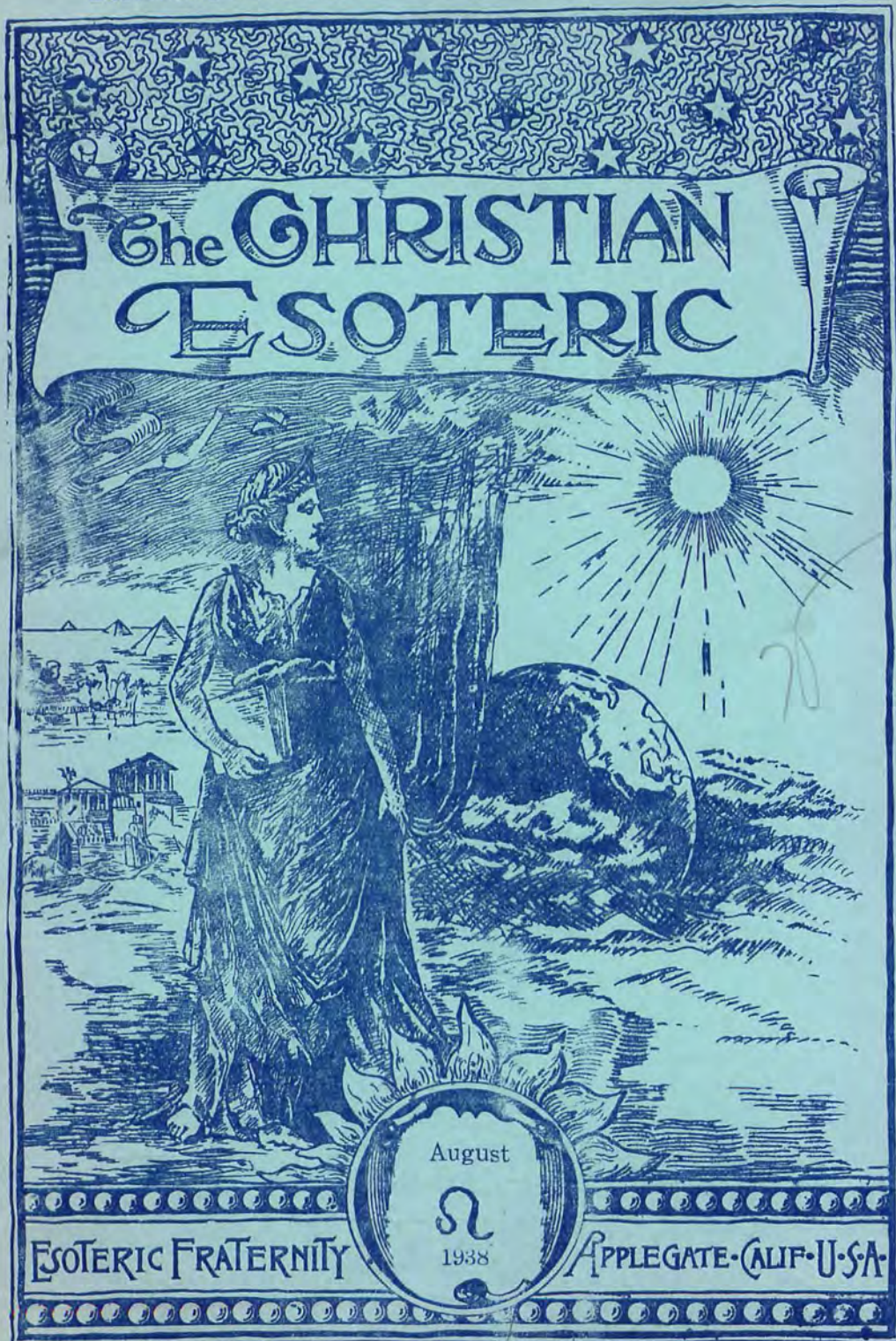


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GENERATION AND REGENERATION

BY H. E. BUTLER

THERE are many things in psychology that have been known for centuries by those who give attention to such things, that for the last fifty* years have been drilled out of the mind and thought of the people, to such an extent that at the present time it is popular to say and to try to think that any one who believes in anything that cannot be seen and handled is superstitious and ignorant. If the public would stop to think reasonably, it would see that the so-called scientific leaders have gone to such ridiculous extremes that they are more superstitious than even the heathens of a thousand years ago—superstitious in the sense of ignoring some of the most vital and profitable truths. They have gone to the extreme of disbelieving in anything that pertains to a future existence. Many of our leading scientists have tried to impress upon the mind of the public the idea that when a man dies that is the end of him and that there is no spirit, no God, nothing but this earth and its products; that man is its product and

*This article becomes of special interest to the reader who stops to consider that it was written in 1911.

that he lives and dies just as all life on earth lives and dies. But there has now come a reaction. Now they have awakened to the fact that they have reached their limit. They can go no further until they recognize the fact that there is something beyond the cognizance of the five senses.

What we have to say will be relegated by many to the realm of ignorance and superstition, but in reality it belongs to the realm of knowledge and wisdom, and in the future it will be known as such.

There are in existence (and it was recognized by the Lord Jesus) spirits that are called demons or devils which in extreme cases infest members of the human family and produce disease and insanity. If you will read your Bible carefully you will see that in nearly every case of healing by the Lord, it was done by casting out a demon. Read the account in Matthew viii, of the Christ's meeting two men out of whom he cast legions of devils and permitted them to enter a herd of swine. "Oh," say the would-be wise ones, "that is all a myth." But we are not dealing with the would-be wise; let them go on in their ignorance and superstition and die as the animals die. We are dealing with facts, and so was our Master, the Lord Christ.

The main thought that we wish to bring before your mind is that which has been the cause of the destruction of more men and women (more largely women) than any other demoniac influence that has acted upon the people since the new and everlasting gospel was presented to the world in the Esoteric teachings. It is this: Every man and woman born into the world is the embodiment of some thought of Divinity expressed thru parentage, prenatal conditions; and as the elements are filled with thought-forms of every conceivable nature, which thought-forms are called demons (for remember that "By the word of God the worlds were made," and that he created man in his image and likeness, capable of creating thought-forms), therefore every man and woman has in-

corporated within their organism thru negativeness, perhaps in childhood, elementals or thought-forms that are devils. In other words, it is acknowledged and recognized that every person has two spirits: one attracted to darkness, perversion and evil; the other, to righteousness, light and knowledge.

As children grow up to manhood and womanhood, the evolutionary conditions, or, if you please, circumstances, force upon them the necessity of using the highest and best within them in order to maintain even a physical existence in the world. This suppresses the lower and evil tendencies and holds it in abeyance; but to whatever extent a person is disposed to follow the dictates of the senses, the appetites and passions, these dark and evil thought-forms unite with him and help him in this direction; and to whatever extent he turns his mind toward thought, righteousness and goodness, the angels of the Divine Presence help him in that direction. This gave rise to the saying, attributed to Plato we believe, that every person has a demon or a dark spirit, and an angel or light spirit, attending him. This is the truth in a general way.

Since the Esoteric truths have been given to the world, and especially since the advent of our little book, "Practical Methods to Insure Success," all persons into whose hands these teachings have fallen have been caused to take sides, either in favor of divine truth, or in favor of demoniac evil. The little book has opened the door for a great number of people to take up the Esoteric teachings in general, and especially the teachings of the regeneration.

Let us stop to consider what the word "regeneration" means. *Re* is a prefix meaning *again*. *Generation*, as everyone knows, is the beginning of individualized life. Then to generate again would necessarily be to add to and to reproduce the child nature, the vital quality that produced the organism. In other words, we may say,

the reproduction of the vital and spiritual qualities of the individual. Thus it is apparent that the word *regeneration* means to take hold upon and to control all the generative forces and to cause them to renew and revivify, revitalize, the organism thru and by the power of the mind and will of the individual.

It will now be seen that to begin the work of regeneration the individual must at once begin to control the act of generation in order to stop the outflow of the seed of life, or the generation of organisms outside of himself, and to retain the vital elements that originally produced him, and thus retaining them within himself he reproduces, revivifies and increases his own personality.

In our teachings in the past we have held before the people the necessity of first stopping the work of generation, ceasing from the act of generation, and also of holding and controlling the generative fluids and utilizing them for the regeneration of self.

Men and women, and especially women, are the embodiment and expression of love. God is love, and it was the design of the Creator that woman should be kept pure and uncontaminated from the struggles and worries of an external existence and that she should become the embodiment of Divine love in the generation, expressed in motherhood, the love of husband, family and home. There was implanted in the inner consciousness of every man and every woman the ideal of a loving companion, an ideal companion who would be the strength, the power, of the weak side of their nature, the other half of their existence; the two halves becoming one perfect whole in which would exist peace, joy, love, and continual happiness. This ideal is planted deep down at the very root of life's existence; it came from the Creator when he created man. Men and women marry thinking they will obtain this condition, but on awakening to the fact that it does not exist in the generation, they become dissatisfied, and some worry their lives away. When the truths of the regenera-

tion as offered in the Esoteric teachings, especially in the little book, "Practical Methods to Insure Success," come into their hands many of them receive it, but, as Jesus said, not having any root in themselves, they pervert it to their own passional nature; that is to say, they simply apply the thought to the separation from the sex-relation, and take no thought of all that belongs to it.

For instance, the Shakers worked for over a hundred years on the one thought of the separation of the sexes, thinking that means regeneration, and many of them have allowed the demon of perverted sex to control their imagination, and it has manifested in the form of spiritualism. Therefore they have claimed that they are the original spiritualists, for that demon in the life of men and women, when given control of the vital currents, soon gets control of the mind and of all that belongs to manhood and womanhood, and in place of sex being a regenerative force, it at once becomes a degenerative force. It is because of this that the Shakers have dwindled to nothing, and in place of an increase of mind, wisdom, knowledge and all that belongs to manhood and womanhood, these powers are decreased, and many of their leaders have died wrecks of humanity.

What does this mean?—It means this: During the many years of our public work we have received many letters from women, saying, "I have lived the regenerate life for many years and yet my health is bad and I have no consciousness of added powers, *et cetera*. Why?—Because they grasped simply the idea of the separation of the sexes, without taking up the vital center, the all-important part of the teachings, the stoppage of the waste of the life. Many write us that they are regenerated, but when we come to know them we find that in place of their being regenerated they have given up their individuality to a dark spirit, to a devil, that controls them, and in place of their being full of life, buoyant, active life springing up like that of a child, they are weak, sick, and deranged in

every part of the body. Yet they claim to be regenerated, when in reality they are degenerates, having given themselves up to the dark forces.

There is another fact that is very important in this connection. It is this: Every woman and some men have an ideal man or woman that ever lives and floats above them in their imagination. They have a vague ideal of that loving—yes, divine—companion that will be to them all that their soul longs for, and when they begin to live the regenerate life, even tho they begin to try to conserve the seed, they allow this ideal to become their god: in place of looking to God and consecrating their lives to him who made the world, they center all in this ideal. This opens their inner consciousness to demons, who at once begin to simulate this ideal and to personify it, thus the demon is accepted as that ideal companion.

When an individual has accepted such a personification, in place of following the regeneration, this ideal companion at once lays hold of the fountains of the individual's life and creates the imagination of actual sexual relation and thus continues to waste his (or her) life and to drag him down until he is physically a wreck, hopelessly under the control of devils. Jesus said, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect." The only reason it is not possible to deceive the elect of God is that they look directly to God in place of looking to an ideal companion; they crucify, conquer and overcome their own desires and merge them into God, the Source of their being. This guards them against following evil spirits.

There is another cause for this great deception. When men and women begin to live the regenerate life in truth, with their pure inclinations and disposition, they find upon meeting those of the opposite sex, that their united thought and feeling—yes, and even their active passions—create in them the spirit of devotion, and that that attitude of devotion is a means by which they reach

out and actually touch and become conscious of the Spirit of God; a spiritual consciousness flows in and this causes them to believe without a doubt that in that unity resides their hope of immortality. Thus they are drawn together, and after they have come together in marriage, or at least in sex-relation, behold! that high ideal and deep spiritual consciousness is shattered. If they are tenacious in their principles they still feel that there is in their unity that which lifts them into the consciousness of Divinity, and no argument can convince them that they are not right in pursuing the course they have begun. But not having absolutely united their life with God, they have not absolutely overcome generation, therefore they will continue to oscillate between spirituality and demonality, until finally the Spirit of God leaves them and they go down into darkness and death.

The great truth underlying these grave experiences is found in the words, "Neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord." Woman was designed to stand between man and God, to stand as the love-spirit and therefore the inspirer from the fountains of divine life, and so long as man and woman are able to continue in harmony with that law they reap the reward, but no one is able to continue in harmony with that law until he has absolutely overcome all voluntary and involuntary loss of the seed and has united his life unreservedly with God. If two unite before they have done this, they go on but a short time before they find that they have fallen into the depths of darkness and despair.

Because of this you will see why all these many years we have emphasized and insisted on the absolute overcoming of everything that pertains to the generation. And not only this, but that which is of equal, if not greater, importance; namely, the uniting of one's life, hopes and desires to the God of the universe, and looking to him for all inspiration of knowledge and wisdom. It is necessary not only to look to God for all knowledge, but to utilize all one's own abilities of mind, understanding and entire

capacity of manhood or womanhood in searching for truth and understanding, demanding a reasonable reason for everything. For God, our Father, remember, is the source of our being; he gave us reason; he gave us power to know, to understand, and he expects us to use all the powers we have; not as the scientists and materialists of our day use their powers to obscure the light of truth in a spiritual direction, but to use our powers of mind without regard to what people say. We should have but the one desire, to know the truth and the right that we may live according thereto, and should stand upon our feet as men and women of mind-power, superior mental ability, and go forward doing what we know is right and just, regardless of everything else in the world; but avoid the old demon, the darkest of demons, egotism, self-elevation. Remember that you cannot rise above your Creator, yet strive to do so if you can, but at the same time remember the Source of all that you are, and remember too that as soon as you allow egotism, selfhood, to dominate you, you separate yourself from God and fall ignominiously into darkness and death.

Be that which you are; be all that you are; let every power of your nature be alive and awake, and whenever you find deficiencies—and you will find them if you are honest and zealous—then look to God as a little child looks to its father, and when you have thus placed your life—symbolically speaking, your hand—in the hand of God, to follow on to know, to do, and to be a son of God, possessing the attributes of power, wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the Father, abide there. Remember always that you are still a growing child, learning from the mind of your Creator. Therein is safety; therein is the foundation of attainment of all that is desirable in human life and consciousness. Let the world sneer; let the materialists ignore you; let the so-called Christian pass you with his nose in the air, and be that which you will to be, a child, a son, of God.

May the spirit of divine wisdom instruct you as you read these words. Peace be with you. (B. R., Vol. X. p. 97).

THE SECRET PLACE

BY ETHEL LUNDIE

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High,
shall dwell under the shadow of the Almighty—Ps. 91: 9.

THERE is a solitude which is not lonely;
Where those with souls to God attuned can go;
An inward rest and quietude, that only
The pure in heart can understand and know.

A solitude apart from worldly glamour,
Where angels and their thoughts are always nigh;
A safe retreat, removed from fear and clamour,
'Tis called "The secret place of the Most High."

Within this "secret place" in safe abiding,
The spiritually minded rest secure;
They listen for their Heavenly Father's guiding,
And in the silence worship and adore.

'Tis there they catch the thoughts of inspiration;
And in this "secret place" is answered prayer;
'Tis there they reach the mount of revelation,
And find the Infinite is everywhere.

And so this solitude is never lonely,
When Love, the Father-Mother God is nigh;
The pure in heart, dwell in God's presence only;
They know "the secret place of the Most High."
—From "The Epoch."



WHEN from our better selves
We have too long been parted
By the hurrying world, and droop,
Sick of its business, of its pleasures tired,
How gracious, how benign is solitude.
—Wordsworth.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

(QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

BY ENOCH PENN

NATURE ACTS AS A MIRROR

Answer to J. S. B.—You ask, Is nature friendly?" Perhaps we may reword your question thus: "Is the world friendly?" No. The world is not friendly, neither is Nature friendly. But it is not the fault of the world, not the fault of Nature. If mankind were friendly, then all Nature would respond and become friendly. It is written of God, that formless life in which we live, and the activities of which life are the forces of Nature, "To the pure, thou wilt show thyself pure, and to the perverse, thou wilt show thyself unsavory." This is the same as saying that the forces of nature respond to the attitudes of the minds and hearts of the people. The Bible teaches plainly that the evil conditions in the world are caused by "man's inhumanity to man." The statement: "All things shall work together for good to them that love God," "in whom we live and move and have our being," is the same as saying that Nature, like a mirror, will frown at us if we frown, and will smile at us if we smile.

The statement of Jesus that if we seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness all our needs will be supplied, to our mind shows that it is the evils man practices toward his fellows that are the cause of all that makes life miserable.

The fact that the Bible promises if men will only live right—that is, in harmony with the laws of their being and maintain an attitude of kindly goodwill toward each other, they will be healthy, their cattle healthy and prolific, their crops bounteous, and their children happy and healthy, shows clearly that it is only the evils in the hearts and minds of the people that make this world less than a paradise.

"POSSESSION"

Question.—Some of the statements you at times

make in your magazine strike me as being very strange for this day and age. Hundreds of years ago people believed in evil spirits, good spirits, fairies, vampires, and things of that kind, but you seem still to cling to such beliefs. You even speak of persons being controlled by spirits. What do you mean when you say that a person is controlled by spirits?

Answer.—You know that your own body is controlled to some extent by yourself—that is, you can do or not do certain things as you will. To distinguish between you and your body, we say you are a soul having a body. The forces of nature playing upon the bodies of your parents caused them to build your body. Thruout your childhood years you learned that by repeated efforts you could cause your body to do certain things, in other words, you learned to control your body to a certain extent. But you, the soul, sometimes becomes listless, negative, then extraneous influences may cause you to think, or feel or act as you otherwise would not; these influences may come from another soul that has lost its body (See Matt. 12: 43-45). Another soul may occupy your body with you and at times impel you to feel and speak and act in ways you would not. Sometimes one has a bad habit, and cannot break that habit, because another soul is stronger to control the body, thus other souls sometimes “run” your body in spite of your efforts to the contrary. Unless you are an extraordinary person you cannot always think what and when you want to, unless, perhaps, it be some habitual thought. Nor can you always feel as you would like to feel, for sometimes you feel in a way you would not if you could help it. In other words, you have very little control of your own body or of your mind, consequently but little control of the thoughts and sensations which make up your consciousness.

There is a saying, based upon long observation, that “an idle mind is the devil’s workshop,” which means that when the mind is empty and negative, useless and

perhaps wicked thoughts, from other minds, commonly discarnate souls, go thru the mind and impel to corresponding action.

Because your body is so that you, the soul, can manipulate it, when you are sufficiently negative thru having at the time no active purpose, a disembodied soul may begin to manipulate your body to its liking, and cause you to feel and think and do what you otherwise would not. If that intruding soul is diseased in any way that diseased condition will most likely manifest as a chronic disease in your body. At times Jesus healed persons of long standing diseases by driving away the diseased soul which by its presence induced its own diseased state in the body of its victim (See Mark 9: 25).

It may make but little difference in the beginning if one does not believe these things, but we can assure you that one does not go very far in the regeneration before he learns by experience that these things are true. And it is in the effort to get full control of one's body that a person finds that other forces and other minds dispute his right to control his own body.

HAVING LIFE THRU HIS NAME

Question.—In John 20: 31, we read, "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and that believing ye might have life thru his name." What I should ask is, How can we "have life thru his name"? What does this mean?

Answer.—Our understanding is that when one has followed Jesus until by receiving the Holy Spirit one has become anointed a son of God; that is, when thru being anointed, christed, and thus becoming conscious of and so being born into the Spirit-world, that state of consciousness is eternal, is not lost even tho the body dies. In other words, When thru becoming christs, and having a right to that name, we have attained to a consciousness

of being a spirit in the spirit-world we have thus attained to eternal life. We have believed into the name "Christ;" have become a member of the Christ-Body.

RELIGIOUS DECADENCE

Question.—Why is it that religions are so hard to understand. To me it seems doubtful at times if even the teachers themselves understand what they teach.

Answer.—Religious teachings are necessarily difficult because religious truths are largely abstractions, and abstractions are difficult for the ordinary mind to grasp. Because of this the teachers of religious truths have been compelled to resort to parables, symbols, rites and ceremonies for illustrations of them. In time these illustrations, especially the rites, become accepted as being the truths themselves, instead of being understood as being but illustrations of truths. To illustrate this, we will take the rite of baptism, which appears to represent receiving the Holy Spirit, and we are given to understand that without receiving the Holy Spirit one cannot be saved; yet there is a large proportion of the Christian people who, because they confuse the rite with the spiritual truth it symbolizes, hold fast to the rite, and the manner of administering the rite, as being the important thing, while the spiritual truth represented is ignored.

When this point is reached religion becomes but superstition, and the time has come for a reformation, without which the followers of that religion sink into formality and a fetishism to which truth is a stranger.

All religions appear to sink gradually into materialism, one reason being that persons high in authority add their own personal ideas to the original doctrines. In this way all religions have deteriorated and have become something very different from the system of truths as formulated by their founders. It was a perception of these facts that caused Jesus to say to the religious teachers of his

day: "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when ye have made him, he is twofold more a child of hell than yourselves." That is, they who are converted to a materialistic religious system, become still more materialistic. But the Christian people are not able to see that this accusation of Jesus applies to them to-day, because they do not see how widely the teachings of the Bible differ from the teachings of the Church.

WHY FEAR GOD

Question.—In Psalm 96: 9, I read. "O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: Fear before him, all the earth." What I want to know is, why should we fear God? There is so much in the Bible about fearing God, and yet we are given to understand that God is good and kind. We do not fear those who are good and kind.

Answer.—The word LORD is properly YAHVEH, and the meaning of that name is "I will be what I will to be." This offers the idea that YAHVEH is the Almighty Will, from which all other wills and powers are derived, and to which all other wills and powers must surrender. Because of this, that Will is called the God of gods. God's will relative to man and to the earth is fixed, therefore the prophet makes him to say, "I change not." And that Will is set that man shall grow and develop a Godlike character, and gain such knowledge of his own inherent powers, (which powers were manifested by Jesus,) and by the use of these powers take control of all the earth and rule it as its God. Because of this there is nothing man will do or can do that will thwart the accomplishing of the Creator's purpose. As a child in school may idle its time away, so man may to some extent loiter, but the lesson must be learned, and he is wise who fears that inexorable will, and carefully moves toward its accomplishment in himself. This implies that man should fear to act contrary to that Will, knowing that so far as his growth and devel-

opment toward his destined ultimate is concerned his efforts must surely come to naught. For even tho one thru unrighteous means attains to great wealth, to power or great honor, yet it will not ultimately prosper, and the result to himself shall not be good.

FINDING PEACE

Question.—Many of the words of Jesus seem simple enough, but still, when one comes to analyze them there is difficulty. Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but in me ye shall have peace." What did he mean? How can we be "in him?"

Answer.—We understand that Jesus meant that they who live in the consciousness of this world-life shall see endless trouble, because the world-life in which they live, and which causes them to live, is in ceaseless turmoil, and they who live in and from it must share in its turmoil.

When Jesus spoke of himself he did not always refer to the physical man; sometimes he referred to the Christ-Spirit, the Comforter, that "the Father will send in my name;" that is, the Father will send the Christ-spirit to comfort them. In proportion as one thru chastity and devotion can see and enter into and live from that Christ-life he will have peace, for that life is in perfect order.

DIETETICS

Question.—What part does vegetarianism and dietetics play in religion?

Answer.—While vegetarianism plays a part in certain religions, notably Buddhism, yet so far as we know it is not a part of the Christian religion. To our mind it is a matter of hygiene, rather than of religion.

GOD'S CHARACTER

Question.—Is God good? I ask this question because

I see so much of evil and so much suffering in the world that I can hardly reconcile the idea that God is good with the facts.

Answer.—If God is good or not to you depends upon yourself. In II Sam. 22: 26, 27, we read: "With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, with the upright thou wilt show thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure, and with the froward [perverse] thou wilt show thyself unsavory." These words show that God the Spirit is to a man what the man makes him, or it, to be. Good, if the man prompts it to be good; an enemy, if the man prompts it to be an enemy. Jesus said to the woman at the well of Samaria, "God is Spirit." Spirit is formless life.

Thruout all the earth there exists a formless life, and Paul says of this life, "in it we live and move and have our being." It is the spirit of this world, it is the life which by its activities causes men and all things to live, somewhat as the electric waves cause the radio to speak and laugh and sing and seem to be alive. This life man causes to take form by his imagination, it is the substance which the thinkers of India call "mind-stuff." The form one gives to this life or mind-stuff by thinking determines its effect upon his consciousness, for his consciousness is determined by his thoughts. He may form a thought and laugh with glee because of its effect upon him; or he may form a thought and curse with anger, for the same reason. It is claimed, and we think with good reason, that all the heaven, or all the hell, we will ever experience—that is, all of happiness or of grief we will ever experience, will be the natural results of our thinking.

This mind-stuff of which man forms thoughts appears to have no moral sense, or character, for the one who forms a wicked thought, a thought injurious to another, or to others, finds that it works accordingly, just as well as when formed into a good thought; we say this even tho we know that in time evil thoughts will destroy the thinker.

But the Holy Spirit, which we may term the mind-stuff of the Spirit-realm, will not permit itself to be formed into a thought of evil, or if by chance it does permit it, the thinker must go back into the darkness where that evil belongs. It was for this reason that the command was given, "Thou shalt not take the name of YAHVEH thy God in vain [shall not use this power for an unholy purpose], for YAHVEH will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." And we remember that when Jesus was hungry, after his forty-day fast, he was tempted to use that power to make bread for himself, but he refused. They who after gaining this power, use it wrongfully, and thus create an enmity between them and the Spirit, will find that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the God of life." Or, to express this thought in plainer terms, "It is a fearful thing to make an enemy of the life which causes you to live."

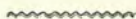
Therefore if you believe God to be to you a power for good, that belief gives to the life about you both form and function for good, but if you believe life to be an enemy, you give to it an inimical attitude toward yourself, and in time its powers may thus be turned against you for evil. Therefore we may say that in one sense God is neutral, neither good nor bad to you; it becomes to you what you cause it to become.

But all persons do not have access to that more refined life we call the Holy Spirit. Jesus said of the Comforter, the Christ (anointing) Spirit, "Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not," and the normal person cannot see the Holy Spirit until after years of absolutely chaste living. Not until one can see the Holy Spirit as a light, for "God is light," can one directly cause it to do what he wills it to do, and can say as did Jesus, "all power is given unto me."

But God the Father, the Creator, that body of the Holy Ones who have become Gods, are bringing man up to a knowledge of themselves; they are friends, yet they permit man to learn the lessons of life by experience,

often most bitter and painful experience, for "Experience keeps a hard school."

Because man must learn the lessons of life, and must learn all those natural laws operating in his daily life; in other words, must learn the laws of the life in which he lives and which causes him to live, this is the task that is given him, these things man must learn and apply before life can become a real satisfaction to him. Man to-day is like a little child, always seeking pleasing sensations, and this seeking for pleasure always sooner or later becomes a weariness, for Nature demands that man develop his mind and all his inherent powers, and live in harmony with the laws of his being.



THE PRINCE OF PEACE

FADE, pomp of dreadful imagery,
Wherewith mankind have deified
Their hate, and selfishness, and pride!
Let the scared dreamer wake to see
The Christ of Nazareth at his side!

What doth that holy Guide require?
No rite of pain, nor gift of blood,
But man a kindly brotherhood,
Looking, where duty is desire,
To him, the beautiful and good.

Gone be the faithlessness of fear;
And let the pitying heaven's sweet rain
Wash out the altar's bloody stain;
The law of hatred disappear,
The law of love alone remain.

How fall the idols false and grim!
And lo! their hideous wreck above,
The emblems of the lamb and dove!
Man turns from God; not God from him;
And Guilt, in suffering, whispers *love!*

—Whittier.

FROM a two-page review of the 32nd edition of Solar Biology, in "The Beacon Light" for July, we take the following extracts:

"Students of biology systems can profit from the reading of Solar Biology. It is the product of a real thinker, with a spiritual background. You cannot help but be impressed with both the logic and the spirituality expressed in this volume. . . .

"One thing we like about this volume is, that thruout the author ties in his philosophy with the teachings of the Bible, continually emphasizing that the Bible is a storehouse of hidden wisdom. I have contended for many years that without the astrological key, there is much in the Bible that can never be understood. . . . This book cannot fail to be a revelation to the orthodox Christian.

"We especially recommend the chapters devoted to marriage and sex. If this knowledge were imparted to our young people and practiced, there would be no grist for the divorce mill. You would understand better how boys and girls enter into suicide pacts when their parents object to their even keeping company, such as the case now occupying the front page of our daily papers.

"Chapter 26, entitled 'Critical periods in the life of Woman,' contains some very valuable information; and to the newly married, the part dealing with sexual excesses, if heeded, will prevent tragedies which so frequently happen during the honeymoon period. Yes, I know many books deal with this subject, BUT NOT IN THIS WAY. There can be no permanent harmony in the world until the laws of sex are properly understood. Solar Biology explains and advocates the method of conservation of the sex-force, transmuting the same into mind power, as the pathway to regeneration. Truly a great book, and worthy of a place in the library of all thinkers."



LEO

"The people of Leo possess a characteristic fervor of the life-principle, an endowment of the spirit, which . . . either scorches and destroys, or matures and perfects; and their sign is appropriately symbolized by the lion, which enters the amphitheater only to throw or be thrown.

"Persons of this sign are Nature's metaphysicians and philosophers, rather than of the schools, seeking first causes, or going to the heart of things, while guided more by intuition or the spirit, than by reason. Theirs it is to penetrate into the inner court of the Temple and gaze upon its mysteries; for the heart, the original seat of wisdom, leads with them rather than the head.

"'He hath put understanding in the heart and wisdom in the inward parts' is peculiarly exemplified by those of this sign who bear the standard of the Lion aloft, since spirit is ever conqueror of matter. The people of Leo belong to the tribe of Joseph, who was styled "the dreamer" by his brethren. If Josephs indeed, theirs is the radiant garment of purity, that coat of many colors which effectually separates them from their brethren, and sends them into Egypt for that substance wherewith to nourish all their kindred."

Persons of each of the signs have their special function, and it seems to be the special function of the heart to keep the life-forces of the body in their orderly activities, that the order of the life in the whole body may be maintained. For unless the heart maintains in each member the proper supply of blood it becomes weak, or diseased, and may even die, so also, unless the vital impulses of the heart maintain the orderly activity of the life-currents of the body the person is to that degree unhappy, and, in extreme cases, life is unbearable. But when the impulses and emotions of the heart maintain in their proper order the vital currents of the body, life becomes a joy, and may become an everlasting joy.

PLANETARY INFLUENCES FOR AUGUST

HELIOCENTRIC POSITIONS ARE USED THRUOUT

There is necessarily considerable repetition in stating the planetary influences from month to month, as the larger planets remain in a sign of the zodiac for a considerable time.

URANUS (♅) IN SCORPIO (♏)

Uranus is in the sign Scorpio. As Uranus is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Sensation, which principle is the basis of all consciousness, being in Scorpio turns the attention to the sensations resulting thru the functioning of sex, giving a perception of the, usually ignored, undesirable effects on the body of sexual indulgence or of any loss of vitality thru that function. The perception of these undesirable effects of the loss of vitality will prompt to the restraint of the sex-impulses and give an inclination to chastity.

It will also disincline to express the mind fully, giving a tendency to hide one's thoughts, with the inclination to carry out one's plans in silence and secrecy. These influences will be most perceptible to persons born in the sign Scorpio, from October 23rd to November 22nd of any year, and by persons otherwise qualified by Scorpio. And particularly now by persons born on or near November 7th.

SATURN (♄) IN LIBRA (♎)

Saturn is now in the sign Libra, and while in the sign Libra all the disturbing influences of Saturn, with its tendency to bring about sudden changes, are now felt by persons born in the sign Libra, between September 23rd and October 23rd. Those persons born between these dates, and especially those born on or near October 5th, are liable to see sudden and decided changes in their lives and affairs.

Saturn is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Transmutation, which causes changes from one state to another state, which is the reason its influence often brings sudden and complete changes. These changes are just as likely to be for the better as for the worse, altho

even changes for the better sometimes cause temporary inconvenience.

While Saturn is in Libra it will tend to improve the mechanical abilities, which will lead to increased improvements in that line. It will increase ideals and visions and the appreciation of the reality of things unseen. It will aid those who seek to improve the domestic and social conditions by giving perceptions of better and higher states relative thereto; but to those who seek simply the enjoyments of the senses it will incline to license rather than to restraint.

JUPITER (♃) IN LEO (♌)

Jupiter is the embodiment of fermentation, and in whatever sign it may be it tends to strengthen the corresponding physical function. At the present time it is in the sign Leo, and it will tend to strengthen the heart, and thus while in that sign it will tend to increase the general health, and the ideals concerning the happiness of loving and of being loved. It will increase the appreciation of music and will give the desire for better and more refined surroundings, with the impulse to self-culture and the attaining of an improved standard of living.

While Jupiter is in the sign Leo it will bring the Creative Principle Fermentation into play in the lives of all persons born in that sign, between July 22 and August 23, which will manifest in an uneasy restlessness, for no apparent reason; this disturbing influence is especially strong now in the lives of persons born on or near August 18th.

MARS (♂) IN AQUARIUS (♒)

Because Mars is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Cohesion, the mother principle, its influence tends to bind and restrain in whatever sphere or department of life it may be operating.

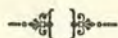
Thruout August Mars will be in the sign Aquarius, and while in that sign it will increase the general desire to travel, to meet strangers and to be with the crowds,

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

"MANTEL, the great Shakespearian actor, noticed that he was aging fast before his time. He then realized that he had been portraying for two years the role of an old man, visualizing him, and for the time being living in his moods and characteristics, and so had begun to express in his body what was more and more becoming established in his mind."—From "*The Aquarian Age*."

"THE late Dr. George S. Weger, in our opinion, never spoke more truly when he said: 'To all doubters I say, in all seriousness, that fasting, the withholding of all food, followed by a diet properly selected and combined, is the nearest approach to a cure—all that it is possible to conceive. This assurance is born of experience, than which there is no better teacher. Science will some day verify these statements.'"—From "*The Health Philosopher*."

"A LETTER in our files from a physician—a graduate of three medical schools—contains the following significant statement: 'For the past fifteen years I have been reading on psycho-therapeutics, and I am more and more convinced of the fact that disease is largely due to the subjugation of the mind to a dominant idea, and that by the process of transference of thought thru suggestion a dominant idea of health, hope, optimism, etc., may be substituted for the disease dominant thought and the victim cured without medicine.'"—William E. Towne in "*Nautilus*" Magazine.



"ALL the heaven we shall ever have is the thoughts we are thinking; they will be our future consciousness; out of your thoughts you are building your heaven or your hell.—H. E. Butler, page 128 "*The Seven Creative Principles*."

and to gather at places of public entertainment.

EARTH (♁) IN LEO (♌) AND VIRGO (♍)

The Earth being the embodiment of the Creative Principle Order, its presence in a sign tends to bring an increase of order, and consequent ability, into the lives of all persons who were born while the earth was in that sign.

Until August 23rd the earth will be in the sign Leo, and while in that sign it will awaken to greater activity the emotions of love and goodwill, and will increase the sense of order and strengthen the aspirations toward better associate conditions.

On August 23rd the earth will enter the sign Virgo, and while in that sign it will improve the general quickness of sight, and increase the tendency to a critical examination of whatever may be brought to the attention. It will prompt to efforts to attain to greater refinement in all departments of life.

VENUS IN GEMINI (♊) AND CANCER (♋)

The planet Venus is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Discrimination, and in whatever sign it may be it increases the general discrimination relative to the characteristics of that sign. Discrimination gives keen perceptions, and prompts to love and to hate, to positive likes and dislikes.

Until August 19th Venus will be in Gemini, and will give the desire to know and to seek knowledge, with the inclination to teach, to give that knowledge to others.

It will increase the appreciation and love for the opposite sex in those persons born in Gemini, between May 22 and June 21.

On August 19th Venus will enter the sign Cancer, and while in that sign it will strengthen the general love for home, family, and for children generally.

It will increase the love and appreciation for the opposite sex in all persons born in the sign Cancer, between June 21 and July 23.

MERCURY IN GEMINI (♊), CANCER (♋), LEO (♌)
AND VIRGO (♍)

Mercury is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Force, and in whatever sign it may be, the corresponding physical function is strengthened and is made more active.

Until August 8th Mercury will be in Gemini, and while there it will tend to quiet the general nervous activity and strengthen the brain and incline to scientific studies. It will increase respect for the opinions expressed by recognized authorities, but will tend to give a feeling of helplessness or of panic in times of sudden emergency or calamity, with the inclination to shrink from assuming any unusual responsibilities.

On August 8th, Mercury will enter the sign Cancer, and while in Cancer it will strengthen the lungs and thus tend to improve the general health, and will increase the general love for home and family.

On August 18th Mercury will enter the sign Leo, and while in Leo it will strengthen the general conjugal love, and thus tend to increase the general happiness.

On August 27th Mercury will enter the sign Virgo, and while in Virgo it will strengthen the general digestion, and thus tend to improve the general health, but will blur the intuitions and incline to errors in judgment.

A SUMMING UP

The general tenor of the planetary influences for the month is toward a kindlier attitude on the part of each toward the others, which, in itself, will tend to improve the present undesirable social and economic condition.



MIND is the master of the sphere;
Be calm, be steadfast, and sincere;
Fear is the only thing to fear.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

EDITORIAL: PSYCHIC INFLUENCES

DAY after day our mail brings to us here at the Fraternity letters from different parts of the world as a response or reaction to the message that the Christian Esoteric and our books carry forth into the world.

Every now and then, among them there comes a pathetic appeal for help and advice in a matter that weighs deeply upon a soul in distress, wrestling with a problem to which it cannot find an adequate solution.

Among these unfortunate ones there is a certain type or group, the number of which is steadily and alarmingly growing as the years go on. They are, mostly, made up of "students" of some kind of "Higher Thought," of Occultism, Magic, Mental Science, Sex Potentialization and kindred subjects, students who have entered the metaphysical field, most of them perhaps, in order to achieve personal profit and aggrandizement. And so as to become more proficient most of them have responded to high-pressure sales of "Advanced Courses" along these various lines.

Frequently, however, they experience to their chagrin, after having achieved a measure of initial success, that such teachings "back-fire" upon them, wiping out what seemed to be gained and leaving them worse off than they were before. The most frequent inflictions and setbacks that are experienced by these persons relate to the psychic and the sexual realms, this doubtless because, while most of these students are enticed by soaring hopes for psychic development as well as the attainment of powers to be used in successfully dealing with others, at the same time there is wide-spread to-day a great deal of misinformation in these various fields.

Our readers may still have fresh in memory the letter published in our April number, in which a woman told the story of her occult experiences and her resultant distress, seeking for enlightenment.

Her case is one of the type we have here in mind, and it is typical of many that reach us. She had been a met-

aphysical student for eighteen years, and had joined a "Mystic Brotherhood" that held out the promise of "elevation of spiritual satisfaction" thru its guidance. Certain forces were, she says, directed to the sex-glands and the sex-organs. Besides this sexual aspect of the teachings, which turned out to be of such a nature that she feared it to be a form of sex-perversion, the teachings had psychic aspect: the guidance involved, also, having magnetism directed on her body by "unseen influences" with a view of developing the pineal gland so as to turn her into a clairvoyant and a master.

Now, what was the result of this initiatory course? She soon found herself "trapped" on the "inner planes," having opened herself widely and indiscriminately to invisible influences. But since she knew not enough of the laws that govern life on those planes, she did not know how to invite good influences while rejecting bad. She had ventured into and invited the powers of good and evil of a realm where she knew not how to use her own powers of selectivity and knew not even what those powers were. Meeting adverse influences she became fearfully frightened, and telegraphed to the organization which had "guided" her to where she now found herself, asking them to help her in her plight, only to receive the reply that they were powerless to help her, "as it was all from the Inner Planes." Things went on from bad to worse with her, and dark, sinister forms and forces began to haunt her nights and her days, leaving her in despair.

This case—and the number of similar cases is greater to-day than the world at large is aware of—deplorable as it is, furnishes an illuminating example of the too easily aroused credulity and the recklessness of a great number of students and "neophytes" who are attracted to some of the dubious occult and magical practices that are gaining momentum these days.

Many lives have been laid waste because men and

women who have acquired only very insufficient knowledge of the nature of the forces they have set in motion without knowing how to stop or how to redirect them when desirable, do not know the laws of self-control or of self-defence when faced with the adverse side of the forces they have conjured up. Many persons who have injudiciously dabbled with unseen forces the extent and nature of which they know little or nothing, sooner or later have found themselves, caught in the nets they have spread. Some of them complain of being "psychologized," "hypnotized," "mesmerized," or otherwise "worked upon" by other persons whom they suspect, or by unseen entities or influences of which they cannot rid themselves. And all of them, as a result, develop an undermining psychic fear complex. Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy is reported to have declared, in an interview, that her husband's death "was caused by malicious mesmerism . . . I know that it was poison that killed him, not material poison, but mesmerismic poison." And she exclaims: "Oh, isn't it terrible, that this fiend of malpractice is in the land." And, as has repeatedly been asserted, she herself developed a strong belief in malicious mesmerism or "malicious animal magnetism" being directed against her by her enemies.

It is highly significant, in this connection, that in an article quite some years ago, H. E. Butler said that "the beginning of the practical use of magic in America was Mrs. Eddy's Christian Science treatments. She, as well as many who followed her directly or indirectly, came reasonably to the conclusion that, if they could heal diseases of an individual at a distance and change his mental state, they could also produce disease-conditions in others. This then explains how "malicious mesmerism" as a disintegrative and destructive force is born. And it matters not, whether it is actually being sent out with malicious intent or whether such a belief is purely imaginary, so long as such belief does its destructive work upon body and mind.

Mr. Butler in this connection relates, also, how a leading occultist, whom he knew, threatened to kill, "thru space," a certain person who had provoked the occultist's anger. Nothing serious did happen in this case, however, either because the threat was not followed up and the force was not sent out, or because the intended victim knew the divine law of self-protection against such influences. How are such evil intents as here related given their impetus? Obviously, this use of occult forces relegates the subject to the domain of Black Magic. At the commencement of the Esoteric movement, which coincided with the time when the Blavatsky work and modern Theosophy began to attract wider attention, Mr. Butler was repeatedly urged to disclose the foundation and the *modus operandi* of this psychological influence. He refused to do so, however, "knowing [as he writes] the great powers resident therein for evil and the comparatively small degree of power for good, if placed in the hands of the general public."

But he did what was vastly more important: he restated the eternal law of the operation of defence-forces, available to each human being against all undesirable influences, known or unknown, visible or invisible, that may be present or may influence us adversely if the gates to our interior fortress are left open and the guard off duty and whether these influences be called black magic, hypnotism, mental coercion, psychologization or something else.

It is, of course, a fact constantly to be reckoned with in daily life, that as the operation of occult forces becomes more widely known to unscrupulous manipulators, a person with evil intent may use occult force, directed by his mind and will to cause another to think or to act contrary to what he would if uninfluenced. That these forces work both ways, i. e., either constructively or destructively, needs hardly be stressed. It is well known by all occultists and metaphysicians, that there are in existence organ-

izations whose members pool their individual resources of mind and will into a unity of effort for constructive purposes, such as the effort to heal at a distance. But some of them know also, that there exist organizations whose members unite their individual minds and wills in a unity of purpose and power, designed to influence coercively, by the sustained radiation of occult force, upon certain individuals or groups to make them unknowingly conform to their wishes. It is precisely because of the potentialities for evil of this psychological coercive influence operating secretly in this way in the world, that knowledge of our means of self-defence becomes imperative. Not many years ago a Magazine declared, that somewhere in the East there existed a secret organization with regular meetings, its members uniting to send out a powerful suggestive influence toward political groups and politically influential individuals to sway and to incline them toward ideas, suggested in this subtle way. Whether this statement was based on actual facts or not is, to a degree, immaterial. The fact that matters immensely, however, is, that such practices are entirely *possible*, and that the temptation to use such invisible forces for selfish ends will in the near future become a psychological danger to both individuals and groups who are not aware of the sinister possibilities involved, and who have not realized the means of defence placed at our disposal.

Above all other things relating to the operation of occult coercive forces and to psychic self-defence this, Mr. Butler points out, should once and for all be clearly understood by each and all, that "no elemental or magic-working suggester can injure another person in the slightest particular, directly or by the laws of thought transference—impressions upon the mind of one that evil is being directed against him thru the powers of magic—if he realizes the fact that no power can touch him, and *if* he simply ignores the suggestion; for magic power can have no effect, if it is simply ignored. On the other hand, if the

person keeps thinking about it and believes the magic workers can control him and accomplish their designs, he will bring about the evil results *by his own volition and thought*; in other words, *there is no power, outside one's own self, that ever was or ever will be known to the magic-working people, that can injure another*. The only injury that can be wrought is upon one who is made to believe that he is being injured in a certain direction and *when his will becomes negative and when he surrenders passively to the influence.*"

"The fact remains, however, that no person can be affected by another, unless by his own volition. All phenomena produced by psychological influence come directly under this head; and no one can be psychologized unless he surrenders his will to another. Therefore, the essential thing on the part of the individual is to strengthen the will-power, to cultivate self-confidence and self-reliance, and parents should teach this to their children. For thereby the coming wave of black magic, now beginning to sweep over the civilized world, can be made powerless."

Such, then, is the eternal law governing the mental, psychic and spiritual nature of man and woman, that if the will refuses permission of the attention of the mind to be focused in awareness upon an evil force, that evil will find no entrance, whereas, on the other hand, if the will allows the attention to recognize the coercive power of these evil influences, then fear will arise, and what we fear will then come upon us, as the Bible truly states, confirming findings of modern Psychology. Because to fear is to recognize a power stronger than the power resident in our will to ward it off.

In its constructive sense, the Bible beautifully expresses this protective law in words such as these:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind [attention] is stayed on Thee."

"The name YAHVEH [Divine Power] is a strong tower [fortress], the righteous [right doer] runneth into it [and abides there] and is safe."

TABLE OF CUSP TRANSITS

Monthly Ephemeris (Time of Cusp Transits).
Washington, D. C., (Civil Time) Aug., 1938.

moon	sign	day	hour	minute
☾	♈	2	1	43 a. m.
"	♉	4	11	55 a. m.
"	♊	7	0	25 a. m.
"	♋	9	1	6 p. m.
"	♌	12	0	37 a. m.
"	♍	14	10	23 a. m.
"	♎	16	6	17 p. m.
"	♏	18	11	42 p. m.
"	♐	21	2	31 a. m.
"	♑	23	3	19 a. m.
"	♒	25	3	35 a. m.
"	♓	27	5	19 a. m.
"	♈	29	10	20 a. m.
"	♉	31	7	20 p. m.

Heliocentric Cusp Transits of Planets

☿	♈	23	2	44 p. m.
♀	♏	19	9	0 a. m.
♂	♏	8	7	50 a. m.
"	♑	18	11	34 a. m.
"	♒	27	0	1 a. m.

On the 1st of the Month

♀	in	♈	0°	29'	38"
♂	"	♋	4	27	16
♂	"	♑	25	25	6
♂	"	♒	12	11	53
♂	"	♈	14	40	44

For every added degree of longitude east the sun time is 4 minutes later in the same day,
and for every added degree of longitude west it is 4 minutes earlier.

These tables are in each number of this magazine in order that those who desire to regenerate their bodies may have the data that will help them in their efforts.

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50c to 83c	2c	5.84 to 6.16	18c
84c to \$1.16	3c	6.17 to 6.49	19c
\$1.17 to \$1.49	4c	6.50 to 6.83	20c
1.50 to 1.83	5c	6.84 to 7.16	21c
1.84 to 2.16	6c	7.17 to 7.49	22c
2.17 to 2.49	7c	7.50 to 7.83	23c
2.50 to 2.83	8c	7.84 to 8.16	24c
2.84 to 3.16	9c	8.17 to 8.49	25c
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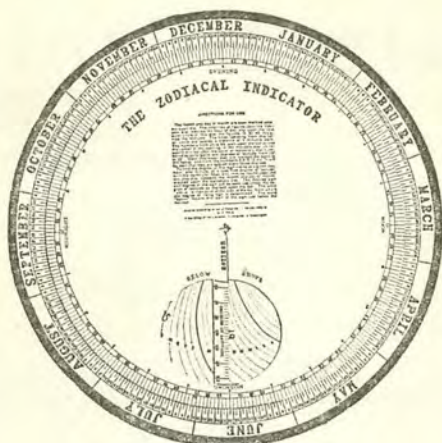
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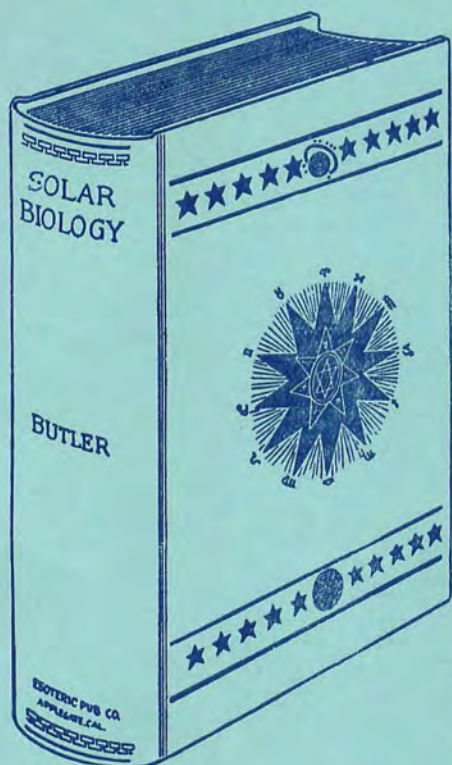
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