree of control of the phenomena we study that we shall no longer be on the defensive with regard to the rest of the scientific community. Mr. William G. Roll of the Psychical Research Foundation in his presidential address on "The Psy Field" stated that the facts of ESP strongly indicate the existence of a new field which is analogous to the electromagnetic and gravitational ones of physics and interacts with them to produce ESP and related phenomena. Thus it may indeed be that we are closer than we realize to "being in control."

● AMERICAN MYSTIC PASSES

Joel Sol Goldsmith, renowned not only as an author of innumerable books, international lecturer, spiritual healer, and spiritual leader for thousands of people the world over, passed to the life beyond in June, 1964, according to the report carried in *The Voice Universal* of England. His latest work, just published, "Man Was Not Born to Cry," is a brilliant exposition of the truth that individual man has an inherent capacity to transcend apparent limitation, and that he was not born to cry over his status in this world. His work will be carried on under the supervision of his wife, Emma, thus though his journey into eternity has commenced, the harvest of his work has still to be reaped from what has been accomplished thus far, as well as from posthumous books that are said to be in preparation.



● ESP CONVERT SPEAKS HIS MIND

Dr. F. Regis Riesenman, psychiatrist of Arlington, Virginia told members of the Virginia Polygraph Association in a lecture recently that the public is not yet ready for ESP, that there was a mass of evidence showing that it did occur, though not how, but that within fifteen years it will be established scientifically by the great scientists, physicists and mathematicians. He further stated, according to the report of his appearance by *The Virginian-Pilot*, that "everyone who went out to prove ESP wrong was converted." He stated that there are ninety known parapsychological phenomena, that not everyone has the same amount of ESP, although everyone has at least three to seven per cent ESP potential (dogs, cats, and horses have even more). He stated that the Old Testament was written by psychic experience, and that in the New Testament there is clear evidence of parapsychology being accounted for. "The fact is," he announced, "the after-life is ESP in its fullest."

● THE CAUSE AND RESULT OF ATTITUDES

The Searchlight, A.R.E. monthly, in a discussion of how to work with attitudes and emotions for the elimination of accident, disease and unhappiness tells of how long before World War II, Carl Jung, famed Swiss psychologist, said that Germany would soon be at war because it was in the minds of thousands of his patients. This is a striking example of the power of attitudes. We cannot blame wars, sun spots, even the weather, communications, diseases, and accidents on someone else. . . not even, Kruschev,

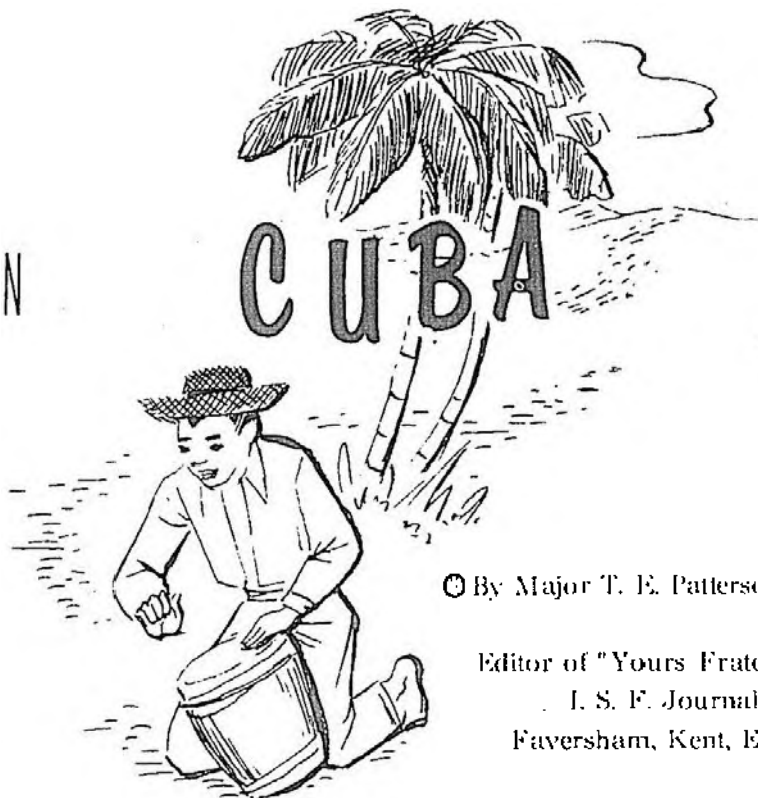
or the guy next door. -WE are the cause and the result of our own attitudes. Pays to watch them.

● A JOLTING PROD

Basil Wilby, Editor of *New Dimensions*, English magazine, really "laid it on the line" to Occultists, Spiritualists, etc. in a recent editorial. He asks: "Are we occult-minded people all we crack ourselves up to be?". . . then answers with the statement that "talk of occultists being in the vanguard of humanity is just an over-worked sick joke". . . that "those who qualify as occultists are as scarce as diamonds on the shore. . . not to be confused with the vast number who usurp the term on the strength of giving lip service. . . having learned a few psychic parlor tricks." He noted that "the usual life history of any occult group starts with one person's vision, determination, courage and capacity to inspire others. There then follows a fruitful phase of growth, which continues into another generation, though more usually does not. Then the group either sinks into obscurity or else crystallizes into an organization which is often more of a publishing company of specialized interests than a center of inspiration with expanding viewpoints. It may still do a valuable job, but it is orientated to past glories rather than to future goals, the creative builders having been replaced by the routine administrators and commentators. . . ." He sees a field ripe for harvest, but too many who will do nothing to spread the word. All too often their good intentions dissipate into nothing, he feels, because of hidden cowardice, usually called "lack of time," "lack of money," "lack of opportunity." "Make time! make money! Make opportunity!" he urges, for "otherwise such are as puppets. . . a curse, a drag, a disgrace to occultism. . . a living example of life denying ineffectuality." We couldn't agree with him more than when he said: "Occultism (and *Spiritualism*) can help no one, and no one will help Occultism, until occultists learn to help themselves."

SPIRITUAL HEALING IN

CUBA



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THE MORAL PROBLEMS which arise from human conflict weigh heavily upon those who possess the gift of healing.

They are equally of paramount importance to those who sponsor this divinely acquired therapy. For the last two years our Cuban healers have been faced with far reaching decisions concerning the immoralities of social life. Let us pray that the decisions they have taken will lead to the establishment of true brotherhood within that country, and will enhance the prospects of a universal system of love towards all mankind. We of the Western hemisphere should "not cast the first stone."

Spiritual healers in Cuba are not welded together into Federations or Associations as they are in Great Britain and in America. Healing is encouraged, however, by a national organization which is known as the Confederacion. It has its headquarters in La Habana, its courageous leader being Senor Rodolfo Rigal. The general policy of the Confederacion was outlined for me in a summary of their aims and Rodolfo especially requested that their momentous decisions be made more widely known.

The population of Cuba is only a few million, but, as long as can be remembered, that country in the South of America has been much noted for its sensational spirit manifestations which have taken many forms. Spiritual healers have been comparatively small in numbers, but their healing gift often has been of an apparently miraculous character. In the very early days of healing in Cuba, there

was a total absence of organizational influence by a body of moral opinion. In consequence, the gift was abused by the commercial exploitation of what could have been of great curative value to the people of Cuba. The authorities were obliged to act and, with the formation of the Confederacion Nacional Espiritista De Cuba, healing was placed on a sound basis. The internal changes in Cuba during the last two years have not altered the Confederacion's legal position, and healers are permitted to practice freely, providing that there is no breach of surgical and medical law.

For a few years following 1930, the most westerly province of Pinar Del Rio, was favored by a group of healers who achieved astonishing results. It was a part of their technique first to dip their fingers in clean cold water, this being a symbol of purity and cleanliness. Amongst them was a healer named, "Nica." He was noted for his almost instantaneous cures.

"Nica" was a healer who, by virtue of his simple approach, gave proof of the universality of Spirit power. One of his most outstanding cases was that of a patient who from birth had suffered from epilepsy. By only

one healing he was given permanent freedom from physical and mental illness.

During 1958, I witnessed the healing of a seventeen year old London girl who from birth had suffered from epilepsy. She was on a visit to Kent and received one healing only. Not until September 1962 did I learn that this single healing intercession had produced a permanent cure. She is now married, has a small child, and her uncle has informed me that "she enjoys perfect health." The entire family are Roman Catholics.

"Nica's" healing wonders were, unfortunately, short lived. After only two or three years of practice, he was attacked by the medical organizations of Cuba. Although he was a perfectly normal man, he was finally declared insane and confined to an official asylum. Others also of Pinar Del Rio, on performing spectacular cures, some instantaneous, were similarly treated or imprisoned for the "illegal practice of medicine."

In September, 1959 a man by the name of Listoriel Moro Perez of El Manaju had a serious illness. This

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LOOK
AT YOUR
FRAILTIES



○ Received Inspirationally
By Hilda Magnuson
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Now WOULDN'T we look peculiar if all our senses were magnified and outwardly defiant!

The time has come for examination of all former concepts concerning world-wide beliefs in humanity and its frailties. Surely there are those upon the earth plane today who know the difference between right and wrong monologues.

There are different ways of enunciating, of defining things of great interest, of tabulating costs of things material, evaluating things spiritual. Man does not know his best interests. He is bogged down in dogmatic frustrations of the flesh. He is sullied by ornamental truths. He walks on glorified paths of fun and relaxation—reserved only for the loose-minded, the pompous, or the quick-to-scatter-mud kind.

He seldom chooses a path of toil along spiritual lines. He becomes absorbed in beauty of the body, delights of the flesh, glint and glitter of so-called dens of iniquity. . . . places of horror for weak-minded souls, for they cannot tell the difference between right and wrong. They are steeped in folk lore, of delightful sects of "pigeon-raising," society-wise.

Now let me explain! Take a man who has let his inner passions go to pot, as it were. He has respect for no one or no thing. He loves to tear others apart by his so-called inner vision of pervertedness. He delights in seeing the innards of human beings, what makes them tick. Isn't this a frailty?

Let me tell you, dear children of earth, somewhere along the way he lost sight of the beautiful Light of the Father above. All his desires were of the flesh. He had no more contact with the supernatural; he had forgotten how to contact his inner vision, his soul's master, the inner voice. He has listened only to those who have strayed from the path, he has done likewise.

How can a man or woman like that get back on the path? How can he cleanse himself (or herself) after eons of wrong living?

It isn't easy! That's where the long talk of redemption comes in. Many weaken before they have begun. Many fall beside the wayside because they can't take the long pull ahead. They think because they have turned their thoughts to God they are forgiven and all sins are erased, that nothing but a life of ease and plenty is their reward!

It is not as easy as that! Man has a long struggle ahead once he has chosen the path of Good. He must be tested, time and again, or his strength faileth and he is back in the gutter again, so to speak. If one can't take the storms of life, he is not fit for the golden slippers awaiting the faithful soul, the one who has strived with heart and soul to live the better life, glorifying the Father who hath made us.

Surely, those who are faithful and climb the rocky road of travail to the top are deserving of rich rewards! The faller-by-the-wayside is not. The lean-on-somebody-else guy is not. The instigator of vice, discord, inharmony, greed and all its ugliness is not. We can assure you of that!

There is justice in Heavenland too, and all abide by it. There are none who disobey, for if there are, they are not in the places reserved for the deserving souls. They will find themselves among their own kind, and like company is not as pleasant as they think. They soon reconsider and call for help to get away from this glorified racket, to want to learn of ways and means to rectify mistakes and start all over again. Determination plays a big part in their success.

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illness deprived him of speech, and for a period of weeks it appeared that he would not recover. Perez did recover, and immediately informed his family that he was to become a healer and be used as an instrument of Spirit.

After Perez's complete recovery, his healing wonders commenced. He had been a country woolshearer for years, but he now became a person of great importance to thousands of Cubans who saw him a dispenser of Divine grace. He gave healing for every known physical and mental ill condition.

Perez's fame grew so rapidly that by 1960 it was quite common for nearly a hundred vehicles to be assembled around his home, while he and his assistants performed cures which the patients "proclaimed loudly and widely." Hundreds of patients who camped out in the open fields had to wait three, four and often five days for their turn to be treated by the healer.

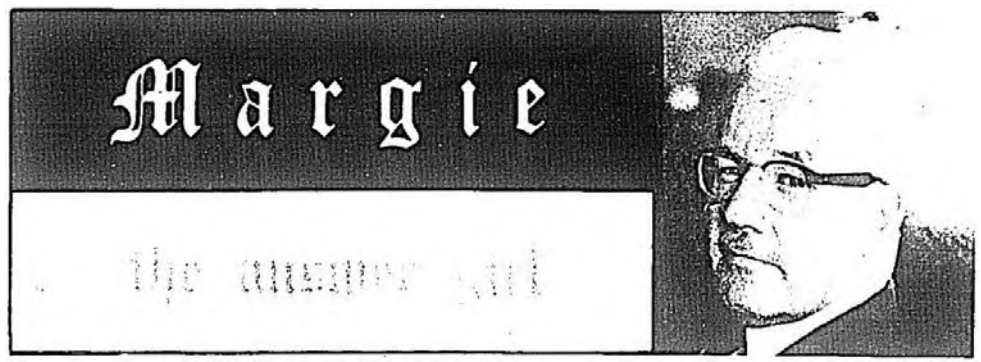
On the walls of his Sanctuary are pictures of St. Raphael and "The Sacred

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There is a wrong way, and there is a right way to climb to the peak of God's Christianity. Think well, my friends! Are you willing to learn of Universal truths as taught by Avatars who have inhabited the earth from time to time? Are you willing to put in a little more sweat and blood, literally speaking, to become One with Almighty God: His truths, His ways, His salvation?

You are no closer to or farther from the truth than your soul's desire! Just how far have you climbed? Have you passed the first milestone, the second, the third? Are you well on your way to becoming a disciple for Christ—a purified soul? If not—evaluate yourself, make a turn-about, start a refresher course today. God's mercies will point the way as soon as you make your first concerted effort, for we receive according to our growth.

(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, as well as many evolved souls in the realm of the Spirit world, who bring us otherwise unobtainable and invaluable knowledge, as well as inspiration . . . a most unusual educational opportunity which it is our privilege to share with readers. It will be appreciated if questions directed to Margie are kept impersonal in nature, as she is not counseling privately in this work, but bringing knowledge that all may share.)



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RARELY in the field of spirit phenomena does a more astoundingly evidential evening occur than that which Margie conducted in September, 1964. She has asked that we present it in our column. The principal speaker was a young girl of Spanish extraction. Her first name is Dolores, and she was personally known to many, approximately half of those who listened to her that evening, for she had formerly attended Rev. Zenor's classes. She had not been a happy girl while here on Earth, and had always referred to herself as an orphan. Approximately seven years ago, one Labor Day weekend, during a trip to San Francisco she was released from the body.

As Dolores spoke through the medium, her voice first was halting and almost unintelligible. After a short effort to make herself understood, she stopped and began again, hence the following: DOLORES: Hello. . . Hello. Am I being heard? Yes? . . . I am very glad. This is Dolores. (Astounded murmurs and greetings then came from the audience.) I am very glad to come in and talk with you. I want to tell you that I am grateful I am learning a lot over here, and I am learning with my people. But I also want to say to you that I was very unhappy for the first part of my life over here. I found things confusing, very confusing, and I was very much disturbed. I wanted to cry, and I did cry a lot. But I am glad to come in and say hello to you, and tell you I am doing well now.

(She continued her story in her Spanish accent, in her own way of speaking so familiar to the audience.) I do want to tell every one of you, please don't, no, no, never make a law for yourself. It is very bad. I was always talking about wanting to be killed, wanting to die. I was warned. They told me: 'Dolores, if you continue to talk like this, it is going to take you away. You are going to attract sick conditions to you, and you will find yourself in the astral world.' And I said: 'Oh, I don't care. I don't care if I live or not.' Then I was told not to go on a trip, but I did go on the trip and I got killed. I am very sorry, but I have learned a lesson since coming over on this side.

"Everyone has been very nice to me. I have had things revealed to me I did not think would ever be revealed. Now I feel much happier. But I have a long way to go yet, and I am going to learn as much as I possibly can. I am with my people, and they are all very nice. I am happy and I am grateful. (She wept a little.) Sometimes I get confused, and I don't want to be confused.

"Margie said to me one day: 'You are going to come in through the medium and you are going to speak.' I said: 'Yes, I know. I am going to speak to my friends.' She told me, 'You must speak good and loud.' And I said: 'Yes, I will do the very best I can.' (Laughter came from audience.) MARGIE: "Dolores, when you first came over here, were you startled? Who met you? Your mother? Or your loved ones?"

DOLORES: "On no. When I came over on this side a very beautiful light appeared before me, and I said: 'I don't know where I am.' I thought I was asleep. I said it was a dream and that I was going to wake up soon. I used to think that way lots of times. Then suddenly, I saw a light. The light was very strong before me, and out of the light I could see a face; it was a very beautiful face. It was my teacher of long ago. He was very wonderful. . . a Hindu. I thought to myself that he was very brilliant. Then I noticed there were two who stood before me. I looked up and started to cry. I used to cry a great deal over there. Suddenly they spoke and said: "Be still and know."

"Again I thought: 'I'm going to be waking up pretty soon, and I will not have to worry about all this.' Then suddenly I found myself in a very beautiful place; but still I was confused. Then I said: 'Where am I going? Where am I now?' They were kind, but they said: 'Be still. Don't ask questions. Just look around and enjoy what you see.' I said: 'Yes, I will do that.'

"I looked around and I felt so good. All through my body I felt good. I looked down and I could see it was as though I had on a robe, but it was not a robe. It was a garment that people wear when they first come here. Suddenly I could see lots of beautiful colors. I could see color all around, very beautiful color. I

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COMMENTS

The following excerpts appear with his permission from the columns of George Butler, author and well-known newspaper writer, presently with The Anniston Star, Anniston, Alabama.

STRANGE TRANCE FEATS

CAN PERSONS in deep religious fervor and semi-trance handle deadly rattlesnakes without being bitten? Can they place their hands in flaming torches without being burned? Can they drink lethal doses of poison with no harmful effect?

Dr. B. E. Schwarz, a New Jersey doctor, says he has seen more than two-hundred instances of venomous snake-handling in Pentecostal religious meetings in sections of eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, and some outposts of Virginia and North Carolina, and that he has yet to witness a bite. He also has seen the "ordeal by fire" thirteen times.

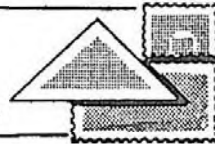
On one of his trips he observed two instances of an ordeal that is far rarer than the snake-handling or the fire ritual—the ordeal of drinking the terrible poison, strychnine. The congregations of these religious faiths have complete faith in the words of Jesus as reported in Mark: *"And these signs shall follow them that believe. . . They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them."* Strychnine solution, sprinkled on meat for a dog, will convulse him shortly afterwards. The two "saints" that Dr. Schwarz saw swallow strychnine returned immediately to their preaching, however, and at no time went into convulsions. . . They did not even twitch.

Most of the people that Dr. Schwarz witnessed attending these meetings were mostly farmers plus a few coal miners,

descendants of early English and Scotch-Irish colonists with straight-laced Calvinist backgrounds, who do not attend movies, and abstain from alcohol, coffee, tea, tobacco, drugs, even soda pop. After fervent singing, accompanied by guitars, cymbals and tambourines, with loud prayers and testimonies, some speaking in strange tongues, Dr. Schwarz observed they then went into deep trances "when the Lord moved them." From screened, flat, wooden boxes rattlesnakes and copperheads that had been caught in the surrounding mountains and fields were taken out to be used in the ceremonies that followed. One to four poisonous snakes were held in the hands, around the neck, or close to the lips of the worshippers. Sometimes women handled serpents, but usually this ordeal was performed only by men. During such ceremonies, rattlesnakes seldom rattle when being handled, but do make a collective racket when their cages are disturbed. When it is all over, however, usually no one has been bitten. Sometimes the snakes do strike and bite, but one minister alone claims to have handled serpents more than two thousand times in his career without being bitten once. He did admit, however, that he was in deadly terror of seeing or handling even small, harmless snakes when not in trance.

The members of such groups usually

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(American Stamp)



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

1706 to 1790

Benjamin Franklin's epitaph, written by himself at the age of 22

The Body of B. Franklin
printer,

Like the Cover of an Old Book
Stripped of its Lettering and Gilding
Lies Here

Food for Worms,

But the Work shall not be Lost

For it Will as he Believed

Appear Once More

In a New and more Elegant Edition

Revised and Corrected

By the Author.

Franklin

thus further explained his views

"When I see nothing annihilated (in the works of God), and not a drop of water wasted, I cannot suspect the annihilation of souls or believe that He will suffer the daily waste of millions of minds, ready made that now exist, and put Himself to the continual trouble of making new ones. Thus, finding myself to exist in the world, I believe I shall, in some shape or other, always exist; and with all the inconveniences human life is liable to, I shall not object to a new edition of mine, hoping however, that the errata of the last may be corrected."

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



Astrologically Yours . . .

○ By Rita Anton
Burbank, California

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . . a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which has been planted; a time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to cast away."

Ecclesiastes III: 1, 2, 6.

AIRES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A cardinal, fiery sign symbolized by the RAM. Meditation will reveal it is now the time to be discreet. Love and harmony are your keynote. Make your actions constructive instead of disruptive. Co-operate and compromise for best results. *Man has a thousand schemes, Heaven has but one. . . Unknown*

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A fixed, earthy sign symbolized by the BULL should give the strength and courage to face the new cycle just ahead of you. Keep your goal high, your efforts at top peak, for something of the unusual is coming your way. *Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up. . . Garfield*

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A mutable airy sign symbolized by the TWINS. This restless month may find you in a "tizzy." Adhere to the routine of life. Let the unemotional "twin" be your guide; make no hasty decisions or act under pressure. *A restless mind, like a rolling stone, gathers nothing but dirt and mire. Little or no good will cleave to it; and it is sure to leave peace and quietness behind. . . Balguy*

CANCER (June 22 to July 21) A cardinal watery sign symbolized by the CRAB. Get out of your shell, for action is your keynote. The results you obtain are predicated on the efforts you put forth. *It is not in mortals to command success, we will do more, we will deserve it. . . Addison*

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A fixed fiery sign symbolized by the LION. Be courageous and daring, for stimulating vibrations can give you new ideas. Accept new challenges and opportunities now. *There is no such thing as chance; and what seems to us the merest accident springs from the deepest source of destiny. . . Schiller*

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A mutable earthy sign symbolized by the VIRGIN. Fine active rays are working for you now. An opportunity for promotion or financial gains are indicated. Concentrate on special skills. *Take care to be an economist in prosperity; there is no fear of your being one in adversity. . . Zimmerman*

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A cardinal airy sign symbolized by the SCALES. Harmonizing, your natural zodiacal tendency, was never in better aspect than now. Patch up differences that may exist. *He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own. Confucius*

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ONWARD AND UPWARD

○ By Dr. Joseph Murphy
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MAINTEIN a positive, constructive attitude of mind and you will move onward, upward, and Godward. Sometimes people will tell you about the bad things that are bound to come; it seems that they do not know any reason why something good should happen. They say prayer is a state of wishful thinking. "Wishful thinking" to them means a wish that cannot be realized, or a wish that is too good to be true.

There is not anything too good to be true, nor is there anything too wonderful to last. Claim your good now, and walk in the assumption that all good things are yours.

✓ Desires knock at the door of every heart. It is the inner voice within all of us which is saying, "Come on up higher!" Prayer is entering into the realization of the wish fulfilled. If "wishful thinking" is wishing or desiring something without realizing it, let us ask who is the wishful thinker? He is the person who does not understand prayer. He desires health, wealth, prosperity, and true expression, but he says in his heart, "I do not believe; I have no faith." In other words, he lacks faith and confidence, to which the everlasting principle of life responds in all of us.

The scientific thinker knows there is a way to realize an answer to his desires. He recognizes there is a subjective law within him which responds to his faith and conviction. He realizes that if he prays believing, he shall receive. His faith is well founded; he is at peace. Such a person has turned his request over to this other mind, knowing it will answer him.

Do not look at the top of the mountain and say, "It is impossible!" You

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MORE ON ECTOPLASM

SINCE ECTOPLASM plays a major role in the phenomenon of materialization, a little closer look at what is known of it so far is at least a beginning.

What has been described up to this point really is not ectoplasm, but materialized "ectoplasm," in other words, "matter." It is a gaseous type of material, but does not necessarily condense when brought in contact with the air. It may be several feet from the medium's body before it is noticeably so as an ectoplasmic arm, for example, levitating some objects at a distance. Yet the space between the medium and the ectoplasmic form is not filled with gas, or with any material we can identify, but is filled with something far more attenuated than any gas of which we know, and it is invisible. What do we know of this "apparently" empty space where ectoplasmic forces are at work? We know energy is present in some form. We know that it is a conductor of electricity; that is opaque to 70% of the infra-red rays; that it casts a shadow on a luminescent Barium Platinocyanide screen; that metals are transparent to it, and that insulating materials are not.

The biological concepts we have of it actually are more helpful than the physical and/or chemical. In materialization, what we are witnessing is really a "birth" process. The medium apparently "gives birth" to these forms in a biological sense. The materializing process recapitulates the history of the organism. The form appears first as a foetus, then as an embryo. The darkened seance room corresponds to the mother's womb. All life starts in darkness, just as the seed must be planted in dark soil. In the early stages of the medium's development, the phenomenon is presaged often by

a cold breeze, indicating an exchange of energy somewhere. Partly materialized forms frequently are quite cold, 4 degrees C., showing that in the process of organization, energy is absorbed. Just as with all new life, these forms are connected to the medium by an umbilical cord, visible or invisible. They are never ideoplastic, for fanciful or imaginative structures are unknown. Mermaids, centaurs, and unicorns do not appear. Materialization is NOT creation; it is re-creation. . . a reproduction of something that is or once was. There is no invention. Even thumb-prints have been obtained of thumb-prints that once were, or are now, on this plane; indicating that these materialized forms are molded in or around pre-existing structures. Discarnate intelligences, or spirit entities, must come back in the mold they left behind while on the earth plane, although they do grow and progress in many ways on "the other side." No physical laws are violated in the seance room.

If the materialized form weighs fifty pounds, for example, the medium has lost fifty pounds. In the case of a small medium, if seen beside the materialized form, the medium may seem to resemble a bundle of rags. It is also true that anything levitated must be supported from below, so to speak, or hung from above. In this case, if a table weighing thirty pounds be levitated, the medium shall have gained thirty pounds. (To be continued)

(For further reading on the subject of materializations, be sure to read Hereward Carrington's book, *Your Psychic Powers and How to Develop Them*, which may be purchased from Chimes, \$4.15 postpaid, plus 16 cent sales tax in Calif.)

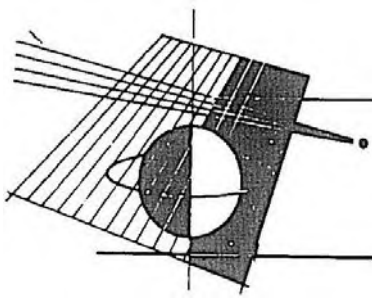
multiplied. Before it is better, it becomes worse. Every day you should strive to surround yourself with an atmosphere of power so that you will not be influenced by the masses of people on the earth plane who are fitful, worried, confused or distressed.

"I am more fearful of this evil than all the cataclysmic forces put together that will transpire and take hundreds of thousands from the physical body. I am more fearful of that blanket of evil that emanates from the minds of men, that many shall go berserk, and many shall take their own lives. This is not a very pretty picture that I am giving you at the end of this cycle, but these are the things we have seen clearly.

This is not brought about by God, but is the reaction to law. The present cycle will be completed and restoration will come as we awaken the consciousness of men to better understanding. In these latter days many false prophets shall arise and add to the general confusion. One should be careful not to fall prey to them, the same as one must be careful not to take on the blackness of the over-all negative thinking.

This is to be the end of the world conflict. Years ago I said that atomic power would not be used ultimately to destroy, but that atomic power would be utilized to propel, to dig more deeply into the depths of the sea, into the earth, to bring about the restoration of the people of all nations. It is in the field of nuclear science that the answer is to be found to the questions of many who have been confused throughout their lives. This answer will be given in a scientific way. That is the reason why it is necessary for all nations to embrace the concept of the Universal Spirit God, that we understand we, as well as all other nations, are a part of that oneness, that each of us has only become individualized in the con-

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Psychic Experiences

THE BIRD AND THE VOICE

○ By Bill Monroe
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Many people around my age of 70 would probably enjoy sharing an experience I had when just a boy of fourteen, life having more hardships in the far north country of those days. At that time I was living with my mother, stepfather, and grandmother, and there was no one around with whom I could chum except for a girl who lived a short ways from our place. We got to know each other quite well and often went fishing, hunting and skiing together in the winter. She had been born in that region and knew all the best places to go for these activities. One winter day Mabel went skiing by herself and hit a rock with her ski, which broke, leaving a part of the wood in her leg. She developed blood-poisoning from the injury, and in a short time passed on to the other life.

I missed Mabel very much, for we had been such good pals. As I stood in the yard one day wondering whether I should go hunting or not, a large bird flew over me, then flew back to the woods again, returned and circled over me, then flew out to the woods again. I had never seen a bird act like that before. I decided I would walk towards the woods, and as I did, the bird flew back out, and then preceded me towards the woods just like he was trying to show me the way. Just as I reached the edge of the woods, I heard a voice calling me, saying: "Bill, come over here. There are lots of birds over this way." I was astounded as I realized it was Mabel's voice calling me. I was glad, of course, but could hardly believe it to be true for I knew she had died.

But I kept on walking through the woods, and soon again I heard: "Bill, over here. . . over here, Bill." I went in the direction from which I heard her voice coming, and then could hardly believe my eyes, for there in front of me were about a hundred partridge. I was able to shoot enough to take home so that we had a wonderful supper. We were very poor in those days, and to have enjoyed such a sumptuous meal we felt quite fortunate and ever so thankful. But how did Mabel know we needed that food? And how did that large bird come to know me and so suddenly be there just at a time when we were much in need of food?

I am old now, and live many miles south of there, but often I wonder if ever I went back to those woods again, would Mabel call to me again. . . and would the bird be there to show me the way?

HELPED ALL THE WAY

○ By Mrs. Nina Eldred
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One day in 1949, as soft music was playing on the radio, I picked up my little two year old girl, Roberta, and, loving her so dearly, I gave her a kiss. A "direct voice" spoke to me saying: "Love her a lot, Nina. You don't have much longer to love her." I was half dazed upon hearing this, for it seemed almost more than I could take. Immediately I looked her all over to see if she was alright. She seemed perfectly healthy, but soon I was to realize that she was not when the doctor confirmed that my little girl was seriously ill with cancer of the spine. He life had been shortened to a matter of days, according to the specialist.

But the days turned into months, until finally that loving "voice" came again to me and said: "Roberta will pass away the first part of July." She was in the hospital at that time, during May, so I decided to bring her home where we could be close to her — which made her very happy.

I told my friends it was hard to see July approaching, for I knew my darling was going to pass on. However, they thought I shouldn't talk so foolishly, and said that she looked better than ever before. That didn't help to soothe my feelings, however, for I KNEW her passing was to be.

Then, just as I had been told, on the first day of July the Lord called her home. By knowing of this beforehand, I am so grateful that I had the chance to prepare myself. But even with our deep loss, God was very good to us, for he had given us another little girl about a year old to love. . . and oh, how it helped!

SPIRITUAL HEALING IN CUBA (Continued from page 12)

Heart of Jesus," and on the table is a large wooden cross, before which Perez kneels in prayer in order to attune himself with Spirit. The Spirit who heals through him is "Silvano Diaz," but that is all that is known of him.

Perez is assisted by his sister, Rosa Moro, and they make no charge for their healing gift. Neither Listoriel Moro Perez nor his sister Rosa Moro can either read or write.

An outstanding cure accredited to Perez was that of an incurable case of paralysis. The patient was affected in each limb; he could only walk a few yards. After a few months he was a perfectly fit man and resumed his normal occupation.

A few years ago I witnessed the healing of an English patient who suffered from disseminated sclerosis. It was a gradual process. The healer is known only to those within her own small circle of friends. The patient had been declared, and his doctor intimated that he would "never work again." This patient has been back at his normal occupation for nearly six years. He

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PSYCHIC PHENOMENA are God's revelations to modern mankind.

Psychic ability, extra sensory perception, or Psi, whatever name it is called, it is our radio and TV communication system designed to receive from God the essence of Divine Intelligence. We have receivers inside of us which pick up information sent by a kind of short-wave. Psychic phenomena are proofs or reassurance to aid us in a troubled world; they are the obvious parts of a beautiful, complex, and fragile Divine Plan built into each and every one of us. But why should mortal man be singled out for a Divine Plan?

The answer has to be that each person is important to His Plan, which in turn, is important to us. Let us examine this great Plan to better understand Psi. The divinity of the plan is beautifully manifest in so many ways: in the setting and scenery which we inhabit, the crisp, ice-blue of the sky, the white fluff of clouds, the dazzling vermillion sunset, the dashing whitecaps of ocean and lake. We see beauty in a baby's smile and in the faces of happy people. These sights are needed to uplift and inspire man when little hope seems open to him.

We are reminded by these elusive, *natural* phenomena that there is a way up and out of our daily problems. They tell us that troubles and dark clouds and perishable beauty are not permanent in our lives. We know all this from the beauty which greets our senses through the Plan.

Complications also intrude into this Plan of life. It is amazingly complex for mere humans to fathom how there can be injury, pain, sickness, unhappiness, misery and death which rips and tears at our beings until, reeling and whirling, we think we shall collapse and not be able to go on. How can we, with memory so short, understand the complex reasoning behind the physical "loss" of a child, the "too early" death of a husband, wife, parent, brother or sister? How can we endure the cruelties delivered on mankind by God-less men and still believe in anything? These are the parts of the Plan which are complicated for man, and

for which Divine Intelligence has not yet provided *all* of the answers.

However complex the Divine Plan is on these points, we need not despair for all of the answers. One law, for example, the law of Cause and Effect, provides an answer which students of Metaphysics know to be true. We are aware of daily experience which proves that good thought or action given out, invariably returns the same, not always from the same source, immediately, but it is returned many times over.

We see in the short look the spirit leaving the body prematurely because of misuse of the gift of body through excesses. Excessive strains and tensions, often self-induced, or too much of the wrong kind of food, drink or pleasurable activity, are causes of the effect we call sickness and death.

We wonder at the mis-carriage of an infant or we sorrow at the loss of a child, yet it is not difficult to understand for a believer in the Divine Plan because it is probable that the infant was in some way unsuitable for occupancy by a spirit, or the child in its innocence ran counter to the law of Cause and Effect. Perhaps in the short life, another span of destiny was fulfilled, making it unnecessary for the spirit to remain longer than it did.

But this is the short look. We only have short sight in matters of this kind because our stay on the material plane is so short in time that we cannot see all of the causes which produce the effects we observe daily. The Divine does not assign much importance to time in minutes, days, years and centuries as we know it. Conditions persist, good or bad, for generations before the effects are seen. Many effects manifest themselves long after the causes are forgotten.

In addition to the *beauty* and *complexity* of the Divine Plan, there is a third quality which touches us more directly than the others. This quality is expressed in the term **FRAGILE**.

Like a great masterpiece which is both beautiful and complex, the Divine Plan in each of us is fragile. It can be preserved, enlightened, enlarged and



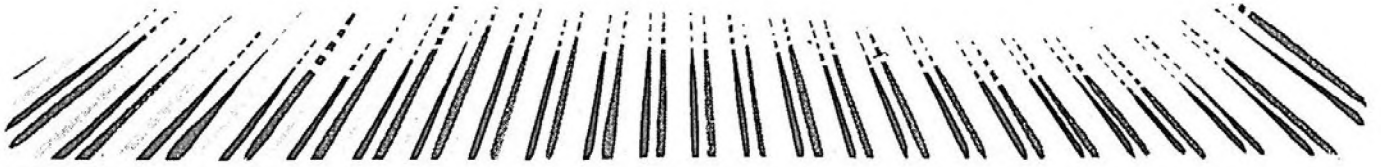
improved with diligent care by each of us. The spirit life may be unfinished at birth, yet after a period of bodily occupation, it may take on the appearance of a finely cut gem polished to perfection. But our spirit-masterpieces, though almost indestructible, may also be misused, shattered or broken.

Our *Free Will* can determine whether we reach closer to God or further from Him. Bad use of our lives can mean a set-back in reaching and uniting again with Divine Intelligence, which is the Ultimate goal of immortal men. You can be sure that you are reaching closer to God when you use the help He has made available to mankind, namely, ESP and psychic phenomena. Perhaps this seems like the long way around to our discussion of psychic phenomena, but this writer confesses to borrowing from the philosopher, Aristotle, the technique of moving from the general to the specific. This way we can see our metaphysical interest within the whole picture.

Our free will is practically unlimited in matters of the spirit. The Divine Plan, however, does not leave us "babes-in-the-woods" in wending our way through the complex Plan. We are all blessed with numerous talents, some developed and others latent. We all have a measure of psychic ability which may be active or dormant, depending on you. This is a gift like each of your other qualities, to be used for good or evil, as you wish. Use it properly, and it will do wonders for you and for others; use it badly, or fail to develop it, and it will weigh heavily on your thoughts.

Aside from spirit communication

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and materialization, nearly everyone has experienced ESP in telepathy, clairvoyance, clairsentience, precognition, astral flight, psychometry, and psychokinesis. We all have them and we all can develop them and use them, though it may be difficult to control them. There is nothing mysterious about them, but they may seem strange because we have not yet taken them for granted.

Is there anything strange about the young woman's dream that her fiance's hair had turned white at age twenty-two, later to hear by mail that it had turned white while soldiering in the Normandy invasion in World War II? And what about Peter Hurkos' ability to find a criminal, unknown to authorities, by meditating at the scene of the crime? What of the many people who accurately can detect colors by touch? And what of falling objects connected at the instant of "death" with a person who dies? What of direct and material communication with those who have passed on?

All of these phenomena have convinced even the most skeptical people. It is strange, indeed, that many of the greatest scientific discoveries occurred through psychics. Edison, Bell, Westinghouse and Kettering, all were notably psychic. Edgar Cayce of Virginia Beach, an unschooled man, gave thousands of accurate medical diagnoses while in trance. Treatments recommended through his mediumship resulted in many cures.

Repeatedly, history and recent events prove the point that ESP is simply God's Revelation to modern man, yet it is really no different than that given to ancient man. It is clearly

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an aid through the maze of the Divine Plan.

Be proud of the fact that you are on this fourth dimensional adventure. Many people in high places *know* about ESP or Psi and experience it, but, fearing ridicule, do not tell about it.

We may not yet know all there is to psychic phenomena, but we are aware of what it will do when used for good. Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University, who named ESP, Psi, and others, have proven scientifically it exists. Inventors, physicians and surgeons have been inspired and taught by it. Religious leaders taught it to others until it was censored out of the dogma in the Middle Ages. Honest materialization and voice communication prove survival after so-called death. Every person reading Chimes has benefited from its revelation and healing.

Psi is clearly a fact from the promises of Christ who said: "*Even greater things will thou do than I have done.*"

Each one of us can attune his life more closely to the Divine Plan, remembering that our free will must take a *positive* course to achieve it. We can develop Psi or ESP or benefit from other's talents, as we choose. We can

also do something about this regardless of our circumstances. Here is a useful five-point personal program for improvement:

FIRST: Let us keep it foremost in our minds that we have knowledge of a new dimension of understanding, a new scientific area of the future. We are the spearhead of new knowledge. We see the pamphlet soon to become a *book*, and the book soon to become a *library* and beyond that.

SECOND: Make an effort to keep in balance the spirit, mind and body, so they will work in unity and harmony in reaching our goals. We can "avoid excesses of good things and avoid bad things completely."

THIRD: Study, meditate, and ask for enlightenment and upliftment. Practice sending out positive thoughts and performing positive actions.

FOURTH: Tell responsible people what you know and experience. It is sensational to know that Psi has proven survival, that a lifetime is but one chapter in our book. Have hope that Psi will become more accepted as a God-help.

FIFTH: CHARITABLY share your spiritual riches by proving Psi to the skeptical. Urge your churches and circles of friends to pursue this study. Work to reunify science and religion which should never have separated into diverse dogmas. Keep them in balance.

Remember: Agressiveness for good is a virtue; pursuit of disharmony is a vice.

A wish for you as you progress: *beauty, harmony* and *success* as you assert your *free will* in the Divine Plan.

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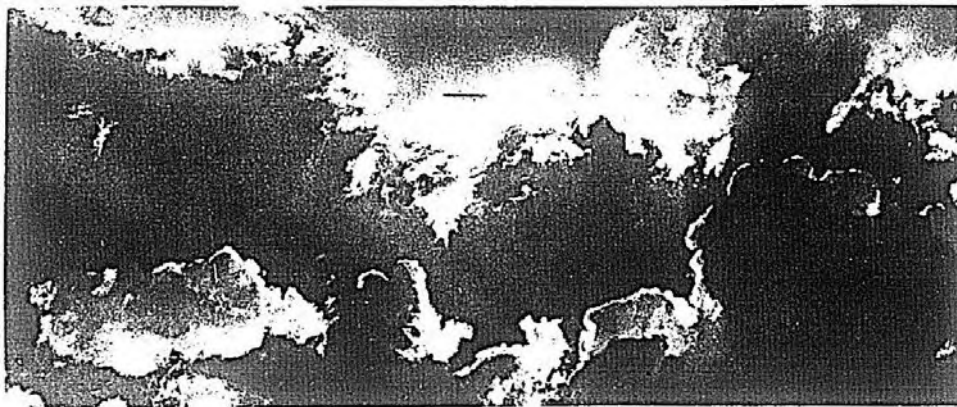
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concept is in error, even though while each soul is housed in a flesh body each soul bears characteristics of individuality.

In the beginning ALL WAS ONE and in the end ALL WILL BE ONE, and in the EVER-PRESENT NOW ALL IS ONE, although ONE has been divided into many divisions of One.

ONE cannot be split into two. Duality is but a division of One. One IS ONE, and there is no two in ALL, even though a millenium may *appear* to be. ALL the vast multitudes are but divisions of ONE.

ALL IS ONE and shall always be, for ONE IS ONE and IS everywhere and is forever in the NOW.

One split equals one. One split a millionfold equals one. ONE is Law and Law is ALL and IS everywhere.

There never was a time when ONE was not. ALL within ONE has been and will be and IS. There is no subtraction or addition in ONE. Only the divisions of ONE change appearance and return in reappearance.

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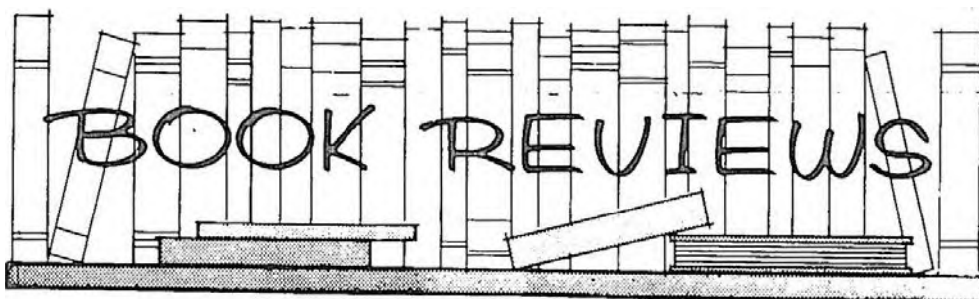
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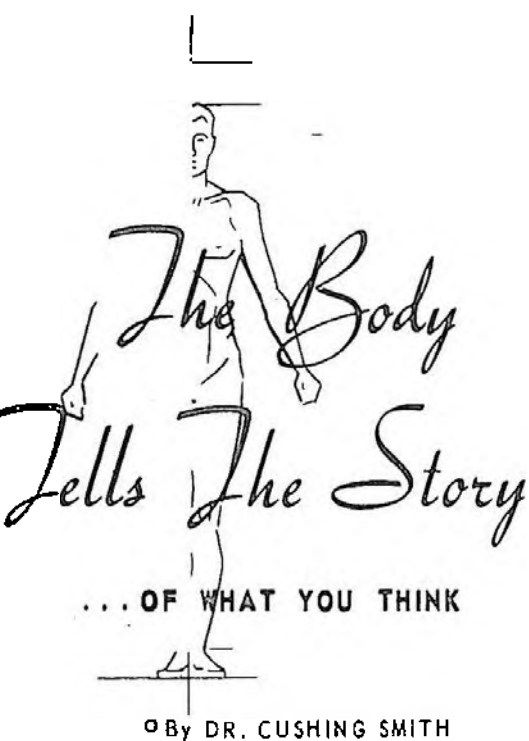
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OPERATIONS

MANY ADHERENTS of metaphysical methods of healing (and this is particularly true of Christian Scientists) eschew entirely any use of drugs, surgery, or other so-called material methods when one is under the ministrations of a practitioner; in fact, there are those practitioners who refuse to take a case in a hospital or to stay with a patient who feels the necessity of making use of hospital facilities. The argument is that to divide one's faith between "God and Mammon" is to neutralize the efficacy of the treatment.

So, let us examine the true nature of healing. Merely to cast out by any means the manifestation on the body of a disease or other deficiency is not true healing. Witness what the greatest healer of all time said to the man whom he had required to take up his bed and walk at the Pool of Bethesda. Seeing him later in the temple he warned him, "Go, and sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." In other words, it is as if He has declared: I have cast the disease out of your body, but that is only to put you on probation until

you have eradicated the cause, the mental roots which I have not pulled up in my ministrations. Whether the man was obedient or not is not recorded, but if he was unwilling to stop sinning (and he knew Jesus knew just what the nature was of this sin), he would have suffered what moderns call relapse. It is possible then that some might have said that the work of the Master Metaphysician was not conclusive.

In a recent case of cancer of the breasts, treatment was carried on for an extensive period. While pain was completely mastered, there was a continuance of loss of blood in such quantities as to undermine the strength and resistance of the patient. Therefore it seemed wise to resort to surgery for the removal of the malignant growth, but not to permit amputation of the breasts, as would have seemed justifiable and necessary according to the evidence on the body. A surgeon was found who would go along with this arrangement, and the cancer came off like a scab over an ordinary wound. The patient returned to work the second week, no one suspecting that she had been to a hospital, assuming that her explanation of being on vacation was unquestionable. The skin of the breasts returned practically to normal and their formation was almost perfect.

This resort to surgery was not conclusive, however, for the malignant thought from outside her own consciousness (indicated by the growth on the outside of the body rather than internal) had to be destroyed metaphysically to complete the healing. It had been uncovered that this woman for many years had played Santa Claus to a group of relatives who were interested in her only for what they could get. Some months before the first evidence of cancer appeared, this situation had been pointed out to the woman, and she had written the parasites that there would be no further largesse on her part. Instead of being grateful for what had been done for them over many years, these people turned on her, even as Jesus warned about casting pearls before swine, saying that "they will turn again and

rend you." This then was the mental cause of the physical manifestation, malignant disease. The patient was counseled not to cease pouring out love towards these ingrates in obedience to the demand, "Pray for them that despitefully use you." When she feels there is no longer any evidence of the resentment coming from this source, she then can claim her complete healing. No relapse can occur, regardless of doctors' expressed fears that the growth might have spread to other parts of the body.

This evidence of rendering "unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" would seem to justify the assumption that to eschew entirely any method other than strict metaphysics in healing is short-sighted, to say the least. The world of today is too steeped in material methods to follow the example of Jesus completely in his eschewal of any apparently material adjuncts to His healing Processes. Yet, while in His ministry, He relied completely on the power of God to heal through His Christ. He gave us His parable of the Good Samaritan who poured oil and wine into the wounds inflicted on the wayfarer's body by the brigands who robbed him and threw him into a deep ditch. He pointed out the greater love of this unaccepted Samaritan as compared to the professed representatives of God, who "passed by on the other side." Jesus was an absolute, as was required in His day, but He was not a fanatic!

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STRANGE TRANCE FEATS

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climax their ceremonies by taking to the fire. They have been seen to put a rag wick in a milk bottle or tomato juice jar full of kerosene, ignite it, then slowly move their outstretched hands and fingers over the midpoint of the flames, or put their toes and the soles of their feet directly in the flames for up to fifteen seconds, some even putting their elbows, forearms and upper arms in the flames for several seconds. Some of those in a calmer mood will pick up flaming stone coals the size of hen's eggs and hold them in their hands for over a minute while walking amongst the congregation. Dr. Schwarz acted as a control on one such occasion and found he could not touch a piece of burning charcoal for a fraction of a second without developing a painful blister. The members of such groups believe that "sinners," when intoxicated with alcohol or disbelieving what they saw, suffered bad burns of the skin, hair or clothes when they attempted to duplicate these feats. Many strange things are being accomplished through the mind once thought impossible. We are just beginning to find out how little we have scratched the surface. . . or how much we have limited our infinite potential.

SPIRITUAL HEALING IN CUBA

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represents one of the wonders of spirit power, and to his credit it can be said that he informs all his friends that the change came about by spiritual healing.

There does not appear to be any basic difference between the healing from Spirit which takes place in Great Britain and the healing wonders performed through our Cuban friend Perez and his sister Rosa. Whatever the future may be for the people of Cuba, let us join in prayer that they may be spared the upheaval of man-made conflict. Let us pray that their gift of healing will also extend itself to ideo-

logical considerations also, for we should not limit the power of Spirit in our own mind.



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WORLD PREDICTIONS

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sciousness of God.

So just note the many changes, for they will take place, considering the

threats of war as though they be in the past. The war-mongers will be on the march, and evils will seem to prevail, but remember this is soon to be stilled, for the greater period is coming when the people can live and can derive much out of life. The true understanding of what heaven and hell really are can be found only in the minds of men, and only through their actions as they are multiplied can it be established on the earth, to be lived by the oncoming generations before they are ushered in to the next phase of their etherial expression to ascend unto the great kingdom they have so rightfully earned. This is the future. . . with more to come.



(Be sure to read Agasha's conclusion on World Predictions in the February Chimes.)

ASTROLOGICALLY YOURS

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A fixed watery sign symbolized by the SCORPION. Watch your moods and do not neglect your responsibilities. Feelings can go deep; avoid conflicts. *Every human being has a work to carry on within, duties to perform abroad, influences to exert, which are peculiarly his, and which no conscience but his own can teach. . . Channing*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A mutable fiery sign symbolized by the ARCHER. New doors are beginning to open for you, so accept the opportunity of being with up and coming associates. Set your aim to success and happiness, for they can be yours. *Friendship improves our happiness, abates our misery, by doubling our joy and dividing our grief. . . Addison*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan 20) A cardinal earthy sign symbolized by the GOAT. Forge ahead and take full advantage of the benefic rays of Jupiter. Meet others more than half-way and make life more full and abundant. *We do not go to market with ingots, but with silver and small change. . . Chamfort*

AQUARIUS (Dec. 21 to Feb 19) A fixed airy sign symbolized by the WATER-BEARER. Work out the plans of the future into the practical trade of the day. There are no quick steps to success, for progress is the result of diligent study, steady application, with kindness and courtesy to friends and associates. *Love and affection are like the moon; when it does not increase it decreases. . . Segur*

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar 20) A mutable watery sign symbolized by the FISH. Assist others who need your encouragement, your foresight and your spiritual upliftment. Putting to good use your natural Piscean nature of being charitable and sympathetic will have its rewards. *We are always much better pleased to see those whom we have obliged, than those who have obliged us. . . Rochefoucauld*

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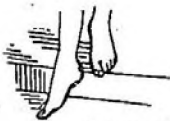
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Dearly departed, we who remain wait,

In sitting assembled, seeking communion.

If any man's reason forbids reunion,

Let him speak now, or never say it.

Please don't rap, or tilt my table.

To me such levitation's levity.

My spirit's bound by body's gravity.

My balance must be kept stable.

Despite barriers, dimensions three,

Pray materialize via another channel

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Can't you, dear soul, come to me?

— By Pauline French Stacy



Chimes...CALL TO PRAYER

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NOW IN THIS CROWDED HOUR

KNOWING THEE Infinite, yet heartbeat near! . . . how true and dear the words of this lovely prayer by Elizabeth Saxon of Unity Magazine seemed to be of the "Cup of Prayer" we at Chimes share each day at noon with many dear friends.

Our hearts overflow in thankfulness for the increased sensitivity and susceptibility to Spirit that has brought great peace and harmony into the lives of many souls. May this new year upon which we are embarking be one that shall witness many manifestations of the power of Spirit to sustain and renew us in every way, that we may truly be known as Children of God. So be it . . . and it is.

Now in the center of this crowded hour
When noon hangs golden bells to greet the sun,
I take the cup of prayer, and in its power
Feel Thy great presence through the minutes run.
Letting my heart from bank to bank know naught
But Thee and silence, Thee and quietude,
Thee, and the shining Truth that Thou hast wrought,
Thy love, thy faith, thy everlasting good.

Far die the echoes of the busy street,
The strife, the hurry, and the sometimes woe.
I am at rest, as kneeling at Thy feet
I hear Thee gently say, "Be still, and know."
And though the heat and burden of the day
Await me still, I fear no more the task.
Thou are the Lord and shepherd of my way,
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And what the hour may bring, I need not fear,
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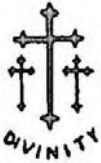
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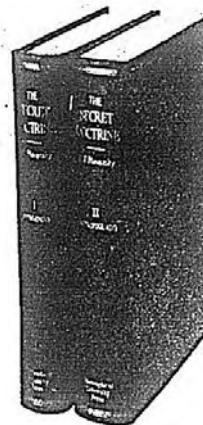
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MARGIE...

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could see beautiful things, very beautiful things. I said: 'This is so wonderful. When I go back I am going to tell everyone what I see.'

"Then a lady came to me and said: 'You are not going back where you came from.' I said: 'No? Why not?'

"She said: 'You will soon know, because some persons are coming to talk to you, and they will tell you many wonderful things. But be still and do not ask any questions now.'

"So I was still, but I was very happy. I was wide awake. I was so alert. I just felt free. Then friends came and explained many things to me. They said I had been killed. They said: 'We are going to take you to your people.' 'My people?' I said. 'Yes,' they replied. 'We are going to take you to your people.'

"They took me to my people, but I did not know them. I asked: 'These are my people?' Then they made themselves known to me. I was so surprised because my life had been so mixed up. I said: 'How could this be?' You see, I had been an orphan and had never remembered them. My life was so confused.

"I would like to tell you story after story of many things that have come to me here, but I am too excited at the present time. I am very happy here now. But there is one thing: Don't ever make a law for yourself. Never be negative. I said I was going to get killed, that I didn't want to live. I tied this to me. Then I found myself over here. It's a horrible thought. But I will just try to forget all about that. I am learning a lot, and it is a wonderful place here. I'm not confused like I had been before. I could not come in to talk to you right after coming here because I was very much confused.

MARGIE: "Dolores, we hope you can come again and tell the folks exactly how you found things in their entirety. How about that?"

DOLORES: "I will be glad to, and thank you very much. Gracias Senor-

ita, and God bless all of you good friends."

Not all people, of course, meet the same situations when they go into the astral. From her experience, Dolores tried to impress upon each of us the the unhappy consequence of being in a state of negation, and of clinging to this state. When we are hateful, when we send out hateful thoughts, when we are hurt and we seek revenge, if we are guilty of this, we will be called to account for our thoughts. We may rationalize and make excuses, but it is there: subjectively it can become a very vivid thing to our objective mind. The more we entertain it, the stronger it becomes and the greater is its power to hurt us. It is as was said in the Bible: "That which I fear is come upon me."

This is not always true. Many visualize things which never do come to pass. Perhaps the subjective was not powerful enough to bring them about. Perhaps they were averted by one of the many teachers, guides or messengers who try to help us and so counteract what we have visualized. If it were not for this guidance we would be in much more trouble in life than we are aware of having had during the past years.

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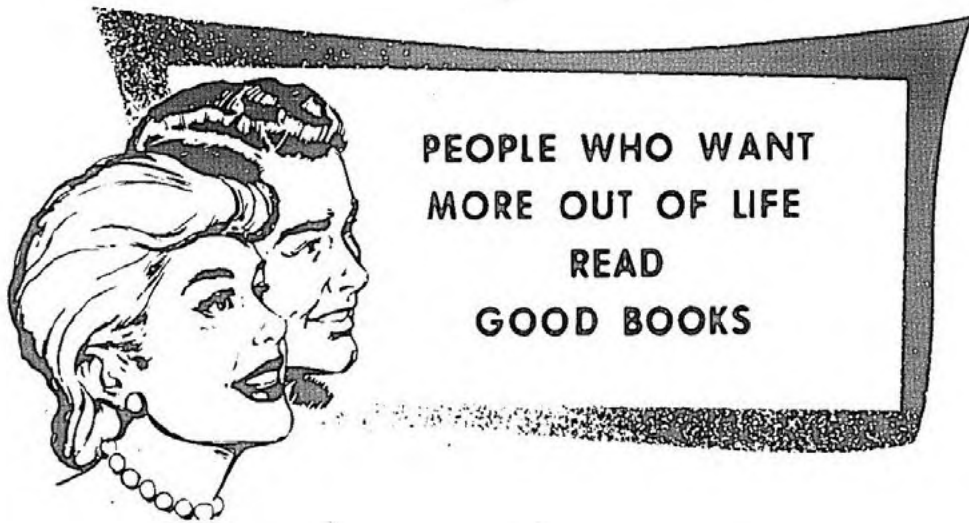
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