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LOVE CANNOT DIE.

Love never dies!

Albeit the idols from their niches fall,
And leave the soul enrobed in sabled pall.

Love is of God.

'Tis born above, descendeth from the sky;
It is immortal, therefore cannot die!

Love glorifies

And so sheds luster o'er the dreariest way,
Chasing dull care with its celestial ray.

Who hath not loved.

Hath groped among the shadows of the night,
Hath missed from joyous day the gracious light.

Not to have loved

Is to have lost the perfume of the rose,
Whose hidden sweets love only can disclose.

Love lives for aye.

Though hidden be its germ in depths below,
Shall ye not reap that which in tears ye sow?

Love ever lives.

Thus in my saddest hour I awoke and
With rosemary remembrance fair entwined.

My absent Love,

My fallen idol, riseth now to life;
Bends o'er me while I sleep from wearying strife.

Love is God's gift.

Is whispered softly, so can never die;
'Twill bloom with added beauty bye and bye.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To all interested in the work of the Hermetic Brotherhood, Greeting:

This month's number closes the first year of the resumed HERMETIST. For the twelfth time, we proffer to our readers, such selections from the truths in our possession, as may seem best adapted to present conditions. It almost seems that an account of our stewardship might have some interest.

Before we started the magazine, promises many were made, to help in increasing our

subscription list. Upon these we built bright hopes. But they have largely failed to realize, the subscription list has increased mostly on its merits. Had it not been for a small fund raised in 1897, for the starting of the HERMETIST, we should have been in debt. But although that has been expended with the greatest care, the end is close at hand. A prompt renewal of subscriptions, will carry us forward another year. Shall it be? Will the Brotherhood make it a personal matter?

Some of our membership have forgotten to send us the Dollar due on the first of January, 1898, for annual dues. If one only had permitted this slip of memory, it would have been but a *bagatelle*. But when several forget, it makes in the total, quite a deficit in the means of running the Brotherhood machinery. Will those of our Brothers who know they are behind in this matter, see that the trifle due from them be remitted at once? We are sure because so many of our dear Brothers have told us so, that the instruction and helpful care of the Invisible Brotherhood, are in no sense measured by the little return asked by our Constitution, from each of our members, from year to year. The influence of the Brotherhood reaches out beyond the limit of its manifestation and has constantly done so, since its first inception in this Century. Brothers, let us know your decision at once.

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TEMPLE TALES.

Vol. 7. Nos. 7 and 8.
EASTER, THE LIFE THAT NEVER ENDS.

THIS is the day of days of the Ancient church. Her records tell us that on this anniversary, seekers for truth made special search for facts which have grown bright with age. These truths belong to us specially, as members of Human Brotherhood of the long ago.

Down the track of ages we have made ourselves felt from time to time upon the earth. We have renewed for ourselves and each other these truths. We have anticipated the highest aspiration and desire for the broadened lines. We have sought the expansion of all that is good, true and pure. Thus have we been lifted step by step toward the brightness of the Eternal Spheres.

As we stand in our places tonight, listening and meditating upon what this day teaches,

let us not forget to recall some important facts. Chief among these is, that this day and this festival, instead of belonging to sects who claim it, is but the seizure of our ancient festival. The Easter of today was celebrated in Atlantis, thousands of years ago. With all the beauty, strength and power indicated by the fire, the light, the burning of incense, and the teachings put forth, it has come down to us as the celebration of something mythical.

In the ancient days, it was simply the celebration of a real occurrence; the birth of the New Year. In it was embodied, under all conditions, the great essential which man above all things else desires, that is, the continuation of the real life.

It is not the present life that man cares for. It is not that there is even an interregnum in the passage from body to body, but that the thing which is man, the ego, shall safely pass over the chasm separating one life from the other. Having passed out of the one life, by all symbolism, he can be sure of the life that lies beyond. The seed cast into the ground and revivifying itself from the germ principle through the Creative Thought of the Divine, again becomes a living plant. This living plant recognizes for itself life, beauty and strength. From this outcome repeats a perpetuation of all man can or ever will dream of. During the time of forgetfulness by the ego, enmasked in the material conditions, he thought the material was all, and that death was the end. But, as he passed upward and beyond the conditions of the earthly, there has come to him ever and anon out of the spheres, whispers, that the earth is not all. That which belongs to man is not confined to the material form, or the limitation of a law.

The time is rapidly approaching when man can dominate over his body. He will be able to so spiritualize the vibrations on the key of his spirit belonging to the material body, that he will be able to take up that body as did Jesus, the Christ. It is of Him we think and speak this day. Wherever the ego, the dominating spirit of the ages shall be, there will be our bodies. Jesus resurrected his body by his own powers, as he declared when he said "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." A fact and a truth that has become apparent, and been proved to us all. In the days yet to come, it will be possible for man to attain so that he can both resurrect his body and lay it down, under the same con-

ditions as he holds the souls of the different incarnations and his own ego.

There will be no more death, because the discord of the body and the spirit under the common conditions will have ceased, and have come into unity and harmony. The two being one, united with the One, shall forever exist as a unit in all the harmony that God intended should be manifested when He said "Let there be" from the first Creation.

There is a little poem which begins:

"In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in his bosom, that transfigures you and me."

These lines are full of magnificent truth. The Christ that was born across the sea, was also born into every human heart. In every entity it has manifested itself, in every incarnation from the beginning of the present Manvatara down to the Now. Christ is always born. He is not separated from us. He is one of us, and He is us. The Higher Self claims always unity and oneness for itself. So there can be no Christ for one, who is not the Christ for all. That which is said of the Christ, is said of every man who comes into the life. Whatever the Christ does for the one is done for all. That is to say, every man must and does have within himself the Christ spirit.

The Christ born within him will lead him to transmute all with which he comes in contact into, the glory, beauty and knowledge that shall make him not only one with himself, but one with the Father.

"In the beauty of the lilies," and the lilies grow out of that which is considered in one sense unpolarized, void of life, action or of any attracting force whatever. Out of this unpolarized mass, organized splendor pushes into the air and sunlight: into the beautiful conditions of the upper water. All this has unfolded by the freedom which all light and life brings out of the imprisoned and limited, lying under the flowing of the foul stream. Whatsoever the lily typifies, belongs to every man and woman, and to all Creation. It is the power of elevating, of becoming the highest. It is the best that is possible to idealize, to imagine or reach out for.

We think that the sun is so far out of reach that it is unreachably, and yet it can be reached. While we are pressing towards it, there comes out of the stove-house of fight and life, as we

lift our thoughts and our ideals a strengthening, drawing us on and on toward the point we have set for our goal of attainment. As we today, in our hearts and minds have dreamed of that which shall be, there comes floating into the chambers of our memories, the idea that somewhere, somehow, the hour may strike, when out of the fulness and beauty there will come to us the perception that man has triumphed over death. When at last we come to the beginning of some incarnation, and the rebuilding for ourselves of a new body, a new consciousness will also dawn upon us. We shall feel in all fulness and power, in all its uplifting, that we have achieved the place where the body we then possess has become so changed, so spiritualized that it can dwell with us, and that where we are there it can be also. Thus out of all the completeness we may learn the lesson that man finally has become completely dominant over his environment.

Under the promise and command of Him who was, and is, and shall be, man in all his fulness represents forever and forever, the immortal life we are always seeking to attain. Thus looking for life, for strength, for happiness, we find ourselves everywhere traveling along the same path, holding the same wish and the same aspirations. This day, one of many, comes to a conclusion. I can but wish you may have made one long step toward the point where you are sure, not only of the continued life of the ego, but of the continued life of the body. Jesus, who is our Exemplar has triumphed over death and still lives somewhere upon our planet. Still comes closer and closer the day and hour, when they who believe his doctrine, who live his life, who look to him for guidance and through him to God, shall obtain the last great secret, thus becoming one with the Elder Brother. His teachings then, will cease to be, in any sense myths or not understandable. Take this to yourselves: That the day comes and is near, when if we will we too shall be able to dominate the dying, and render it undying. Then all time will be Easter, or the constant recounting of a life that never ends.

ONE OF THE MAGI.

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No man can do anything well, who does not esteem his work of importance.

AN ESOTERIC VIEW OF GOLD AND SILVER.

By analysis it has been proved that in Gold may be found the potentialities of all the other metals, which by an orderly process of natural law, makes it the acme of mineral production,—or the acme of all that had gone before it in the effort to manifest visibly upon this Planet.

Through a recognition of the same law of fulfillment, we may see vegetation perfecting itself in its various species. Among the feathered tribes the Eagle stands out as King of Birds, a symbol of Freedom, Unity and Universality. When we come to the animal kingdom we recognize in the Lion an acknowledged type and perfection as King of Beasts, a creature representing the fulfillment of all that had previously taken place in Evolution.

When we come to Man, we comprehend the perfection of Divine Ordinance in manifestation, Involution becoming evolved by which a being both Natural and Divine, made in the image of God, *conscious of his powers*, having and holding the potentialities of all things both animal and natural; visible and invisible; human and Divine—a universe within himself; Nature's crown. Yet upon the *physical* plane of his expression depending upon something *outside* of himself for life, and the power to sustain that life.

Now where and in what shall we find this *something* not contained in man at his present ratio of development?

Leaving our planet Earth, and reaching into space for more knowledge of this great Law, we find the Sun representing the center of our Solar system, the generator, or father of all physical energy—and by spectrum analysis demonstrating that it contains the potentialities of all substances, man included. The Sun has not only the power to sustain itself, but also the power to give and sustain the life upon this planet, and it is reasonable to presume that it sustains the life of the whole solar system, of which we are a part. There is only one condition back of the Sun as far as we know, and that is the power and potentiality of the Sun of Suns, the God and Giver of all. So far we have marked five culminating points of growth, each one demonstrating something more than all the rest.

In Gold then we see the possibilities of the Lion and the Eagle, in the Lion and the Eagle the possibilities of the Man; in the Man the possibilities to give or sustain life, as well as

receive it, to become a Sun of God, and in the glorious Sun, the central unit; the grandeur of perfected Oneness. No wonder then that the Sun from all time, through all ages has been considered the symbol of Light, Life, Spirit and Divinity; the Osiris of the Egyptians; the Krishna of the Hindoos and Ormazd of the Persians.

In the Solar system it is the prime standard of all things, from it and by it all things are known and measured. In symbol it is the positive, electric, masculine creative force of wisdom and understanding, of Omnipotence and Omniscience. Symbolism is the form which Man has used to express some principle which he has found existing within himself, in Nature around him, or in the Universe.

Symbols are the manifested conscious expression of a Universal Law, made visible in form by Man, for Man's convenience, concentration, concealment, perpetuation and use. The Pyramid of Egypt, for instance, is a colossal symbol or monument to the Sun and the Sun of Suns, and stands out from the dead Past in its awful silence and perfected architecture, the standard of all knowledge and a way to all wisdom.

The base of the Pyramid is a perfect square. Upon that square we mark our five points already referred to. Gold representing the angle for latent qualities held in Earth; the Lion, that angle from whence springs the fire and creative elements of love and life; the Eagle, the angle of freedom of choice, generation and regeneration, water; (In ancient Charts this angle was always marked by an Eagle's head—later it became the Scorpion.) Man, the angle, or angel "made in the image of God," spirit, air, from whence come the symbols of the four great elements of natural forces, earth, fire, water and air, and the four prime gases, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and carbonic acid.

Rising from this centered base are four perfect triangles, culminating in our fifth point the central fire, where we must locate the bountiful Sun.

The apex of the Pyramid was crowned with a stone, unlike any that had been previously used, and we are told that it was a puzzle and vexation to the builders of that marvelous Mount. It had five sides and five corners, of sixteen angles, and when placed on any of its flat surfaces, there remained always one angle pointing upwards. That this stone was intended as a symbol of the Sun of Suns or Deity, we have but to refer to the consonant letters and their numerical values of the Hebrew sacred

name, which equals sixteen angles. The square of the base measures 90 degrees from angle to angle, the sum of which multiplied by four—because of its four sides, gives us the sum of our standard measurement for space and time the circle of 360 degrees.

From this it is not difficult to see how we have circled our square and squared our circle. Purely an esoteric symbol.

Again, from this square and circle crossed at the angles of 90 degrees, and 45 degrees, we get the double cross, symbol of manifestation and the symbols of the circle, square, triangle and cross give us the basic principles of a standard wisdom, the knowledge of which helps Man, as no other can, to unfold the mysteries involved in this mighty structure, the Pyramid. The word itself signifies Mount of Fire, and in the element of fire we recognize the essence of all life force, the Sun of Suns. It was this essence that the fire worshippers revered and preserved in their forms of worship. It is this Mount, this Pyramid that stands today, ready to reveal to us, and prove to us out of the depths of its secret, silent chambers the wonders of a Universal Law, that it may be applied to science, religion, mathematics, geometry and the progressive status of Man. When Man is old enough, wise and pure enough to understand and rightly use the precious gems of wisdom held in these sacred chambers, they will be revealed to him.

The plan or construction of the Pyramid is based upon the apparent and actual motion of the Sun, together with the united revolutions or orbits of the Moon or Earth, and all the planets including the precession of the Equinoxes, every known cube, every known angle, the original forms of all letters and numbers, every known principle being herein contained, and capable of demonstration.

It is a wonderful fact to consider right here that particles of earth are cubical and particles of fire pyramidal. That the triangle is the symbol of spirit, while the square is the symbol of manifestation.

Out from the angles of this square the base of the Pyramid, are born the four original signs, spoken of in Genesis, which with their principles involved were to be "signs for the seasons, days and years," which were to preserve for successive ages this wondrous knowledge.

The stars of the constellations, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius, as they were then posited in relation to our earth geographically and

the equinoxes, occupy the four corners of our square, and through their esoteric meanings become landmarks and beacons of Light to the earnest aspirant, who on hands and knees is willing to seek in the "rubbish of the temple" for the Truth. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio or the Eagle, and Aquarius, regenerated Man, are spoken of in the Apocalypse as the "four Cherubim" and we are told that "R. A. the Sun God dwelleth between these Cherubim" and thus marks the central point of our square, or the apex of our Pyramid. The science of Astrology, otherwise the Astro-logos, word or wisdom of the stars, is a science that can show forth this Truth in its entirety, and there is good reason why it should have been termed throughout all ages; The Divine Science, for an esoteric comprehension of the Pyramid and the twelve signs of the Zodiac, with the seven planets of our Solar system will show the *basic principles* of every religion that was ever known upon this planet. It is the only science that can demonstrate the relationship of religion and science, and harmonize science with religion. It is the only science that preserves our standard and holds the potentialities of all the other sciences and thus it becomes with the Pyramid of Egypt, a perfect living structure, capable of giving to us the Old Light joined with the New.

Astropically the Sun is the center around which all else gravitates in this Solar system. At noon of each day observations are taken at a prime meridian that determine the position of the earth and all the planets in their relations to each other, the rising of the Sun, the noon hour and the setting thereof; the exactness of the day and night, summer and winter; the ebb and flow of tides; phases of the moon; periods of time and space that enter largely into our daily lives, although no thought is given to them by the world at large, who accept these things as a matter of course because they are regulated for them without trouble. The Metonic cycle, for instance, is a period of time from which the Golden Number for every year is taken; it is found by the motion of the Sun and Moon coming into conjunction in the equinoctial sign of Aries, in the same degree, same latitude, longitude and declination once every nineteen years. The Golden Number for 1898 is 18, the cycle of nineteen years finishing with the century, a very significant combination. An interesting grouping of figures may show the value of our circle and square. If we multiply the Golden Number, 19 by 19, we get 361, which is one over in the

nineteen years, the 360 degrees of the circle or Zodiac. The circle is the symbol of manifested Deity, the One is the symbol of the unmanifested added together, $3+6+1=10$, the perfect number. This surplus is accounted for by a slight irregularity in the earth's motion, and is equalized in our division of time, every four years having a leap year. Now, if we multiply the 360 by 12, we shall find we have a sum 4,320, which is the exact time the equinoxes take to pass through two signs of the Zodiac or 60 degrees of the circle, it taking 2,160 years to pass through one sign or 30 degrees.

Again, the 4,320, multiplied by 5, because 5 is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the ten signs remaining, gives 21,600, to which add the sum of our first two signs, 4,320, and we have 25,920, which is the exact time it takes for the Equinoxes and Sun to pass through the entire circle backwards, touching at intervals of 6,480 years the four angles of our square, and passing through the four fixed signs of the Zodiac. It is a significant fact that we are now entering upon one of these quaternaries, Aquarius being the symbol, back of which is the Principle of Light, Truth and Consciousness. The cycle of 25,920 years ended about the beginning of the Christian Era. At which time the stars of the constellations and the signs of the same name corresponded relatively to certain fixed stars or points in the Heavens for determining Astronomical data.

At present this is not so, for during 1898 years all the constellations have precessed or moved from East to West nearly 30 degrees, bringing the stars of the constellation Aries over the sign of Taurus, and the constellation Pisces over the sign of Aries, and when an understanding of the esoteric meaning of the signs can be grasped, the dominant characteristics of this period correspond to the expression of human nature during these so-called Christian years. For instance, the sign of Aries is a positive, intellectual, masculine, determined sign, aggressive and assertive, dogmatic, tenacious, materialistic in its rationalism, needing demonstration through its reasoning faculties, ambitious of power, critical and analytical, excelling in intellect, excessive in imagination, therefore often deceiving itself as to the true nature of Principles. Yet withal a sign of wonderful potency for spiritual possibilities, exaltation and transmutation.

The sign of Pisces is negative, moral, womanly and humane, it is noble and large in its conceptions, free, liberal and magnanimous in its philosophy, spiritual rather than material, pos-

sessing intuitive perception over the reasoning faculties, ambitious for peace, unity and good will. It generalizes over principles, seeks to equalize opposing factions, is judicial instead of critical, sympathetic rather than analytical, universal where the Aries is individual. The sign of Pisces is the insignia of Jesus, and within its esoteric meaning is held the teachings of the Christian world, Universal Brotherhood and Love.

The influence of the sign of Pisces has been an under-current of moral, spiritual power since the beginning of the Christian era, gradually assuming its prerogative over the human race as it gained in degrees over the Equinoctial space, until to-day the whole world is alive with the cry for greater freedom, Freedom of Thought, of Government, of Morality and Spiritual Recognition.

One thing more. The cycle of the Sun, 19 years, added, $9+1=10$, appears again as the perfect number of Deity, thus we may have a clearer idea why the stone at the apex of the Pyramid stood as the symbol of the Sun of Suns and God. Astrologically when dealing with the nations or individuals the Sun becomes the symbol of success, honor, prestige, glory, command and royal government. All physical, racial, mental, moral and spiritual change, which means substantially growth, the rise and fall of nations, the prosperity and decay of Power, Progress and all aspirations and ambition towards a higher development. Thus it has established a standard of perfected measurement in the economy and demonstration of the forces of nature, as applied to man. The power of the Sun as a standard and the power of Gold as a standard proceed from the same basic principle of perfection, by virtue of their innate intrinsic qualities concentrated.

Gold stands as the standard of perfection for inanimate substances, stone, earth or mineral. The Sun stands for the standard of perfection in the animate forces of nature from the plant through the vegetable, animal and human, and becomes the legitimate standard of the value of possibilities for man's soul to reach that perfection where he may have gained supreme dominion over the earth and natural forces, through the application of, and life in accordance with the *Golden Rule*, that Divine Life Principle held conscious within him, to produce a planet of Christ's, Redeemed, regenerated souls, a race of the *Sons of God*.

The metal Silver has no small place in our

symbology, and as a standard of negative value, or negative principle in nature, embodied in the individual and collective humanity, it is ever seeking to establish an equilibrium, and like water to find its true level. It is for this reason it sometimes achieves supremacy over Gold, or symbol of the positive principle in Nature and in Man. It is in accordance with an omnipotent law that this should be so.

Let us fathom this a little deeper in order that we may get at a clearer meaning of the working out of this great law.

It will be noticed by careful observation that whenever or wherever this negative principle dominates an individual or nation the standard of that individual or nation becomes negative instead of positive, passive instead of active, at least so far as its outward relation stands towards other individuals or nations of corresponding possibilities.

We have but to look at India, China, Mexico, Egypt, portions of South America and other nations of the present day for instance, having silver as a standard for exchange. Look at Woman throughout the ages, symbol of the negative principle of humanity. Regard the Moon, symbol of the negative principle of natural forces. Scientists tell us she is dead, that life is not possible to her. But she is not dead, she is only asleep, in one of her periods of Repose and passive Power. Look among your friends. Mark this, however, that the negative condition is not to impress you as inferior to the positive, the negative is the *complement* of positive, *not* the inferior, and has its standard of value exactly as great, as we shall see. India in her negative period has been the cradle of God, of spiritual mystery. China could reveal to us much that we would like to know. Egypt! What has she not? Amid her Pyramids, Sphinx and buried cities under the sands, Mexico holds for us infinite possibilities of knowledge as the next hundred years or less will demonstrate, when she has passed from her period of rest into a newer activity. Yucatan is replete with spiritual wonders. What of Atlantis? How long was America negative? What has she even yet for us in her buried mounds and cave dwellings? In Woman has been preserved the Light, Wisdom and Power of Truth with Revelation. The Moon as a symbol of natural force and the human Soul is the cradle of the New Jerusalem, of that awakened consciousness which is to herald the second coming of the Christ. Some scientists believe she is even now awakening

from her sleep, for signs of life are being revealed upon her surface. Your negative friends look beyond the surface, and you will find a sensitiveness that responds to the pulse of sympathy and progress, that your positive friends may not have time to give you."

It is like the swinging of a mighty pendulum, one extreme tends to the other extreme, one is positive, the other is negative, and as long as the machinery of life goes on upon this planet as a child or individual of the Universe, so long will the pendulum swing to its extremes, giving expression in various parts of the world and in multitudes of individuals, but a time will come when each vibration, both in planet and humanity will be less and less and the two forces will become joined in unity at the central point of equilibrium, then will come the period of rest and suspension from activity for our planet Earth—not Death, but millions of years of passive sleep.

Everything in the Universe is governed by a great Law. We may call it cause and effect, or the action of positive and negative force, electric or life giving, magnetic or life receiving. One is always active, the other is ever receptive. The one is as necessary to the other as night is to day, as winter is to summer, as shadow is to sunshine, as woman is to man, as death (which is but a suspension of manifesting activity) is to life, as sleep is to waking, and as all periods of rest and repose are the preparation for greater activity, energy and growth. So this mighty Law is made manifest in and through our symbols, Gold and Silver.

Silver is the symbol of this negative feminine principle operating in nature upon our planet and other planets, our Solar system and into Infinity. That side of Nature and the Infinite Wisdom that compels repose and nurtures the life principle for its period of renewal, that necessitates the planting of the seed in darkness and obscurity that it may bring forth its fruit.

We are told in an old familiar adage that "Speech is silver and silence is golden." The student of metaphysics and occult law knows full well the power of the Silence, and that Thought Force is greater than spoken words. Any great mind, or any mind involved in great undertakings, realizes the advantage of repose and seclusion in critical moments of their work.

It is related of Mr. Edison that he met a committee of gentlemen one evening at some hotel, in order to exhibit one of his patents. "During

the conference it was suggested that if some change or improvement could be effected it would more than double the economy and utility of the machine, as well as its value. Edison thought at first it was impossible, but pondered awhile in silence, then starting up nervously he asked the gentlemen to order another room for him where he might go off alone, leaving emphatic injunctions he should not be disturbed. The hours of the night wore into the morning and the daylight appeared, yet no Edison. Finally the committee became much concerned lest something fatal had occurred.

It was deemed best to open the door and look in. At first a look of alarm passed over the faces of the committee as they beheld their inventor sitting much relaxed in an arm-chair with arms limp and head bowed deeply on his chest, but when they drew closer they saw he was in what seemed to be a profound sleep. Touching him gently on the shoulder, aroused the slumbering genius again into activity, and Edison jumped up with the exclamation, "Gentlemen, I have it!" and out of those long hours of negation, silence, concentration and thought, with the body as passive as death, was born one of the greatest inventions of modern times.

If mothers in their homes and fathers in their business would dwell more upon this power of Silence, and the concentration of Thought as a Force to bring about results that ordinarily they effect largely with their bodily activity, they, too, might create success where now is so often failure.

The perfect Unity of the two forces, positive and negative, masculine and feminine elements of creation, maintained and perpetuated in one manifestation, be it in planet, or nation, or individual, demonstrates esoterically a concentration of force, typical of Divine possibilities, equalization, perfect balance, equanimity and power; such was the example of Jesus, and Mary the Virgin, the type of perfect womanhood, Ideal Motherhood. There are many individuals as well as nations that are trying to equalize this force upon our planet at the present time. Expression of this shows in our homes, our communities, and our present struggle over the currency question of our nation today, a question that has turned the eyes and interests of all nations of the Globe upon us, forcing the American people to assume not only a standard of barter and exchange, but a mightier moral standard of action, of one force positive in its nature and holding the power, and the other

force negative in the danger of its oppression, demanding equal rights, demanding a more righteous code of civilization.

Gold is the standard for *all* exchange; Silver is the moral of that exchange. Gold is the means by which all exchange is made; Silver is the principle which keeps the standard of that exchange pure and undefiled. Gold is the symbol of the rich, the powerful; Silver is the symbol of the people. The most perfect Government will be maintained where both metals are used harmoniously with a correct knowledge of their intrinsic values. The pendulum has been swinging from one extreme to the other extreme during the last nineteen years of the Cycle of the Sun, seeking a means of equilibrium and ultimate balance. Expression is also seen in this great problem by the effort on the part of Woman, representing in symbol the negative of the microcosm, assuming her place and equality with man, the positive order of humanity. Just so far as Man becomes negative and Woman becomes positive until that central point of unity is reached and a perfect equipoise established, just so far will humanity have gained an Universal harmony, which will restore in time the equilibrium of Natural and Divine force, and bring Man back to his original standard; an Image and a Son of God.

As the Sun and Gold are symbols of the positive force, so the Moon and Silver become the symbols of the negative Principle. The Moon showing the power of possibilities, the deepened shadows of her passivity revealing with greater clearness the life energy given by the Sun.

The Moon is negative and feminine, magnetic and receptive; she is the mirror of wisdom and perceives understanding, the Mother of all Nature and Natural resources.

As the Sun is the symbol of Plutoeracy, the Moon is the symbol of the People; as the Sun generates fire, heat and electricity, so the Moon acts and re-acts upon the waters of our earth, producing cold and all magnetic receptive conditions. It is well known that water is Electricity's best conductor, and the great generating medium of Nature's forces, no life being possible without moisture.

The Moon by her magnetic, conserving powers, rapid motion, and generating possibilities, is the conductor of all the various diversities of expression in Mother Earth and Man. The Ancients were in possession of so much knowledge concerning the Moon's influence that they gave to her the most honored titles. She was

Isis, Omnia of Egypt, as the Sun was Osiris. She was the Indian Isa and the Grecian Ceres, she represented to them in her various phases the symbol of all the forces expressing in nature and in the human race. As the Sun was to them the symbol of spirit, so the Moon was to them the symbol of soul. She was, therefore, called "Isis," or "Is-is" which means Being, Existence, and to unveil "Isis," means the revelation of all the natural forces as they unfold into the Divine, hence the mysteries of manifestation and soul development. The Moon was Diana, Minerva, Proserpine, she was Mother, Merc, Hua. She was Gen-isis, and the second chapter of the Old Testament reveals the process of creation and generation, disclosing the germs of birth, life, death or sleep. As the Moon controls the great waters of our globe—and the fact is brought to our minds that our bodies are five-sevenths liquid, it may be better understood how and why these bodies are so susceptible to the changes of weather and still more to the subtle planetary influences permeating our atmosphere.

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 And on my face
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 My heart forgets its burdens,
 And the light of hope and faith
 Disperses each threatening gloom.
 The autumn time seems as the joyous spring,
 The cliffs whereon with mortal feet I stand,
 Kindle with ruddy glow
 Love's magic wand,
 My love has spread o'er every steep
 A rosy warmth.
 May heaven bless thy true and tender soul,
 Wave on wave, its life has entered mine,
 And I would be its lifelong friend and love,
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 To make thy life a richer one,
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