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To Our Readers:

The dawn of the year 1912 is upon us and our sincere hope is that it may prove to bring each one of you a full measure of Health, Wealth and Prosperity, and all the blessings of an uplifting consciousness. The year now closing has been remarkable as much for the spirit of unrest in religious circles as for any other movement. The Roman Catholic church has sustained a further loss of power in Europe. The Welsh church is passing through the throes of Disestablishment and similarly in other countries the people are seeking freedom from domination and organization. A still greater change will be found to be accomplished this year, with still greater benefits to humanity.

The New Thought movement is spreading more rapidly and widely every day carrying its message to the inner lives of the people of all countries and all shades of society and establishing new habits of thought which will reveal themselves with a surprising intensity of force in this present decade.

This number contains a hitherto unpublished Mss of Levi the Akashic Seer, a continuation of L. W. Roger's article, which unfortunately arrived just too late for last month's issue, a beautiful poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, a New Years greeting from the pen of Grace M. Brown and a powerful article on Marriage by Julia Seton Sears, M. D. Letters of kindly thought and encouragement are reaching us daily and we heartily reciprocate all the good wishes expressed for the success of this work.

The Editors.

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"HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Let us sing the song of the dawning hour This glad new day,

While life is filled with a mighty power Which sweeps our way

As we greet all men with our rapturous song This happy new year.

The new day has come with a glorious health For you and for me,

And the hour is nigh with its fulness of wealth For those who can see

That kindness and love and good will to mankind Open all of the treasures of earth.

Our greetings to brethren both near and afar Are radiant with love,

Our greetings to earth and to sun and to star Rise to heaven above

May they all sound their note in the wonderful chord

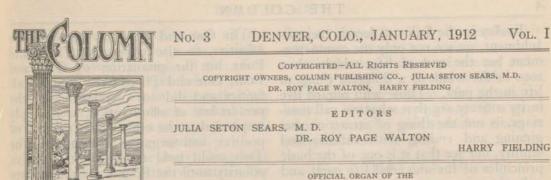
Of our New Year song.

The song of our service to God and to Man Both in word and in deed,

Of the things we shall do over all the land By our love without creed—

As we work in His name as one, for the cause Of the freedom of man.

-Grace M. Brown.



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MARRIAGE

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CHAPTER I.

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WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

There are many definitions of Marriage. Webster defines it as a legal union of a man and a woman for life as husband and wife. When the disciples asked Jesus concerning marriage, it is written that he answered: "The children of this world marry and are given in marriage, but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage. Neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Jesus gave the questioning minds of his day the true answer but being in a state of material unfoldment they did not interpret its spiritual meaning, and for centuries the races lived by the letter of marriage and not the spirit.

There were few among the multitude who understood the subjective law but they kept the revelation throughout the two thousand years of race evolution, and from time to time brought out and held before the minds of men the true meaning of mariage.

Before we can understand what marriage really means, we must investigate it not alone upon the external laws of life, but from the deeper subjective side of the race consciousness and study it, not merely as a legal union of a man and a woman, but as a great psychological act based upon the deeper psychology of life.

Jesus said: "Before Abraham was, I am," and until we come away from the old ideas of life we cannot rightly consider this great race problem.

The old civilization believed and taught that each individual was a separate creation which, with its causes and effects, began only when it entered upon this earth life. It taught that the whole plan of man's expression, his getting, having, being, living, and dying, were all bounded by the period of his transit from the cradle to the grave. Arguing from this fundamental, centuries went by and old civilizations perished and new ones came, men loved, unloved, married and unmarried, but only a faint idea of the truth of life permeated through their minds. To-day in the light of deeper race unfoldment, we see not only the commencement but the end of life, which when seen in the whole is a different thing to life in the part. Those who regard life in its entirety see that what we call marriage, is not the thing of attraction, beginning and ending with infancy and senility, but see that it is one of the basic principles of the universal life itself and only the remote expression of a law as ancient as human life itself.

The new civilization knows that we have always been, that we are now, and shall be again, that the human ego, or human consciousness, has always existed and always will exist, for this consciousness has come through endless changes of form, that it has lived through countless years and through counthas been first, last and all the time under immutable laws. Laws on one plane of consciousness, are laws on all others, which must not be confounded with their objective expression, and marriage on the human, personal plane is only the external expression of the cosmic law of atomic polarization through which the human consciousness has evoluted.

Marriage in the mineral kingdom is called a chemical polarization; in the vegetable kingdom it is called attraction, and in the human kingdom it is called affinitization; while each of these events is simply the response of consciousness to the great cosmic law. Atomic polarization goes on alike in man, mineral and other forms of organism.

In the very beginning of our being we were the emanations from the Absolute, passing out into individualized consciousness, and in this initial state each wasj projected as ONE, but in the ONE there was the potentiality of another ONE, which again under the law of emanation projected itself and the Two came into expression, thus the first pair was; then out from the Two emanated the Three, and from the Three, the Four, and the second pair came into existence, and this law was carried on and on in life throughout all existence.

The One and the Two were positive affinities, so also were the Three and Four, but the emanation of Two and Four, One and Three were negative affinities and did not correlate under the perfect law of affinitization, each simply responded to the other under the law of positive and negative attraction. The Two could hold the Four in negative polarity until the Four was brought into relationship with the Three; then the Four was bound by cosmic law to respond to its own positive attraction. When these positive affinities were separated they could only give a negative response to the atomic vibration of the nearest atom and this law passing through all domains to the human kingdom shows forth plainly in the long negative and positive attractions of individuals to each other, and on the human plane is called sex attraction.

The One is the human soul in its first step on its cosmic journey with the Two as its exact polar opposite, or what the human mind calls the soul mate. The Three and Four are also exact affinities and soul mates. These principles are forever inseparable at the centre, no matter to how many different polarities they may respond.

On each cosmic journey the human ego has to come out and in through every known vibratory polarity, returning again and again into perfect equilibrium as it meets its own polar opposite, or its affinity. In and out through all kingdoms this evoluting consciousness goes; oxygen combines on its own plane with many other elements, but when it meets with its exact polarity, hydrogen, a dewdrop is born. So as the human soul goes on into endless, unending form, at certain intervals in the round of expression it comes back into the very centre of its being and unites this centre of being with its positive centre without, and in the human level of consciousness it stands face to face with its own affinity. They have met again and again in the mineral kingdom, they have journeyed through all the evoluting stages of the

vegetable, they have contacted all the different polarizations of the animal, and have passed through all the affinitizations of all the races behind them; at every place on the human path have met as men and women, looked into each others eyes and a new play of cosmic polarization was presented.

Throughout all the lower kingdoms we have been simply instruments in the hand of the great God-law, and have grown in God-unconsciousness obeying this law, but on the human plane man in self-consciousness chooses, directs, and controls, selects or rejects his polarizations. Thus he begins to set causes in motion which hold him in their grasp and from the action of these causes and effects there come about the great race tangles we see in life. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself, he must give a positive and a negative response to everything in the Universe and these responses bind him by their law until he becomes their master.

What the world calls marriage to-day is the external expression of this universal law and Life compels marriage to take place in order to fulfill the laws of life. Marriage between man and woman is the testimony that the soul gives forth when it has come to the place on the path where it is attempting to strike, for that time, a perfect polarization, and the mad rush into and out of marriage, which has always characterized the race evolution, is proof positive of this law.

There is always a place on the life path where each one must find his exact polar opposite, or his other self, both because he longs for it and because it is one of the unalterable laws of the planet, and marriage is the method by which each life seeks to express its interior self in form. The children of this world marry and are given in marriage because marriage is the next step on the path which leads them into fuller revelation. Marriage is spiritual, mental and physical equalization, and the route by which each life returns again and again to the centre of divine per-

fection through which it equalizes itself.

It is the legal union of a man and a woman, objectively in the world's eyes, but in the inner side of life, or subjectively, it is the carrying out of a great cosmic principle, which neither races or individuals can escape.

CHAPTER II.

WHY DO WE MARRY?

The first question the child asks is: "Where is my Mother?" The last question an evoluted life asks is: "Where is is my God?" And between these two there is another great question, and that is, "where is my love?" And this great cry of "where is my love" is the call of the deep spiritualized divine self-hood, which seeks always to unite itself with its perfect source.

God is Love: Life, Love and God are One, and the call for both mother love and God are simply different expressions of the self at different levels of unfoldment. Life itself is simply passing through one level of unfoldment into another and each soul carries within itself a divine desire to express through every level of living and to include all the experiences of each level.

The whole human race is actuated by desire. Desire is the great creative, spiritualized energy of all consciousness, it is the God push, in each and through each, trying to bring the soul into deeper realization. Desire is built upon the cosmic law of perpetual unfoldment, and it can neither be denied or refused, it can only be directed and controlled.

As the human life passes along in this circle of unfoldment it finds that within itself are many states of desire, each one seeking not only for embodiment in form, but also for complete expression in action, and this latent soul urge driving the individual on for expression is the great active principle which the race calls sex, but it is nothing more nor less than the divine urge which pushes life out into a search for the exterior complement of its interior nature, and through this fundamental of desire for re-embodiment, or external realization of the soul, marriage was born.

The mystics have said: "There are two women for every man; the woman man has made for himself and the one God made for him," and that in the journey of life man kills the woman he made for himself when he flnds the one God made for him.

This can be said equally of women and until we understand the search of the soul after its higher self we can not help but look on all the inharmony and heart-break of life, with its misery of misunderstood unions, and feel just as the old thought world felt that marriage is a failure and a thing made by man, and subject to his moods and changes.

There are murderers everywhere, men and women who are killing the best and highest and noblest in their lives, grinding them to dust and ashes through neglect, cruelty and faithlessness; and until the race sees life from the universal, and not the personal, law it cannot understand.

The new civilization views marriage, as it does most everything else, from the beginning, and when it understands that marriage began when life began and will continue while life lasts, and that the women or men who build for themselves are but the manifold expressions and experiences through which their consciousness passes iinto higher and higher unfoldment, then only can it answer the questions of Why, How and When?

When life began and the One became Two, and the Two increased to Four, and so on, these parts had to pass through all the centuries meeting, parting and again coming together only to separate in new states of consciousness. On the cosmic journey they met in every possible form, and in the incarnations in the human plane they met sometimes as father and son, or father and daughter, brother and sister, uncle and cousin, or as friends, and on the other hand as mother and son, but when the hour

struck for centralization or equalization of all the states of consciousness within them, they met and lived an incarnation as husband and wife. Then the world witnessed one of these marriages of love and devotion, which throughout all time has, in spite of all criticism, ridicule and scorn, made marriage a holy thing and held before the eyes of the evoluting race a divine example of holy matrimony, or perfect cosmic polarization.

Passing out again from this state of perfect expression, the egos must still advance so as to include more and more while contracting yet again every known grade of unfoldment and once more meeting in some distant rebirth. The relationship of mother and son is the closest tie and few in this chaotic tangle of life stop to consider the sacred mission of motherhood. Through this law of divine attraction the mother in the various incarnations may embody her own perfect love in her own womb, and while living in the human tie of motherhood may live in the glorified love of her own affinity, modified simply by the The well-known human conditions. examples of underlying devotion of mothers and sons prove the truth to those who can read the handwriting on the wall.

Reincarnation brings us into every race and in every relationship. At one time we express as a man, at another a woman, so that the centre of consciousness may include the experiences of both The and be neutral or double at will. true woman is the best man, and the no-The blest man is the purest woman. woman is in this incarnation only a woman with a man's consciousness inside, and a man is only a man outside and a woman within, and in this inner man and woman is the divine affinity or polar opposite of the self and is seeking to find its inner self externalized in form.

The women a man makes for himself through his race journey in every incarnation are only the external expression of some part of himself, and desire for

expression drives him on into new selection.

The man that a woman makes for herself, and attracts to her during lifetime, are only the embodiment in form of the various states of consciousness she has intensified, as she passes from one to another under the law of a divine desire for more and more expression. Men and women must have every part of themselves expressed some time or another as they pass on in unfoldment, and this manifestation is what the world calls faithfulness or faithlessness, virtue or non-virtue.

When we re-incarnate as a woman our natural physical expression becomes man, and when we re-incarnate as a man our natural physical expression becomes woman, and those who know the law can judge the states of mind of an individual wherever he may be. They can tell the quality of their consciousnes by the characteristics of those with whom they asociate and whom they gather around them as husband, wife, or friends. We can measure, without fear of contradiction, an individual consciousness, for the wife of a man or the husband of a woman as the exact picture of a state of consciousness either one has intensified, and in the new civilization no one ever complains of his husband or wife, or friend, well knowing where to put the blame, merely regarding such partner or friend as the outside picture of his or her own self. The drunken husband the dissolute wife, the faithless lover, are nothing but the outside pictures of a state within ones self, which was so active it could not keep out of visible form.

The world at large worries about unhappy marriages, but we know to-day that every marriage is just exactly the right marriage and expresses just what it must express, that every one is just where he should be, or he would not be there, and that each was drawn to the other by the law of their own consciousness which they set into operation, and which could not refuse to embody itself.

Those living in the marriage relation-

ship to-day belong together by the law of their own desires and are perfectly pressing each other, and in their marriage, harmonious or otherwise, they are working out themselves, and when either has had enough of an old state of being, he or she will guit and build new conditions within, which can not help but lead into greater harmony. Every marriage in the world is the right marriage, but only here and there do we meet the true marriage. The race instinctively knows this and that is why in spite of legislation by men and control by priests, divorce goes on and always will go on. The cosmic law is higher than man and is always pushing the individual into deeper understanding. Divorce is growth, and it is the law by which men and women escape the bondage of their lesser Men and women, no matter selves. what man may say, will not remain throughout an incarnation bound to old conditions, which they have outgrown. When the higher truth of the self breaks in, the lesser self perishes, and the soul will push on to inclusion of greater things.

Divorce came as the cosmic link between a life and its next step into deeper self realization. It is the universal law of race freedom which neither the race nor the individual can outstrip. When one can leave an old state of consciousness or an old marriage law, in peace and harmony, one is eternally free from that law and that life, having learned the lesson of that polarization and worked through the law of the lesser self which will never again have to be contacted in that state of consciousness; but if one leaves a condition of marriage in strife and contention, only part of the way on the path has been gone through and the same conditions will have to be met again and again in different form until all have been included and harmonized. You may bury it deep, and leave behind you the land and the people who knew your shame, but it will push the clods from its grave and find you in waste of water and desert plain.

Those who view life largely learn to go on adjusting conditions until every inharmonious thing is laid down, then they can either stay with or leave inharmony, for they possess the majesty of choice.

The old civilization has striven for marriage restrictions as well as legislation against marriage, and the trend of the old thought world is to restrict marriage to the physically fit, but as long as the race has no idea of the psychology of life, simply viewing it from the levels of sex and the law of reproduction in marriage, it is possible to understand its attempts in the directions indicated. But the new civilization knows that marriage is the result of a cosmic law, and that underlying it are two great human laws; one of reproduction, and another of regeneration, and it knows that marriages are made under both of these laws. Physically, there is only one cause for marriage, namely, reproduction; and the old civilization saw only a physical race. Psychologically, there are many reasons for marriage, and the new civilization sees in marriage companionship, sympathy, affection, mutual interests, and regeneration of the self. Reproduction is often the very last law.

To-day marriage is understood as the expression of the deep laws of evolution, and license should be granted not only to those who wish to re-people and re-plenish the earth, but to those who wish to live under the law of regeneration of the individual. There are thousands only fit for marriage under this regenerative law, and the home life of he world needs to be enriched by the integrity and virtue of these homes.

The highly evoluted race consciousness has come through the state called polygamy and reproduction. All the irst races were reproductive and polyganous, but consciousness evoluted some part of the race to become monogamous and regenerative, until now this phase is uppermost in the minds of the new civilization. Polygamy and reproduction nean simply the expression of the self in

many varying embodiments, and as long as the race is inverse in mind it must be diverse in form; but as experience and expression centralize everything can become expressed in the one, and one man and one woman become all men and all women, and the quality or characteristic of monogamy, or regeneration is born. The one embodies all the states of consciousness that are intensified and longing to express, and the call for a regenerate life awakens and the consciousness of men and women awaken to the truth of the resurrection in the body, and as response to regeneration increases, sense unfoldment also increases, and sex decreases. Sex is life at one level, sense is life at another. When this state 18 reached we can marry the man or woman within ourselves, or we can live in a state of celibacy including all within ourselves. Jesus said: "There are some eunuchs which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs which were made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."

A celibate is in a true sense an eunuch and one who has passed through all sex expression, and embodies and equalizes within himself all the states of consciousness through which he has passed. There are many such on the planet and in the new civilization they will live together, even as the angels in heaven.

The children of this world marry and are given in marriage, because this is the place on the life path for those processes of soul evolution that can only be worked out through marriage. Marriage opens to everyone the door into realms of deeper self expression and self realization, and above the doorway of every marriage there is written in blazing cosmic letters, SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF A GROWING SOUL.

The children of this world marry and are given in marriage, and it always will be so for marriage is one of life's neces-

sary expressions, in the way of the great race call, and we marry because marriage gives us a world of homes, and these homes are the centres of the higher civilization, and the finer the home, the finer the consciousness which intensifies it. There are acres and acres of homes in this great world, each a living monument of the cosmic law of race evo-They are anchored not upon lution. the various expressions of human unfoldment but upon the true marriage, and through them the marriage law plays like a great light, enlightening the world, and in all the tangle and heartbreak of the race evolution there are those who have found their own, who have found their perfect polarization, and in marriage have built idealized homes, and these homes strengthen, comfort and sustain those who are still in their search for harmony.

These true marriages proclaim the marriage truth from century to century, and they form the great human fulcrum through which the upper spiritual forces can draw the whole oncoming race into understanding, peace and power in marriage.

CHAPTER III

THE TRUE MARRIAGE.

In the human search after perfect polarity, there are three grades of consciousness through which life is contacted and in each is obtained, through marriage, the wisdom which belongs to its own grade.

These grades are: first, the law of opposites; second, the law of complementaries; and third, the law of similars, and every life in its cosmic journey must some time contact them all.

The law of opposites is the race law of marriage and belongs to the undifferentiated mass of humanity, it is the very first level of experience, and those who are together under this law are never polarized in love or harmony, they are simply together to teach each other a larger inclusion of life. No matter how

harmonious such a marriage may be, it is only a shadow of true unity. There are thousands learning their lessons together under this law, many of them in open strife, and pain and disappointment; many in comparative peace, but deep within themselves is something that whispers to them of lack and disappointment.

This marriage law of opposites is brought about by the cosmic law of equalization. Nature always makes for a middle ground, nothing in nature is allowed to diverge too far before something comes and regulates it. So the law of opposites is the law of physical regulation. A tall man will fall in love with and marry a short woman, or a dark woman will marry a blond man, or one who is active, excitable, and intense, will marry a slow, plethoric, inert individual, because the cosmic law must have its demands satisfied and physical evolution must be kept normal, and as long as the race mind is not in specialized states of consciousness it cannot refuse to obey. There are always those babes in wisdom who are just at that point in cosmic evolution where they cannot refuse to become the instruments through which the great universal law of nature works out itself.

As we unfold into deeper consciousness and become more and more acquainted with ourselves we come to where the human mind recognizes its own desires, and we know what we want, as well as why we want it; but there comes with this the majesty of choice, so we leave the old law of opposites, having included in our consciousness all that it can bring us, and we pass on to respond to the law of complementaries.

The law of opposites will forever claim those who are at this point of response and the old civilization knew no better than to believe that the law of opposites was the whole law of marriage, and they educated from this fundamental. They did not see that it was only a natural thing for one to love and marry another who had what the first had not, but that on the higher levels of understanding, like attracts like. The old civilization believed in this law because it did not think for itself, but those who understand the psychology of life and are deep in race wisdom, see that to marry along the lines of true understanding, and embody ourselves where we can get the best expression of the self, is the higher law.

In the old civilization, a fine, beautiful, artistic, intuitional woman often married a brutal, physical man, under the attraction of this law of opposites. because she loved what she had not-his brute endurance and physical strength. He was attracted to her because she had all the ideality and reverence which he lacked: He was her physical world, and she was his internal God, but when they lived together they found that marriage simply became a training school in which each one had to learn to include the other with his or her methods. He had to include in his understanding, her ideality, reverence and worship, and she had to learn to push all these things within herself, out and through the heavy physical, practical things of his life. The lesson often was a hard one, and the divorce court frequently stepped in and let them rest a while.

Most of these lives find the climb too steep, and after a while both are glad to lay down, and wait for some other incarnation in which to finish it. There are those who are more enduring, often they stay together, each learning the state of consciousness they have embodied, and bringing out all these latent states of consciousness within them into activity. He grows and includes her. she grows and includes him, and some day they come to the law of complementaries with comparative harmony expressed, but always all along their journey there are gravestones erected on the graves of hope, faith, and love.

The law of complimentary union is the law of half harmony. In this union the soul finds that it can best work out its own unfoldment through the help of another, and it marries because it is loved. not because it loves. It finds in another some of the things it desires, and lets go of the rest. The life contacting this law knows that there are two ways in which a life time can be spent in marriage, namely, the true and the false, and not being able to find the true, it accepts the false as a possible substitute, it sees that in this marriage school we may love, be loved, or both love, and that there are just three things for every life: The thing it loves, the thing that loves it, and the thing that loves its love, and not being able to find the thing it loves, and which inspires every pulse beat of its life, it turns to those who love it, and whom it inspires, then marries the one who loves it, because it has taught itself to be content with the love of love. It does not love the lover, but the lover's love, and as long as it can live in this love, it contents itself by complementing as best it can, the love of the lover.

In this complementary law of marriage there is comparative harmony and often lives unfold themselves into beautiful selfhood, one is content to be loved, the other to love.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says:

- "This is the way of it the whole world over
- One is beloved and the other the lover
- One gives and the other receives.
 - One says I love you, and wet eyes show it,
 - One laughs softly, and says I know it,
- With smiles for the others tears."

This is the way of it the whole world over, only for a certain portion of the race, it is simply one creed, and one law from which, or by which, the individual transmutes himself into fitness for his true mate, and the true marriage.

Complementary marriages have always existed and always will exist, they represent a place on the path through

which the whole race passes in order to learn the lesson of unselfishness in love. Here is where the cosmic hand guides them into at-one-ment with the universal, when one loves utterly and gives utterly, and in return receives nothing of what is given, one learns after a while that love is God, that it can neither be given or taken away, it simply is, and it suffers long and is kind, seeks not itself, is not puffed up with pride, does not take offence, it seeks to give of itself and in this absolute giving and utter sinking of the self, the life is pushed on into a resplendent power and deep within itself a full consciousness of universal love is born.

The human heart is driven back again and again into itself until it finds that inner place where higher understanding tells it that self and love and God are one, and never finding the answer to its heart beat outside, it turns in hours of bitter anguish to lean confidingly on the eternal heart and it has found itself and found its God. Then it is free in a new born consciousness of life and it can love on in peace, taking as much of love as it can awaken, waiting in glad content the time when it shall meet its love again upon the path.

"And still upon the altar glowing Burns that great immortal fire Which is love and not desire."

Often in marriages of complementaries, the one who is loved learns the lesson of love through simply being loved and this is its next step upon the path. Day by day the tenderness, devotion and unwavering sweetness of the loving one stamps its impression on the heart of the receiver and standing face to face with God in a human form, it learns what love is. It may never in this incarnation love the one who loves it, but the lesson of love unfolds the love bud in its heart and awakes in it a mad desire to find the thing it loves and love it, and through this the law is fulfilled.

Complementary marriages are the

middle grades in which the individuals fit themselves to mate in the next incarnation in the true love marriage or the perfect polarization.

The law of the true marriage is based on the fundamental of similars. In this marriage individuals meet, equal in their unfoldment, positive and negative in the same law. No matter what the old civilization taught of the law of opposites, no matter what it may have found in the law of complementaries, those who are deep psychologists and mystics see a higher understanding for the new civilization, and know that on the path of life only truth can hold truth and the true affinities are always similars in mind, soul, heart and body, and the true marriage can only be the expression of the marriage of the whole individuality.

Individuals express themselves in four planes of consciousness, body, mind, soul and spirit. Those in the body express themselves through instinct, those in the mind through reason, those in the soul through emotion and those in the spirit, through intuition. All these states of consciousness seek embodiment, and only in the law of similars can there be embodiment of all of these characteristics. The true marriage includes the law of opposites, for there is just enough of positive and negative to equalize it. It also includes the law of complementaries, for no two lives, no matter how they love, can ever touch consciousness at exactly the same point of expression and devotion.

In the true marriage and embodiment of the individual, there is nothing that the soul lacks or misses; to live, to love, to be loved, this is its supreme mission, and equalization is complete. The true marriage embodies all that has been in each life. It gives expression for all that is, and opportunity for all that is still waiting to be unfolded. The man grown into understanding through his many experiences has transmuted all the women he has made for himself into the one great essence he carries in his own consciousness. The woman, with all the latent wisdom of her own cosmic passage has centralized into one intensified expression, they have worked out their own salvation in the separate expressions they have come through. They have come through the law of opposites and the law of complementaries, and they stand face to face at last, between them they have the memories of all the incarnations of the past in which they met and read life's meaning in each other's eyes, and meeting again the union is complete, body, mind, soul and spirit. They have found throughout the past that there is only one source of power and that is spirit and that this spiritual energy permeates all levels of expression. They have learnt that the source of power in the body is the body; in the mind, mind, and they live in a world of perpetual bliss and hourly 'renew themselves through their own spiritualized activity.

The true marriage includes all, gives all, claims all, and through this complete surrender, they both pass into the highest states of their own consciousness, and "are accounted worthy to be the children of the resurrection."

On the human life-path there will never be any escape from marriage, each life must some time, somewhere, pass through it, for Nature-God-is always pushing human life onward into higher and higher wisdom. Some part of the race is always marrying and always will marry, and some never marry because it is not their incarnation to marry; some part of the race is always being divorced, and always will be, the scene is set until the actors change; but as fast as some evolute through opposites and complementaries to the level of true marriage and out of sex reproduction into sense regeneration, their places are taken by the on-coming, evoluting minds of those behind them on the path.

The race heart is always searching for its perfect affinity, for the heart on which it can rest in peace, and it always will search until it finds, but as it unfolds in understanding it takes this search as a part of the great universal plan of life,

and sees in it only the ladder by which it may climb past its dead self to higher things.

Marriage under the law of opposites and complementaries must forever remain the expression of sex reproduction, and the true marriage will be always the finished project of our evolution on this plane. Love, peace and power are represented in this law and the expression of this marriage will always remain as a symbol of the embodiment of higher spiritual forces and all who touch it will feel the universal stream of love flowing from within. Loving, and unloving, marrying and un-marrying, are simply definite lessons which the race cannot refuse to learn, but amid all the ruins and failures of the marriage pathway there stands ever the rock of the true union towards which each life is pressing, and which began for each soul when it began, and will be with it to the end, and there stands ever ready somewhere on the path the perfect alter ego.

The soul has its mission to perform and it will evolve and continue to evolve the inner circuit between life and death, birth and re-birth, marriage and unmarriage, until the regeneration or resurrection of the divine mate within it has evolved. Knowing this, don't you see those who are unhappy in marriage, can dry their tears, they can learn to love whatever is beside them, because it is their life's own law and through it they will receive the lesson necessary for their unfoldment and day after day in a great transmutation they can stand fast unto their highest understanding and transmute the man or the woman that they made for themselves into the essence of their divine mate. Those who find the climb too steep; those who have loved and lost; those who have given all they had to those who had not, these can look with wide open eyes at their life's experience, and let go, turning with glad expectancy to the next step on the path, and know if wife or husband, or lover, leave them or forsake them, say "Do not fret, they are but the swaddling

clothes thy soul's outgrown, dearest, forgive, forget." Those who have found their own in this life, and hold it and clasp it, and keep it, can lift their hearts in loving praise and thanksgiving, knowing that love is love throughout all the lives that have been, through this life to

death itself and on beyond, into the dream to come.

The old civilization said: "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," but the new civilization knows that what God hath joined together man cannot put asunder.

THE UNIVERSAL CREED: WHAT EVERYBODY BELIEVES BASIS OF A WORLD-WIDE FRATERNITY

BY LEVI DOWLING.

THE QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR ARE: Is there any one thing that every body believes? Is there any thing that every body knows? If there is not, a Universal Fraternity exists only in the imagination, Brotherhood implies harmony, and harmony has its basis in unity—the oneness of something.

BELIEF AND KNOWLEDGE differ materially. Belief is an uncertainty; Knowledge is a certainty.

The Century Dictionary with its characteristic clearness puts it well—Belief is "a conviction of the truth of a given proposition or alleged fact resting upon ground insufficient to constitute positive knowledge; Knowledge is a state of mind which necessarily implies a corresponding state of things, belief is a state of mind merely, and does not necessarily involve a corresponding state of mind."

As occult students we might say: Belief is knowledge shining through the mist of physical things.

Knowledge belongs to the realm of the real; belief belongs to the land of illusions.

Belief usually precedes knowledge; it is really the first glimpse of knowledge. Intuitive people get many grand fragments of knowledge without the aid of belief, but all people are not intuitive; in fact very few people are truly intuitive, although most people find that "things come to them," that they "know because they know," and can give no reason for such knowledge.

BELIEF IS THE SHADOW OF KNOWLEDGE, and as there can be no shadow without a substance, or a real thing, to cast the shadow, so there can be no belief without there be in some place a reality—something from which it springs, or on which it is founded.

The media through which a shadow passes may distort it fearfully. Look at the shadow of a straight stick as it appears in the water, and it is never straight, it is always bent, and the movement of the water may make it assume all manner of forms.

No two people see the same shadow any more than two people see the same rainbow. Each person sees for himself the shadow of the rainbow and these differ with the angle of vision, so that shadows and rainbows do not look alike to all people.

The shadow in the water is belief, and the object that produces the shadow is knowledge. The five senses of man are symbolized by the water, and so the shadow or belief in passing through these assume shapes most grotesque, and often ridiculous.

THE SENSES are only the avenues through which the knowledge comes. Knowledge exists and man has five ways of sensing that knowledge. In the physical there are five senses, organs for transmitting the ethers of knowledge; each organ recognizing a different rate of vibration; and so men get glimpses of knowledge by hearing, seeing, smelling, feeling and tasting, but no two persons get the same shadow, same glimpse of knowledge.

These glimpses crystalize into opinions, and upon these opinions all creeds and .confessions of faith are builded. Belief is nothing more than a distorted shadow of truth; so all creeds are but heterogenious masses of reflections, changing with every wind that blows. No two persons see these reflections of truth just alike; hence a Universal Fraternity can not be built up on a creed or the crystalized belief of any man. space of the sector of

BELIEF IS THE BASIS OF REASON; reason is but the comparison of the various glimpses of knowledgethe fragments of knowledge distorted in the media of the senses. The object of reason is to reach conclusions considered just and accurate. But all sense evidences are distorted, so reason can not be reliable. The man who knows does not reason; men reason that they may know. Reason belongs to the domain of uncertainty, and ignorance, God is not a reasoning being, so the glories of the Age of Reason sink into the abyss of grotesque imagery. A Universal Fraternity can not be founded upon reason. We must look higher. Somehow we must find the Key and open the door of Knowledge before we can find a basis of fraternity.

Remember the Century Dictionary definition. "Knowledge is a state of mind which necessarily implies a corresponding state of things." *Knowledge* is what a man is! *Belief* is what he seems to be. In Knowledge there is a security; there is no uncertainty; so our Universal Fraternity must be built upon the man and the God and then the gates of hell shall not prevail against

BASIS OF FRATERNITY; we have ever had it; but men have not recog-

nized it. The philosophers of all ages have put forth their best endeavors to get man to know himself and have stoutly affirmed that "The proper study of mankind is man." Some men are just now beginning to know that man is an integral part of the universe; that he is not and can not be separated from it; that each person is all things in miniature; that there is nothing in God that is not in man, and there is nothing in man that is not in God.

impersonating every man, once said: "I am the way, the truth, the life." Man does not wask in the way; he may seem to do so, but man is himself the way. Man does not believe the truth; he is himself Man does not possess the truth. the life; he is himself the life. Man does not possess knowledge; he is himself knowledge. All men who can get away from the illusions of opinions and beliefs and grasp the fact that they are Wisdom and Knowledge, know that they are at one with their brother men, and the great Atonement, At-one-ment with God is accomplished and this brings us to consider the basis of Universal Fraternity,o durat add he noiteiznour" ai bil

CERTITUDES are highly important. Before making a study of the knowledge basis of human union it may be helpful to emphasize the negative side for a moment. Among the almost numberless Articles, or Propositions, upon which men have organized cults and societies and churches, we find few certitudes. If all that men do notknow, but believe, was written the world would scarcely be large enough to contain the records, while a very small volume would contain a record of all that is really known.

What does the average man know about creation? He has a lot of opinions; but knows nothing. What do men know about about the Fall of Man, of the introduction of Sin, of foreordination and predestination? They believe a lot of things, but know nothing. What do ec-

clesiastics know about Vicarious sacrifice, blood atonement, forgiveness of sins and redemption? Elaborate articles of belief have been formulated and much cloquence and pathos have been expended in efforts to have these propositions accepted by other men, and under strange hypnotic influences, thousands of people have imagined that they knew of the truthfulness of the doctrines, and still not a single proposition has been carried beyond the domain of belief. Nobody knows.

Men talk learnedly about heaven and hell, and everlasting punishment, final perseverance of the saints, etc., and still nobody knows.

Every church, cult, society and ecclesiastical association is founded upon opinions, guesses, the sands of uncertainty, and they must eventually collapse and sink into the depths of oblivion for no structure is stronger than its foundation. A Universal Fraternity can not be built upon beliefs, and the builder must search for the Solid Rock of Knowledge on which to build. WHAT DOES EVERY BODY KNOW? Every body knows physical existence, for every body IS physical existence. Every body knows bread and butter and air and water: for every body is bread and butter and water and air. In these things every body on earth is interested. For these things every body struggles, and the basic rock of Universal Brotherhood is composed of bread and butter and water and air, or the universal elements of subsistence. You may laud to the skies your most cherished Occult basis of fraternity and still one little fragment of the foundation rock of bread and butter and water and air would knock it into smithereens. What do men care about psychism or Occultism when they are hungry and their dear ones are starying, musd ni amoold trach yrava The primary law of the Brotherhood deals with material things and the word supply is big with meaning. FIRST LAW OF FRATERNITY. Old mother earth is full of good things;

she produces enough food and water and air for all her children and the first formulated law of the Universal Fraternity is: All men are created equal and have equal rights in the products of the earth and sea and air, and, regardless of capabilities, shall be supplied with the necessaries of life. This is not anarchism, nihilism nor socialism per se. It is humanitarianism; it is RIGHT, and every man, woman and child on earth knows it is right.

PRESERVATION is the first law of life, and in the bonds of a Universal Fraternity, no one shall want for life's necessities, and to this, the church of humanity stands pledged forevermore, Selah.

OTHER HELPS: Food and clothing are not the only requirements of men and women. Everybody lives in the heart of things. Emotion is a reality and every one knows Emotion for every one is Emotion. All human beings who are not degenerates have love-natures, that crave satisfaction. Everybody wants to be loved. Oh, the terribleness of a loveless life. This craving for love drives more people to suicide than all things else.

LOVE is universal, yet there are thousands of notes of love, and if they do not chord, wretchedness raises its hideous form. Married and not mated; oh the misery that this condition entails. Hunger can not be compared with it. Every body knows Love and longs for satisfaction in it.

Society has driven the world all awry in the domain of the emotions. All is wrong and still all men know what is right. — 111 and daily

Slavery is regnant in the domain of love. Prejudice is the blacksmith and his chains are forged to stay. Men and women have for ages tried to liberate themselves, but no one has yet arisen who is strong enough to formulate an emancipation proclamation acceptable to the people, founded in justice. Sensualists have tried free-love, pietists have tried seclusion, abstinence, the darkness

of convent life, and self exile, and still the holy passion of love crices in the streets, in the workshops, in the pulpit, in the house, in the hearts of all. The social question has not yet been solved. Pure emotional satisfaction lies some place, lost in the debris of the world's unrest and it must be found. Creeds and cults, legislatures and parliaments, armies and navies are powerless to present a basis of adjudication. The idea of solution lies no place but in the grand reaches of Universal Fraternity, and the purified Church of Humanity alone can solve the problem, and bring the race into the social liberty and the untramelled laws of a divine life.

HAPPINESS; The world has been long seeking for it, as though it were something to possess. Happiness is something to become. One of the hardest words in the English language to define is Happiness. Men know what it means, but they can not tell; for it is a personal word. It belongs to each one individually. What is happiness to one is not to another.

I think the word satisfaction well expresses the idea intended to be conveyed by the word happiness. Whoever is satisfied is happy, and whoever is happy is satisfied.

When men become what they desire they are satisfied—happy, and every one has an inalienable right to this attainment.

The mystic who indited the Declaration of Independence wrote better than the world knew when he wrote:

"All men are created free and equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights among which are Life—Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Of Life and Liberty we have spoken and Happines or Satisfaction is the culmination of them all.

In the Shorter Catechism of the Church of Humanity we read:

What is the purpose of human life? and the answer follows: "To perfect the individuality and personality of man; to develope strength of character and attain unto purity in life by overcoming

difficulties and adverse conditions and successfully resisting temptations; to reach the plane of absolute satisfaction.

THE BLESSED TETRAD WILL NOT DOWN. After life comes liberty and after liberty comes Love and satisfaction and this is the blessed Tetradfour in one. To use the mystic words we say LIFE, LIBERTY, LOVE, HAPPINESS.

Every body knows these three activities, and they become the basis of Universal Fraternity. We can not differentiate, we may express opinions regarding religion, politics, morality and education. On all else men differ but on Life, Liberty, Love and Happiness there is a marvelous unity of sentiment.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OF HUMANITY is unity in action in securing for all men, women and children and other creatures of the Oversoul Life, Liberty, Love and Happiness.

Earth has enough for all, and it may be distributed in equity. Let cults rant and the churches plead for dogma; let politicians fight, and socialists spar over opinions and formulas, the great Brotherhood of Humanity will do justice, love mercy and cease not in effort till every son and daughter of the race enters the the city of prosperity, walks in the garden of plenty and sits on the chair of contentment.

OUR SPECIAL APPEAL is for action. Men, women and children, are you ready to become one in this crusade against Slavery, oppression and intoleration and for the peace and happiness of all the world?

Three lines stand in the way. Hypocricy, Prejudice, and Unbelief. These must be destroyed; then the way is clear. The Church of Humanity is pledged to this conquest, and it can not rest until every desert blooms in beauty; every home is the abode of prosperity and every heart a fit dwelling place for the spirit of harmony and love.

And the benedictions of the great Oversoul rests upon all men forevermore. Selah.

"THERE IS NO DEATH, THERE ARE NO DEAD."

(Suggested by the book of Mr. Ed. C. Randall.)

"There is no death, there are no dead." From zone to zone, from sphere to sphere, The souls of all who pass from here

By hosts of living thoughts are led;

And dark or bright, those souls must tread The paths they fashioned year on year.

For hells are built of hate or fear, And heavens of love our lives have shed.

Across unatlassed worlds of space,

And through God's mighty universe,

With thoughts that bless or thoughts that curse, Each journeys to his rightful place. Oh, greater truth no man has said, "There is no death, there are no dead."

It lifts the mourner from the sod,

And bids him cast away the reed Of some uncomforting poor creed, And walk with Knowledge for a rod. It bids the doubter seek the broad

Vast fields, where living facts will feed

All those whose patience proves their need Of these immortal truths of God.

It brings before the eyes of faith

Those realms of radiance, tier on tier,

Where our beloved "dead" appear,

More beautiful because of "death." It speaks to grief: "Be comforted; There is no death, there are no dead."

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THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOUL

BY L. W. ROGERS

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When it is asserted that the soul has been evolving for ages, there will, of course, be denial of the premise from those who hold to the old idea that hu- The idea of a sudden creation, the man beings, along with the earth, were brought into existence by God almost instantaneously; that is to say, there was a sudden beginning of the earth and all it contained; that they were not, that only empty space existed, and then, by the command of God, all these things were created. But those who still insist upon destroying the beauty of the Christian scriptures by reading them literally, and thereby missing the wonderful wealth of esoteric truth scattered through them. are becoming fewer and fewer as the years go by. The truth of evolution has become so firmly fixed in modern thought that those who still hold to the old idea of man being "created" by the Supreme Being are at least obliged to admit that the method of that creation was evolutionary. But is it not erroneous to think of man as having been created? That implies that the work of his creation is finished; whereas it requires but a glance at the facts as they stand before us to show that he is a very unfinished product indeed. If we take the highest specimens of the race as standards of attainment, as examples of what man should and can be, we shall at once see that man in the mass is very light of souls that inhabit those bodiesfar from a finished product and that millions of years of evolution must lie ahead of the race. But even these highest specimens are not the perfect man. If the saintly compassion of St. Francis be combined with the splendid mentality of Plato, we might have something at least approaching the height of human

development, for it naturally cannot stop short of the highest ideal the mind can conceive, and must be the acme of intellectual power plus perfect compassion.

idea of such a thing as the human soul being instantly called into existence, is unscientific and absurd. Even those who, through the childish literalism applied to the Christian scriptures, hold that the earth and all it contained was "made" by God in a few days, or a few brief measures of time called days, at least postulate a very primitive sort of world as the product of the alleged sudden creation. But suppose we ask such a person if it seems reasonable to him that the world as it is now could spring into sudden existence-if he can imagine that nothing in our part of the universe exists not even nebulous matter, and then, presto! we have the earth as it now is, covered with preat cities and tilled fields, with a highly organized commerce and with multitudinous activities everywhere. That, of course, would seem quite fantastic and impossible. He must begin with a primitive world, containing one human pair from which the present swarming population of the world is to come. In other words, his reason demands that there must be the element of time to produce the millions of physical bodies of the race, but as for the millthey can be instantaneous creations!

Simplicity of organization means comparative youth. Complexity is always equivalent to age. The lowly amæba must have an evolutionary history behind it that covers a considerable measure of time. An enormously longer period of time must lie behind the highly

organized human body at its present stage of development. What, then, of the age of the soul that animates that body which is a mere collection of atoms serving as the soul's temporary vesture? Or let us put it in another way. We know that the earth is very old; that the period lying between the time when it was nebulous matter and the time when it became a solid globe is an enormous one. And yet it is a simple thing compared to the human being, with his complex mental and emotional nature. How long, then, has it required to evolve this wonderful thing we call the soul-this individualized consciousness that can look out upon its environment and speculate upon its relationship to the universe? Who dare venture even to guess? But that it is a period covering millions of years there can be little doubt, for at least three things are patent: first, that the soul is moving forward in its evolution toward the goal of perfection; second, that the method of its growth is the slow one of learning by experience, by the personal contact with the objects of its desire which brings it either pleasure or pain, thus enabling it to find the right road forward; third, that it has been at the task long enough to have already evolved a very high degree of intellect and conscience.

There are, of course, those who maintain that whatever degree of intelligence and compassion is possessed by a human being at birth is what he is endowed with by his Maker. But a moment's reflection will show us that such an assumption is inconsistent with the idea of divine justice and compassion, without which on the part of the Supreme Being, we are in even worse case than the materialist. Immortality without justice would be worse than annihilation. Without justice there can be no balance, no sanity, in the universe. Now how can there be natural justice if the soul is "created" at physical birth, when one is born with a brain that will inevitably develop into the vehicle of a strong, wellbalanced mind, while another is either

feeble-minded or an idiot? Even worse than this is the difference in moral nature which characterizes people in childhood and youth. Take the type of the monstrous criminal and trace his life back to birth, and we find that his fate was fixed and practicably unalterable when he arrived on the scene of life. As a rule he comes of parentage that gives him the criminal brain and body. He is characterized by an innate selfishness that appears quite conscienceless and his brutality is as clearly defined in childhood as in later life. He is both mentally and morally deficient from birth.

If souls are created at birth how can such facts be harmonized with the belief in divine justice? We all agree that with such mental and moral equipment as he has this man must pass through this life we are now living. What chance has he, in the effort to live a happy and successful life, compared to men born with strong minds and sound moral tendencies? Most of us agree that he must also live after physical death and that his happines or misery in that coming life is, naturally enough, determined by his life conduct here: one class of believers in immortality holding that such conduct has settled his fate forever by either giving him the reward of heaven for his moral success, or the punishment of hell for his moral failure; while the other class believes that he will always have the opportnity to improve and will slowly rise in the moral scale and ultimately escape the real but temporary hell conditions in which he finds himself after bodily death. Now how, in any or all of these views, can there be any justice if this man was a newly created soul at physical birth? | He had a defective brain and was therefore unable to use good judgement in the affairs of life. He had a very weak moral nature and was utterly unable to resist certain temptations through which the average man would safely pass. In addition to this double handicap, he was born into an unwholesome environment where he had the vicious and depraved for his companions —a situation which made the resultant moral failure almost absolutely certain. It would be little short of miraculous if such a man in such an environment should rise to moral integrity.

Is it possible to believe that an all-wise and all-loving Being "gives" the mental and moral equipment to His children, seeing to it that some start with the brain and heart that will clearly light the way and make them successful and happy, while with equal care He "creates" others who shall grope painfully forward by the fitful light of imbecility, helplessly stumbling into every pitfall they encounter? From any point of view from which we look at the problem we are forced to conclude there is something wrong with the theory that souls are created at physical birth. From the scientific side it is unthinkable because there are no sudden processes in nature, all things, on the contrary, slowly becoming what they are, stage by stage. From the ethical side it is absurd because the inequalities of life cannot thus be harmonized with the idea of divine justice, nor even with human justice.

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THE AQUARIAN GOSPEL OF JESUS THE CHRIST

BY LEVI

The son of Herod, Archelaus, reigned in Jerusalem. He was a selfish, cruel king; he put to death all those who did not honor him.

2 He called in council all the wisest men and asked about the infant claimant to his throne.

3 The council said that John and Jesus both were dead; then he was satisfied.

4 Now Joseph, Mary and their son were down in Egypt in Zoan, and John was with his mother in the Judean hills.

5 Elihu and Salome sent messengers in haste to find Elizabeth and John. They found them and they brought them to Zoan.

6 Now, Mary and Elizabeth were marveling much because of their deliverance.

7 Elihu said: It is not strange; there are no happenings; law governs all events.

8 From olden times it was ordained that you should be with us, and in this sacred school be taught.

9 Elihu and Salome took Mary and Elizabeth out of the sacred grove near by where they were wont to teach.

10 Elihu said to Mary and Elizabeth, You may esteem yourselves thrice blest, for you are chosen mothers of long promised sons,

11 Who are ordained to lay in solid rock a sure foundation stone on which the temple of the perfect man shall rest —a temple that shall never be destroyed. 12 We measure time by cycle ages, and the gate to every age we deem a mile stone in the journey of the race.

13 An age has passed; the gate unto another age flies open at the touch of time. This is the preparation age of soul, the kingdom of Immanuel, of God in man;

14 And these, your sons, will be the first to tell the news, and preach the gospel of good will to men, and peace on earth.

15 A mighty work is theirs; for car-

nal men want not the light; they love the dark, and when the light shines in the dark they comprehend it not.

16 We call these sons, Revealers of the Light; but they must have the light before they can reveal the light.

17 And you must teach your sons, and set their souls on fire with love and holy zeal and make them conscious of their missions to the sons of men.

18 Teach them that God and man were one; but that through carnal thoughts and words and deeds, man tore himself away from God; debased himself.

19 Teach that the Holy Breath would make them one again, restoring harmony and peace;

20 That naught can make them one but love; that God so loved the world that he has clothed his son in flesh that man may comprehend.

21 That the only Savior of the world is love, and Jesus, son of Mary, comes to manifest that love to men.

22 Now, love cannot be manifested until its way has been prepared, and naught can rend the rocks and bring down lofty hills and fill the valleys up, and thus prepare the way, but purity.

23 But purity in life men do not comprehend; and so, it, too, must come in flesh.

24 And you, Elizabeth, are blest because your son is purity made flesh, and he shall pave the way for love.

25 This age will comprehend but little of the works of Purity and Love; but not a word is lost, for in the Book of God's Remembrance a registry is made of every thought, and word, and deed;

26 And when the world is ready to receive, lo, God will send a messenger to open up the book and copy from its sacred pages all the messages of Purity and Love.

27 Then every man of earth will read the words of life in language of his native land, and men will see the light walk in the light and be the light.

28 And man again will be at one with God.

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PRAYER ASTROLOGICALLY CONSIDERED

BY LLEWELLYN GEORGE

IT is naturally supposed that when we pray, we pray for something, we have a reason, it is a desire for something.

When a lawyer prays, speaking in law phraseology, it is when he makes his plea, in court, and, if his case is before a jury, he directs his words to impress the jurors, he sees and knows who he is addressing, so looses no energy or forces from want of knowledge of whom to direct that prayer or plea to.

When the little child offers up its prayer it is to "Gentle Jesus meek and mild," and is usually taught that He lives up in the clouds, reignnig as Lord and King, but ever ready to punish little children who neglect, or forget, to pray.

The minister prays, but he does not KNOW postively to whom; and when asked who God is, replies, "Why the individual, in fact the whole Universe and all contained therein." The fact of the matter is that he probably has no more REAL conception of who GOD is than a one-year old child has about the North Pole.

The Sun has been thought of as the centre of the Universe, but late inventions and the increased knowledge thereby, along these lines, fails to prove that, to an astronomer, as a fact.

The sun's diameter is about 852,000

miles, its average distance from the earth is 91,500,000 miles, the earth is about 3,000,000 miles further from the sun in its Aphelion than in its perihelion.

This enormous size and distance is nothing compared with the star Arcturas. It is thousands of times larger than our Sun, and flies through space at the astonishing rate of 200,000 miles an hour, more than three times the speed of the earth, which is 1,080 miles a minute, it travels towards the earth at the rate of 50 miles a minute, yet in all our life time we shall never be able to detect any change in its position. It requires three centuries for it to move over the starry vault, a space equal to the apparent size of the moon. and in all the years that have passed and considering the fact that it is moving toward us at the terrific rate of 50 miles a minute, it is yet, to the naked eye, only the size of a pin head.

"And GOD lives up in the clouds."

If a person wanted to go to the Portland City Park (located in the western part of the city), they COULD get there by traveling EAST, about 25,000 miles, and finally arrive in the Park, but an awful amount of time and energy would have been expended to gain a small desire, if the person connects himself to the direct, or nearest and proper location of that Park, the time and force is saved and the desired end is correctly accomplished.

And so it is in prayer, if you are praying for love, direct your forces to the source of love, to the planet VENUS, known to the ancients as the Goddess of Love.

If you are praying for Spirituality, direct your energy, connect yourself, as it were, to the SUN, the giver and source of life.

If you are seeking wisdom, direct your prayer to Jupiter, if it is courage and energy you want, then look to Mars, if it is stability and profundity you desire, Saturn is its source.

You wish to develop your clarivoyant and pschic faculties, then use Uranus, if it is knowledge to become a speaker, you want, then turn to Mercury "The Messenger of the Gods."

The Solar system is mainly comprised within the limits of the Zodiac, or as the ancients meant "circle of animals,"

it consists of the sun, the major planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. The minor planets, over two hundred in number, the Satalites, or moons, twenty in number, which revolve around the different planets. Meteors and shooting stars. Nine comets, whose orbits have been computed and over two hundred of which little is known, and the Zodiacal light.

When all this immensity of the universe is considered and we stop a moment on the harmony of this great law which operates on and through these sources and we gain facts from observation of the effects, how foolish it seems to pray for all the different things or desires from one source or a personal Being.

It is no wonder that so few prayers are answered.

Think of the dying child of a family of christians, church members, despite the ardent prayers and pleadings, for their God to spare the life of their darling, it passes away, despite the fact that they remember Him, GOD, how they have always walked the "straight and narrow path," in the church, and how they have worked for Him, but the great law of Nature recognizes no sect, color or being

Death, so called, is the natural result of life in this physical manifestation, death comes when the conditions arrive which were OPPOSITE to those which caused birth. These OPPOSITE conditions can be figured out very accurately, and can BE LIVED THROUGH BY CAREFUL DEVELOPMENT, if desired, but, to the occult student death has no terrors, and when the Natural laws are more thoroughly understood, no one will fear passing out.

Every THOUGHT should be a prayer, and directed to its proper source. There is no God to WORSHIP, and it is not necessary to WORSHIP. The God principal is within, it works from within outwardly, and not vice versa, the whole universe, this great system of harmony IS God; not a God necessary to worship, however, if you must call it God, for we are a part of this system, and every high progressive thought is already ours if we ask, nay, DEMAND it, by realization.

But how direct our thought prayers to these different sources from which Love, Wisdom, Courage and so on come!

The moon is a reflecter, a transmitter, as it were, on the day and hour when it comes into conjunction, or Good aspect with the planet desired, that is the time, sit in the SILENCE for the development desired, sending out the thought earnestly for a few minutes, then sitting in a state of receptivity.

You can learn when these times are by looking in an "Ephemeris," that is, a book containing the planets' places for the year, compiled by Government Astronomers, and sold for about 35 cents, if you can not read it you can quickly be taught how. Remember, "There is a TIME for everything under the heavens."

By observing these times in the manner stated, your prayers for Love, Knowledge, Psychic development, etc., will be swered and your progress along these lines will prove the assertions; you will receive just in proportion to the degree of your earnestness and the honesty with which you pursue your object.

Learn how to ask, you then learn how to receive.

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Our Relation to Other Kingdoms.

IN giving those conditions that are commonly called a person's gem, flower, mineral, fruit, and so forth, the material things are divided into three grades, namely vegetables, animals and minerals, and explain their relation to people from the fact that certain things on the mineral and vegetable plane of development are the same as certain people on their plane of development. To these are added colours, symbols, music and countries.

A certain flower, on its plane of development, has some relation to certain minerals on their plane of development.

Imagine, for illustration, that the planet is divided into eleven great streams, and everything that comes into one particular stream must have certain relation with everything else in that same stream, differing only in the velocity of their vibration. Everything is related in the world, and this relation is not haphazard, because there is no haw of nature that is chance. We have relationship with everything, but this relationship is more intimate, depending upon the similarity in velocity of vibration.

We have certain colors, gems, flowers, and so forth for the reason that these colours, gems and flowers are the same on their plane of expression as is man on his plane of expression. Hence the relationship, and this is the reason that certain things of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdom are more closely related with ourselves than are other things.

As our souls come to master the thing that is peculiar to its own vibration, we should associate ourselves with those things that are ours. To make this idea practicable, should we have a choice of flowers, then choose your own; given certain coulors, wear those that vibrate as we do, somewhere about our person; having certain birds or animals, study their peculiarities; having certain symbols wear them as ornaments; having certain gems, or minerals, keep them around us.

In this way we leave no stone unturned to help the advancement of our inner soul, because we then familiarize ourselves with the conditions in the Earth life, under which the soul chose to incarnate and hence wished to understand and master.

What Numbers Mean.

Number 1.

The one (1) vibration is characterised by activity and force, progression, ruling and doing, so the people coming under this vibration would possess to a greater or less extent the "do and dare" spirit, having an inventive mind, with large possibilities, capable of conceiving large schemes and seeing their finished products. Their great strength lies in their inventing and planning, but not in working out of their own inventions and plans.

The "one" (1) vibration has been compared to a sign -post, as they are both pointers of the way. They are harbingers, instead of messengers. The life mission of the person whose birth key is one (1), is to learn to **do** as well as to conceive, to learn to be tolerant of others' opinions, not giving so much power and consideration to his own personality; to lose pride in the personal ego, and become universal in scope; to learn the universal in place of the personal love.

The "one" (1) is an extremely adaptable principle, and can be made to combine with any condition. Its meaning is "Unity," it is the ray of light from God, but man, becoming a conscious spirit, has converted this good ray into personal activity, and so it has lost its great universal principle and become local. As a spirit it is universal and cosmic, because it is in all things, and through all things. Localized it is limited, personal and selfish.

The one (1) and the double 1, eleven (11), are similar, in that they are both characterised by original activity and comprehension, but they differ vastly in their mode of applying these principles, as the developed 11 is the true messenger. People coming under the 1 are mental and positive, original, active and strong willed. They are considered intelligent, their expression depending upon their station in life and their elementary education. They

are positive in manner, sometimes to the point of being considered austere. They are people who are not satisfied with being kept in what is known as a "rut" of life, but best express themselves when their minds and hands are busy.

Some of the things in the vegetable kingdom that are in the same vibration but are on their own plane, are the nut, lilac, clematis, moonflower, seringa, zinnia, and passion flower.

Some of the things in the mineral kingdom vibrating to a 1 are the moss agate, barium, cadminum, chromium, sardius and copper.

Some of the things of the animal kingdom that are in the same vibration as a 1, are the blue bird, humming bird, wood warbler, mouse, panther and seal.

Some of the coulors of a 1 are rainbow colour and ash colour.

Some of the symbols vibrating to a 1 are the crown, horn and javelin.

The months that are in harmony with the persons whose birth comes to a one are January, May, July and October.

The days in these months that are in harmony are the 1st, the 5th, the 7th, the 10th, the 14th, the 16th, the 19th, the 23rd, the 25th, and the 28th.

The eventful periods in a person's life whose birth path comes to a 1 is the 1st year, the 10th year, the 19th year, the 28th year, the 37th year, the 46th year, the 55th year, the 64th year, and the 73rd year.

The divisions of the body that are in the same vibration and which may be the least or most vital, depending upon the understanding that he has of his own vibratory law, are the arachnoid (a division of the brain), ventricles (division of the brain), lungs, tongue, nails and throat.

Some famous men whose birth paths in life come under this vibration are Bismark, Napoleon Bonaparte, James Watt, and Charles Fox.

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"DO WE DIE DAILY?" BY HARRY FIELDING

Familiar as St. Paul's affirmation "I die daily," is to multitudes of people, often as they have fallen on attentive, listening ears, repeatedly as the mystery, they appear to convey, has been pondered over by thoughtful readers, how few have ever penetrated to the hidden meaning implied by so apparently startling a statement. To believers, who still closely hug the old race thought of an individual entering, finally, on a state of dissolution when breathing ceases to actuate it, such an idea as making a daily act of dying would come as a shock and appear irreverent in the person daring to express it.

But the rapid progress made in the school of scientific research has shown how ceaseless is the change going on in the cell activity of our bodies, the atomic intelligence throwing off and taking on material, as required by the various centres in every organ and part of the body, at will.

Svedenborg very graphically described man's freedom as a host of atomical, organic freedoms, each one, like the man, taking to itself what was needed, the heart did not cram it with blood, any more than the brain and nerves forced upon it a host of heterogeneous life. Each cell kindled itself with appropriate life according to what it already had and still needed. Character and individuality was attributed to every molecule. And similarly as the cell centres build round themselves substance of the nature required so there is thrown off continuously quantities of material for which no use is found. It is calculated that by such a process the body is completely changed in every tissue, bone, hair, liquid and all other particles in 12 calendar months where it was formerly supposed that a period of seven years was necessary. Some parts may even change

in thirty days.

The means taken to expel such molecules as it may not be desired to retain vary in the case of every individual as each one is the best judge for himself as to what displacement it is right to bring about. The heavy physical being must cause such tissue as responds to his habits of thought to perish and replace it with much finer substance before he can pass up to a higher state of consciousness in which he may express the better part of his inner self. But in any case a conscious act of the will must be given full play and the exact type of being it is intended to depict must be held firmly and steadily before the mental vision, then its visible correspondence in form will follow as a matter of course. The law in this respect is certain in its action. for as the subconscious mind is the builder of the body whatever is impressed on it by conscious thought is faithfully reproduced.

Breathing, exercise, fasting, change of diet, air, scene or occupation, when indulged in with a lofty purposeful intent, are all of great service in removing dead and dying atoms and paving the way for the growth of others of a better quality in their place. The energy employed in accumulating molecules suitable to activities on a lower plane of expression can, very readily by exercise of the latent will, be transmuted so as to attract others of finer character which will reflect the growing beauty of the mind and indicate the development going on within the soul.

The race today is manifesting its desires in a widely different manner from that of even a century back, and its "elder brothers" are responding to the demand for more and more knowledge by pointing out the need of each individual to make union within himself of his in-

finite powers, so long left uncultivated, and the most direct way to give full effect to them. The teachings of Seers of old and of those of the present day are being brought before the minds of all people and the change of habits and environment is noticeable on all sides to the careful observer. Very soon it will no longer be said that illness and holiness, honesty and poverty, are inseparable. Fashions change as much in matters of health as in dress and new "creations" of thought force are being tried on every hour by thousands who are tired of their old well worn garments of flesh and are determined to have some of a better style and fit than those they are throwing off. This is due to the desire to possess and display a higher form of consciousness, which unfailingly attracts to itself conditions of a character corresponding to itself.

With the disappearance of old habits of thought of a more or less destructive kind and the dying out of depressing, worn-out states of mind a great advance towards higher levels of living has become strikingly manifest. The older nations are struggling to get rid of the grave clothes in which they have been long buried and rise again to loftier, purer planes than they ever touched before. The souls of men are pushing them out of the old conditions, and are being born again in bodies more closely allied to "temples" and more worthy to be set apart for sacred rites and exercises which future generations will accept and practice as part of their daily living.

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The demand for a greater share in that Health, Wealth and Happiness, which the law of Universal Good has ordained as the birthright of man, is gathering strength day by day, and its force must inevitably be hurled against the decadent ranks of disease, poverty and misery until they are entirely overcome. But as Life knows no end and as Hope springs eternal in the human breast, so the law of dying and living pursues its unchecked march, wherein dying becomes as much a part of the upward movement of our progress as living, and "men must rise on stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things."

The Universal substance is available for all alike, its creativeness has no shortcoming, its abundance more than surpasses every possible need of the individual and its power will carry him to any height his daring mind fastens on in dauntless faith and unshaken courage. As the physical death of the entire body is but a change of form so the death of any part or parts of it is but a removal of it for them to permit of a new phase of activity being set in motion and this is what results from a change of consciousness, which is the same as our every day mind. The act of dying daily may be taken to relate to that of putting off old habits of thought, which have outstayed their welcome, preparatory to generating better and more refining elements in our life which bring with them into power their correspondence in a more elevating and ennobling environment.

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Issued by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, Boston.

My Voice and I, by Clara Kathleen Rogers (Clara Doria), with frontespiece portrait, \$1.50 net. A. C. McClurg Co. Publishers, New York, etc. An introduction from the pen of George P. Upton throws an interesting light on Mrs. Rogers' personality and her success in her professional career. He says,"Music is her inheritance and has been her life work." To this she has now added a most valuable tratise to her previous work on "The Philosophy of Singing," and deals most comprehensively with the training not only of the individual but also of the intelligence which makes for quality and soul-expression. It is on the side of the inner consciousness and its alliance to the vocal organs that the author's wide experience will be found to be of greatest value, and this is given in both a clear and cultured style. The recognition of the Ego is well emphasised as being most necessary, both to the development and the artistic advancement of its possessor, while a mine of information is laid bare before the reader in a most attractive form. A recapitulation of principles from which the essence of its teaching may be readily deduced, forms a fitting conclusion to a work of great merit.

The Light of Life or the Mastery of Death, by Delmar De Forest Bryant, issued by the Sun Pub. Co., Boston, Mass.

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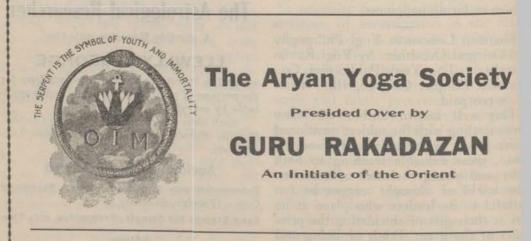
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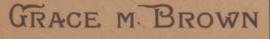
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