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KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH

BY H. E. BUTLER (*Reprinted by request*)

DURING the many years of our work there has been an opening up before the people's minds of a fountain of truth that had been sealed. We read in the book of Revelation, in chapters v to viii, of a book that was sealed with seven seals; that the angel of the Lord opened one after the other of these seals, and that certain results followed the opening of each seal.

It is unquestionable that a book is a symbol of certain knowledges. According to the vision given to John on Patmos, and also according to Ezekiel's prophecies, the angel held in his hand a book and Ezekiel and John were told to take the book that was in the angel's hand and to "eat it up" (Ezek. iii 1-3; Rev. x 9).

As everyone in sympathy with Revelation must perceive, this implies to take a concentrated form of thought of some kind into one's organism. We often say, "I read and thoroly digested the contents of a certain work." Divine symbolism is not unlike the symbolism of the language of modern times.

The book being sealed with seven seals implies that

there are seven vital truths involved; and as all vitality has in it mind, thought, consciousness, therefore the opening of the seven seals is the opening of the seven vital truths to the consciousness of the people.

We have been engaged many years in writing and in giving to the world vital truths. Many of the people have taken up these truths and have expanded and incorporated them in what they term "Mental Science" and "New Thought" in all the varied forms. The truths have even been taken up by Spiritualists; in fact, by every class of thinkers, and the magazines and books that convey these truths in detached form, mixed, of course, with error, are multifarious. But the truths are being spread broadcast, and it seems plain to us that the book with the seven seals has been opened, and that you, our Readers, have it at your command; and shall we attempt to make another book?

The book contains a complete plan of salvation. This is a theological expression, is it not? But when we say that it contains a complete plan of salvation, we mean more than the Church means. We mean that there was a purpose in the creation of the world, which we have ever tried to keep before your mind, and that that purpose comprised the plan or embodied the methods by which, if followed, one may attain to immortality, to eternal consciousness, to an undying state. Immortality or an undying state implies a continued life of perfect health and the consequent peace and happiness.

Has all this been given to you?—Yes, it has all been materialized from the spiritual book to the material books and placed at your disposal. What more can we do? What more is there to be done? As we sit in our quiet retreat and center our mind upon God and the spirit of life that animates his people, and inquire, What more do they need? the only response that seems to be given to us is: "Practice; they need practice; they need to take up these great truths and to incorporate them into their lives."

Every individual who would attain immortality must take the little book from the hand of the angel (the messenger of God) and must eat it up. While digesting the thought it may prove bitter, because of your love for the world as it is, for the old order of life, embodying generation, labor, sorrow and death, yet it will not be bitter to you if you have grown up to that standard where you love God, Spirit, and the laws of rightness, more than all else in the world. To whatever extent this is true, the book will be sweet to you. As it was said in the Revelation, "In thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey," that is, the reception of it is beautiful, and this has been the case with the multitude that have received it during these many years, but the practice ("it shall make thy belly bitter") has been bitterness.

You do not like the bitter, do you? But you cannot have the sweet unless you have the bitter. You cannot have immortality and conscious unity with God without subjugating and bringing under control all animal desires and passions, and subordinating every faculty of the animal nature, with the appetites and passions which we all possess, to the mind of the spiritual nature. Therefore the book becomes bitter in the bowels of many, but it is the way of salvation; it is the light of life to all who receive and follow it.

Again we ask: What more can we do? As we look over the volumes that have been written, the words, words, words (not empty words, however, but words of truth) that have been sent out to the world, we feel like being silent and waiting for you to put into practice the truths that have been given to you, and to attain the consciousness that has been active in us all these years.

Therefore we simply present to your minds the necessity of an absolute consecration of your life to God, and not only the necessity, but the wisdom and desirability of so doing. For, if you will but reason intelligently, correctly, you will discover that, as Jesus said, "You have

no life in yourselves;" that all the life or mind or consciousness that you possess is inspired from the spirit of the mundane, and if you would have life in yourself, you must obtain it from the Cause. Turn your mind away from the mere effects, the material world, and reach out beyond to the Cause, to the God of the universe, and desire above all things to begin to know and even to live from the Spirit of Life that originated the world.

Please stop here to think: The world was made by the *word* of God. The world is a phenomenon; the effect; the externality; but he that spoke the *word* is the cause, the fountain, the source of all that is, and the source of your life. What is necessary is to leave the shadows. A shadow is the effect of a substance. (There is so much that is worthy of your thought in regard to this word "shadow" in connection with this thought.) If you desire above all things to leave the shadows and to enter the cause, to become one with the cause, then the full sunlight of Divine wisdom, knowledge, understanding and power will begin to vibrate thru your entire organism.

This seems to us to be the point where the only work in and for the people can be accomplished, and this depends wholly upon you; all that is possible for us to do is to try to "stir up your pure minds by putting you in remembrance" (II Peter iii 1), and to try to impress upon your consciousness the reality of your existence and your relatedness to spirit; also the possibility that you possess, to become, not only one with the Spirit, but conscious of the Spirit; and in that consciousness of the Spirit will come peace, joy, rest and immortality. For in an immortal state, suffering is impossible, anxiety cannot enter, fear is a myth of long ago, and love, knowledge and power become the substance of existence.

The spirit of divine peace attend you! (*Bible Review*, Vol. IX. May, 1911.)

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

(QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

BY ENOCH PENN

A JEALOUS GOD

Question.—I have often wondered about the statement that "God is a jealous God." I wish you would give us your understanding of what this means, for certainly we may not think of God as having the weaknesses common to all men.

Answer.—Our understanding of these words is that they express a law. If you want the sun to shine on you, you must go out into the sunlight. For the sun will not shine around a corner, it is jealous of its straight-line action and will not change for you.

There is a law of mind that by desire we receive into ourselves from that upon which our attention is fixed. We are informed that God is formless life, and gives us that which we may need. If we turn to that formless life with desire, a measure of that formless life enters into us in accord with the thought in mind, in answer to that desire. While your desire will draw to you the substance of that which is held in mind, if the attention is fixed upon that formless life, yet if fixed upon a form, there is little or nothing to be received. For this reason the worshipping of idols is condemned, for the form defeats the prayer.

RESULTS OF RETAINING THE SEED

Question.—Your statements about retaining the seed seem to indicate that you think it is always good to do so, but at times I doubt it. Is it always good?

Answer.—To retain the seed gives added ability in whatever direction the efforts are turned, in that it is always good. It may increase the ability to do wrong, in that case a good thing is put to a bad use. Added life improves the health, but because to maintain health one must be positive and active, and because if one does not

use his vitality something else will use it for him and to his detriment, there are some who become diseased. The added ability and clearness of mind, if the brain is not used, may be replaced by a mental stupor.

One reason for these results is that added life makes one more sensitive to and affected by surrounding influences. Since the world-life is filled with all manner of influences, mostly bad, the more sensitive one is the more positive one must be to maintain health of body and mind.

LYING

Question.—We read that “all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.” What I should like to know is just how does this apply? For everybody is more or less untruthful.

Answer.—We believe that it is at least unwise under ordinary circumstances to tell a lie, that is, to make a false statement with the intent to deceive. That lying builds a weakness in the character we believe. But we are of the opinion that to deceive oneself is a grave matter. In the story where the Pharisee prayed, he lied to himself, and he but increased his self-righteousness, which kept him in spiritual darkness.

So common is a person's ignorance of himself that the old Greek philosopher emphasized the words, “Know thyself.” They who observe themselves carefully see how easy it is to justify and deceive oneself. And we are inclined to believe that self-deception based upon self-justification does more to hinder our advancement than anything else. Observe the person who justifies his mistakes and you will note that he does not advance. Self-justification hides from him his own character.

There is one reason for this self-deception that is not commonly recognized, it is that when other souls in the body impel one to act there seems but little realization of the moral quality of the act. Few persons realize the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde role they are playing. But one

who because of a lack of careful self-analysis deceives himself as to his real objects and character becomes hopelessly involved in the spirit of this world, and need not hope for a spiritual consciousness and eternal life.

POWERS

Question.—If Jesus gives to his disciples authority over unclean spirits, so that they may drive them out and away from the sick, the diseased and the troubled, and thus heal them, why is it we cannot heal the sick by a touch or by a word, even as he did?

Answer.—According to our understanding, when one reaches that state of discipleship implied, one has gained the essential knowledge, and has awakened the faculties of the soul, and thru training has developed the ability to do these things. For these things are done in accord with natural law.

You may have granted to you certain rights and privileges, and you may have certain inherent powers, but if you do not assert those rights and claim those privileges and train yourself in the use of those powers, you are no better off than those who are not so favored.

If you retain the life for a time you will awaken certain soul-powers, but the use and development of these is your task.

HOLDING TO THE PAST

Question.—I find great difficulty in my efforts to forgive and drop the past. It is true that all thru the Bible there is a constant urge to forgive. And we are admonished that unless we forgive we shall not be forgiven. I wish you would explain this matter to me.

Answer.—So long as you do not forgive a wrong, just so long you are carrying that evil, poisonous thing with you as a part of your life and consciousness like a sore that will not heal. To forgive or to be forgiven a wrong is to drop it out of mind, and so, its effects out of the life;

so long as it is held in mind it remains an evil in the life. You are not admonished to forgive for your enemy's sake but for your own sake, so that you may get rid of the evil, for without forgiveness you cannot get rid of it.

As we go on in this life and gain a consciousness of the Spirit-world and its inhabitants, they will come and associate with us in proportion as we drop out of our life and consciousness the evils. Jesus said, "The clean in heart shall see God." So make up your mind, if you have not seen God, your heart is not clean. As you begin to associate with the inhabitants of heaven, you are entering in to heaven.

THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

Question.—What do you understand to be "the law of sin and death," as mentioned in the Bible?

Answer.—In the first place, what is sin? The Greek word translated "sin" is "to miss the mark," as one who would shoot at a mark and miss it. The same is true, so we understand, of that word as used in the Hebrew. So we see that to sin means to miss the mark aimed at, to fail to accomplish the desired end. It does not of itself imply any evil intent, but inability, simply failure to accomplish.

Man was placed on this earth with the understanding that if he did no wrong he would not die. And the Psalmist echoed this thought, saying, "In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death." Here then we have the thought, always to do right, and you will not die.

But the wording of the story of Eden gives the impression that Adam failed in one certain particular, failed because he did one forbidden thing.

The Bible declares that Adam was a son of God, that is, he had attained to that degree of spiritual consciousness called Divine sonship. In I John iii x it is declared that the sons of God, having overcome the generative

urge, do not lose their seed. It is said in Gen. vi 2, "The sons of God looked upon the daughters of men, and behold they were fair, and they took of them wives." And the account goes on to state that children were born to them. In other words, of those who had overcome generation, and attained to a spiritual consciousness and eternal life, some returned to generation, and with the loss of their seed they lost their spiritual consciousness with their hold on eternal life, and the sentence of death was passed upon them, even as it was upon Adam. For this reason, because she lost of her store of life in doing so, the Psalmist said, "By sinning my mother conceived me."

All thru the Bible the thought appears to be that to lose the seed is to incur the sentence of death.

ELEMENTS

Question.—In occult literature the term "Elements" is used in a way that is not at all scientific. This term is applied to air, earth, fire and water, and is not correct. For these are not elements. Why continue to use them, knowing, as you must, that these terms are not correct?

Answer.—We know that the term "element" as used in chemistry refers to those substances which cannot under ordinary condition, be reduced to anything else. But the term "elements" as used in occultism commonly refers not to chemical substances, but to the different life-qualities.

THE COMING KINGDOM

Question.—When will the kingdom of God come?

Answer.—The kingdom of God, so far as its personalities are concerned, will be a gathering of a body of persons who have learned the laws of their own life, and, as well, have learned in great measure to control their own life and to know the natural laws pertaining to all that they do. These laws they must learn and keep. In other words, they who will compose the

kingdom of God must know right from wrong, and must always do the right—right in view of natural law. This will constitute the preparation for those who are to form the personnel of that kingdom.

To pray, "Let thy kingdom come," will not bring it until those who pray want to know and do the right more than they want anything else.

THE SUBSTANCE OF IT ALL

Question.—I am not a religious man, but I have read and heard a lot about religious and spiritual things, in the past. I wish you would give me something definite, some foundation thoughts as it were, to build upon.

Answer.—As we understand the matter, we are here in this world, for a time. Some persons get along all right, and seem satisfied with this world and life as they are. These need nothing that we have to give. But there are many who do not find life so desirable. They desire something better. It is true that all the good things of life are spread abroad for all to take, but all do not have the same ability to take.

But the great teachers of the past have claimed that satisfaction should not be sought in great possessions, nor in the constant experiences of pleasurable sensations, but, rather, in the heart and in the mind are to be found those things which make life a satisfaction.

Some of these great teachers have tried to show men how to act so that their associate relations could be made more satisfactory. But another class of teachers came, teaching that there is another, higher, and in every way better, world than this one. That this superior world is not cognizable by man's present crude physical senses, but that man can, by a certain manner of living, awaken another set of senses, now dormant in himself, by means of which he can become cognizant of and in that superior world. To teach men how to live so that they would awaken these dormant senses which would make one con-

scious of and in that superior world was the effort of all the prophets of Israel, and of the Lord Christ and his disciples.

To teach men the manner of living that would give them a consciousness of and in that superior world is all clearly written in the Bible for those who desire to learn and know. Therefore the question is, Have you the ability to take up the moral teachings of the Bible? Have you mind enough to understand them? Have you the strength and integrity of character to live in accord with them? If you have you can enter into that superior world. But if you have not, then that world is not for you.



“To raise flowers is a common thing,
God alone gives them fragrance.”

—Oriental Proverb.



THE purest treasure mortal times afford,
Is spotless Reputation, that away,
Men are but gilded loam or painted clay.

—Shakespeare.



A WISE man will never impawn his future being and action, and decide beforehand what he shall do in a given extreme event. Nature and God will instruct him in that hour.

—Emerson.



WE have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God.

—Abraham Lincoln.

MISCELLANEOUS VERSES

BY LYLAH GALITZIN COLLINS

THREE MIRRORS

THERE are three mirrors
Wherein bliss reflected lies
From the Sons of Heaven
And the sun in starry skies.
One is the clear bright mind
Thru]which no passion's storm
In tumult ever blows,
And one, the trusting heart
That no unquiet knows,
And one of light and beauty
Like a shining crystal sea,
Is the strong calm soul,
Regenerate and free.



THE LAND OF THE SUN

A light from the Highest is breaking
From the wonderful land of the Sun,
Where darkness is not, nor sorrow,
For love's complete labor is done.
There gather Israel's children
In raiment as white as the snow.
No soil of their journey attaches to them,
No shadow of pain nor of woe.
They have come thru the great tribulation
From the east, north, south and the west;
All to their lost Eden returning,
Where the people of God are at rest.
In brotherhood true and eternal
The guerdon of peace they have won.
All Canaan's goodly possessions
Are theirs in the land of the Sun.



MAN IS A FLAME OF LIVING FIRE

MAN is not dust! He is not dust, I say!
A lightning substance thru his being runs,
A flame unseen now permeates his clay
From cosmic fire that feeds the many suns.

As giant worlds sent spinning into space
Hold in their center still the parent flame,
So man within his secret place
Stores yet the light from whence he came.

Man is not flesh! He is not flesh, but fire!
His senses are deceivers and his vision lies.
Swifter and keener than his soul's desire
The flame that mothers him eludes his eyes.

Pulsing beneath all bodies yet begun,
Flashing so close behind the screen,
A sacred substance, blinding as the sun.
Yearns for man's recognition in the seen.

Man is a Flame! A living breathing Fire!
The same that Moses saw within the bush,
Which burneth and consumeth not, but higher,
Yet higher, urges on with upward push.

When man does know that fire from whence he came
Which needs no added fuel to refresh;
Then he shall see the light of his own flame
Blazing in radiance thru his own flesh.

O, Man, adore that sacred unfed flame
Which on the altar of your being burns;
For all the life and love which you can name
Came forth from it and to it soon returns.



THE GOLDEN AGE

THE inner channels of the earth
Shall all be filled with gold.
The great ascended ones decree
That this is our earth's destiny.
So we have now been told.

The metals of this present age
Changed by an alchemy divine
Shall reach their goal which is to settle
Into the one enduring metal
And make of earth a precious mine.

Then well supplied with all the gold
That we can ever want or use,
Our streets all paved with gold shall be,
And many uses new we'll see
When we shall wisely choose.

For in our hearts we then shall know
The Source of gold and Source of life.
Then earth shall once more reach that stage
Known as of old,—The Golden Age,
The end of want and strife.

We now behold the Iron Age,
The darkest time of war and woe.
Lord, haste the day, Thy children pray,
When peace and justice have their way
And their great good bestow.

O, God, ourselves we offer Thee!
Fill us with love's all conquering power
That we may transform all the earth
And bring that Golden Age to birt'
From this world's darkest hour.

WHAT OUR SUBSCRIBERS SAY

Dear Friends:

I am sending you a money order for the magazine, for it has the words of life in it, if we live the life it teaches. God bless the magazine. Yours as ever,

J. W. E. Indianapolis, Ind.

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Yours truly,

(Mrs.) H. R. E. Seattle, Wn.

Dear Friends:

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swers to my questions thru the Esoteric.

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The Christian Esoteric.

Dear Friends:

I am in receipt of some packages of the Christian Esoteric, for which I am truly grateful. It seems to me that each month they get better, or at least more adapted to my needs. What we need is more of them. Those that I receive from you I distribute among the troops by means of the rest rooms provided for their accomodation. It is good of you to send the magazines to me. The rest rooms are located in the two towns Kirkwall and Stromness. I am about ten miles from Stromness, and about fifteen miles from Kirkwall. I hope I am not giving the enemy any information that he can profit by. Now that America and Great Britain are in the war together, we may look for results. Both America and Britain have a lesson to learn, but God has not forsaken them, nor will he. Although they may be brought to their knees and made to depend on God more than they are doing. The greatness of a nation is not its wealth and resources, but its people and their faith in God. America and Britain have both. I think the war already has a salutary effect on the people of both countries. If we walk humbly before God he will protect us, no matter what the issue may be. I thank you for publishing those lines of mine which I wrote many years ago, in Shreveport, Lou-

isiana. I have written a number of pieces since coming home to Scotland, a number of which have been published in the papers. Aged and crippled from the body accident, as I am, it is all I can do, but I want to bear my testimony to your statement in the Esoteric. I past my 88th birthday yesterday and I have not had an hour's sickness in 50 years. I have many friends in America, especially in Louisiana, where I received considerable notice.

You are engaged in a noble work, and I know that God is blessing you. As long as America can produce a people who can publish a magazine like you do, God will protect you and keep you, whatever else may take place.

May his blessing be upon you always, and at all times.

Sincerely yours, J. G. Orkney Islands, Scotland.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing a little contribution on my part, for the wonderful work you are doing. I have been living the Esoteric way for several years. It is the one and only true road.

I extremely regret the necessity, but will you please discontinue sending the Christian Esoteric magazine. Because I am moving to another part of the country, I am not certain where. But when I get settled I will notify you. Goodbye for now. May God bless you!

J. F. Oakland, Calif.

The Esoteric Fraternity:

To carry out the work of the Master one is confronted with many obstacles along the path. This is to discover one's capacities: a test worthy of good value. Am I right when I say that if tests were even stumbling blocks, that one, if really sincere, rises to desired higher levels, and shall find the truth so as to better aid others and to help others to avoid what may mean worse conditions?

In my case I have had emotional tests. I have had

tests all the time but now I seem stronger than ever to serve. I want to serve spiritually and constructively. Knowing monetary returns is what I do not want when it concerns spiritual service.

Your fine publications came in. They will be such a help to my little group as I will teach their message to help them. May God fully bless you.

Sincerely your friend, Rev. J. S. H., D. Sc., Texas.

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing money order for \$7.00, please send me the books listed. I have given away two copies of "The Goal of Life," and two of "Seven Creative Principles," and I want some for myself—could not do without them. Oh, how great is the Esoteric teaching! I would not trade it for anything in this world; it is food for me. I am trying to tell people who, I think, will understand. The last book I gave away was to an intellectual church woman. I do not know what good it may do, but I have done what I thought was right, but it is so hard for people to understand before they have started on the regenerate path. It surely would be a different world if we were all more that way, but God will in his own good time bring it about. Use the balance as you see fit, you will have opportunities to use it to good advantage.

J. H. Orient, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

I received the literature you sent to me to distribute. It surely is wonderful, and no matter how old a magazine is, if it contains such truth as these do it never really grows old. I will give them only to those who are hungry for more Light and Truth. It just makes me so extremely happy to be able to hand out this kind of books. I know it is God's work, and the Christ in me is well satis-

fied. Sometime I hope to have time to write more of my own experiences to you, for I was a soul always seeking for that which is good for my spirit, mind and body. Now I sincerely desired these books, but had no money to buy them, but God truly supplies what I need when I am unselfish in my efforts. I have dreams and visions showing me many things. I also contact the sick mentally and spiritually, and they are helped or healed according to their faith. So I could write quite a lot, but will at some other time. I know that God's power is in us when we truly let Him rule and reign as king on the throne of our minds and hearts. Many sweet mysteries are being revealed to me daily, and I have an inner peace and joy that I am sure all do not have. But I have thirsted after righteousness and have been filled. So my cup runs over. And I will not hoard the books, but pass them on to others. I forgot to say—the ones I do not keep for myself I loan them out and they give them back again, so I can loan them over again. Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. R., Oklahoma.

Esoteric Friends:

"I am a stranger here within a foreign land," comes true to-day to the Esoteric thinking people.

Wars, strifes of various kinds, famines, discontent, in fact, every reaction the worldly mind could possibly conceive, is manifest.

Truly the Master said, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." The world is reaping, tho "like dumb driven cattle," they know not the signs of the times, and neither would their limitations suffer them to be told. Sad tho true, that the wheat (Christians) must grow with the tares until the harvest, and this is their true test of their love and long-suffering for truth. Oh, to be in this world of chaos and be not of the world, is truly a magnificent attainment.

A friend of mine, an Esoteric student, who has now passed the menopause has taken up the study of music, and tho of mature years she is progressing magnificently, and the world of harmony, heretofore unknown to her, is unfolding to her more and more. In fact, she astounds people. She said her faith and courage to advance came from the Spirit-world, and that she feels the heavenly listeners when she is trying to learn at the piano.

Also the art of painting pictures, since the menopause, has been unfolded to her, tho otherwise she has a desire to shrink away from the world, and while she is fifty years of age she looks to be only thirty. She is a marvel to the people. They ask her for her secret of youth, and she replies, "'Tis the truth manifest." They understand her not.

What I want to bring to bear upon your minds at this writing is this: The Esoteric teachings are true to the lives of the people whose minds are fine enough to contact God. Your teachings are not in vain, dear friends.

Many is the thorn that is on my path, all for Christ and the hope of his coming, and thru your teaching. I shrink from the world, even from the so-called good things, because I do not care for the follies they call pleasure.

I walk with Christ day by day, he takes care of me and mine. I was asked, "Who is your family physician?" And my reply was, "I have none." The Great Physician is my Healer. My clairvoyant sight at times is very clear, and I am guided in the right at all times. Any plant that I set out, even tho in bloom at the time, will continue to grow. Love, God's love, is the power that is expressed thru my handling of plants.

I meet lots of people who are discontented with life, and I always inquire as to their spiritual understanding, only to find that they have none. 'Tis a sad walk thru a vale of tears, when one walks without God. I am glad the world has come to know that there is no power in

money. Money has too long been the false God. Truly adversity must teach the world, and the Esoteric observers are beholding "with thine eyes," (Psalms 91), the reward of the wicked. Even tho we lose friends and loved ones in this world upheaval, God holds them in the palm of his hand, and when he restores the world they will come to us again, because we dwell in the secret place of the most high."

Yours in love and truth, (Mrs.) X. Y. Z.



UNLESS people are more than uncommonly disagreeable, it is my foolish habit to contract a kindness for them.—Hawthorne.

LIFE is a short summer—Man is but a flower.—Dr. Johnson.

TALK happiness. The world is sad enough
Without your woe. No path is wholly rough.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



A REQUEST TO SUBSCRIBERS

It will be a great accomodation to us, if you will send in your subscription renewals without waiting for a notice of expiration from us. We are very short of help with our work at the present time, and your cooperation in this way will be greatly appreciated. We wish to thank those who have already so kindly responded to this request.

GOD AND MAN

BY ENOCH PENN

WHILE Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep on Horeb, he gained a certain knowledge and understanding of the one great Power, the highest power that man can contact.

After this, he went down to Egypt, and by the use of that Power, he delivered the children of Israel from the Egyptians, and led them into the desert north of the Red Sea. There on mount Sinai the people were given a wonderful demonstration by and of Him, or That, which they were informed is their God, that is, is a Power which they may learn to use to make life in every way better worth living. And it was this Power who gave to them the Ten Commandments, which commandments are the ten conditions which, if complied with, will enable them to lay hold of and use that Power. And it will be observed that these ten conditions stipulated are relative to one's attitudes toward his fellows and toward that Power of which they were informed "He [It] is thy life."

But the question arises, Why were those commandments given? and for what purpose? In general the idea of the Christian people appears to be that they are simply certain things demanded of them arbitrarily, and for no apparent reason. But the fact is, living in harmony with those ten conditions enables one, in harmony with natural law, to lay hold of and use that Power wherewith to accomplish his purposes, in accord with the words, "I will be thy Power." Those things which were forbidden are all of them things that bring harm to self and others, while those things enjoined bring good when obeyed.

At one time Moses called the attention of the people to the fact that when that Power manifested itself to them on the Mount, "Ye saw no similitude." And he seemed insistent in impressing upon their minds the idea that that Power is formless. Nevertheless, all thru the Bible God is referred to as tho he were in the form of a

man. And this, in spite of the fact that they were commanded not to make any form, not even in thought, to say or to think of it, "This is like that Power," to give it form being to violate one of the rules that make It one's power, and if they did so It would not be to them a Power. But when Paul spoke to the Athenians, to men of deep thought, he declared that this Power which he called God, is not like anything that has form, for It is formless. It is formless life in which we live and which makes us and all things live and breathe. And Jesus said to the woman at the well of Samaria, "God is Spirit," is formless life. Thus we have on the authority of Moses, of Jesus and of Paul, that this greatest of all Powers which offers Itself to those who comply with the ten stipulated conditions announced, is formless life.

The Bible declares that the Elohim, the Gods, created the world, that these Gods are the Creator and the Father of mankind. Their statement "Let us make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness, and let them have dominion over all the earth," and after man fell, "The man has become as one of us, to know good and evil," show that they once were men. And the descriptions of these Gods given in the Bible declares them to be in the form of men, and their declaration that the man is to become as they are show us that life is endless and that growth and development into higher states of consciousness is without limit. One upon whose consciousness dawned the realization of man's eternal evolvment to higher and yet higher states exclaimed, "Gabriel! One day I shall stand where you now stand."

We are informed that God created the world and all things in it by a word. A word is an expression of a thought. In other words, God thought the world and it was. For when the Creator forms a thought it becomes a thing in nature. As He said, "As I have thought, so shall it come to pass. And as I have purposed, so shall it stand." Here we have the thought that everything that

was created is a thought formed in the mind of the Creator, that that thought itself becomes the thing. Because of this, in the account of creation it is written that God created [formed the thought of] every plant before it grew in the ground."

We are informed that man was made in the image of his Creator, and we know that according to the form is its function; therefore as the Creator can think, so can the man think. When a man thinks, by his imagination he causes a portion of his life to take form. Observation shows that whatever thought man may form its influence and effect are according to its form, plus the intensity of the impulse while forming it. We know that one may form a thought, and then laugh with glee because of its effect upon him, or he may form a thought and curse with anger, or he may form a thought and tremble with fear because of it. It requires but little observation to show that every thought affects the consciousness, in fact is the cause of sensation and consciousness, that one's consciousness is wholly in accord with the thoughts he has formed. Does not the face scowl because of the kind of thought behind it? Is not the smiling face because of the thoughts behind it? Therefore we say that it is by our thoughts that we have made ourselves what we are. In that sense we are our own creators. We were made a living soul, a something that can think, and since our thoughts have made us what we are, shall it not be ever so? Shall we not suffer the torments of the lost, or enjoy the delights of the saved, as the result of our own thinking?

The prophet makes God to say, "My thoughts are not like your thoughts." And then goes on to say that man's thoughts are of little strength to bring about results, but God's thoughts become facts in nature. But tho man's thoughts are not strong like God's thoughts yet in the aggregate they are strong enough to bring about evils in nature; sorrows and sicknesses in the bod-

ies of men, and even to disease vegetable life. Relative to the many evils that afflict man we have the threat, "I will bring evil upon this people, even the results of their thoughts." And the fact that the Ten Commandments forbid us to think any evil thought about another, shows that even as man is in the image of God, that image is partly in the fact that his thoughts affect not only the life in his own body, but also affect the life about him and the life in the bodies of those about him, and even affect the processes of nature.

Because the life in which we live is affected by the thoughts and feelings of men even as they themselves are affected, the thoughts of men being more or less evil, we see why the prophet makes God to say, "Thou hast made me to serve with thy sins," and "I create evil." Thus the good that God sends to earth becomes evil because the evil thoughts of men have perverted the life in which they live, and this in spite of the fact that God designs good for mankind. This is why in so many places in the Bible men are warned that if they continue in their evil ways diseases, sorrows, wars and famines will be visited upon them as the natural results of their evil thoughts.

At times men pray to escape from the evil effects of their wrong thinking, but when we consider that these evils are the simple results in accord with natural law of the things they are doing, of their thoughts and emotions, we can easily see the futility of such prayer unless the cause of these evils is removed. Of those who persist in their wrongdoing God said, "Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and tho they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them." That is, when the evils of man's own creation come upon him he must bear them.

Here we see the reason for the commandments forbidding man to form a thought of evil about another. Since everything that lives, lives in and from the Creator's life, so long as that life is kept disturbed by evil

thoughts and conflicting emotions man can have but little peace. This is why Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace-makers."

Israel was informed, that if they would live together in peace, goodwill and helpfulness, they and their children would be healthy and happy, and their cattle prolific, and their crops abundant. Why?—Because the life in which they live and which makes them live is then not disturbed in its normal operations. And it is promised to such people, "All things shall work together for your good."

That this life in which we live reflects back to us that which we are, the prophet declared when he said, "To the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, and to the upright thou wilt show thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure, and to the perverse thou wilt show thyself unsavory."



MY DREAMS ARE TRUE

BY HENRY VICTOR MORGAN

I still believe my dreams are true,
No high-born thought can go astray;
And tho the world is black as night,
God's love will bring the perfect day.

The angry clouds that hide the sun
Can but delay the things I see—
The coming of the age of peace,
Fulfilment of all prophecy.

God's will is peace, and come it must—
Altho the coming may seem long;
In spite of hate, and war's increase,
My soul still chants the victor's song.

—*Science of Thought Review.*

IT IS ALL FOR YOU

BY ANNA W. MILLS

I SAID "Good Morning" to the balmy breeze,
Which fanned my cheek with touch caressingly,
It answered back with whispered accent softly,
I am God's gift to thee.

I said "Good Morning" to the snow-white lily
That lifted up its head to meet my sight,
Its perfume filled the air with fragrant answer,
God clothed us with His love for thee, last night!

I waved a greeting to the sparkling streamlet,
That rippled down the mountain's rugged way,
Its cooling drops pressed to my lips responded,
God gave us to thee gladly—know this, pray.

Adoringly I gazed on trees and grasses,
Whose rustling leaves waved in the sunshine free.
Bee, butterfly and bird upon the branches
Shouted in chorus, God's expression, we!

"Good Morning, World," my heart broke forth enraptured,
Hill, valleys, clouds ethereal, sky and sea,
The whole creation rang with accent holy,
It is Love's gift of Joy Divine for thee!

PLANETARY INFLUENCES FOR SEPTEMBER

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 SAGITTARIUS (♐)

The influences of Uranus pertain especially to the metaphysical features of character, and, therefore, do not show prominently in cases where metaphysics plays but little part in the life and consciousness.

Uranus is now in the sign Sagittarius. And while in Sagittarius it will increase the mechanical tendencies and abilities among the people. It will increase appreciation for metaphysical subjects, and give a tendency to foresight and spiritual perception. And will give a strong desire to know what is going on. Its effects will be most fully felt by persons born on or near November 24th.

SATURN (♄) IN SAGITTARIUS (♐)

Saturn is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Transmutation, which causes changes from one state to another state, which is the reason its influence tends to bring sudden and unlooked for changes in the lives of persons. 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.

Saturn is now in the sign Sagittarius. And while in Sagittarius Saturn also will increase the general interest and the abilities in mechanical things among the people. Likewise it will turn the attention more fully to music and to the arts, also to metaphysics and religion and religious teaching. The influence of Saturn in Sagittarius may be said to give an inclination to seek and to express the harmonious, the refined and the beautiful in life.

While Saturn is in Sagittarius it will tend to bring sudden and unexpected changes to those born in Sagittarius, between about November 22 and December 22. And especially now to those born on or near November 26th.

Because Uranus is uniting its influence with Saturn, those who are seeking self-improvement may find the changes to be more of an interior nature than physical.

JUPITER (♃) IN CAPRICORN (♑)

Jupiter is the embodiment of the creative principle Fermentation, and in whatever sign it may be it tends to strengthen the corresponding physical function, also to bring a disturbed feeling into the lives of all persons born in that sign.

Jupiter is now in the sign Capricorn. While in that sign it will tend to turn the minds of the people toward new and better ideals of social, domestic and industrial life. It will prompt to the formulation of many socialistic ideals and domestic reforms.

Jupiter in Capricorn will bring a disturbing influence to all persons born in the sign Capricorn, between about December 22 and January 20, and especially now to those born on or near January 1st.

MARS (♂) IN PISCES (♓) AND ARIES (♈)

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

Until September 8th Mars will be in the sign Pisces, and while in Pisces its influence will tend to bring criticism and inharmony into the homes.

On September 8th Mars will enter the sign Aries. Because the mother principle is thus being added to the thought-forming processes of Aries, thoughts concerning the family and the home will largely occupy the minds of the people.

EARTH (♁) IN VIRGO (♍) AND LIBRA (♎)

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 September 23rd the earth will be in the sign Virgo, and while the earth is in Virgo it will increase the general discrimination; this will lead to greater exactitude relative to work done, and where there is inharmony between persons it will tend to increase criticism and fault-finding. While in that sign it will give a general urge to manifest a greater desire for the refinements of living because it will bring the discrimination of Virgo more fully into play. Where there is a tendency to refinement, that tendency will be increased, but where there is a tendency to criticism and fault-finding this will also increase.

On September 23rd the earth will enter the sign Libra, and while there the general sense and desire for justice will increase. Likewise foresight in business ventures will improve, with a tendency to follow the intuitions more fully; for these things are strong tendencies in the Libra nature.

VENUS (♀) IN CAPRICORN (♐), AQUARIUS (♒)
AND PISCES (♓)

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 positive likes and dislikes.

Until September 7th Venus will be in the sign Capricorn, and while in that sign it will turn the general attention more fully to business plans and schemes.

While in that sign it will increase in those born in the sign Capricorn, between December 22 and January 20, their appreciation and love for the opposite sex.

On September 7th Venus will enter the sign Aquarius, and while in that sign it will increase among the people the desire for sensation and sensational pleasures.

It will increase in persons born in the sign Aquarius, between about January 20 and February 19, their appreciation and love for the opposite sex.

On September 25th Venus will enter the sign Pisces,

and while in that sign it will tend to cause dissatisfaction in the general love-life of the people, and so to lessen domestic happiness.

It will increase in persons born in the sign Pisces, between about February 19th and March 21, their appreciation and love for the opposite sex.

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 of the people is strengthened and made more active.

Until September 11th Mercury will be in Gemini, and while in that sign it will strengthen the general brain in thought and study, but will give disinclination to assume unusual responsibilities, or to make new ventures.

On September 11th Mercury will enter Cancer, and while in that sign it will tend to strengthen the lungs of the people and thus to improve the general health.

On September 21st Mercury will enter Leo, and while there it will strengthen the general love for the opposite sex, and so tend to increase marital happiness.

On September 30th Mercury will enter Virgo, and this will tend to strengthen the general digestion, and consequently tend to improve the general health. To persons given to appetite it will tend to intemperance.

A SUMMING UP

The general trend of the influences of the planets for September is largely to increase love and goodwill. Yet, during the first week Mars will maintain a measure of dissatisfaction in the home, while, during the last week, Venus will affect the general love-life in the same way.

There appears no definite influence affecting the present worldwide conflict. It appears that both Uranus and Saturn are doing their part to maintain the efforts to injure the morale of the people by psychological methods.

TABLE OF CUSP TRANSITS

Monthly Ephemeris (Time of Cusp Transits)
Washington, D. C., (Civil Time) September, 1942.

moon	sign	day	hour	minute
☾	♈	1	3	32 p. m.
"	♉	4	3	52 a. m.
"	♊	6	4	7 p. m.
"	♋	9	2	22 a. m.
"	♌	11	9	56 a. m.
"	♍	13	3	10 p. m.
"	♎	15	6	50 p. m.
"	♏	17	9	40 p. m.
"	♐	20	0	19 a. m.
"	♑	22	3	26 a. m.
"	♒	24	7	49 a. m.
"	♓	26	2	27 p. m.
"	♈	28	11	57 p. m.

Heliocentric Cusp Transits of Planets

☿	♈	23	11	13 a. m.
♀	♈	8	7	41 p. m.
♂	♊	7	1	6 a. m.
♂	♋	25	0	9 p. m.
♂	♌	11	6	48 p. m.
♂	♍	21	10	37 p. m.
♂	♎	30	0	6 p. m.

On the 1st of August 1942

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♂	"	♋	26	26	6
♂	"	♌	19	50	34

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 so that they who desire the regeneration may
have data that will help them in their efforts.

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BY HIRAM E. BUTLER

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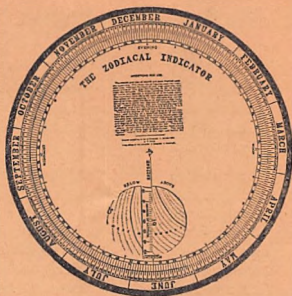
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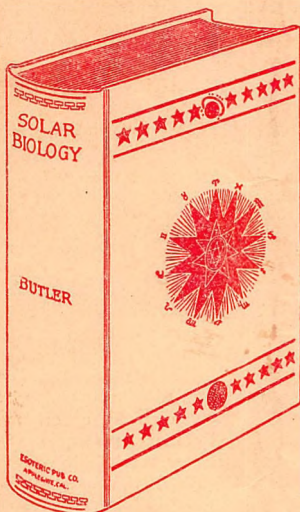
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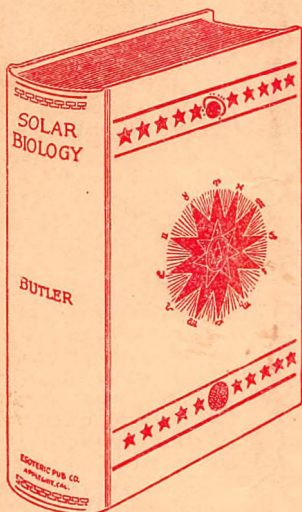
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