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The policy of this magazine is to keep within the limits of common sense in every department.

We do not intend to stand for any specified creed, or philosophy or cult.

We believe that good may be found in all things, and we desire above everything else, to voice this good in every line of type we set up. We invite all who are interested in promoting the welfare of humanity to help us in the work, and we will gladly give space to individual opinions upon all questions of public importance, when those opinions are not destructive, or abusive to others.

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When we meet persons who seem to be endowed with goodness, we wait, and if, after waiting, we find that they are what they seem to be, whether the goodness is native to them, or whether it is implanted in them by Divine grace—if we find that their bent is happiness producing—if we find that they are just the same under trials and temptations as under other experiences—we cannot, no matter who we are or what we are, help admiring their character, and feeling its power. It is more than a sermon; it is more than a rebuke; it is more than anything that comes in the shape of expository truth.—The Cheer Up Magazine.

Capricornus, 10th; Aquarius, 11th; Pices, 12th.

The signs are divided into Fire, Earth, Air and Water, and we have three in each.

The first, fifth and ninth are fire signs. The second, sixth, and tenth are earth signs. The third, seventh, and eleventh are air signs, and the fourth and eighth and twelfth are water signs.

The first begins March 21, and is the sign of ram, and is symbolized as Sampson, knocking out the pillars of superstition from the temple of Reason. The second sign begins April 19, and is the sign of the Bull, and is symbolized as Joseph with health and wealth. People born under this sign are usually fortunate in business, if they take care of themselves and live good, moral lives.

The 3rd sign begins May 20, and is the sign of the twins. It is symbolized by Cain and Abel. People born under this sign usually have two natures and are successful, with much trouble.

The 4th sign begins June 21. It is the sign of the crab, and is symbolized by Moses. People born under this sign are natural leaders with much good common sense, when they live good, moral lives.

The fifth sign begins July 22, and is the sign of the Lion. It is symbolized by King David and Goliath. People born under this sign generally have great obstacles to overcome.

The sixth sign begins August 22, and is the sign of the Virgin, and is symbolized by Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. People born under this sign are usually good companions and industrious. They are apt to fall into temptation, if the higher ideals are not cultivated.

The 7th sign begins September 23, and it is the sign balance, and is symbolized by Samuel. People born under this sign are up and down, like a balance wheel. They are inclined to morbidness, unless their environment is changed frequently.

The 8th sign begins October 23, and is the sign of the scorpion. It is symbolized by Job. Scorpion people are usually powerful and successful people.

The 9th sign is the Archer, and begins November 22. It is sym-

bolized by Joshua. The people born under this sign are natural judges, and are capable of filling high places of honor and distinction, and may amass great wealth.

The 10th sign begins December 21, and is called the sign of the Goat. It is symbolized by Abraham. People born under this sign are the philosophers of the world, when their higher nature predominates.

The 11th sign begins January 20. It is the sign of the water bearer and is symbolized by Isaac. People born under this sign are noble characters when their lives are made cheerful with right doing. These people are natural educators.

The 12th sign begins February 19. It is the sign of the fish, and is symbolized by Jonah and the whale. People born under this sign are apt to be stubborn and self-willed and to get into many difficulties and become morbid and gloomy unless their higher nature is cultivated. People born under this sign have many natural gifts and can do almost anything, even to extricating themselves from the belly of the whale.

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PROPHECY AND PREDICTION.

By Dr. Alexander J. McIvor-Tyndall.

It is somewhat singular that many persons who accept unquestioningly the fact of prophecy, as recorded in the Bible, deny that there is any later proof of the same phenomenon.

The prophecy of the birth, life and death of Jesus, we are told, was thoroughly accepted years before the event, and as far as the Christian world is concerned, it has not been denied since.

In short, ancient prophecy is, for the majority, an undisputed fact, while modern prophecy or prediction is denied by the same people.

Obviously the explanation of this seeming inconsistency is to be found in the assertion that God made a special dispensation for this and other biblical cases, and that He has since that time refused to convey any further information regarding His intentions.

Therefore we have the rather peculiar fact of ancient prophecy thoroughly established and accepted, while modern prophecy is denied.

Of course, there are those to whom prophecy, ancient and modern, appears merely as a gross misstatement of facts, or at best explainable upon the obscure but convenient phrase "Coincidence."

But to the average human, biblical prophecy is miraculous, while reported incidents of our twentieth century application of the same faculty are designated either "coincidence" or "fraud."

Now let us consider the causes underlying these phenomena of prediction, and of prophecy.

Scientific research has proven to us that nothing in the visible universe merely "happens." There is a law of Cause and Effect always at work, in the relative world.

Therefore, if there ever has been a case of prophecy, there still may be, since the same laws of cause and effect prevail throughout all time.

PROPHECY AND PREDICTION DIFFERENTIATED.

Generally speaking, from the standpoint of popular conception, Prophecy and Prediction may be separated into two distinct phases.

In the course of the conversation he said: "Now, I will make a certain prediction, and you will see if time does not prove the correctness of my claim."

He then told me that inside of two years a certain young man who had lately been married, would kill his wife and himself.

When I asked him upon what grounds he based his prediction if not upon the power of his psychic faculties, he said: "Entirely upon reason. The man inherits an ungovernable temper, and a tendency to morbid jealousy. The woman he has just married is pretty, vivacious, not particularly wise, and quite particularly selfish. It will take her much less than two years to tire of his eccentricities, and she will seek diversion, if not separation.

"He will brood over his jealous fears until one day the family weakness in the shape of an insane temper, will overcome him and he will shoot himself and probably his wife also, so, you see, it is a mathematical proposition."

My friend went so far as to decide upon the weapon that was to be used in the crime, namely a pistol.

In this he argued that a person of the temperament represented by the young man in question would naturally select a pistol for such a deed.

And this we know to be perfectly logical.

One cannot imagine a hasty tempered but doubtless affectionate, and generous person employing poison, for example, in such a deed.

There is something of affinity between a person's temperament and his use of inanimate things.

And to finish my story, I learned not long since that exactly what my friend had predicted about the young couple transpired.

A little over a year after the marriage, the husband in a fit of insane jealousy shot his wife, but failed to kill her, and then turned the weapon upon himself, dying instantly.

Such an incident will, of course, be quoted by the believer in fatalism as a proof of the correctness of his theory.

But those who understand the power of Thought in the mastery

of "fate" will readily understand that the prediction might have been averted, if the mental malady of the young man had been recognized as a malady, and subjected to the proper treatment for its cure. Inherited tendencies, or weaknesses, are like a ball rolling down hill. If left to itself, the ball will go at an exact rate of speed determined by the force of its propelling, and any one who is able to compute the rate of speed, and the force of possible obstructions can foretell from the start, just where it will land and how long it will take to arrive.

But it is not possible to say in all cases whether or not *the ball will be left to itself.*

Such instances as the foregoing represents are not to be regarded as what we have understood as prophecy, and yet they are in the category of "predictions," notwithstanding that they are based upon purely objective reasoning from past causes to future effects.

Nevertheless they illustrate the fact that it is a law that results may be predicated from causes, and that nothing merely "happens." A seed is planted and after a specific lapse of time and with certain specific accessories of cultivation and irrigation, certain results will obtain. These results are easily cognized in advance by the person who gives it sufficient study.

There are numerous events in the lives of persons which may be foretold in the same way as those of the plant.

But there are numerous instances where predictions have been fulfilled when there was no apparent objective reasoning for such a prediction, and these may rightly be classed as instances of prophecy.

Hudson in his attempt to explain all prophecy on the basis of telepathic communication between persons in the flesh, cites the following:

"A certain English editor in company with a lady visited a spirit medium.

"In the course of the seance, the medium prophesied that the lady would visit America within a few months. The lady protested that such an event was impossible within the time prescribed.

"Nevertheless, she did visit America within the time stated, in response to a telegram from her mother, who was very ill."

Mr. Hudson goes on to say that this was related to him by the editor as a defiance of Hudson's all-embracing theory of "telepathic communication," as a plausible hypothesis upon which all psychic phenomena may be explained. And of course, Mr. Hudson very correctly reasoned that the occurrence *was* explainable on the basis of telepathic communication, inasmuch as the subconscious mind of the mother might easily have telepathed such a message to her daughter, even in advance of the actual illness, since the germs of the disease from which the mother was suffering were already in the system and recognized by the subconscious mind, before they became manifested in the physical condition.

Therefore, when the lady visited the medium, the medium came "en rapport" with the lady's subconscious mind, and the message from the mother was "brought to the surface," as it were.

This seems a rather complicated and roundabout way of getting our information, but yet the hypothesis is perfectly tenable, in cases where people are subconsciously "en rapport."

A DIFFERENT CLASS OF PROPHETIC PHENOMENA.

However, we will consider briefly an entirely different class of prophetic phenomena and a class that has been ignored by Hudson in his published works, presumably for the obvious reason that these phenomena are unexplainable upon the common ground of "telepathic communication between known persons."

The following instance is one of many for which I can personally vouch, since it came within my own experience.

A man came to me one day in Chicago and asked me to read his hand.

I was passing through the city and had neither the inclination nor the time to do so, and therefore was about to refuse, when I received a strong impression of impending danger to the man, and the desire to divert such danger if possible, impelled me to grant his request.

As I looked at his hands, I perceived that all the lines met in such a way as to prognosticate accidental death at the age of forty.

"I never for one moment entertained any other idea, and all my study was directed that way.

One day, as I was working in the fields, thinking of the time when I should preach hell-fire and brimstone to an awed congregation, I heard a voice somewhere in invisible space say: "Your work lies in a far different direction and in another line of endeavor. You will go from here to a broader and a different country, and there you will make your home and amass great wealth."

And then, my student related—he saw stretched out before him in a line with his eyes, the ocean and a long stretch of sandy hills and hollows, which he afterward recognized as San Francisco, and the Bay. It was not until ten years later, and after the vision had been forgotten, that he went to San Francisco, and in time amassed a large fortune in the real estate and insurance business.

This gentleman told me that he never again experienced any recurrence of the phenomenon of clairvoyance, or other psychic manifestation.

This is clearly a case of prophecy, since there was no decipherable cause for such a prophecy, inasmuch as he had no acquaintance with the west and his mind was concentrated upon his chosen ambition—that of becoming a clergyman.

Of course, I could relate hundreds of cases of a similar nature, if space would permit, but this will, I think, serve to show the distinction between that which may rightly be considered "Prophecy" and that which may be classed as "Prediction" because based upon more or less objective reasoning.

Prophecy, as illustrated by the case of the San Francisco gentleman, cannot logically be explained upon the basis of telepathy—as generally understood, and as hypothesized by Hudson.

When we realize that time is only a matter of intensity or rapidity of vibration, we can better comprehend the scientific solution of the phenomenon of seeing into the future.

COMMON SENSE RULES.

To eat pure food in moderation; to be clean in living; to drink pure water in abundance, with regular bathing; and to have confidence, without fear, anger, malice, revenge, dishonesty, jealousy or strife, will bring about Health, Happiness and Prosperity. In this rule all the nations of the earth will feel the approach of the coming Banner of Peace and Purity of Purpose and Deed. We conquer Chance and Fate with Love, Wisdom and Truth. If our thoughts are faithful to Nature and her principles, there can and will be no limit to our Health, Happiness and Power to do the grandest work. If we are true to Nature, which is being true to ourself and to the Divine Mind, which is the true Mind, we can improve the condition of our neighbor and heal individuals of many apparently incurable maladies.

Let us all aspire to this glorious work. Let us not shade the windows of our soul and mind with superstition and unnatural fiction. Let us live so that we may gain knowledge more abundantly. Let me be understood here to say that there are no unnatural phenomena. All the natural laws are divine or true, and as certain as gravitation or geometrical deductions. Mind ever sits on its throne of reason and directs every deduction of its volition. Vibration is the connecting link between mind and matter. Mind is the finer essence, and moves with far more speed than the electric current. Vibration is ever the servant of Mind. It moves all ponderous bodies, from the infinitesimal to immensity. "It is immaterial to what department of the globe and its surrounding elements we turn our attention, vibration is there. Wherever we witness convulsions in Nature, the workings of its mighty, unseen power are there. It writes its wrath in lightning on the sullen brow of the dark cloud and breathes out rolling thunder. Though cold and invisible in its equalized and slumbering state, yet it is the cause of light and heat, which it creates by the inconceivable rapidity of its motion and friction on all particles of matter. It is the cause of evaporation from basined oceans and silvery lakes—from majestic rivers and rolling streams, and from the common humidity of the earth. It forms aerial conductors in the heavens, through which

this moisture in vapory oceans is borne to the highest portions of our globe, and stored up in magazines of rain, hail and snow. It is vibration that, by its coldness, condenses the storm, and opens these various magazines in mild beauty or awful terror on the world. It is vibration that, by the production of heat, rarifies the air, gives wings to the winds, and directs their course. It is this unseen agent that causes the gentle zephyrs of heaven to fan the human brow with a touch of delight—that moves the stirring gale—that arms the sweeping hurricane with power—that gives to the roaring tornado all its dreadful eloquence of vengeance and terror, and clothes the mid-sun in light. It gives us the soft touches of the evening twilight, and the crimson blushes of the rising morn. It is vibration that, by its effects of light and heat, produce the blossoms of spring, the fruits of summer, and laden bounties of autumn, and moves on the vast mass of vegetation in all the varieties and blended beauties of creation. It bids winter close the varied scene. It is vibration that, by its most awful impressions, causes the earthquake to awake from its Tartareon den, to speak its rumbling thunder, convulse the globe, and mark out its path of ruin.

If we turn to man, and investigate the secret stirrings of his nature, we shall find that he is an epitome of the universe. The chemical properties of all the various substances in existence, and in the most exact proportions, are congregated and concentrated in him, and form and constitute the very elements of his being. In the composition of his body are involved all the mineral and vegetable substances of the globe, even of the grossest matter, step by step, up to the most rarefied and fine. And lastly, to finish this masterpiece of creation, the brain is invested with a living vibration. This incomprehensible vibration, like an enthroned deity, presides over and governs through electricity as its agent, all voluntary motion of this organized, corporeal universe; while its living presence and its involuntary self-moving powers cause all the involuntary functions of life to proceed in their destined course. Hence human beings and all animated existences are subject to the same grand electrical law that pervades the universe, and moves all worlds under the superintendence of the voluntary powers of the mind.

state of excitement, because in their fear and ignorance they accepted the teachings of dogmatic theology about sin and a future state, to say nothing of the slavery to medical opinion, and untold suffering that has grown out of it.

"When we have reached the zenith of our understanding, let us still push onward and upward to vaster fields of unfoldment, holding ever in view that perfection which makes all things appear new when demonstrated by facts.

"Every cause, every effect, every event in the history of the universe and in our own lives is inseparably connected with this infinite series, extending far back-ward into the irrevocable past, and potentially related to an ever-dawning future."

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