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*I know and love the busy world
Its varied tasks and many faces;
The beauty of its quiet fields,
The bustle of its market places.*

*But oftentimes I turn aside
From all its color, toil, and din,
And touch through silence and through prayer,
The grandeur of a world within!*

—Darrell L. Ridgeway

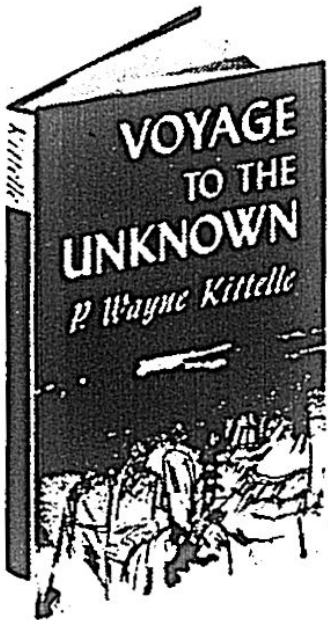
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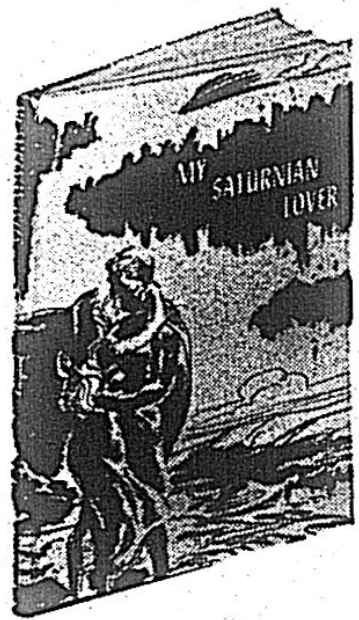


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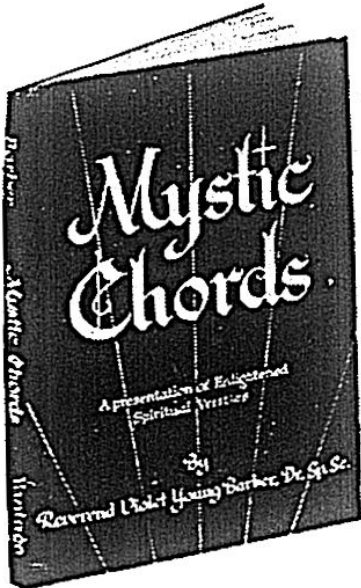


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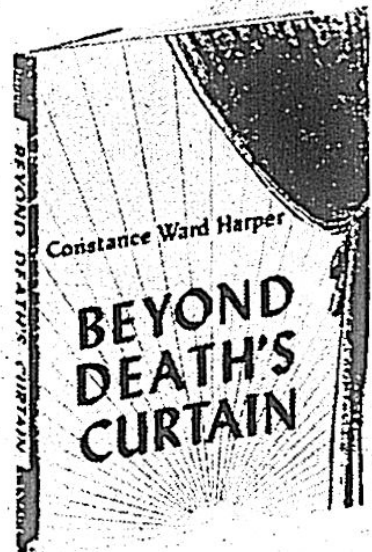
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Re-Incarnation

Life is short, but death is shorter. Nothing just happens in this world, and in the other planes in the here-after, it is brought about — by cosmic events; by the great unfoldment of the Infinite's Plan of the fabulous phenomenon of Life.

As the science of Physics shows, nothing in this world is lost or destroyed, it merely takes other various shapes and forms. In chemistry, in physics and atomically, also sub-atomically; even fire which supposedly destroys, actually does nothing of the sort; it changes matter into a gaseous substance, and the gas in time becomes again a so-called solid.

No soul is ever lost — no soul is ever obliterated. We live and die — but the dying is illusionary; for in dying we enter another dimension as psychic phenomena proves. The soul, which we say, as a figure of speech, has passed away, enters another life, and then also passes away on another plane. It is all recorded in the soul.

"In this very body, six feet in length, with its sense-impressions and its thoughts and ideas are the world, the origin of the world, and likewise the way that leads to the ceasing thereof." Buddha

Do you doubt the soul can record previous lives? Then you must doubt modern biology as a science. The biologic fact is that one single sperm of the male and the egg of the female contain the entire history from ameba onwards, of the human race; and in the womb recapitulates the entire process. This is the science of embryology.

Verily we say:

"There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy."

To the person whose ideas of the verities are confined to the narrow domain of what seemingly is, this is all very queer. But so was radio and television with millions of sets getting one and the same broadcast. If any one broached such an insane idea

200' years ago, he would be looked upon not as a visionary, but thoroughly and definitely "cracked".

To assume, apriori, that re-incarnation must be false is an unscientific attitude, as unscientific as to assume the world must be flat because it appears so to our senses. "None but very hasty thinkers" wrote Professor Thomas Henry Huxley in "Evolution & Ethics (New York, D. Appleton & Co.) "will reject re-incarnation on the grounds of inherent absurdity."

We must acknowledge the inner facts of life; that what looks on the surface as the truth is not the inner truth — the whole truth, as it were, but sometimes only a cursory reflection of the truth.

We must accept the fact of the Great God and his Infinite Creations and through the alchemy of understanding and insight and effort and love, see the life cycle of the soul in patterns of beauty and the excellence of His handiwork.

The Editor came to the truths of Re-incarnation, the hard way; by a process beginning in disbelief. He studied the facts and applied reason and spiritual insight to them. These facts, seemingly absurd, cannot be ignored. He now stands convinced.

In the future issues, the Editor will elaborate Reincarnation as a fact and not a theory. He will expatiate on the various aspects as elucidated by Edgar Cayce and others! — Cayce's work: "There Was A river" and "Many Mansions" by Gina Cerminara.

Cayce's clairvoyance had been directed for years only towards the healing of disease. Cayce coordinated and promulgated certain "laws" in a cosmic frame — that acknowledges that God exists and that every soul is a part of God; that human life is purposeful and continuous, and that it operates under law. That love fulfills the law and that the will of man creates his destiny.

Christ is the way-shower.

Open Wide The Portals

By Arthur J. Burks

Part II

How wise was the Galilean when he said we must become as little children? He knew, as so few of us discover, how few of us who are no longer children have the wisdom of childhood. We look down and back at childhood from a lofty ignorance. We smile at childhood, not really seeing it, hearing it, feeling it, forever pushing it aside as worthy only to be forgotten.

But childhood is the banquet table for the old. The old, however, have only the crumbs from the table. They reflect youth without possessing youth because they waited too long. They are given to remember only, that they may be reminded not only of all their losses down the years, but of the greatest loss of all.

Youth is a free gift to man and woman. It is not intended that they lose it, outgrow it or set it aside. If they do either, there is a penalty. The penalty is compounded of many things, elements of wrinkles, loss of memory, gray hair. Snow white hair is no guerdon of honor. It is proof of man's lack of experience, of understanding. The oldest man, the oldest woman, may be smooth and young of face and body, crowned by the golden, the red, the black, the auburn, the blonde hair of youth. Youth was not given to be returned but to be kept, treasured, cherished.

Can I go back? Can we go back? Can we find this youth we have never really lost? It is all about us. It is not easy to go back. It is, in fact, most difficult. But to become no older is simple, and easy. Within the limits of our ages, depending upon how far aside we have set youth, we can be young again.

Where does it begin? In the heart, in the mind, in the spirit. Eternity belongs to each of us, to all of us. Time stands still for the knowing who remember. But one must understand what one knows, what one remembers. Not to understand is to fail. It has taken years of time to lose our

most precious of gifts. It will take time to regain. There must be faith, since knowledge has been lost. There must be patience, slowly and carefully grown because it was long in the losing. But were we patient when we were very young? We were persistent, and in the young persistence is a kind of patience. We pursued our goals with eagerness; we would not be denied or deny ourselves. So we must again. And patience is the key word. It must be learned. I do not know its full meaning, we do not know its full meaning. We consider it. We spell it carefully, letter by letter, forward and back, from the center both ways.

P is for perseverance unimpeded by aggressiveness.

A is for absorption on the task within us.

T is for temperament that must be dissolved, becoming quiet power and strength.

I is the Image of the Prince of Patience to whom we give and to whom we sanctify our bodies, the temples in which, enthroned behind each heart, he dwells. Each time temperament intrudes we pause and give ourselves, sanctify ourselves, anew, our task easier with each repetition.

E is energy rightly directed into channels of greatest use to the most people of all ages. Quiet self-assurance is its heart and blood.

N is my name, N is your name. The name is The Word by which men know me, know us. Like the light that shines from a hilltop, a signal unto all men, it pictures us to all who see us, know us. We are all seekers after fame, and so our Father intended we should be. But let our

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fame be lasting. Let our fame not be infamy. Our fame must be good. For goodness is also the gift of youth. It is like a lyre stroked with love, by loving fingers. It is a vibrating cymbal. Its sound and its music travel further than the ears of man, bearing good with it — or evil. There must be no evil to make the N . . . the name a symbol of destruction. It is devastating, though we do not see it. The time will come when each of us shall see what he has wrought in his own name.

C is for children, and Christ, to keep us remembering, to remind us, to set us examples in patience, without which nothing of worth is possible. There is no impatient return to youth.

E is for eternity which mocks all impatience, reminding it that impatience is a prisoner of time, that patience is the heart of eternity in which we dwell with our brethren.

Ponder even this with understanding, think it, feel it, and youth comes glowing back within us, where it was never lost. Who can think of Christ as being old? Yet he sent us each a Comforter endowed with youth that we, too, should remain forever young. And we of little faith have said with our lips that we believe and proved by our lives that we believe in nothing, fear everything, remember only when we are very old and only the reflection is possible.

I would be young. We would be young, all of us together. Therefore we shall listen, we shall read what the listener hears. If we truly have faith, if we have courage, above all of we are patient, we shall don again the garment of youth which we put aside, perhaps with *impatience*, when we were very young and wished only to be old, not realizing the failure written in the face of age, rushing forward out of youth that we might be failures, too; failures though we amass the material wealth of the world, and lose the first, most precious gift.

They knew. They always knew. We listened and believed, *then*. But they spoke so softly, so soothingly,

and there was no hurry in them. They knew eternity was their's. They knew that if we left them we must one day return, though it took us a million years, a million aeons. What was time? In eternity there was only **Now**. It was **now** that we lost, to yesterday and tomorrow. Pursuing the one, which is not yet, regretting the other which we cannot change, it is little wonder that we wrinkle and turn gray. **Now**, the most precious of all spiritual possessions, is within us and we do not see it. Youth is the most precious of all spiritual possessions, too. **Now** and youth are one. I, we, are one with **Now** and with youth. We are impatient; neither **Now** nor youth is. So there is discord. Discord makes those wrinkles in the face of time, grays the heads of the years.

Patience is the key.

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THE LAW OF RHYTHM

By Brother Krishnahara & Others:

Hitherto it has been our custom to dictate information of a very high order. By high I mean beyond the comprehension of the beginner in the study of Truth. And because I am attempting to express these present dictations in the simplest of language I am sometimes at a loss to know just how to go about it. Also, Sister Beth, I think this answers one of your questions.

The answer to the other is that your thoughts are bound to influence any information I may give. Were you to center those thoughts on any other branch of Truth for a time, those qualified to inform you would take the matter in hand.

Lay out in your mind a clear picture of what you wish to know and you will receive the answer though perhaps not as soon as you would like.

And now to continue with the next Law.

In this lesson we will consider the Law of Rhythm. Let us begin with the heart. In the healthy person its rhythm never changes. When it does, trouble sets in and something should be done about it.

After the heart, the lungs. Note the even, rhythmic breathing of one in sleep. (Only the ill or the dreamers breathe jerkily.) I mention the sleeper for it is only then that one's breathing is natural. However, as mentioned, I admit it is sometimes influenced by dreams. However, the exhalation always follows the inhalation as, in the heart, the relaxing and contracting follow each other rhythmically.

So does night follow day —^p and so do the seasons appear in exact order as does all of Nature operate in rhythm. And when that rhythm is thrown out of balance as is now being done by that bomb of which Man is so proud, trouble results.

Man applies this Law to many of his works without realizing that in doing so he is working in harmony with the entire Universe.

Observe the clock. Its complicated mechanism is so adjusted as to tick away the seconds, minutes and hours in perfect rhythm. And when that rhythm is disturbed man's entire habits of living are thrown off balance. When this occurs the body is affected through the sense centers and illness often results.

All the great Universal Laws are manifested in the body of Man, the Temple of the Living God. Illness, misfortune of any kind is the direct result of failure to observe and live in harmony with these Laws.

What is illness? What is misfortune? What is disease? I will tell you WHAT IT IS NOT. It is not a something to be treated with drugs or to be cut out. It is a condition to be changed and the first step is to seek the cause of the disorder, whatever it may be, in one's own heart and mind. What are the nature of the sick one's thoughts? Are they such as to cause disturbance in his environment? For that is where every form of disorder or disease begins. A disturbed environment which is an expression of disturbed thinking produces disturbance in the sense and nerve centers (as above so below, as within so without) and the entire rhythm of the body functions is thrown out of balance.

Disturbed and disturbing vibratory rates contact others of their kind — the disorder is thus increased and if continued sends the negative thinker down to the negative end of the Pole. The cure? Why the cure is to re-establish rhythm by holding a regular spring housecleaning. Throw out all the old accumulation of trash — clean out all the dark corners — open wide the windows of the mind and let the fresh, clean air of the higher planes of thought, the purifying sunlight of understanding, purify and cleanse. And then fill the mind so cleansed with thoughts that will result in a new life and a new body. Send out from that mind such powerful, positive causes that no negative influence can ever again take over.

This calls for constant care and watchfulness but with proper training the Inner Mind will call "halt" when one becomes careless.

Now when order has been established in the Mind, when one checks with one's self and sees to it that the Laws are being observed, then rhythm is re-established and health is the natural, unfailing result not only of body, but health in all one's affairs. But remember this — health must be first established in the Mind. I do not mean that one must always think health, though that too is important. I mean that all of one's thinking must be healthy thinking — must be clean, kindly, tolerant, understanding, thankful, buoyant, happy etc. And each and every thought of the type mentioned is a child of Love. And since God is Love, to think such thoughts is to let Love, (God) manifest in one's life, (Correspondence) to vibrate in harmony with the higher planes, to be Polarized to Spirit, and so to maintain rhythm and harmony with all the great Laws.

And it all starts in the Mind. Be watchful, be earnest, be sincere. Throw out each little negative stray, (they soon grow big and strong and bring their relatives, remember,) and so fill every nook and cranny of your house of thoughts with those of a positive nature that there is room for

none else, and life will become a shining road leading to heights undreamed of.

It is only thus that Man can grow. All progress must take place on the earth plane. I repeat this because it must be impressed on your consciousness. Growth does not take place after transition. Growth comes only through experience that must take place in the physical, material world. The 'astral is a place of assimilation and preparation for the lives of the future.

And now to close with the blessing of a host of Unseen Brothers. The contact is becoming stronger and soon we shall be doing work of a more intensive nature, we hope.

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"Pray one for another, that ye may be healed!"

By Dr. Ruth Hurley

"Pray one for another, that ye may be healed!"

Prayer has been defined as the soul's desire, a desire deeply imbedded in consciousness, and we have been taught to expect that our desires will always come into manifestation unless interfered with in some way.

When we sow a seed that contains life, we know that it will germinate and produce a plant unless, in some way, the natural process is counteracted, for the law of plant growth and unfoldment always works that way.

So it is when we plant the seed of a desire, for the law operates in this phase of nature identically as it does in the vegetable kingdom so far as sowing and manifestation are concerned.

Every day letters come to my desk from people seeking help in bringing some special desire into expression. It would seem that desires are very obstinate things and strive against following the law of their own nature. And so we are asked to help in the overcoming of this resistance, in order that the person may attain the end he seeks. One must indeed have wisdom and understanding to give the encouragement, counsel and the kind of help that is needed.

The key to many of these problems is to be found in the quotation heading this editorial. "Pray for one another, that ye may be healed." To heal means to make sound, or whole, to cure, and while we usually think of healing in connection with physical wellbeing, we know that every phase of a person's life should be harmonious, well balanced-whole. The environment and affairs must be healed as well as the physical body.

Most of our desires or prayers pertain to some good or advantage for ourselves or those near and dear to us. Rarely do we think of definitely treating for some blessing to come to

another unless, as stated above, that other be near to us.

One may think in terms of abundance and reach the place where he deeply desires abundance, all the time confining his thinking to abundance for himself and his family. His desire does not reach out to the man on the street, the homeless child, the sick and lost in this great maelstrom of human conflicts and emotions. Abundance he wants and abundance he treats for, and he cannot understand why it does not manifest for him.

The man is not to be blamed for his position, for we have lived in an individualistic world, in which the rules of the game demand that each snatch for himself whatever he can, regardless of what happens to the other fellow. This principle has been so much a part of our early teaching and training, either directly or indirectly through example, that it has a tremendous influence on our thinking and consciousness, even though we may now recognize its falsity.

We say, "There is but One Substance in the Universe, and I AM One with all there is." Then if I am one with this substance, abundance should be mine. I should have enough of everything I need to give the fullest expression to my capacity for living. More I do not need.

But if I am one with this Substance, so is every other person living at this time,—every man, every woman, every child. And each one of these, being one with Universal Substance, should have all that he needs to round out the fullest and richest possible life. But we know that such is not the case.

This is the wall against which many of our desires and hopes are being broken.

Humanity is bound together by ties that can not be carelessly repudiated. That which benefits the part benefits the whole, and anything that hurts and injures and humiliates even the

smallest part is as a spot of decay, which will finally penetrate to the very core of society and cause the whole to waste away unless healing is promptly applied to the infected part.

There have been only a few great souls down through the ages who have had the understanding and the vision to include their fellowmen in their ideals and aspirations toward a worldwide Brotherhood. These men have been universal in their concept of life, its purpose and possibilities, rather than individualistic. Neither their precepts nor examples have been accepted and followed by the rank and file and their influence on the race has been of an indirect nature. But today's world events testify to the accurateness of their understanding and to the profundity of their wisdom.

It was said of Mary, "She has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." These standard bearers of Truth have followed the road which is both straight and narrow, and now the influence of their lofty ideals is affecting the thinking of the scientist, the technician, the writer, the teacher, and those working in other fields of human leadership, until there is beginning to take shape, in the midst of inhuman and monstrous conditions, a ideal so lovely and so alluring as to seem almost impossible of creation. The blueprints are being drawn for a better and more satisfactory world for all of us. At last a little light is beginning to shine through the dark cloud of human selfishness and cruelty.

The treaty just signed by France admitting Germany into the Western European Alliance is a long step in the direction of more cooperation and greater friendliness among the nations of the world. Self-preservation may have been the motive but the act itself is in accord with the principle of Divine Love bringing more sharply into focus our ideal of Universal Brotherhood.

Another hopeful sign is the prog-

ress being made in turning the bomb from its destructive purpose into the creator of limitless blessings for humanity. We know that we are far from the goal toward which we are moving, but a very wise man has said, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle of the strong," and I quote from Paul, "Let us run with patience the race which is set before us." It seems to be the lot of this generation and perhaps the next to meet the drastic changes that are now taking place in our world. Much wisdom, spiritual insight and understanding are needed to lead humanity away from the fear and uncertainty of the past into the light of a better day where there will manifest greater opportunities for self-expression and a happier and more abundant life for all.

The person who strives only for his own good, unmindful of the common lot, cannot succeed in the highest sense. He needs a larger concept of life and of his place in the scheme of things and must not forget that he is a part of a magnificent pattern that is being worked out in our universe.

"United we stand, divided we fall," may be applied to the world today. Selfishness in nations must give way to good will toward all, and concerted efforts for the upbuilding of the human race as a whole. When that is the order of the day, we shall find all nations and all people more prosperous, healthier and happier than it has ever seemed possible for people to be.

Words which we may call prayers amount to little unless they express deep-seated desires and convictions and result in activity to bring the ideal into manifestation. So in taking this broader viewpoint and trying to grasp the significance of what is happening to our present world, we are building into our consciousness Universal deep-seated prayers for truths that will become the glorification and elevation of human-kind.

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A Commentary

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

Gal 6-2

When Paul wrote to the Galatians admonishing them to bear one another's burdens he made perfectly clear in the preceding verses and those following what he meant by that advice. In those verses he but repeated Jesus' command to 'judge not', but in more verbose form. And in the fifth verse he wrote, "For each man shall bear his own burden," enlarging on that statement right on through the 10th.

Now that second verse reads in full, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ."

Of course in this letter Paul was dealing chiefly with the problem of circumcision, many of the Jews insisting that the Gentiles could not be received into the church without it. This was the ancient Law. But here Paul, as he had before when he was with them, tries to make them understand that the Law of Christ makes no distinction between peoples and their customs and that the rite of circumcision is NOT necessary in order for one to become a Christian.

However, in this 6th chapter he goes further and says, "even if a man be overtaken in ANY trespass — restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, etc."

What is the Law of Christ? Is it not that ye love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, etc., and thy neighbor as thyself? True kindness, true fulfilling of that Law lies in gentle forbearance and in assisting the burden bearer to understand the reason for the burden in case he does not have such understanding and the way in which he may rid himself of it.

It is difficult to understand how one can so often misinterpret the teaching of the Bible. True, speech habits have changed and we know that in many parts translation is imperfect. But if one reads carefully enough or far enough, texts usually explain themselves as does this one. But only too often readers interpret

to suit themselves — to strengthen some preconceived idea and sometimes even for the sake of argument.

Often and often people ask about this text we are discussing.

"What shall I do?" they ask many times in regard to some relation or friend who is imposing on them. "I have my own burdens to bear and I just can't take on their's. Still, Jesus said we must bear one another's burdens but when they bring them on themselves why should someone else be expected to shoulder them?"

The answer is of course that they shouldn't. And surprisingly often it has to be proven that it was Paul and not Jesus who said this and that in the same letter he wrote that one shall bear his OWN burden.

"So contradictory", they say. It isn't, but one must read the text as a whole and not in part to realize that. Too often bits of scripture are quoted without the explanatory texts which either precede or follow.

Paul was a very wise man. His own burdens were heavy. Indeed it is one of the marvels of the ages that he was able to bear them as he did. BUT HE KNEW WHENCE THEY CAME and never once did he permit even his closest associates to shoulder one iota of them. That was his task and his alone. There were times when, with regard to others, he failed to follow his own teaching for Paul was not a patient man. But he was a fair one. His slips lay heavy on his soul and were followed by long hours with his Lord. And we can be sure that the Lord bore with him patiently. But HE NEVER RELIEVED PAUL OF HIS BURDEN AND PAUL NEVER ASKED IT. He asked only that strength might be given him to bear, and the way be shown to expiate.

It is this service that is indicated in the text we are studying — the enduring patiently what seem to us to be faults in our fellowmen, remem-

bering always that there are times when, like Paul, we too need forbearance. For no man liveth who does not at some time irk another.

One comes into the world with burdens. The very fact of one's birth indicates this. Were it not so, there would be no need for further earthly experience. And to assume the burden of another is neither right nor proper for it but robs him of the very experience for which he was born and produces double debt (karma) for the one who does it. It has been wisely said that hell is paved with good intentions.

But to bear with another's burden is another matter. There is a difference, however, between bearing and encouraging. There are too many who, as we have said, attempt to shift their loads to other shoulders and this should not be permitted. For then, seeing how easy it was to unload, that one invariably takes on a few more, assuming that when they become troublesome he can rid himself of them in the same way. But such shifting only adds to his own load though he seldom recognizes this as the cause of his increasing burdens. For interest grows on an unpaid debt and a new one develops out of the burdening of another person.

Burdens are blessings. Without them Man could never progress along the Path of Spiritual Unfoldment. They are the crucibles of suffering which purify and refine the soul. They should be accepted gratefully for one's self and recognized for what they are in others. They should be faced and sorted, one by one, worked out and solved. It is a fascinating game and when one has figured out the system then one can gently and kindly and with great patience explain it to others. This is the only true help. But remember, it must never be imposed. When the burden bearer asks, or seeks to shift the load to other shoulders, then is the time to fulfill the Law of Christ.

The Path to the final goal is a narrow one and few there be who never stray from the Way — some

briefly, others for longer periods. And no one else can suffer the pain of the bruises and wounds incurred as a result of such wanderings. They must heal from within. Others can lead or guide the wanderers back to the Path, can bind the wounds and minister to the weary bodies and souls, but the actual healing — the bearing of the burden can only be done by the one to whom it belongs by right of acquisition.

Now Jesus always had compassion on these transgressors but nowhere are we told that he offered sympathy. There is a vast difference. Sympathy is a destructive emotion for it puts one on the same plane as the one seeking it — one suffers along with its object and in such a state can be of little or no service. Haven't you heard doctors speak of sympathetic pains? The same principle applies here and can do no good.

But to be compassionate is to be merciful and to be merciful is to be understanding.

In Proverbs 16-6 we find, "By mercy and TRUTH iniquity is atoned for" —

To be patient, to bear with others, to point the way (truth) whenever possible, to minister to the sick and feed the hungry, to do good to others — in these one must not fail. But it is in 'knowing the Truth' (John 8, 32) that one is freed of one's burden and that one cannot do for another. One can assist in the knowing, make clear where the cause for the burden lies and how it may be transmuted or removed — this is true help. But to assume another's responsibility is but to stand in the way of that one's progress and to thus become a transgressor one's self.

Read your scriptures carefully and discriminately. Do not casually ascribe meaning to this or that passage without having read related texts. Much harm has been done in this way and the teachings garbled beyond belief.

Study the Laws, the Hermetic Principles. And if you study carefully and with one wish only, to learn, you will discover that the Law of

Christ is embodied in every one of them. Also, that one word, exemplified, sets them all into harmonious activity. And that one word is LOVE. Practice it, and your burdens and the burdens of all about you will grow lighter.

TRUE LOVE TEACHES, AND DISCIPLINES WHEN NECESSARY. From childhood on it should be made clear that as one sows so does one reap. When the little ones learn this, AND IT MUST BE THROUGH EXPERIENCE, they will be saved much grief — much burden bearing in

later years. It is those who are sheltered from these profitable experiences who continually attempt to shift their loads until, bewildered, they often turn to desperate means to escape them. It is those who fail in these teachings — this lack of training for the young, who bear the heaviest load until they too learn through experience and many lives.

God bless you all and help you in your search for understanding. It is our sincere wish that these simple commentaries may be of assistance in this search.

The Golden Magic Circle

By Dorothy Spence Lauer

Part III

A child has such faith in his parents. In fact, if you look back, if you had asked your parents for anything, rarely would they have said they would give you anything and not keep their word. This is the kind of child-like faith you must have in God; to realize that you will always have an answer to any prayer. It should also make you feel that your hand is placed in His . . . then you can fear no evil.

Then, you see, when I said these words, "place them **lovingly** in the hands of the Father", and you put them there, then whenever you have a thought come in your mind that is not positive about this person, you must erase it over and over, until you actually want only the best for the particular person.

I have also been asked to include in this monograph a ritual that was part of the mystic rites in the temple of Isis and Osiris. It was believed that the human psychic nerve centers could be stimulated to produce effects on the body and brain. For this purpose a rite or invocation was indulged, which has been translated loosely in English as follows:

"Oh, eternal flame, symbol of purity and creative life, I invoke the flood of thy creative power to now make manifest the conditions

described in the words now being consigned to the living flame. The word is now made flesh, and I confide the hidden, secret desires of my mind, heart, and soul to the creative spirit of the universe. All obstacles are now being removed; dust to dust, ashes to ashes; the invisible spirit released by these creative words now assumes individual identity and finds its fulfillment.

"The words and thoughts now released from the burden of the physical and material world, now reach the subjective mind of the subjective mind of the universe and become objectified. Flame, creative life, return to the source of thy origin, and manifest as creative spirit that which is entrusted to thee. I express faith in the power that rules time and space, that these conditions will be fulfilled. It is done, and I give thanks, O eternal spirit, ruler of the universe!"

This invocation is used by writing on a piece of paper your desires and wishes, and then setting fire to them in a little dish or before an altar with two lighted candles. As you watch the paper burn, recite the above invocation with feeling and faith. As the paper dissolves to ashes, the obstacles dissolve and eternal spirit

works in the invisible to manifest the conditions you ask. Do NOT use this form for harm, or to destroy another, for it will only serve to destroy you.

I have only included the above invocation for those who have asked for it, but I do not think it is necessary if you follow all the instructions for your Magic Circle.

By drawing a complete circle in the space we have purposely left below, and writing in it the things you want, then laying it aside and relying completely on your Magic Circle, you will later be able to check off each item as having manifested itself in your life.

The End

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By Alfred J. Bailie

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Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. To students of psychic phenomena, to all seekers after truth, this volume brings much light.

From the Jacket . . . Ed.

I Found Reality!

By Darrell L. Ridgeway

When I asked an earnest young friend of mine how he had so signally and so quickly rid himself of a vicious habit considered almost impossible to cure, he replied with a joyful readiness, "Oh, I saw there was no future to it!"

How clearly this eager youth had seen "the end from the beginning" of error's *ignis fatuus* — his discrimination successfully shattering its erstwhile power over his life!

This writer, long weary of empty, stereotyped platitudes, one day, after many years' sincere metaphysical work and study, found reality — that same moment the heretofore "impossible" burden fell from his shoulders, and he was free! I had learned how to select positives instead of negatives, and my long, ominous groping night of false conclusions was over. Now I can be what I want to be. Every day is my day of demonstration, even as Psalms 118#24 reveals: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." My search is over, I am demonstrably ensconced in practical reality. Great events, such as to this time I had scarcely dared even to dream of, and so long obscured by limited vision, are being ushered into my world. I walk daily in my Garden of Eden.

Freed from the belief-world, the opinion-world, I have created for myself a new heaven and a new earth — I find it a royal road of good living.

Demonstration and realization are normal, not occasional, or far-fetched. Yea, verily **evil has no future**, no present or future reality.

No longer does the world act upon me; I act upon the world!

I see the joyous present truth of the poet's statement:

"Yon temple of beauty there,
I made with my thoughts and
deeds;

**That tangled morass below,
I planted those thorns and weeds."**

When I gained the humble faith of the nobleman voiced in John 4:49: "Sir, come down ere my child die," Truth, Reality, became my wieldy possession. When I realized the divine beauty of Psalms 57:1 — "in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast," I discovered my redemption was at hand. I had found that "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." (Prov. 15:24.)

If a timid inquirer into the way of life asks, "Won't you lose a lot by those long, devastating years of peril before you found the Light?" I answer (Joel 2:25) "I will restore to you the years the locusts have eaten," and (Exodus 16:18) "He that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack."

I rejoice in my increasing proof of the aphorism: "Fortunately I realized that the needed change was in **my world, not in the world**; but, lo and behold! When I had succeeded in changing **my world**, I found **the world had changed, also!**"

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. (Psalms 16:6)

(THE END)

Mind-Conditioning

By Clara Mills Ward

VI. Sense Reports

The sense reports have been analyzed by scientists. Each sense organ is "tuned" to report a specific kind of "mode of motion". These reports are known to us as: vision, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling.

(a) The organ of hearing reports only those certain modes of motion representing atmospheric beats or vibrations that impinge upon the ear drum. The ear being so adjusted or "tuned" that it is able to catch vibrations of a certain strength. That is, within the range of 16 to 41,000 vibratory beats per second. Those of less or greater rapidity are non-existent to us. The fact that these exist has been demonstrated by certain instruments (radio) which have been invented, that gather and change the beats in such a way as to make them clearly heard.

Mind-Conditioning

Sense Reports

From this we can comprehend that the human ear "reports" only a fraction of the actual sound waves which exist at any instant. It follows that a Reasoner is a "hearer" who interprets the mode of motion as "sound" with some specific meaning. "Meaning", is his own conclusion on the signal. All "reports" by the ear to the brain (our central switchboard,) are signals to the one who listens. Therefore, sound (or our conclusion on the report) represents our interpretation of a mode of motion signal. This means that our interpretation of the "ear report" of a fire siren will differ from an ear report of a bird call.

(b) We are all conscious that our vision of things by the eye is dependent upon the media we know as "light". As analyzed by the science of optics this, too, is a special "mode of motion". The part of a ray of light by which the human eye sees is known as "the spectrum". Scientists tell us that the spectrum is composed

of that strata of light vibratory beats ranging from 477 billions per second (representing red light,) to 699 billions per second (representing violet light). The beats that exceed or that are less than vibrations stated are known as ultra-violet and ultra-red. The ultra beats are as darkness to our eyes.

Observe the wide divergence in vibratory beats as between 41,000, (the highest we hear) and 477,000,000,000 per second (the lowest we see). Consider the realm for an infinitude of actual forms that may exist, in the strata between that which is visible by our sense of hearing and seeing. This illustrates the failure of our sense organs to reach all that exists. As with microscope and telescope we become aware of worlds within worlds: from minute organisms to the vast constellations in space.

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(c) The organs by which we have the sense of taste, smell and feeling, report a certain flow of impulses. Each representing specific modes of motion. Each organ of sense must have a special nerve (or means) of transmitting Energy from the place the report is received. This Energy must exist poised in such a way it is (by a report) started forward to carry this nerve flow toward the brain (or central). Observe that the "report" is a flow of Energy, expressing a mode of motion. This means: That the "feeling" (or emotion) formed by the Reasoner (you and me) is an inter-

pretation of a "flow of force" to the brain.

Science has shown us that the arrangement of the body provides nerves over which the sense organs send their flow of Energy, (as impulses or motion reports) representing the "language" they speak through a nerve to the brain "central".

The Reasoner, upon receiving these "motion currents" or signals, must interpret them into that which represents his objective feelings (or emotions). Or stated in another way, it could be said that his conscious conclusion on the report is the "language" in which he speaks to the Judging Law, directing what it shall do in the case. Thus, a command is executed in accord with his moods. Ignorance being no excuse before the law — our greatest need is to KNOW.

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The Judge

By Beth Dene Aldrich

Man is so prone to judge a movement, a cause, or an opinion by the extent to which it appeals to him, satisfies him or antagonizes him, forgetting that the only just criterion for such judgment is the relative power of the movement, cause or opinion in the service of others. One's personal response is of no value. **Service** is the measuring stick.

Sincerity and earnestness of purpose are worthy of commendation whether or not the activity in which they are being used is pleasing to one's personal appraisal. And one should ever remember that each individuality has its own convictions and should hesitate long before attempting to superimpose his ideas, anticipating their acceptance. Divine Wisdom alone is equal to the task of true judgment. Human wisdom is invariably colored by personality and consequently its judgment is seldom entirely just. Therefore one should respect the opinions of others, whether or not he agrees with them. There is always the possibility that they may be right.

Infallibility is God-Power; At-One-Ment. Man, with his human judgment regardless of its state of development, cannot reach this perfection of attainment. When attainment reaches perfection, it is no longer human, but Divine.

All life is one, and striving to reach a state of divinity — its rightful place, where its whole expression is Divine. Do we blame ourselves because we have not yet attained this Divinity? Then why blame others because they are not as far advanced as we may be? Just judgment must consider inequalities of enlightenment; the stage reached in the development of spiritual understanding. Human judgment stifles Spiritual growth. The wise rise above this common fault.

Man should realize that that which he enjoys has perhaps not yet become a part of the consciousness of those whose activities are offensive to him.

Therefore, he should be compassionate and understanding, remembering that those who indulge in such activities are striving in their limited understanding to reach a higher level of life. Indeed, all life is striving as those of greater understanding are reaching still higher.

Remember also that nothing HAPPENS, nor do mistakes occur. That which may seem to be such, regardless of the violations of social custom, still results in the upward trend of life's progression though man may be unable to discern it.

The character of one's judgment ever reveals the spiritual elevation to which he has attained. Biased judgment is a dangerous thing. Even the great Book of Books, the Holy Bible, has floundered in disrepute because of the misrepresentations and limited human judgment of those condemning it. But Truth is in its pages and Man's judgment cannot change it. Consider this article. To judge of its value is a matter of consciousness, perception, individual experience and intuition. What to one is food for thought, to another has no attraction nor worth. For mental perception can penetrate only as deep as the growth of Inner Vision permits.

Tolerance should be man's watchword. If he would but fill his consciousness with the realization that all things are related to all other things, in the Great Plan — each fulfilling its own part in aiding the other to carry out the purpose of its being.

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To be of value, any manifestation must be useful. But how is one to judge truly of its usefulness? Because it may be useless from one man's point of view, is no evidence that it is so to another.

Human judgment is so often born of ignorance, even though the judge be gifted with knowledge to an advanced degree. For knowledge is not wisdom, and the wise, understanding the limitations of knowledge, are tolerant. A differing in opinion usually comes from the fact that the subject is viewed from different levels; either view being correct from the level of observation. The one opposing may have a better and more accurate point of vantage than the other. How can you know?

Can any one of us analyze perfectly unless we are able to live in the form, carry the shape, conform to the size, measure the strength, and comprehend the full measure of usefulness? Can you see how easy it is to fail utterly in passing true judgment? Actually, one only judges one's self, making known one's degree of evolution, baring all one's own faults and limitations. For life is CONSCIOUSNESS and unless a condition exists in one's own consciousness he is completely unaware of it.

How much more profitable to spend one's time contemplating God's great gifts to mankind rather than in rendering judgment against the behaviour of one's fellowmen. No two points of view can be exactly the same, hence the appearances which confront one must differ. "Each man's horizon is the circle where earth and sky seem to meet and it varies with the point from which it is viewed".

And so because it is definitely and positively impossible for mankind in its present state of unfoldment to judge true judgment, let him cultivate tolerance. The clouds often conceal the sun — yet the sun is always there. And how are we to know the radiant good that may be hidden behind the clouds of our limited, human vision?

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How and Why I Became A Spiritualist

By Thomas Freddo

I never believed in spiritualism until 8 years ago when this incident altered my views of this subject. My wife had news from her doctor that nothing could be done to alleviate her illness, and that if she got any worse they would have to operate on the both lungs and what good is anyone with part of both lungs operated.

She was walking along Columbus Avenue & 60th Street, N. Y., quite depressed when a woman stopped her, and inquired what was wrong? My wife related her complications to this woman. The inquirer then informed my wife that she knew a spiritual medium and healer who could help her.

My wife asked her who it was, and the woman said to go to 100 West 61st Street, the FIRST CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL VISION, and ask to speak to Rev. A. Cali. My wife visited Rev. A. Cali, with barely a flicker of hope and explained to her every thing, and the Rev. said she can try to help her but, she had to go to see her every Sunday morning for direct healing, well I did not stop her as much as I did not believe in it, in fact I did accompany her there myself but never went up to the church I had always waited for her downstairs.

My wife started to get her healings, and to my greatest surprise within a few months I actually perceived a slight improvement in my wife. Later about six months her bleeding from the mouth ceased, as she had what

the doctors called Bronchitis which had given her the bleeding spells, so I had thought that there must be something to this healing.

One Sunday I had gone upstairs to the church with my wife, but I stayed outside in the hall, when suddenly the Rev. came out, and said to me, "are you Tom, Gilda's husband?" I answered in the affirmative, she introduced herself. She told me that it is not nice for the parishioners to see me loitering about, and she gave me such a tongue-lashing that I was flabbergasted, she did not know me, and this was the first time she had seen me, to talk to me the way she did, but I had gone into the church that same morning to see how it was.

About a year later I took my wife to the same staff of doctors, and they thought they had seen a spirit, after they examined her they wanted to know what brought about this great change, since my wife was afflicted so that she was unable to pick up a piece of paper from the floor, but today with God's help and spiritualistic healings, she can do anything that any other woman can do.

My second experience and conviction about spiritualism concerns my 7-year-old niece, who had a speech defect. I had her name on the healing book at the church for a small monthly donation (incidentally there is no charge for healing work — everything is free-will offering.) As a demonstration of this healing —

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My third experience concerns my brother, who was operated on for cancer three times in 2½ years. Master Omar, and the rest of Rev. Cali's spirit forces with the help of God, was healing my brother to ease his pain and suffering, since he was incurable, and I have seen with my own eyes that he did not suffer as much as other persons with the same operation.

The most important thing in spiritualism is Healing and Guidance, but one must have explicit faith in God to be helped. My wife always was a firm believer in the Miraculous power of God.

Today I am proud to say that I am a spiritualist, and a member of the first church of SPIRITUAL VISION.

The "bawling out" that I had 8 years ago was perceivably an act of God to let me see the light, and the right road to the truth.

I hope that some day I can be half as good a spiritualist and healer as

our good Pastor, Rev. A. V. Cali. I trust that her master, and the spirit forces keep her in the best of health, so that she will be able to give more help and guidance where need be.

I have seen people come and go that have been helped through the Rev. healing prayers, with the help of the spirit forces, and God.

Most people think that spiritualism is fortune telling, and that the dead is invoked, which is not entirely true. It is all God's work that is being performed.

Attending a spiritualist church is going into a house of God as everything said or done is in the essence of Godliness, if more people would attend spiritualist services instead of listening to what they are told about it, they would discover real truth and meaning of serving God in Spirit and in Truth.

I do hope that those who have read this article based on personal experience may see the genuine power of faith and the manifestation of prayer. May God bless you all.

"The Inquiring Mind"

READERS' CORNER

Questions Answered

By Dr. John Heiss

Director of School of Divine Harmony

(This service is free to readers of this magazine. Direct all correspondence to the publisher of *Guiding Light*. Questions will be answered in rotation as received and as space permits.)

Q. (M.L.S., SPRINGFIELD, Mass.) If Spiritualism holds principles and teachings common to other religions, what reason is there for a separate religious body? Has Spiritualism distinctive principles of its own?

A. Spiritualism through mediumship offers the world its only present-day demonstration of the continuity of life. Practically this is to most men a proof of immortality since it seems impossible to doubt that man will survive any other great change that may be before him, if he can survive the change called death. Spiritualism furnishes, then, the only firm

and stable foundation for religion and morality. It furnishes the highest possible motives for study, development and for a truly moral and spiritual life. Spiritualism is the only group that not only affirms the fact of mediumship but stands unequivocally for its cultivation and consecrated use in the instruction and uplift of the human race.

Q. (A.E., Baltimore, Md.) Opponents of mediumship say it is inimical to health, often leads to insanity and tends to immorality. What answer to these charges do the advocates of mediumship make?

A. They point to the fact that the great majority of those possessing and practicing mediumship are healthy, happy and compare favorably in point of morality and character with any other class of good citizens. Ten of the mediums best known to the writer range in age from 75 to 98 and are examples of happy and useful old age. Medium

ship is generally associated with the spiritual philosophy of life which works out a mental emancipation for its followers from the narrow and pessimistic dogmas of the old theology, and inculcates a most cheering optimism which certainly tends to life's enjoyment and to health and longevity. A vast multitude of mediums will testify to the fact that on yielding to spirit influence and guidance through mediumship and becoming acquainted with the cheerful and inspiring teachings of the spiritual philosophy they have found not only an improvement in health but increasing motives and aid in leading a more spiritual life. It may be affirmed, therefore, and with boldness, that the whole tendency of mediumship unfolded under right conditions and consecrated to the instruction and comfort of the race, is toward health, happiness and the development of a loftier character. That some mediums are immoral, some are sick, some have lost their reason, is no more than can be said of every class of public workers.

Q. (F.W.H., Jamaica, N. Y.) Can we walk in any direction without unseen companions?

A. No, we cannot; for there is a law of attraction incessantly operative everywhere. Our thoughts and feelings have a great deal to do with determining the unseen company we keep; but we have guardian spirits who are deeply interested in our welfare, and they work to employ us for good in all cases, even when we do not know of their existence.

Q. (H.W.K., Brooklyn, N. Y.) Has diet and clothing any effect on seership?

A. Whatever food has the best general effect on health, tending to nourish the body properly, without over-stimulation, is the diet to be prescribed. Heat is quite unnecessary and often distinctly harmful. Clothing must be comfortable, sufficiently warm, but never burdensome. White garments are always admirable, and any color which is specially friendly to the wearer may be worn with ad-

vantage; unrelieved black is never permissible.

Q. (E.F., Albany, N. Y.) How would you teach a young child?

A. Chiefly through the agency of imitation; the faculty of mimicry is largely developed at a very tender age. It is by setting good examples and exerting a pure influence, far more than dogmatic declarations, that we make useful impressions upon the very young.

Q. (A.J., New York City) Do you think there is any truth in astrology?

A. There is a mighty truth involved in the ancient science of the stars, but we must remember the wise saying of the most intelligent among astrologers: "The wise man rules his stars; the foolish man obeys them."

Q. (F.M.A., Yonkers, N. Y.) What do you regard as the greatest drawback to success in general?

A. Ignorance of the true method of cooperation and false belief in the necessity of competition. There is a widespread fallacy that one man's gain is another's loss, and until that error is destroyed no real progress can be made in economics.

Q. (E.W., Bronx, N. Y.) Do you acknowledge a gift of healing?

A. Certainly, this is self-evident, for in many instances children as well as adults radiate a healing force without their own knowledge, and this is so powerfully felt by invalids that they soon begin to feel benefited in the presence of such persons.

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What Is Truth?

By John Heiss
Director, School of Divine Harmony

The answer to this question was prompted by an inquiry to "The Inquiring Mind" department of this magazine. The questioner asked for an explanation from the Spiritualist's viewpoint. There is probably no better authority than that of the greatest revelation medium of modern times, Andrew Jackson Davis, affectionately known as the "Father of Modern Spiritualism". His first book, "Nature's Divine Revelations", produced in 1846, and his numerous other valuable volumes, about thirty, form the basis of the philosophy of the movement of Modern Spiritualism. In a booklet published in 1951 by the General Assembly of Spiritualists, headquarters at 237 West 72nd Street, New York City, an article written by Andrew Jackson Davis, about a century ago, on "What Is Truth", was reproduced. This is what Davis wrote:

This is the question of questions—the beginning, middle, and end of all inquiry! It springs up with the elements of Life; flows with sprays infinitely more high than the most ambitious imagination can soar. This question transcends all thought, and spreads out beyond them through all the labyrinths of existence; and sends its glittering all conceptive magnitude; because it is the gold belt which girdles infinitude, the jeweled crown of the spiritual universe.

But how can a question of such magnitude receive an adequate answer? Can a question which the great moral Reformer, himself, could not, or did not answer, be answered by us? Indeed it would seem that an Angel's mind could not reply to an interrogatory so transcendently sublime and all-embracing; nevertheless, it appears to me to be stamped by Deity with a very simple and imperishable definition. But first let us examine the answer, which would emanate from different portions of the earth, to this question of such vital and universal interest.

Imagine yourselves traveling in the beautiful land of Persia. From its fair sky the sun gives off a soft golden light, the birds sing, the waters murmur, and Nature everywhere exhibits beauty and gladness. Your mind yields to meditation. You contemplate the world of objects about you, the religious feeling is awakened; you think of your own creed, the belief that has been taught to you, and unconsciously you ask yourself aloud, — "What is Truth?"

You are overheard by a fire-worshiper standing near, and he answers you — "the Zenda Vesta!" This book is his Holy Bible. It contains all Truth. It is Truth. It tells him to worship the objects of Nature, he therefore falls upon his knees and adores the shining sun. The sun is his God, or rather it is the place where he imagines his God resides in light; and this faithful disciple of his creed, of the belief taught to him, urges you to worship the Truth. But you doubt his religion; regard his Bible as the fabrication of some impostor; and leave the Persian to his idolatry.

You journey on, and everywhere Nature still prompts the question— "What is Truth?"

Many Answers Given

The Brahmin, the Chinese, and the Turk, they severally refer you to their Bibles, to their objects of worship, to the founders of their religious creeds and institutions. But you doubt them all. And finally you come to Christendom; perhaps to Hartford. Here, in this civilized land, you feel confident that your question may be satisfactorily answered. You meet one in the street and ask — "Can you inform me, 'What is Truth' in matters of religion?" "Yes," he replies, "Willingly; you will find it explained in John Calvin's Commentaries upon the Sacred Scriptures." But a Baptist neighbor overhearing the conversation, remarks—"Yes, you

may find much Truth in the theological writings of John Calvin; but, my friend, allow me to remind you of a certain passage of scripture which says—'He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be d—d,' etc.; now this passage John Calvin misinterprets; Baptism is not a mere sprinkling, it consists of total immersion." But a member of a very liberal sect, listening to the discussion, remarks—"It seems that you are too much sectarian in your views. One calls himself a 'Baptist,' another a 'Calvinist'; but, as I find all sects to have some truth and much error, I take only the Bible as my standard. I hold that to be the plenum of Truth; although I see many things in it which my limited understanding will not permit me to fully comprehend. Notwithstanding this, I recommend you seek for Truth only in those inspired pages; pray for light, and read sincerely."

This is the way of the world. The question—"What is Truth"—is answered everywhere according to the educational convictions of the individual. The fire-worshiper is just as honest as the Turk; the latter as the Christian. Hence, in order to get anything like a reasonable reply to this question, we must disrobe our minds of all preconceived opinions, and ask the deepest intuitions of our own nature. Remember, friends, we may consult testimony to get at historical matters; perception for external things; reflection for logical matters; but if we would be enlightened

upon religious or moral subjects, let us interrogate—Intuition!

Truth Intuitively Perceived

But some think this source altogether too feeble and uncertain. They suspect themselves—lose confidence in their own ability to get at Truth. They do not trust the nature which the Deity gave them. For the doctrine of innate depravity has gone abroad—the whisperings of the soul are regarded as the ascending sparks of wickedness—and the children of earth dare not obey the invitation, "Come, let us reason together."

And yet, I am impressed to affirm, that the deepest source of Truth is intuition. By the deepest source, I mean the highest power in man's possession. But what is intuition? I answer, it is innate power of feeling a Truth—the flower of Wisdom—the conclusion of all Reason—the genius of the Soul. I venture to say, that you all can, if you will but open your minds to the full penetration of thought, feel what Truth is. Forget your sectarian thoughts, and you can easily see, what is Truth? Try it.

The Simplicity of Truth

First, to begin, does it not seem to you that Truth is always simple? Does it not always seem to you that error is always complicated? If these things do not at first appear to you truthful, just think of all the inventions in the world of science and art. The best invention is always the most simple—so much so, that common minds wonder that they had not thought of it before. The Truth is

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easy and simple as the growth of flowers; while error is forever dark, complicated, and mysterious.

Truth Is Limitless

Now it is my impression, that Truth is not susceptible of any possible limitation. It is not the thing of an occasion. It is not Truth yesterday, probable today, and possible tomorrow. For it must be everywhere and at all times the same, unchanging and progressive Principle. You can not confine it within the covers of any written volume—it depends upon no man's word to deserve attention or credit. For Truth is God-made. If a man speaks the truth, he speaks God's Truth—he but vocalizes the most celestial Life-song known to Deity. Now if this definition of Truth be correct, then people generally have erred greatly in the use of proper language. For example, we say that it is a Truth on universal principle. Therefore, it would be far more proper to say that yesterday was cold; but this may be true only in certain localities. For at other points of the compass it may have been warm—showing all occasional or local occurrences, **Facts**; and those things **Truths**, which have a broad, unchangeable and universal application. In other words, let us assign to Truth a position far above individual minds and local circumstances—superior to every thing, but God.

Truth Defined

I have said that the question "What is Truth?"—admits of a very simple definition. Let me state the proposition, and see how it will suit your Intuitions.

Truth is the universal relationship of things as they are; error is the interpretation of things as they are not.

God has unfolded things just as they are; therefore, he is the author of relationship of things; therefore, He is the Truth. Now it matters not how much or how little I know of this universal relationship of things; for, if I understand only the first particle of the relation of anything, so far I have infallible Truth. If I comprehend the first principle which

binds a piece of iron ore together, then I know something of Truth—and no human authority can make it not true, though a wiser man may conduct me to more Truth, in the same, or in other and higher departments of creation. Now the question arises—how shall we know when we have the Truth? I answer—divest your minds of all local prejudices in favor of this or that sect, of this or that authority—and listen, like a child, to the subdued whisperings of the soul which God has given you. There is nothing more true, than that no man can enter into the Kingdom of Truth and happiness, unless he becomes simple-minded, and as a child. By simple-mindedness I do not mean weakness or imbecility. Far from it. I mean an honest, guileless, uncalculating, truth-loving state—a state which, in the past and present conditions of human society, is about as frequently developed as a Christ is born. No wonder the great mass of the world regard a naturally developed and harmonious individual as a divine curiosity—as a God-sent messenger; for a good truth-loving soul is no more likely to be born of ignorant parents, or of parents educated in the past and present methods of society, than good cloth is likely to be manufactured by bad machinery, or music to flow from defective instruments. By willing strongly to see and feel Truth, irrespective of any creed, men, books, or system, you are certain to get it; or, at least, you will get all you can possibly employ to any advantage. If you seek anything wonderful or mysterious, then you do not seek Truth, for a Truth is so exceedingly simple that most people pass it by unnoticed. There are myriads of mysteries, but that is not owing to the Truth, but wholly to our ignorance of their nature and relationship.

Facts and Truths

The great standard, it seems to me, is simply this—Facts are things; Truths are Principles. Things exist; when they are rightly related one to the other, the **relation** is based upon, and is, the Truth. From this

relation the music of harmony issues perpetually. Discord issues from error; the relation is wrong. Friends, see well to this doctrine in all the departments of your existence—and now is the time to think, to feel, and to right!

It is no part of my plan, friend, to impair your faith in Truth; I desire, only, to arouse you to a higher appreciation of it. Do not think, with the "poor, benighted heathen," that

the Truth is always dependent upon your idols for its existence; that when your idols are demolished, your faith dies with them. But let your understanding expand, and thus obtain reasons for the inward hope, reject the miracle as the foundation of your faith, and take the principle. For marvels confound and stultify the intellect, but principles are certain to dignify and expand the whole nature of man.

The Personality and the Soul

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The first purpose of the Ego when it begins its incarnations is to prepare a vehicle that will from life to life become increasingly sensitive to the conditions of the physical world. From sense and sensation it begins to achieve knowledge, both in caring for its vehicle and in achieving its ends through the wisdom which experience brings. For long ages the Ego pays little attention to itself while incarnate; for the physical, emotional, and mental realms are not its own, and it entrusts its carnate self to the lords of those realms, that it may learn their laws and discover how to manipulate them wisely, to its chosen purposes. Much of the evil that we see in the world is due to the fact that for a long time the individual self is not aware of the Ego, or True Soul, and achieves for self in the three worlds. This is for the purpose of preparing an ultimate vehicle that will be wise in the ways of the world, and a perfect instrument for future achievement.

As time goes on, however, most men begin to be responsive to the inspiration of the Soul, which, as it sees its vehicle become perfected begins to assume control over it, so that it may use it for the purposes for which it began its long series of incarnations. For the Soul, or Ego, aware of individual Identity, is yet aware also of its utter unity with all

other Souls; and all are engaged in carrying out the Purpose of the One Divinity, each in his own individual way according to potential and attained capacity. One Purpose pervades and guides them all.

The first objective of the Ego is, then, to provide itself with a wise and powerful personality, through which it can work out its individual part in the Purpose of the Whole. It is when the personality has reached this point of power and capacity that struggle enters in; though it need not be prolonged. The personality is only a ray from the Ego; it is nothing without the sustaining Self that sent it forth. Its goal is to be "the temple of the Living God." I know no better illustration of the strange alchemical process that occurs when the personality yields itself up to its emanating source than that of the birth of a butterfly. The caterpillar lives to the full its life as a crawling creature on the surface of the earth. The more perfect the body, the more vigorous the life, the more perfect and vigorous will be the emerging butterfly. The caterpillar does not struggle against the command from within that bids him build a cocoon from within himself in which he can bide while the life within takes over the mysterious process of transfiguration. The body of the coming butterfly will not be the same as that of the sleeping cater-

pillar — the butterfly is not a caterpillar with wings! The whole body of the dormant caterpillar becomes liquified; the cells are changed, and a different shape is built up bit by bit. The winged creature that emerges bears no resemblance to the caterpillar, yet from the substance of that clumsy, huge, and crawling thing was it veritably made, while life went on.

If the personality will give itself over to the guidance of the transforming Soul the work will be done without unnecessary struggle, as the Soul rebuilds its vehicle into an instrument fully responsive to Itself yet knowledgeable in all Earth's ways. The personality is not lost but transformed. The butterfly has not lost the power to linger on the earth at will, but its realm is expanded to include the air above. The caterpillar was born and lived to become a butterfly. The personality was born and lives to become an immortal Soul.

You may well be at the stage where the personality should yield itself up to the Soul. You struggle because in personality consciousness you are saying, "But it must be **this way**," or "unless **this** occurs, that cannot." You are interposing your limited vision to the vaster plan of the Ego. You think you know — but the Ego **really** knows: let It guide and direct you. You have made yourself an able instrument — now release your will, and **be** the instrument you were devised to be. You will not thereby **lose** yourself — but you will **find your Self**. Let the vision of illusion drop from you — see now with the eyes of the Soul, which will point out the Way for you: that Way may not be at all as you have been seeing it with the eyes of mortalness and from the experi-

ences of this single lifetime. This is not the path of weakness as you may fear, but of Illumined Strength. To be a responsive instrument of your own immortal Soul is to achieve the purpose of incarnation so far as the personality is concerned. Its further progress is the responsibility of the Soul.

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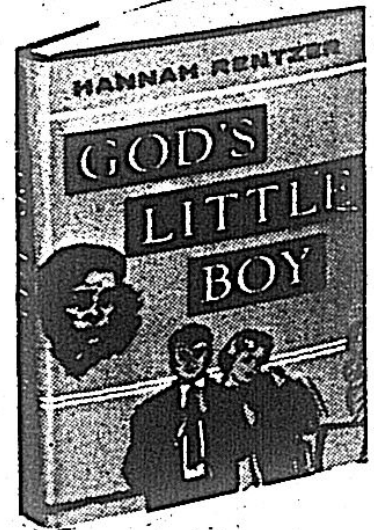
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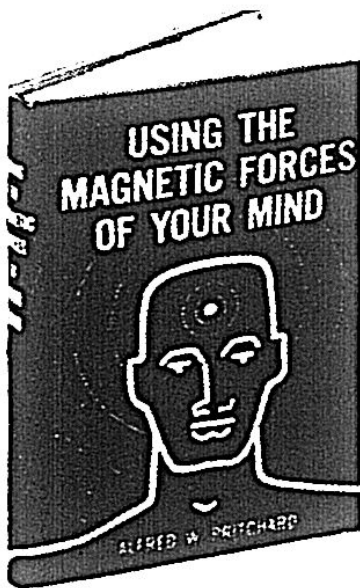
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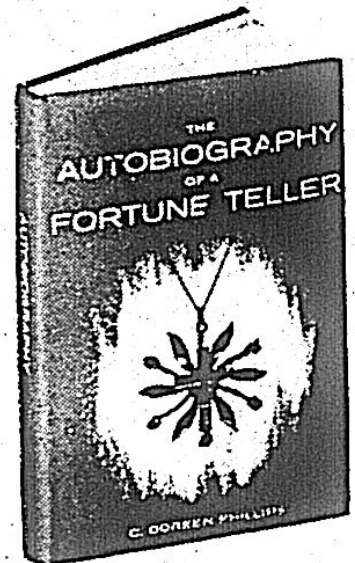


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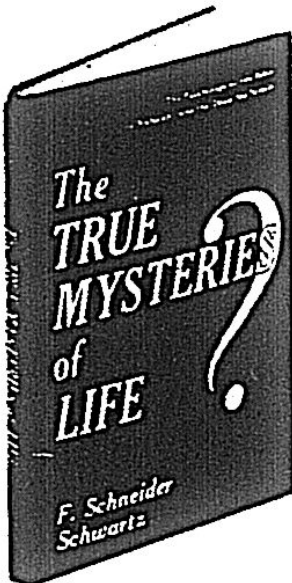
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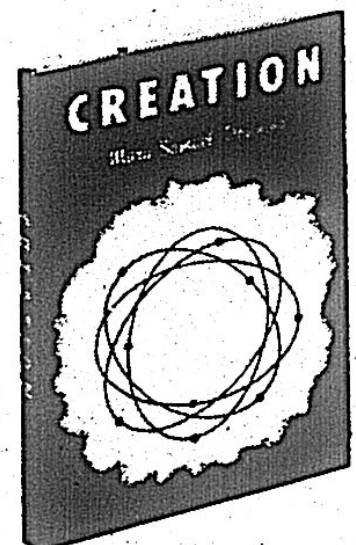
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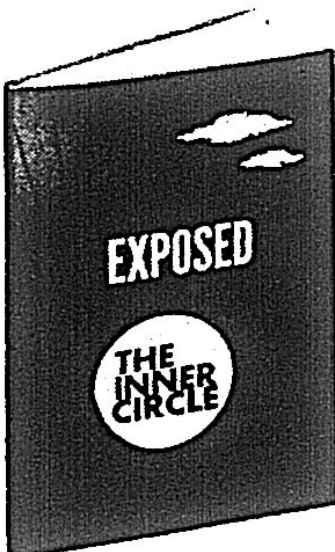
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In business, law, engineering, ministry or any other profession — research has shown that only fifteen per cent of one's success depends upon technical knowledge. The other eighty five per cent depends upon personality, the ability of getting along with others, and understanding people. John D. Rockefeller, Sr. once said: "I will pay more for the ability to handle people than any other ability under the sun".

Major companies like Coca Cola, General Motors, American Telephone and Telegraph, Abbott Laboratories, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Johnson and Johnson, Westinghouse Electric and scores of others send their employees to specialized schools for self-improvement courses. Usually these courses range in price from \$150 to over \$1000. They have been proven worthy and profitable investments for the companies and the individuals taking them. Among the foremost in this field are the Dale Carnegie Institute of Public Relations, the American Management Association, that specialize in businessmen and executives, the Nancy Taylor and Powers schools, the Emotional Appeal Institute in New York and the Coronet Universal Institute of Sleep Education, of Hempstead, L.I., N. Y.

In 1936 a two year \$25,000 survey conducted by the University of Chicago, the American Association for Adult Education and the United Y.M.C.A. Schools showed that the two most popular interests of people were health, and human relations (getting along with our fellowmen). **How To Win Friends And Influence People** by Dale Carnegie has been on the best seller lists for over ten years. The only other book which has sold more copies is the Bible. Industry took cognizance of this and now spends millions of dollars on these courses for their personnel.

These schools concentrate on two facets of your personality, the **inner**

you and the **outer you**. The image you have about yourself determines your success in anything, although this image may not be in accordance to the facts. What you think of yourself stems from parental influence, environmental factors and close associations. Over the years you build up a self-concept based on these influences. You may be brilliant, talented and educated — yet unable to put these attributes to constructive use. Why? Because as a child you were made to believe what others said about you: "You are clumsy; your ideas are silly. Cruel, callous and unthinking criticisms which you've subconsciously accepted. If someone keeps telling you over and over: You can't do anything right — you won't!

If you have a low opinion of yourself find out why. Is it based on fact or past influence? What are your attitudes towards people, life, yourself? Do you feel "It's a man's world" and women haven't a chance? Do you think women "Have it too good?" Do you believe that whatever happens is based on luck or destiny? Sit down and give yourself a serious soul searching. No matter how negatively conditioned you've been, how unhappy your childhood, what tragedies you've suffered, **you can succeed in spite of yourself**. It's not the frustrations of the past that hold you back: It's fear of the future!

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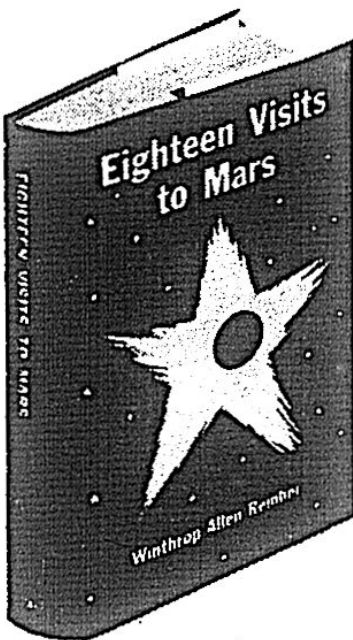
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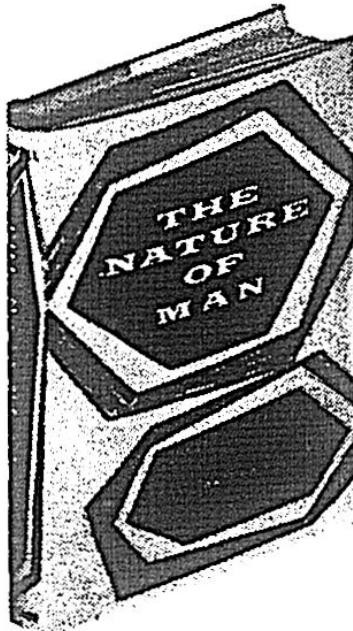
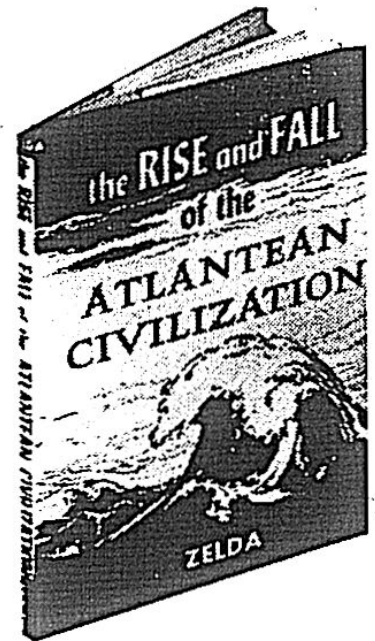
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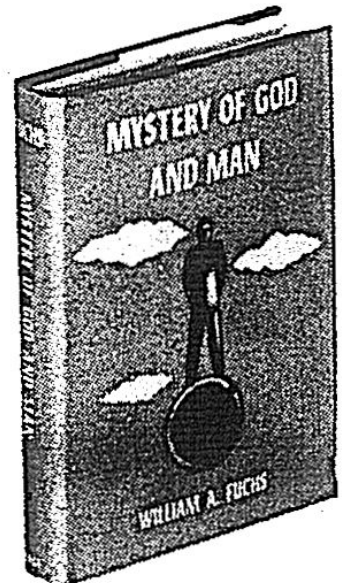
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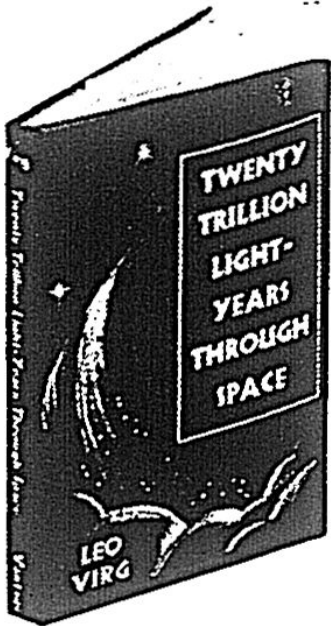
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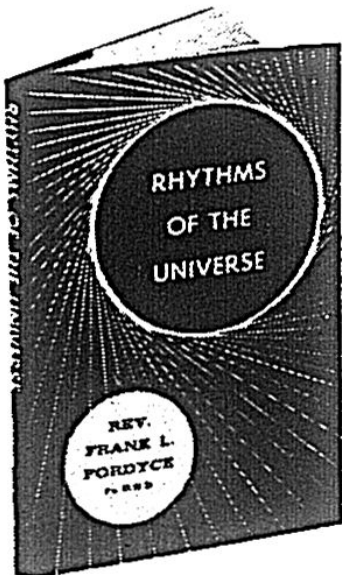


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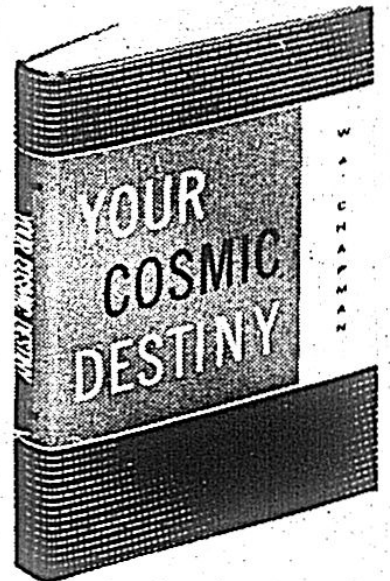
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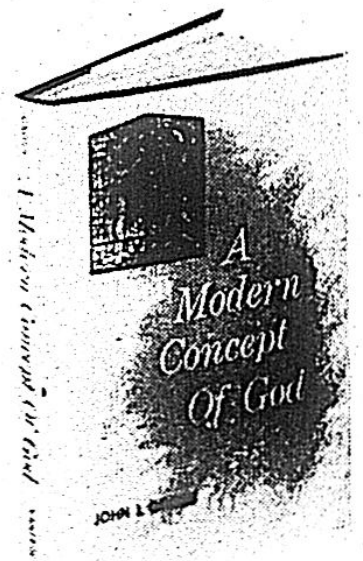


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