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*at*

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- Sunday 11 A.M.—Wisdom of the Ages.  
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Thursday 8 P.M.—Meditation Studies and Practice.  
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### SPIRITUAL CENTRES RECOMMENDED FOR STUDY:

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Unity School of Christianity, Kansas City, Mo.  
Unity Society, 11 West 42nd Street, New York City.  
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**B**EGINNING with the April issue, the cover design and general make-up format of ILLUMINATION will be changed with the hope of being able to create a wider appreciation and distribution of the Magazine through the medium of Newsstands, etc. All subscribers, readers and friends of ILLUMINATION are earnestly urged to cooperate in spreading the work of ILLUMINATION throughout the world.

Although the great Spiritual teachings must be given freely "without money and without price" and Shri Vishwanath Keskar, with the unselfish assistance of a few friends in India, Europe and America, has given cheerfully and happily to all who have asked, and will continue to do so, yet in the present world conditions it is impossible to meet the increasing calls for spiritual help from the world without the financial cooperation of all who receive and desire to see that help extended more widely.

The New Age of spiritual awakening and enlightenment offers all a mighty opportunity to cooperate for the enlightenment and uplift of humanity. Every man should do according as he is disposed in his own heart, remembering always that it is a privilege, as well as a spiritual duty, to cooperate in the great work.

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# EDITORIAL

*By D. E. G.*

**H**ISTORY is the bible of humanity. Man may learn, if he will, from the recorded experiences of all races, sets, and conditions of men who have lived during the past ages.

Centuries of past history have been pregnant with the universal truth of man's unity. Man is one blood. St. Paul cried out at Athens: "One blood, all nations!"

Art is an empty failure and a sorry waste if it is not utilized as a means of beautifying humanity's home. Science, unless wedded to the ideal and fundamental principle of man's universal kinship, must fail as a means of human service. Schools, colleges, universities—all the colossal modern development tending to create a higher social order, progress and usefulness of mankind—are a brilliant curse upon the brow of humanity unless inspired and motivated by the universal Truth that all men in all races and nations of the earth are brothers of the same blood, and, therefore, meant to dwell and work together in unity, harmony and peace.

Ambitious world diplomats, envious statesmen, and self-seeking politicians, are dallying with the problems of peace, economic prosperity, and international understanding. All these problems were solved long ago in the early history of mankind. Today's approach requires no daring modern experimentation. World powers and administrators of governments are not lacking in the knowledge of the solution to these problems, neither are they ignorant of the practical technique involved, but they are sadly lacking in moral stamina, courage and virile honesty in dealing with the solution to world problems.

History tells us that a very wise King, called Asoka, ruled India during the third century B.C. In the early part of his reign he was compelled to defend his kingdom. He witnessed and experienced all the horrors of warfare, but his fine inner sense of justice was outraged at the terrible bloodshed and suffering that war had brought upon his loyal subjects. He faced the problem honestly and in deep meditation found enlightenment. All men—high born or low born, rich or poor—were human beings and equal before God. No human being had the right to maim or take the life of another.

Asoka then issued his famous decree outlawing war within and without his kingdom. It was carved upon the stony face of the mountains which served as boundary lines between India and adjoining countries.

When his enemies learned of Asoka's peaceful attitude, they saw the futility of waging war against a nation that refused to fight, and became friendly neighbors to the peaceful Indian King.

Asoka became the great father and counsellor of his people. Money formerly wasted in costly warfare, was turned into peaceful pursuits, vast public improvements, hospitals, schools and temples, and the Eastern world enjoyed an era of peace and prosperity.

Today the world is waiting for another Asoka who will honestly seek the solution to the problems of mankind, and recognize the true meaning of Man, and his proper relationships with every other man in the world.

# WISDOM OF LIFE

By SHRI VISHWANATH KESKAR

## MARCH OF LIFE

"Serene I fold my hands and wait  
Nor care for wind nor tide nor sea;  
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate  
For lo, my own shall come to me."

**T**HIS world is a battle field and each of us is a soldier. All that are born have to fight with death, and the many forms of disease and suffering that pave the road to decay. There are opponents that wear marks and many a man takes them for friends and allows them to live in their camps till very late.

To fight the battle of life, one must put on the armor of Faith and Love. Helmets of steel do not protect the human warrior against the invisible bullets of secret enemies lurking in the air about his head. He must wear the unbreakable helmet of spiritual perception. In one hand he must carry the sword of Truth to strike the enemies of life, and in the other the shield of patience to bear the attacks and thrusts.

It is a prolonged and powerful struggle. Man marches very often under wrong banners and flies false colors. So the strength is exhausted before he really understands his position. Men and women have equal rights and opportunities and are compulsorily enlisted. The large majority are weak and nervous, but put up a show of fight. They shoot into the air without aim and march straight into the enemies' lines without knowing where they go.

For many long days man does not know where he is and what he is to do. He sees around him brother soldiers eating and drinking and talking of fight. He imitates

them and believes he is a good soldier, but he finds that either he is fighting his own people or helping the enemy. It is difficult for many of us to avoid this mistake, as very few have undergone the necessary training and discipline prior to taking the field.

Generally men and women are in a hurry to put on the uniform of the body and appear with some kind of weapons like mind and heart which have never been polished and sharpened before. The blunt, rusted instruments are soon broken or rendered useless by the severe blows of the sharp weapons of the visible and invisible foes.

The commander and officers issue orders, but only a few ever heed them. The rank and file have no eyes to see the leaders, no ears to hear their distinct commands. Blindly they follow what they conceive to be their officers and are able to hear only the dull sounds of clashing arms, or firing of guns. The smoke of vanity hides the direction of the march, and the confusion of tongues bewilders the mass who fall down pell mell.

A handful of strong and brave warriors are seen to march cheerfully to the beat of the drums under the banner of Truth and Love—disciplined, tested and tried veteran soldiers—marching into the thick of the fight, onward to victory. These are the conquerors.

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### SPIRITUAL HEALING

HERE is more than healing in a Master's words. As the Lord went teaching and preaching he was healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, and to heal Himself he went up into the mountains. If you want to take up healing, you must learn how to replenish yourself or you will get sick and sicken those you want to heal.

The cleansing powers of rivers and fire, and the healing power of man all come from holiness, sanctity of soul. It is easy to cure the body, but that is merely patching up if the healing does not extend to the mental and spiritual planes.

The great Buddha was called the "Incomparable Physician." He was the "older brother" of Jesus. There is only one brotherhood, that of spirit. He said to his disciples: "Brethren, I am an humble person given to begging for the world. My hands are ever pure. I am wearing my last body. They call me in the higher world of angels, 'Incomparable Physician and Surgeon.' Ye are mine own true sons, brethren, born of my mouth. (Power of healing from the mouth, through the breath.) Tend the sick. He who cares for me, let him wait on the sick." He mentioned three types of sick men and three kinds of men in the world. He actually gave instructions to physicians how to heal. Sick people have three kinds of complaints; they are physically, mentally, or morally sick. It is easy to heal a man physically, but it is hardest and most important to heal the man who is morally sick. Some people live only in the body, some only in the mind. Masters heal all kinds.

The cases that the Master Jesus healed

are commonly healed in India. Saints in India go about with bowl in hand seeking the sick. The custom has largely disappeared in the large cities, but still exists in the villages and countryside.

Another characteristic of great healers is that they heal whole. The magic touch heals the whole life. The glory of spiritual healing is that the healing comes from above; all the parts are adjusted and healed, and spiritual vitality makes man safe from all future attacks. Restoring sight to the blind and raising the dead are forms of healing but only those who have vision and faith can do these miracles.

A distinguished physician says: "Taking medicine is often only a new disease to cure or hiding the old one. . . . We are half dead before we understand our own disorder. We are half cured when we understand. As soon as we find out what is wrong we know how to cure." The greatest thing is to know what is wrong. Much is experimentation by doctors to find out how far their theories are right. "If the mind that rules the body so far forgets itself as to trample on a slave, the slave rises and smites the oppressor."—(*Longfellow*.) Disease is retaliation of the body for the neglect of the mind. Mind can control and cure the body if it is alert and trained. So begin with understanding, and you will have done half the work of cure.

Those who want to become spiritual healers should rub themselves clean mentally and spiritually with thoughts of love and purity and health. "I am clean of body, clean of mind, clean of spirit. May the cleaning power of Christ flow through me. I shall be humble and ever grateful."

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The spiritual power of healing is a miracle until you know how it works—then it becomes simple.

Have a regular bath for all who not only want to heal but to be healthy. There must always be some kind of meditation after a bath, no matter how short. The feeling of cleanness gives it a great power to penetrate. Two words should be used, one at the beginning, the other at the close. "Om-sud-he-e," means "Let me be clean." To seal the work at close from any wrong influence, say, "Om-ah-und-a," which means peace and bliss, service and health.

The best and simplest way to remove the causes of disease is to relax in sweet meditation, forget everything, and smile with faith in God. Forget you have been sick or something has happened. Read what the

great souls have said on faith and healing. Listen to healing words and music. Read the beautiful story of a great life.

Very few have genuine faith, but all want the results of faith and want to reap without sowing. Health is a gift, a blessing, but to find and use it we must be clean and pure in spirit. Suffering and disease we have created out of our own fears and doubts, ideas of weakness and inharmony.

You have no right to use the healing power of Christ unless the friends who need the healing will agree to begin a spiritual life. If they sink back into a rut of misery and sin, they will strike back at you. The age of miracles has just begun. The world will soon see the mighty agencies of healing at work and will marvel.

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## COMPARATIVE RELIGION

It was in India that one of the five liberalizing discoveries of the modern world was made. I refer to the Rig Veda, the oldest portion of what is probably the oldest bible in the world. A direct and immediate result of that discovery was the science of comparative religion which, though still in its infancy, has made a succession of remarkable revelations to us of the Western world. Of the indirect and remote results of this discovery, the most important by far was the Parliament of Religions at Chicago in 1893. That mammoth convention brought together representatives of 128 varieties of religion. But that parliament had its prototype in another parliament organized 350 years before, namely the *Ibadat Khana* or "House

of Discussion" founded by Akbar, the Mogul emperor of India. Here, every Thursday evening, he presided over a gathering of representatives of the religions of India: Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Mohammedanism, Judaism, Christianity. It was at one of the sessions of this parliament that a participant gave utterance to the following noble sentiment: "If thou art a Mussulman, go mix with the Franks. If thou art a Jew, associate with Christians. Whatever be thy religion, associate with those who think differently from thee. If thou canst mix with them freely and art not angered at hearing their discourse, thou hast attained peace and art a veritable master of creation." . . .

—By Dr. Alfred W. Martin.

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### SHRI VISHWANATH KESKAR LECTURES BEFORE PRESIDENT AND MRS. HERBERT HOOVER

On Sunday, February 15th, at The Friends Church, Washington, D. C., President and Mrs. Hoover were present for the morning service at 11 A.M. Shri Vishwanath Kesar, one of the speakers who spoke, said: "Let the world rejoice that the kingdom of God is at hand. The dark night of ignorance and prejudice, of jealousy and misunderstanding is drawing to a close. The eastern horizon is being beautifully tinged with the rose of new understanding and with an outburst of sympathy and fellow feeling.

"Prophets and Initiates have paved the way and it is now for us openly to tread the Path. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you, is not a figure of speech, but Truth of Spiritual experience.

"Let us rejoice that the glorious Sun of love will soon shine and give us a day when men will not talk of Brotherhood, but will live it, and men will not talk of Fatherhood of God, but will use it as a principle in daily life."



**H**AVE patience! Wait, but do not sit idle. Work while you are waiting. Smile when you are wearied with monotony. Be firm while everything around you is being shaken. The Bright Day is coming. The nucleus of the New Race is forming. The harbingers of the New Ideals of international brotherhood are appearing. The trees of hope will be clothed with verdant leaves. The copper of scorn and derision will be transmuted into the gold of honor and repute. The desert of ignorance will be changed into the luxuriant garden of knowledge. The threatening clouds shall be dispelled and the stars of peace and harmony will radiate in the clear consciences of all the children of men.

—*Abdul Baha.*

## THE METAPHYSICS OF DEMOCRACY

By DR. CHARLES FLEISCHER

THE ideal of self-government may be so related to the cosmos and to eternity as to be beyond definition. That is to say, beyond the limitations of space and time. And yet, in narrower sense, it is possible so to define democracy as to relate this universal, eternal principle to America, our day, our selves.

Seen microcosmically, democracy is the organization of society on the basis of respect for the individual. This is its human aspect.

Regarded macrocosmically, democracy represents the individuation of Cosmic Stuff; each such integration being the symbol of all the significance, energy, potentiality of the universe.

Whether you consider democracy in the little or in the large, the same ultimate valuation should be attached to the idea. Namely, that the same properties are present—either realized and obvious, or emergent, or latent but potential—in every phase or aspect of Universal Life.

For practical purposes—i.e., for the immediate, concrete uses of our self-conscious human individualities—democracy deals with Man as an individual and with Men as related, socialized human beings; living locally and in time, as ambassadors to earth from the Cosmos and Eternity.

In other words, the essential dignity of the Human Race and the infinite potentiality of Human Life are symbolized in the universal spiritual principle of democracy.

### *Democracy is Spiritual:*

Such a conception of democracy makes of our America, consecrated to this ideal, a spiritual enterprise. In that sense, America does not give meaning to democracy; but democracy exalts America, and

creates continuously our American civilization through embodiment of its spirit and through its energizing influence.

Thus, our "patriotism" should be a holy appreciation of the meaning of the spiritual enterprise that American Life actually is.

What else but a spiritual enterprise can one call the effort to organize the life of 120 millions of human beings on the basis of self-respect and mutual respect?

If we have made but little progress, relatively, in so vast an undertaking, this is no reason for despair, for pessimism or cynicism. So tremendous a task deserves infinite patience and the use of the ages in working towards the fleeting goal of gradual fulfillment.

Seen under the aspect of eternity, we are still a very young Nation. So, too, this is a new country and a new age. We need the creative influence of a philosophy of life that shall express the spirit of this age; that shall humanize and moralize the interests of this country; that shall spiritualize the character of this people.

We are young enough to know our youthfulness and to trust our vitality; but we are old enough to realize that we must match privilege with responsibility, that we must face opportunity with consecration.

### *Democracy—A Philosophy of Life:*

Here, then, is democracy: to provide the needed philosophy of life, and to qualify our sense of youth with the sobering conviction of creative kinship with the Eternal.

It should be easy for the average American to realize: that democracy is vastly more than a political formula, to be contrasted with other types of government.

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Indeed, the very word, "self-government," suggests that the Democracy of Man is within; that all of us and each of us should be self-directed; that the seat of final and responsible authority resides in every human breast.

But—that authority for spiritual self-government, it must be recognized, inheres in the nature of our very being; and is then justified only when it asserts and attests our companionate relationship with the Creator of the Cosmos.

"LIBERTY"—thus alone are we really free.

"EQUALITY"—thus we prove our fellowship with the Eternal Divine that needs our earthly mediation.

"FRATERNITY"—thus we co-operate democratically with the Universal Power that indwells the macrocosm and the microcosm; and we, who are pitifully small, become infinitely great.



THAT the channels be prepared, is our chief concern at this time. Each hardship well borne marks a milestone on the path toward the heights.

REJOICE! A host of mortals is being prepared for selfless service. They are gathering in spirit from the four corners of the universe. Joy will sing through this host. Their material bodies, now in the alchemist's crucible, are being refined and lifted into the realm of Inspiration. Youth eternal will express itself through them, and the people, yet in the shadows of their own making, will wonder and exclaim. But alas! many of them, while longing for like experience, will not be willing to live the life required to keep their channel of balanced Forces open wide that the Gods may express through them and bless the Earth.

HOLD fast to faith in the Spirit. I, the great primal Force, Inspiration, am sweeping through the Earth with ever increasing momentum. I hear the noise of falling Towers, but it is not my part to tarry by the wayside, nor to light those who are blinded by the Light of Spirit. The people must lift themselves to me through deep desire to know me. They must be strong and move forward without a turning. O children of the King, I call you out of the world of illusion, that you have created, into clear vision and truth. Hold fast to harmony. Keep your minds open and fluidic, for intense action will follow my flowing. Do not hesitate or grieve over those who cannot move with my swift motion. Venus, the great Mother, will gather them into her womb and give them rebirth and new opportunities for growth.

THE hour has struck. Life is moving forward. I will strike the scales from the eyes of my people. Their trembling feet will be steadied on the path, and their voices will be lifted in praise, for lo! they will enter the promised land of balanced Forces where joy supreme awaits them.

ANGELS are shouting aloud, for the host of mortals, now gathering in spiritual consciousness, will form a nucleus of balanced Forces in the realm of Inspiration which will save the dark planet Earth from disintegration. I hold them very dear.

—Sano Tarot—Written by Nancy Fullwood.

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF BEING

By ELIOT CLARK

THE world today is in transition, upon the verge of a new awakening; the beginning of a New Era. It is an envisioned necessity. The product of the past, it is the inevitable result of antecedent causes.

We are rich in great inheritances. We must cherish and preserve them, but we must add thereto the **LIVING SPIRIT** of the present time.

The epoch which is passing has worked from effect toward an unknown cause—from without inward! We begin the new world cycle by building again with the **LIVING CONSCIOUSNESS**, knowing that the manifestation must follow.

The analytical era begins with the so-called Renaissance in Italy, and has been consummated in modern Science. It has been an era of investigation and research, the fruits of which are everywhere apparent. But science has furnished us with the tools, the means merely, and has not entered into the domain of **LIVING REALITY**.

Let us cherish the great service—this great inheritance—and use these tools for the fulfillment of life.

We are entering upon one of the most critical epochs of earth—and with the most potential power. The sail has been set; the ground has been leveled; great edifices of the past have served their timely purpose and perished. The temple must be rebuilt—and it must be rebuilt with **LIVING SPIRIT**.

Sleeping is the earth—vast the living on—faint the first light. The birds announce the coming dawn. Soon the diamond-like whiteness will pierce the heavens, and penetrate being. Be still. The day is coming.

The great wisdom has been enunciated. **WE NEED NO NEW OUTWARD SIGNS!** There can be nothing truly new, for reality is eternal. But there must be the renewal of realization, the living consciousness of the eternal verity.

We need not this vast impedimenta of extraneous knowledge. Seek not to know about the thing, but know the thing in itself—the **LIVING CONSCIOUSNESS**.

We need no vast edifices of thought, no egotistical systems; no categorical imperatives. Granted, granted, a thousand times granted, oh analytical philosophers of the past. But how well you know there are not two things. A poorly satisfying pastime merely, your mental structures. Sterile, so often the life in itself. We deceive not ourselves.

No, gentle ones, do not stand in awesome ignorance, and belittled reverence before egotistical mental structures. But bow low before the great incoming tide of being—the true illumination of the spirit.

The day has come. The diamond light pierces the heavens and permeates the inner being.

The analytical era has passed. The eternal temple is being rebuilt. Prepare the way!

**WHAT IS THE NEW AGE?** It is no phantasmagoria, no fantastical plaything; it is no curious peering into the dark chambers of magic; it is no awesome underworld.

It is the clear light of inner revelation, inner consciousness—realization.

Have you not recognized it? Cultivate it.

Is the mirror clouded that it does not reflect? Empty, empty, and meaningless

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everything without inner recognition. You know it.

But how is the mirror to be polished? Yes, there is a miraculous polish—it is ground from life itself. It is the one polish you cannot buy from the merchant, store up, or trade in. It must be used. Do you not know that the brightest part of the machine is that which is in motion?

Do you sit still all day and polish the mirror, thinking thereby to see a pretty image of yourself? Away with vanity! LUSTRE COMES FROM USE. Awaken! The new day is here.

Be sensitive to the reaction of being and trust it. The indication is within. Can anyone really tell you as well as yourself?

You know it. Treat yourself tenderly and with reverence.

Have you watched the happy toad sunning himself in the sand? Have you walked among the flowers of spring? Is there a magic in the lines of the rainbow; and have you warmed your hands over the crackling fire.

Appreciate the moment, does one ever arrive when always in pursuit?

The analytical age has past. It is exhausted. We can only will what we want. And we want fuller realization, significant consciousness, vibratory being—indwelling reality, fulfillment.

I tell you, gentle ones, being can be cultivated.



## TEMPLE APHORISMS

Days come and days go, but if thou watchest thou shalt see:

THE LOAD thou hast laid on the heart of a friend will God transfer to thine own heart; heavy as it presses on the heart of thy friend, heavier will it press on thine own heart in the days to come.

THE STONE thou hast cast from the path of the blind will smite the adder lying in wait for thee.

THE WEIGHT thou hast clamped on the feet of another will drag thine own feet into Hadean desolation.

THE SHELTER thou hast given the wayfarer will protect thee from the fiercest of life's storms.

THE JEWEL thou hast stolen from the strong-box of another will burn and torture the breast wherein it is hid.

THE BREAD thou hast given the hungry holds the substance of many loaves for thee.

THE LIE whereby thou hast gained an end will eat out thine own vitals.

THE TEARS thou drawest from others' eyes will mark deep furrows down thine own face.

THE SHOE-LATCH thou hast fastened for the halt and lame will bind the hands of thine enemies.

THE FIRE thou dost feed to scorch another will consume thee in its flames.

THE LAW of right can ne'er be thwarted long.

THAT WHICH thou hast sown, that shalt thou gather, whether it be in joy or sorrow, pain or peace.

THOU MAYEST plan the hour of planting—the hour of gathering must needs be struck by the hand of God.

I have said.

—From *The Temple of The People*, Halcyon, Cal.

## PURITY OF LIFE

By PIR-O-MURSHID INAYAT KHAN

**P**URITY of life is the central theme of all the religions which have been given in all ages to humanity. For purity is not only a religious idea but is the outcome of the nature of life itself, and one sees it in some form or other in every living creature. It is the tendency of all animals and birds to cleanse their coats or feathers, and to find a clean place in which to lie or sit; but in the human being this tendency is even more pronounced. A man who has not risen above the material life shows this faculty in physical cleanliness, but behind this there is something else hidden; and this latter is the secret of the whole creation and the reason why the world was made.

Purity is the process through which the life-rhythm manifests: the rhythm of that indwelling spirit which has worked through the ages in mineral and plant, in the animal and in man. For its effort through all these experiences is to arrive at that realization where it finds itself *pure*, pure in essence, pure from all that shall affect its original condition.

In the ordinary use of the word "pure" we find the same meaning; for instance when we speak of pure water, or pure milk, we mean to express the idea that the original substance is unmixed with any foreign element. Therefore a pure life is the term used to express the effort on the part of man to keep his spiritual being untainted by the false values of the worldly life.

All that the world gives in the way of knowledge, in the way of experience or of reason; all that a man's own experience or that of other teachers; all that is learnt from life, its sorrows and disappointments, its joys and opportuni-

ties, all these contradictory experiences help man to become more full of love and of vision. If a man has gone through all experiences and has held his spirit high and has not allowed it to be stained, it is of such a man that it may be said he is pure-minded. The person who could be called pure because he had no knowledge of either good or evil would in reality be merely a simpleton. It is to go through all which takes away the original purity and yet to rise above all which seeks to overwhelm and drag it down, that is spirituality; the light of the spirit held on high and burning clear and pure. This is the effort of the whole life, and he who has not known it has not known life.

The first purity is the purity of the physical world, in which man has to obey the laws of cleanliness and of hygiene; and in doing so he takes the first step towards spirituality. The next is what is called in general, purity of life, that purity of life which is shown in a man's social, moral and religious attitude. The national and religious codes are often very rigid as to this kind of purity; and sometimes it is merely an external man-made purity which the individual soul has to break through to find that of a higher plane. There is, however, a standard of inner purity, of which the principle is that anything in speech or action which causes fear, brings confusion or gives a tendency to deception, takes away that little twinkling spark in the heart, the spark of *truthfulness* which shines only when the life is natural and pure.

A man may not always be able to tell when a particular action is right in regard to circumstances or when it is wrong but he can always remember this psychological

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so far as possible crushed; their political ideas, if they have any, are treated as pernicious; and—most painful of all—differences in religious belief lead to bitter controversy and humiliating recrimination.

There ought to be no reason, and under happy conditions there is none, why the relationship between parent and child, one of mutual affection and care, should ever cease to exist. But that the relationship should continue as a tie is unnatural and tends to be harmful. At a certain stage in the development of the child the physical tie with the parent is severed, and the umbilical cord cut. At a later stage in development, when puberty is attained and adolescence is feeling its way toward a complete adult maturity, the spiritual tie must be severed. It is absolutely essential that the young spirit should begin to essay its own wings. If its energy is not equal to this adventure, then it is part of a truly loving parent to push it over the edge of the nest. Of course there are dangers and risks. But the worst dangers come from the failure to adventure, from the refusal to face the tasks of the world and to assume the full function life. If ties are not cut and relationships adopted to adult conditions, there is little likelihood of anything but friction and pain on one side or the other, or perhaps on both sides.

The parents have not only to train their children; it is of at least equal importance that they should train themselves. For every fresh stage in our lives we need fresh education, and yet how rarely is preparation made for that time of life which follows the reproductive period. Too

often, all that one can see, after the children have grown up, is that a vacuum has been created, and that there is nothing to fill it. The result is that the mother—for it is most often of the mother that complaint is made—devotes her energies to the task of hampering her children's developing energies. Yet the world was never so much in need of the "maternal in politics," or in all sorts of non-political channels of social service, and those who have actually experienced motherhood are best able to serve. It is by wisely cultivating their activities in a larger sphere that women will best ensure their own happiness, rather than by fretting and obstructing, or by worrying over, their own children who are no longer children. It is quite true that the children may go astray even when they have ceased to be children. But it is merely foolish for the mother who could not educate her children when they were small to imagine that she is able to educate them when they are big.

So it is that the problem of the attitude of the child to its parents circles round again to that of the parents to the child. The wise parent realizes that childhood is simply a preparation for the free activities of later life, that the parents exist in order to equip children for life and not to shelter and protect them from the world into which they must be cast. Education, whatever else it should not be, must be an inoculation against the poisons of life and an adequate equipment in knowledge and skill for meeting the chances of life. Beyond that, and no doubt in the largest part, it is a natural growth and takes place of itself.

—*The Reader's Digest.*

## SING! OH, SING!

By AMELITA GALLI-CURCI

ALL Nature, in a true and undisturbed state, sings and rings with harmony, rhythm and music. Law and order, in marvelous extent, operation and co-ordination, exist throughout seemingly limitless Nature. Everywhere throughout its vast and wonderful workings, far-reaching natural law, countless activities, growth, successive progression and marvelous evolution seem the pervading order. "All is vibration," is a true expression, which can rightly be said to represent all Nature. And so incredibly vast is this vibratory activity, midst law and order, harmony and rhythm, that it is said that even the planets sing, and the expression, "the music of the spheres," is often used to convey the vastness of the existing marvelous harmony throughout Nature.

Wonderful though Nature is in every aspect, it is found that Man can, either through ignorance of her beneficent laws, or through wilful violations thereof, make slight interference with Nature's operations and purpose, and ever with more or less serious consequences to the individual or so-called "sinner," either to health or happiness, or both. And it is in efforts to "remedy," "cure," or "restore," himself to the true "Lost Estate" in harmony with Nature's laws and purposes, that countless means and systems of "cure" or "remedy" have come to exist. How serious and countless the infractions of Nature's laws are, one needs only to make a survey of the world's enormous mass of ill health, strife and unhappiness, to know that it is almost beyond human calculation to even half comprehend it. And since the need for some rational and effective remedy is great beyond words, one utmost simple but

marvelous remedy, with a second one briefly added, will here be presented, which if ever fully tried will bring wonderful results in human life at large. The first and main one of these remedies is to closely imitate Nature in her inner and higher harmony; and toward that high attainment, you are informed, that an abundance of good MUSIC is the most effective means. The second important remedy, largely to eliminate the ills of human society, such as wars and deadly strife, is to replace competition with true constructive co-operation everywhere, exactly as should exist throughout in true civilized Christian society.

### *Rhythm Means Health*

Since Nature at large sings and rings with vibration, rhythm and harmony, it is utmost logical, that if the individual will joyously express himself in music, rhythm and harmony, particularly through singing, he will thereby speedily restore himself to full alignment with Nature's constructive principle in individual life, with the self evident result that normal health and happiness will be restored. And in the serious matter of "crime" and "evil," so extensive and world-wide, our great Shakespeare has concisely and masterfully covered this point in his famous statement, "The man that hath no music in himself, nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treason, strategems and spoils." And from the preceding or general argumental logic alone presented, the reader can confidently take the topic of this article and plea, and make "Sing, Oh, Sing," one of his or her prime objects in life, and feel assured, that every effort in that direction will bring rich and certain compensation. Therefore, Sing, Oh, Sing!

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However much music is generally considered to be utmost difficult, something only great artists after intensive and extensive training can produce, true music is the soul's joyous outpouring. And just as birds sing with a joyous ring, natural and unrestrained, so should humans sing with unrestrained joy, inwardly, at least, if not outwardly. And could humans at large know the great inward joy, from the outpouring of some fine spiritual force or vibration that flows out to listeners, from joyous singing, they would know that my appeal to sing comes with great soul force. Therefore, take, and carry far and wide, my plea—Sing, Oh, Sing!

### *Vibratory Communication*

Should the reader happen to be one of the progressives (who know that our fellow humans in inner finer realms of Nature exist in a real world of extremely fine matter, and that communication by higher "Radio or Wireless," or through vibration, is possible) and desire to thus communicate, then you are here informed that joyous singing is one of the best means to establish such new and larger communication. The foundation for this new science of communication and higher human intercourse was laid more than a century ago by the great scientist and philosopher, Emanuel Swedenborg, through his twenty-seven years of actual contact with and exploration in inner finer realms of Nature, as is found embodied in his wonderful "Science of Correspondences" in inner and outer worlds. Therefore, as this new science of independent higher communication is rapidly being established among the more progressive of today, you will do well to put the soul plea of this treatise

into a living practice for self and others, and to pass it on as well, in ways you deem best, so that long, and even centuries, after I have passed from your outer plane of activity, my great burning wish and plea for the world's great good will go winging and ringing: Sing, Oh, Sing!

Quite appropriate to the subject under treatment, though no doubt a big surprise to most readers, the main key is here given to the secret of most poets', writers' and composers' "inspiration," "Muse," or whatever their larger or inspired ability may be termed, which likewise has to do directly with music, rhythm and vibration, in one form or another. Thus you are directly informed that the great English lyric poet, Lord Alfred Tennyson, attained his "inspirational" state, or as he calls it, "an extraordinary state of lucidity," through the simple means of intoning or intensely repeating his own name, in which state of lucidity he produced his masterpieces of lyric poetry. And Ralph Waldo Emerson attained his "inspirational" state through a similar process, by simply lifting his consciousness to a "transcendental state," which he tapped or drew from as if it were a cosmic or universal source. And many other true poets, writers and composers, are known to have reached their "Muse" or "inspirational" state, or raised their vibratory activity, by simply humming or entering a sing-song state, mentally at least, and have thus attained their lucidity or additional ability to write and compose. And you are here directly informed that true poets and composers are not merely "born," as generally and ignorantly understood, but actually made as well, and through quite rational means, provided the individual is willing to "tune up," "step

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up," or "lift" himself to more or less of that "extraordinary lucidity" or "transcendental state" which Tennyson and Emerson attained. Tempting as the topic of this paragraph is to cover in still further detail, it must be passed by at this point, in hope it may be more fully treated at some future time in a special treatise. Yet, it is hoped sufficient has been presented in the statements made to cause every reader, who has any aspiration to write, to seek his or her "inspiration" or "Muse" through rational means, and become an enthusiastic yes, burning, exemplar of my soul plea: Sing, Oh, Sing!

Last, and most important of all, and this holds true regardless of what your select

religion may be, you are here informed that Music ought to be the most important part of all religious worship, for the simple reason it is the vibratory effect of true good music which raises the vibratory status of an individual to higher and larger consciousness of inner finer realms of Nature, which in the language of old-fashioned theology is termed "God," "divinity" or a sacred holy state. World-wide the use of music at religious service has come to be, ignorantly understood to be simply because "it somehow seems fitting to have music at such times," when, in reality, it is, or should be, or can be, when rightly understood, the most important part in all religious services.



### ULTRA VIOLET RAYS

"Science has analyzed the sun and found that, besides light and heat, it gives off tiny invisible waves (70,000 to the inch), known as Ultra-Violet rays, which have a profound effect upon all manner of life. Just as our eyes are receiving sets tuned to the mighty broadcasting of light given off by the sun, so our skin is tuned to the invisible health waves sent out by the same source. Though they penetrate the skin no deeper than the thickness of this sheet of paper, these rays are able to work deep changes throughout the entire body. Vitamin D—the sunshine vitamin—is produced only under its influence. This vitamin is an aid in the depositing of calcium and phosphorus and other minerals in the bones.

"These vital rays stir up many of us mentally. They help to build up resistance to disease. They tan our skins (though it is not necessary to tan to receive the benefits of ultra-violet radiation).

They are a powerful aid in the maintenance of health.

"But Ultra-Violet, artificially produced in the home, should not be regarded as a 'medicine.' It should be regarded in the same light as fresh air, pure water and wholesome food. And like all of these essentials of health it should be used with moderation.

"Like all great discoveries, Ultra-Violet radiation has been the subject of much misconception and misunderstanding on the part of the public. Its curative powers, in general use, have been exaggerated, in some cases by commercial exploiters. Ultra-Violet radiation is not a 'cure-all.' It is not a substitute for the services of a physician in the case of illness or disease. In all cases where Ultra-Violet radiation is indicated as a *treatment of disease*, the attending physician should prescribe and supervise the treatment."—*From General Electric Engineering Department.*

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### THE SELF AND SYMBOL

THOU most Divine! above all women  
Above all men in consciousness.

Thou in thy nearness to me  
Hast shown me paths of love.  
Yea; walks that lead from hell  
To the great light; where live and love  
Do ever reign.

Thou hast taught to me a patience  
To behold whatever state;  
However beautiful and joyful; however ugly and  
sorrowful.

To know that these are all!—but  
The glimmerings of the greater life—  
Expressions of the infinite.

According to the finality of that moment  
Now to come; in the eternal now, which thou  
Sweet presence, hast awakened me to—  
I see the light—the way.

An everlasting illumination  
That takes me to the gate; the open door  
To the house of God.

There I find most priceless jewels;  
The key to all the ways,  
That lead from *Om* to thee.

A mistake—an off-turn from the apparent road  
of right  
Is but the bruising of thy temple,  
Calling thy Self—thy soul—  
The God within; showing the  
The *nita* of it all; which is but the half of me.

And as thy consciousness of the two  
The *nita* and the *ita*, comes to thee  
A three is formed—the trinity is found.

Through thee the Deity has spoken  
Uniting the two in the one;  
Revealing the illusion of mortality  
The message of *Om* to the illumined.

—*Ali Nomad.*

## BIBLES OF THE WORLD

By SHRI VISHWANATH KESKAR

(A compilation of great interpretations of of the Bible)

THE Bible is the light of my understanding, the joy of my heart, the fullness of my hope, the clarifier of my affections, the mirror of my thoughts, the consoler of my sorrows, the guide of my soul through this gloomy labyrinth of time, the telescope sent from heaven to reveal to the eye of man the amazing glories of the far distant world.

"The Bible contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, than can be collected from all other books, in whatever age or language they may have been written."—*Sir Wm. Jones.*

"There are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion; no orations equal to those of the prophets; and no politics like those which the Scriptures teach."—*Milton.*

"It is a belief in the Bible, the fruit of deep meditation, which has served me as the guide of my moral and literary life. I have found it a capital safely invested, and richly productive of interest."—*Goethe.*

"The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; it will grow sweeter and sweeter; and the more you get into the spirit of it, the more you will get into the spirit of Christ."—*Romaine.*

"The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much; nothing wanting."

—*Locke.*

"The morality of the Bible is, after all, the safety of society. The doctrine of the

golden rule, the interpretation of the law as love to God and man, and the specific directions in it to husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, rulers and citizens, and the warnings against covetousness and sin are the best preventives and cure of all political diseases."—*F. C. Monfort.*

"We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatever."—*Isaac Newton.*

"I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book."—*Coleridge.*

"A noble book! All men's book! It is our first, oldest statement of the never-ending problem,—man's destiny, and God's ways with him here on earth; and all in such free-flowing outlines,—grand in its sincerity, in its simplicity and its epic melody."—*Carlyle.*

"Give to the people who toil and suffer, for whom this world is hard and bad, the belief that there is a better made for them. Scatter Gospels among the villages, a Bible for every cottage."—*Victor Hugo.*

"A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district—all studied and appreciated as they merit—are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty."—*Franklin.*

"The Bible stands alone in human literature in its elevated conception of manhood as to character and conduct. It is the invaluable training book of the world."

—*H. W. Beecher.*

## THE DREAMERS

*By* MIRZA AHMAD SOHRAB

**H**UMANITY is living at the threshold of a New Age, an age which is pregnant with immense possibilities, but before these possibilities can become actualities stepping forth into the arena of existence, man must learn to dream constructively, to think optimistically, to act courageously, and to realize persistently.

Those who have dreamed constructively are the Heralds of the New Age, the Fore-runners of the New Dispensation and the Messiahs of the New Order; through them and with them the rest of humanity can also learn to dream and to think, not wastefully, but fruitfully.

The art of dreaming is the greatest art. There could be no Christianity today, had there not been a Dreamer two thousand years ago. We would have no Buddhist Brotherhood had there not been a Buddha sitting cross-legged under the Bodhi Tree, dreaming and sending his thoughts into the vast expanse of time and space.

All the sciences, all the inventions, all the arts, were once dreamed. The giant skyscrapers that grace the Manhattan skyline were once dreams in the minds of architects.

What this age needs and needs most urgently is the establishment of the principle of universal Peace. It is the primal duty of every man and woman to work whole-heartedly in this great task. Humanity all over the world is groaning under the load of military taxation, and unless something is done now, by this generation, our civilization may be completely wiped out.

In order to bring about Peace, we must first of all discover the whereabouts of those magnificent and fearless Dreamers

whose hearts have been illumined by the light of inspiration and whose minds have been set aglow with the fire of conviction. The ideals of these Dreamers will be contagious. Their faith will move mountains. Their courage will enhearten the hopeless. Their vision will create a new world.

Where are they? How can we find them? Often in the most unexpected places, in the most unheard of corners of the earth. Like lighthouses, they send penetrating rays past the dark horizons of the human mind so that the magic argosies sailing on the sea of the spirit, may reach the haven of safety and enrich the country of thought with their intellectual and spiritual cargoes.

The Dreamers are the shapers of human civilization and the bringers of glad tidings. Unmoved they move the world. Often unknown they lead the march of human ideals. They are the founders and discoverers of the law of cosmic consciousness. They are the Peace Makers and the children of God.

To discover and to serve these Adepts must be the chief mission of one's life. Having found them, one has found the source of all beauty, the fountain of all happiness, and the mainspring of all progress. With the help of these Supermen, with the teachings of these Guides, we shall be able to lay the basis of a new civilization, the motivating force of which will be Peace and amity amongst all the nations of the earth.

The teachings of these Sons of God are very simple for they all present a creedless, boundless faith which embraces all, supports all, and holds all within its benign influence.

We must first practice devotion—devo-

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tion to a cause that will absorb all our energies, devotion to a cause that will suffer us to give up the past pettinesses and traditions of our ancestors, devotion to a cause that will lift us up from this narrow and limited environment, and draw us toward the infinite horizons of the universe. Once a person is interpenetrated with this devotional consciousness, he will be able to overcome all the obstacles placed in his path.

Again these Teachers wish us to be sincere—sincere in the mission which we are called upon to perform. To the sincere manifold doors of opportunity will be opened; their usefulness will be increased; their potential attributes will be developed; the stars of truth will shine upon them and the luminous path will be made plain. Sincerity is the jeweled crown placed on the brow of mankind by a benevolent and loving Father.

We are also taught to be enthusiastic, for without enthusiasm man will be nothing but a mass of shapeless flesh. Enthusiasm

is the fire that welds together all the disjointed parts and makes of him a dynamic, irresistible personality. Especially during these days of depression, one must be buoyant, hopeful, and a fountain of enthusiasm. No one has ever attained the pinnacle of fame and achievement without having had access to the spring of enthusiasm. Then, let us drink deeply from this spring and drink not only ourselves but encourage others to allay their thirst.

Finally these invisible Guides wish us to persevere. Perseverance is the mortar without which the bricks of ideals cannot hold together. We can never reach the goal, ascend the steps of the temple of wisdom and enter within the holy of holies without vigilant perseverance.

TO DREAM—TO THINK—TO ACT  
—TO REALIZE—these are the watch-words of the New Humanity!

And the New Humanity can only attain to these glittering heights through devotion, sincerity, enthusiasm, and perseverance.

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“I hold it true that thoughts are things.  
Endowed with body, breath and wings;  
And that we send them forth to fill  
The world with good results or ill.

That which we call our secret thought  
Speeds to the earth's remotest spot,  
And leaves its blessings or its woes  
Like tracks behind it as it goes.”

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## NINE RULES OF LIFE

By ALEXANDER, GRAND DUKE OF RUSSIA

THESE Rules are for those who are seeking to place themselves upon the way of truth or (in other words) upon the way of the sane and normal evolution of their Spirit:

RULE ONE—In your thoughts aspire always to reach the Supreme Power—God, not by wishing to understand what that Power is, but by submitting yourself to the laws of the world, in other words, to the will of God.

RULE TWO—Remember always that the law of love is the positive, fundamental law of the universe, and unless you submit yourself to its requirements and follow the law of love in all your thoughts and deeds you cannot switch yourself to the rays or waves which constantly emanate from the Supreme Power and which surround you at all times. These emanations are needed for the nourishment of your spiritual life just as food is needed to keep alive your material side—your body. Thus you can pass your earthly life in harmony with the universal harmony; in other words you will not disturb or disrupt that harmony by thoughts and deeds which, being antagonistic to love, will be eventually discharged on you, bringing unhappiness and sufferings of every kind.

RULE THREE—Never stifle the voice of your soul, which is the voice of your conscience. It is the regulator which will always show you which thoughts and deeds are in tune with the universal harmony and which are not. Following the law of love, you will thus keep open the door of your soul to the influence of the good forces of the universe and especially to the influence of your angel guardian or guide who is following and protecting your life.

RULE FOUR—Remember the fundamen-

tal law of the relation between the Supreme Power—God—and your soul. This can be expressed as follows: "the Supreme Power or any other good power cannot send you help of any kind if you yourself do not give to these forces the possibility to help you." Your prayers, your longings for contact with these forces mean nothing if they are not based on the law of love. Profess any religion, but always remember that if your religious life does not respond to the Law of Love, it is only fetichism or a dry theology which achieves nothing.

RULE FIVE—Remember the Law of Cause and Effect. This is the law which determines that every thought or deed is registered and, in time to come, if it did not correspond to the Law of Love, will have to be adjusted. This has to be done by each one individually. No one can make this readjustment for you as the law of cause and effect is the result of your possessing a free will. This makes you responsible for the thoughts and deeds which do not correspond to the universal harmony, in other words, to the Law of Love.

RULE SIX—Remember that life is in yourself. You must realize clearly that you form one with the Supreme Power—God, that you are in miniature what God is in His immensity. In this way you will learn self-respect and pure pride in your origin and *you will always live so as to be worthy of your birthright*. This feeling will stimulate you greatly, because at the same time you will receive an understanding of the truth that your duty, here on earth, is to be a conscious helper of the Supreme Power.

RULE SEVEN—The life cycle of your soul and its purpose is that, passing through all forms of matter, to gain expe-

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rience of the constitution and life of the world you return to the Supreme Power having gained wisdom and purity, and cooperate intelligently in its creative work.

You see, therefore, how beautiful is the aim of life and what limitless possibilities open to us when we understand what we are and why we are upon this small planet called earth.

**RULE EIGHT**—You must realize absolutely that nothing which exists can ever disappear, that spirit and matter are one. It is impossible to indicate where matter finishes and spirit begins, consequently death is non-existent. In other words, you will never die, only your form will change, but as you have a definite knowledge of your ego, your soul (which is expressed by you as your "I") armed with free will and the power of will, it is your privilege to continue a conscious life, after your soul has left its body. Here lies the great truth of daily life: "live so that your future life will be the continuation of the present one." This is only possible if you have followed the law of love during your present life, because otherwise you will not be able to reach the plane of being where you belong. You will be forced to remain on that

plane which is the nearest to the earth because your interests were earthly and you had nothing else to take with you. The Law of Love must inevitably be followed; it is not a religious law, but the fundamental law of the world's structure.

**RULE NINE**—Finally, remember that to live in tune with the universal harmony, which means to live in obedience to the Supreme Power—God, you must have constantly in mind the Law of Love, it must govern all your relations with other men, all your undertakings and all your thoughts; it has to resemble the standard measure which we use in mathematics, engineering, commerce, etc.; you must always adjust your thoughts and deeds to this basic measure (the law of love) and if they correspond to it then think and act. If not, it is better to wait until you have succeeded in bringing your thoughts and deeds into exact correspondence with the standard measure.

These nine points form the secret of the true and happy life. These points can, of course, be developed in a thousand ways so as to meet all the requirements of the complicated and false life which we are leading today.

### EACH HAS A MESSAGE

*By* JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

All nations have their message from on high,  
Each the Messiah of some vital thought;  
For the fulfillment and delight of men  
One has to teach that labor is divine,  
Another freedom, and another mind.  
And all, that God is open-eyed and just.  
Aye, each a message has from God's great heart,  
And each is needed for the world's great life.

## THE WORD

By GUALTHERUS H. MEES, M.A.,  
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. (ST. JOHN 1:1, 2.)

IN the sacred literature of a large number of religious schools we find the expression: the Word. We find it either as Word or as Name. Patanjali wrote: "Ishwara, His Name is Om." With the ancient Egyptians knowledge of the Name of the gods gave to the knower occult power over them. Therefore the "real" names of these powers were revealed only to initiates in the mysteries. The following inscription is often found on Egyptian graves: "Homage to ye, O gods, I know you, for I know your names (ren)." It is obvious that the Word is not meant here, but secret mantrams of a "lower" order. Concerning the differentiated Brahman, the Revealer of the Word was the god Thot, who is identical to Hermes Trismegistes. The Logos of Philo was also a god, identical to Hermes Trismegistes. In the Hymns of Hermes we find: "Holy art thou, Who didst by Word make to consist the things that are." Nous is another term of the Greek-Egyptian phraseology. It is a thought, an idea, and something of subtle materiality. Sometimes it was identified with the soul, psychè.

The Zoroastrians knew the Word. The ancient Peruvians probably knew it. Their Supreme Being (Pachacamac) was too vague for them to worship. How can one truly worship something transcendental and beyond humanity? But they worshipped the Sun, Inti, The Creator, who had the power of word.

The great Persian prophet Baha'u'llah expressed more clearly than other mystics, that knowledge of the Supreme can only

be obtained through knowledge of the Name. He writes: "The first splendor which hath shown forth from the Sun of Truth is the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of the King of Pre-existence cannot be attained except by knowing the Greatest Name. He is the Speaker of the Mount who is established and seated upon the Throne of Manifestation and He is the Hidden, Invisible One, the concealed Mystery." (Tablet of Tajalleyat.) The expression "Speaker of the Mount" brings interesting associations. Here the name may be synonymous with the Son.

In some cases the Word is synonymous with the "finished product"; the world of change. Anna Kingsford and Maitland describes the Trinity as follows: I. That which makes visible (The Father); II. That which is made visible (substance, the Mother Hindu Philosophy, Shakti); and III. That which is visible, their phenomena, and that is the Word.

The great poet and mystic Kabir, who drank the Water of Life, wrote a wonderful poem. He knew the Word, the great secret; but whence does it spring? He writes (Kabir's poems, translated by Tagore):

"Receive that Word from which the Universe springeth!  
That Word is the Guru, I have heard it and become the disciple.  
How many are there who know the meaning of that Word?  
O Sadhu! practise that Word!  
The Vedas and the Puranas proclaim it,  
The world is established in it,

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The Rishis and devotees speak of it;  
But none knows the mystery of the Word.  
The householder leaves his house when he  
hears it,  
The ascetic comes back to love when he  
hears it,  
The six Philosophies expound it,  
The Spirit of Renunciation points to that  
Word,  
From that Word the world-form has  
sprung,  
That Word reveals all."

Kabir says: "But who knows whence  
the Word cometh?"

In this way a great mystic expressed his experience. As to the practical side, there are two roads, one of which is both Western and Oriental, whereas the other is purely Hindu. The first comprises a discipline of the complete man: body, emotions, mind. During this process of meditation all things are removed from the human consciousness, so to speak (and in daily life the attachment to things is removed). All things are removed one by one till only the Word is left, the only thing which is truly existent, the Voice of the Silence, the only true happiness. Master Eckhart writes: "There must be perfect stillness in the soul before God can whisper His word into it, before the light of God can shine in the soul and transform the soul into God. When passions are stilled and all worldly desires silenced, then the word of God can be heard in the soul."

The second road is a direct method as compared to the first. It is the singing of a symbol representing the Word and meditating upon it. By this concentration, if done correctly, all hindering modifications of the mind will be automatically removed. The symbol of the Word, nay, the Word itself is Om. Shri Keskar once said:

"The result of meditation on Om depends upon putting your will, heart and consciousness into it in giving it utterance. Repeat it silently whenever you find time. Everything is then rejuvenated and rebuilt. You can recreate your whole being in the Light of the soul. All faults can be cured by concentration upon the Ideal. Om-concentration is a wonderful help." The method is given by the Amritabind-Upanishad (published by the Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati): "One should duly (according to the instruction of the Guru) practise concentration on Om first through the means of its letters (about this later), then meditate on Om without regard to its letters. Finally on the realization with this latter form of meditation on Om, the idea of the non-entity (of the great Illusion with its result: the world with name and form) is attained as entity (the Truth only remains)."

The Hindu Scriptures consider the Word Om in different ways. Yama, the Lord of Death as Teacher says to his pupil in the Katha-Upanishad: "This Word is verily Brahman (the Truth), this Word is verily the Supreme. He who knows this Word, obtains whatever he desires."

The symbol Om consists of three letters, matras (not mantrams!). The first letter stands for the physical creation. It is the first sound uttered by man when he is born, as a Baul poet (The Bauls are mystics in Bengal) remarked: "The day I was born I received my first initiation. With one-syllabled mantram I begged my Mother's grace. . . ." This first letter is A, the second U, and the third M. By meditation on the different letters different results are attained; only through meditation on the subtle sound that is the real Om, the Supreme may be realized.



## SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATIONS



**D**R. WILLIS R. WHITNEY, Director of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York, in an interview the other day with Mr. Herbert Brucker of the *Review of Reviews Magazine*, had many interesting things to say of the purpose and progress of pure scientific research.

Among other things he stated the aim of their work "is to push forward the boundaries of knowledge. Our work here requires specialization. . . . We are learning so much and in such detail nowadays that the human mind cannot retain it all. And we cannot accomplish anything here unless we go out to those detailed edges of knowledge, and beyond. It is our business to explore out there. The research man, to me, is crawling out further and further on the limb of a tree, whose leaves and branches grow as he goes on.

"Take an example. I have been reading at home the book of a man who has been experimenting on rats, cutting out parts of their brains, to see how it affects the constructive part of their minds—the ability to learn, and so on. Well, the surprising thing is that he found the rat with half its brain out learns more quickly than one with a whole brain—and that the same rat learns more quickly minus some of its gray matter than it did before. The explanation, probably, is that the half-brained rat has fewer inhibitions to hold it back. Anyway, the fact itself is something new learned."

W. D. Coolidge, another staff member

of the Research laboratories, is another well known scientist. For many years he has been investigating cathode rays. He has found that the cathode rays are capable of producing frozen light; cause scabs on rabbits' ears, kill certain germs and fruit flies, cause certain chemical reactions, etc., but thus far no practical commercial utility value has been discovered for their use. Yet Dr. Coolidge and his assistants will go on studying these rays for who knows what their wandering research curiosity may yet uncover as a practical utilization of the rays.

At first thought it seems curious that a great industrial organization would spend millions of dollars every year just for the "curiosity putterings" of research scientists, when it is readily admitted that many of the resultant scientific discoveries have no practical utility value. But if we consider the work that has been accomplished by these same laboratories on the perfecting and refining of the old carbon incandescent electric light originally discovered by Edison, the great practical value of the research scientist is obvious. It is estimated that the light we now use in America would cost us over four billion dollars a year more if it had not been for the changes effected in the old carbon incandescent lights—all this was made possible through the research of these "curiosity" scientists.

When Dr. Whitney was asked to tell what in his laboratory struck him as most important, he gave this startling answer:

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### "UNIVERSAL PEACE AND THE YOUNG!"

"Universal peace is a long way off. But Science is bringing people closer together everywhere. Only last week I read of the Germans, French, English, Dutch, Spanish, Italians, and others getting together to discuss—what? The best method of keeping a pole from rotting in the ground. Now, when you get nationalities together discussing things like that, why not get them to discuss other things? That is coming, even if it is a long way off.

"But more important than that—the young people. They are the only ones worth talking to. You can write an article for older persons, but it won't do any good. Suppose you write an article telling me something. I'm sixty-two, and the most that article could do would be to entertain me. It's only the young who would really do something about it. Get a young chap about seventeen interested, and he'll get something done.

"Our job here is to find out things that were never known before. And that's where the young people come in. Far from thinking that scientific truth is pretty well known, I believe that never in the history of the world have there been more opportunities, or more favorable opportunities, for finding out unknown facts that are of benefit to mankind."

PROF. GEORGE SPERTI of Cincinnati is a young man—just thirty years old. But he is ably demonstrating the fact that the modern world is a young man's world. For several years he has been studying the practical application of physical laws to biological materials. He does not regard the various divisions of

science—physics, chemistry, bio-chemistry, medicine, biology, zoology, etc., as distinct and separate fields—but rather as merging into one common field.

The basis of Professor Sperti's research has been the application of the quantum theory of physics to biology. He illustrates his work with the following analogy:

"Suppose that you are firing bullets from an air rifle at a plate glass window, trying to break it. Bullet after bullet strikes the window but fails to break it. You increase the velocity of the bullets and suddenly you reach a critical point where the window is broken. Any bullet of higher velocity will have the same effect.

"Now we know that light waves are of varying lengths. I believed that light rays acted on living matter—bacteria, for instance, just as bullets on the window. The theory, in brief, is that effects due to the rays should begin abruptly at critical points in the wave spectrum and should continue for shorter wave lengths. This was found through experimentation to be so. As we bombarded bacteria with electrons we came to the critical point where the bacteria were killed."

Professor Sperti, through long experimentation, has succeeded in applying his theory to the infiltration and impregnation of various food products with the valuable health vitamin D. By filtering the ultra-violet rays he is able to keep the health-giving ones, and shut out the harmful. Thus he is able to control, or completely eradicate the harmful bacteria which cause decay in various food products, and by impregnation build up the vitamin D content so that we can absorb with the natural food healthful effects similar to those emanating from the ultra-violet rays of the sun.

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### BOOKS

*By S. V. K.*

**B**OOKS reflect the thoughts of the authors. They are therefore living forces for good or evil.

**G**OOD books are the best companions, bad books are the worst enemies.

**I**N the words of Bacon, some books are not to be touched, others to be read only, while the good few are to be chewed and digested.

**T**HE printing press has conferred a blessing and a curse. That is just the evil of any machine. It can be and unfortunately for man it has been put to wrong use very easily.

**I**N the highest sense books are symbols for power good and bad.

**E**ACH book is stamped with the personal magnetism of the writer and impregnated with the thought of his time. It is a story in words of his inner life.

**G**UIDANCE is necessary, especially for the young, when the large number of books that are being published are generally the product of superficial thinking and emotionalism. Style and skill in writing are arts that unfortunately have been cultivated to a high degree of perfection without any direct relation to originality and experience.

**Y**OUNG plastic minds are easily impressed and the impression right or wrong remain permanently. Herein lies the danger of making evil contacts with unholy thoughts expressed in attractive language. Sensationalism and sentimentalism are the common weapons used by deft fingers to lure the unwary young souls into quagmires. The more they try to rise, the deeper they sink by their own weight. They need someone strong and brave standing on dry land to reach them a rope and then to drag them out slowly.

**G**OOD books do not please or attract readers until they have learned by experience the value of good teaching and are able to discriminate between amusement and enlightenment.

**H**IGHER the quality of books, greater the appreciation and patience they expect on the part of readers. Good things lie under the surface, lights things float on the surface. Hence it is so difficult for the untrained young minds to be able to distinguish between true friends and disguised enemies in the choice of books.



## BOOK GLIMPSES



**THE GOD OF SHELLEY AND BLAKE.** By John Henry Clarke (John M. Watkins: London).

A unique departure from the old traditions. The author advises the headmasters of schools to tell their youthful charges, upon leaving school for contact with the world, that they will meet many trying difficulties in life, but says Mr. Clarke, "consult the Poets in preference to Doctors of Divinity." Both Shelley and Blake were mystical poets of a high order. Their conception of Deity was the impersonal universal Principle, as opposed to an anthropomorphic extra-cosmic God. A salutary suggestion to the youth of the world—**SPIRITUALITY** is the thing needful today, not Religion.

**THE ADVENTURE OF SCIENCE.** By Benjamin Ginzburg—\$5.00. (Simon and Schuster.)

The author has attempted to follow the development of all Scientific endeavor from the time of Pythagoras to Einstein. He has told an interesting story in language which the ordinary layman can understand. Mr. Ginzburg has sought to portray the human side of science—the struggles of Science in the making, and thereby has given the layman an appreciation of its cultural contribution.

**OUR NEW WAYS OF THINKING.** By George Boas—\$2.50. (Harper & Brothers.)

The author endeavors to explain the evolution of the mind. He portrays the changing methods and the results of our thinking processes. He then tells us how

to use this newly evolved mental equipment.

**MAN AND THE STARS.** By Harlan True Stetson. Illustrated. \$2.50. (Whittlesley House.)

A helpful book for the layman. Dr. Stetson has presented in understandable language some of the outstanding events in man's discovery of a universe of Infinite change, and has endeavored to trace the influence of these events upon man's reactions to his environment.

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**THE ADVENTURE OF BEING MAN.** By Hugh Black. \$1.50 (Richard R. Smith, Inc.).

This book should have a place in the library of every modern man who can think grandly and put his thoughts into creative activity. Hugh Black has written many books, but in our opinion "The Adventure of Being Man" shows a clarity and dynamic force of expression seldom equalled by modern writers. He has cleared the decks for an intelligent synthesis of Science, Religion, and Philosophy. He has sounded a deeper note and dug deeply for the profound meaning of human existence. It is a stirring, stimulating, soul-satisfying book.

## LEBENSWEISHEIT

VON SHRI VISHWANATH KESKAR

**E**RST durch das Wachsen der Persönlichkeit wird das Leben nutzbringend. "Trete beiseite" sagt der Lehrer "und betrachte Deine Persönlichkeit als ob sie ein Experiment wäre. Studiere Deine hin und her schweifenden Gedanken und Wünsche.

Sei nicht gebunden an irdische Dinge. Suche Zuflucht in Meditation. Der Wert einer jeden Erfahrung oder eines jeden Versuches liegt in der Fähigkeit Character zu bilden. Denke daran.

Weltlich eingestellte Menschen wenden die meiste Zeit und Aufmerksamkeit ihrem Körper zu. Sie verderben demzufolge durch vergänglichen Gedanken und Dinge. Sie schaffen neue Fesseln für sich und versuchen auch andere zu ketten.

Gewöhne Dich daran, Deine eigenen Fehler zu sehen und tadele sie nicht in Andern. Hüte Deine Zunge und Deine Gedanken. Es giebt keinen geistigen Fortschritt ohne guten moralischen Character. Beschäftige Dich mit Gedanken, die Dich in jeder Weise verbessern und vervollkommen. Dies wird die Eitelkeit töten und Dir keine Zeit lassen Fehler in Andern zu finden.

Gehorche und sei dankbar. Lebe wie ein Kind in Einfachheit und Reinheit der Gedanken, des Wortes und der Tat. Du musst erst ein guter Diener und Schüler sein ehe Du Meister sein kannst. Erziehe Dich.

Das Ertragen von Schmerz und die Bereitwilligkeit zu opfern und leiden sind die zwei grossen Schlüssel zur Entfaltung der Seelenkraft. Liebe das Unsterbliche und das Ewige, kreuzige das Sterbliche und Persönliche in Dir.

Deine erste Pflicht ist Dich zu läutern und zu vervollkommen. Du hast kein

Recht zu predigen und zu lehren. Ein grosser Teil des menschlichen Elends entspringt Eigendünkel und Selbstsucht. Vieles was unter dem Deckmantel von Selbstlosigkeit, uneigennützigem Tun und Handeln segelt ist aus Egoismus geboren.

Wende Dich Deinem Verstande zu und bilde ihn sorgfältig aus. Die Liebe des Gurus oder Lehrers kennt keine Grenzen. Seine selbstlose und grenzenlose Liebe ist Beweis seiner Göttlichkeit. Der wahre und reine Lehrer ist der, der seine wahre Natur erkannt hat und deshalb vollkommen göttlich ist. Er steht über der Persönlichkeit. Er ist Brahma-der Schöpfer, Vishnu-der Erhalter und Shiva-der Zerstörer. Abstrakte Gottheiten oder Personifizierungen sind Wirklichkeiten durch des Lehrers vollkommene Selbstverwirklichung. Selbst die Götter verehren einen vollkommenen Guru.

Nur durch die Ausdehnung und Vervollkommenung der Persönlichkeit wird das höchste Unpersönliche erreicht. Durch das Ideal des Gurus oder Lehrers wird Gott und Mensch zur Einheit. Der Mensch muss die Göttlichkeit zuerst im Menschen erkennen bevor er sie in Gott sieht. Der göttliche Mensch oder Meister führt den Schüler Schritt für Schritt zur Schwelle des Tempels der Unsterblichkeit.

Zuerst kommt die körperliche Gegenwart des Lehrers als Quelle der Inspiration. Durch den Verkehr mit der Persönlichkeit des Lehrers lernt der Schüler die Grösse und Liebe seiner Persönlichkeit. Dies ist der zweite Schritt. Die Characterwürde und selbstlose Liebe lehren ihn neue Ideen von Grösse und Selbstlosigkeit. Das lebendige Beispiel grosser Leben und hoher Ideale wandelt sein Wesen. Er versucht sie nachzuahmen und indem er der Persön-

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lichkeit des Lehrers gerecht wird, versucht er an sich selbst zu denken. Er schaut in sich und sucht wo er das Werk der Bekehrung beginnen muss um ein würdiger Schüler zu werden. Dies veranlasst ihn, über das Prinzip nachzudenken, das das Betragen und den Character seines Gurus regiert. Dies ist der dritte Schritt, nämlich von Persönlichkeit zu Idee oder Prinzip. Er lernt vom Lehrer die wunderbaren Lehren der Einheit der Seelen und Reinheit des Lebens. Dann versucht er ihnen zu folgen und sie in sein eigenes Leben zu übertragen. Jetzt findet er seine Seele mehr in Harmonie mit der seines Lehrers und dadurch Gott und der Wahrheit näher.

Der vierte und letzte Schritt ist die Erkenntniss des Schülers von der un-

persönlichen Art des Lehrers und seiner eigenen Göttlichkeit. Durch Meditation und andauernde Übung, der für seine Leitung niedergelegten goldenen Regeln, findet er, dass alles Leben eins ist, und dass der Lehrer und er ein Tropfen sind in einem Ozean des ewigen Lebens. Der Lehrer wird nun zum älteren Bruder auf gleichem Pfad und Gott giebt die höchste Form eines ewigen Grundsatzes kund, in dem das sichtbare und unsichtbare Weltall von ihm beseelt und belebt wird.

Er hat nun den Gott in sich selbst gefunden, und er sucht nicht länger nach Ihm in der Aussenwelt. Aber er erkennt trotzdem Seine Gegenwart und Allgegenwärtigkeit und fährt fort seinen Lehrer zu lieben und zu ehren als besten Führer und Wohltäter.—(*Translated by Julius Star*)



## LE SILENCE ET LA SAGESSE

GOYAH GILBRETH

**C'**EST peut-être impossible d'approfondir les mystères de la vraie sagesse sans connaître la valeur du silence. L'âge arrive vite à la conclusion que les intellectuels sont limités dans leur perspective. L'âge demande plus qu'une habileté brillante, étincelante. Il commence même à reconnaître la différence entre l'intellectualité et la sagesse. Beaucoup de ceux qui possèdent seulement une intelligence exceptionnelle commencent à soupirer après des qualités ressemblant plus au divin idéal.

Une splendide éducation crée une supériorité illusoire qui nourrit l'intellect et laisse mourir de faim le coeur, ce sanctuaire où habite la Divinité, le don du Créateur à l'être fait à Son image.

Nous n'avons qu'à suivre la signification du fait que l'homme est une reproduction minuscule de la Divinité même pour conclure qu'il est incapable de représenter ici-bas le Macrocosme si seulement son intellect fonctionne. Le Dieu possède un coeur, aussi bien qu'un intellect. Avec le coeur Il *sait*. L'intellect Lui sert pour formuler les théories et les hypothèses, que Son coeur a la prérogative d'accepter ou de rejeter. Enfin, c'est le coeur, pas l'intellect, qui est le monarque. Cela est la règle dans le Macrocosme, aussi bien que dans le microcosme, l'homme.

Alors, pourquoi devenons-nous des esclaves de l'intellect, qui est seulement le serviteur du Maître dans le coeur? Certainement l'intelligence joue un rôle dans

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l'évolution de l'humanité, et aussi dans le drame des âges, mais elle est loin d'être l'auteur du drame.

Mais, comment l'homme, intellectuellement supérieur à ses contemporains, peut-il arriver à la sagesse? Il y arrive par le chemin du Silence, qui est bien difficile à suivre. Car à chaque instant il est tenté de montrer sa supériorité, en corrigeant les folies et les sottises des gens moins intelligents que lui. Il ne peut pas, même momentanément, oublier les produits, les fruits de ses études, de son travail, et de son expérience dans bien d'autres vies

terrestres, de façon que son intellect, au lieu d'être une vertu, devient une faiblesse, une pierre d'achoppement à son progrès.

Il semble que l'homme intelligent ait besoin de nourrir son propre égoïsme en parlant. Cette méthode est contraire à celle des Adeptes et des Sages, qui instruisent l'humanité par leur silence. Le Sage ne sent pas le besoin de s'exprimer. Il est intelligent, bien entendu, mais il a mis l'intellect sous la domination de la sagesse, qui n'a pas besoin de paroles. C'est le cœur qui possède la sagesse, et le cœur ne parle que dans le Silence.



## THE SCALE

By DARIUS TALEYARKHAN

**I**N the heart of the Arabian Desert, in its oasis of date palms, by the bend of the great river in the village of Ana, there dwelt two men. The first was known as the Saint, so great was the intensity of his devotion to all things pure. And the other was called the Sinner, and he was hated and reviled of all men, because in evil and in shame he passed his days.

Now it came to pass one night on the full moon, that as each gazed upon the splendor thereof their hearts were filled with despair. And in the tense madness of this silver-stained moment the Sinner performed a noble deed, and the Saint succumbed to a crime.

And the next day, in the market place, nothing was talked of but the sin of the Saint and the noble deed of the Sinner.

And the people were filled with pity and admiration for the Sinner. "We have misjudged him," they cried, and they clad him in purple and anointed him with nard. But against the Saint they were full of wrath. "What a man we have worshiped!" they cried, "away with the hypocrite." And seizing hold of him, they cast him forth into the desert.

And as the Saint lay there, wounded and weeping, he felt a hand laid on his shoulder, and heard a voice saying: "Fool, what cause hast thou to weep and wonder? Learn, that the slightest vice in a virtuous man excites horror and condemnation; the slightest virtue in a vicious man, pity and adoration—for in water, the presence of a hair is detected; no blemish is visible in ink."



## News from Friends Round the World

ROTTERDAM—Mr. G. H. Mees and Mrs. J. Brinkman are the leaders of two serious-minded Study Groups at Rotterdam. Aims and objects of the groups: 1. Contact with Shri Vishwanath Keskar; 2. Study to realize fundamental Truths; 3. Emphasis is laid on unsectarian and undogmatic spirit; 4. Cooperation with all similar world groups.

Mr. Mees has formed a Group at the Hague, and expects shortly to have another group ready for formation.

Mr. Mees and Mrs. Brinkman are to be congratulated upon the unselfish devotion they are giving to the great work.

PARIS—Mrs. Ephra Townley writes that progress is being made with the formation of another interesting group at Fontainebleau, France.

LONDON—Dr. Julia Seton of Washington, D. C., has been on a lecture tour of England for the past three months. Many interesting London activities will result from her work. Dr. Seton expects to return to America sometime during March and will continue her Lecture work in California during the spring.

WASHINGTON—Much interest has been aroused in Washington through the Lectures and Class study work of Shri Vishwanath Keskar. A Symposium on "Forces of the New Age" was given at the Playhouse Auditorium, 1814 N Street, N.W., on the 7th and 8th of February. Shri Keskar lectured on "Philosophy and Edu-

cation"; Miss Frances R. Grant of the Roerich Museum lectured on "Beauty and Art," and Dr. Charles Fleischer lectured on "Democracy and Science." The lectures were well attended by a sincerely appreciative audience.

NEW YORK—The New History Society, 132 East 65th Street, is to be complimented upon its work in arranging for the splendid course of nine Lectures on the "Way-Showers of Humanity," being given in the Ball Room of the Park Lane Hotel, 48th Street and Park Avenue, on Sunday evenings at eight-thirty o'clock. This is an earnest attempt to render a better understanding between the followers of the great Religions of the world. Accredited and inspired leaders of the world's Faiths are speaking on Zoroaster, Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, Moses, Christ, Mohammed, and Baha'U'Llah. A special meeting will close the series in which Turkey's foremost Woman, Mme. Helide Edib, will speak on the "Dawning Star of Peace."

The New History Society is doing a great work for the community life of New York City and deserves the whole-hearted cooperation of all friends and workers in the Great Cause.

NEW YORK—New York Unity Society, Dr. Richard Lynch, President and Speaker. Dr. Lynch speaks every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Engineering Auditorium, 33 West 39th Street. He also speaks every Wednesday at noon and every Thursday evening at the Unity Head-

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quarters, 11 West 42nd Street. The Unity Society has daily noon, afternoon and evening classes conducted by various teachers at 11 West 42nd Street, New York City. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.



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The International Rosicrucian Brotherhood, known throughout the world, has established a definite schedule of public lec-

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tures to be held in the large Hall of the Master Building on the third Sunday evening of each month. These are being attended by a very large audience of cultured people seeking the kindly help offered by this very old organization. Other sessions for members are held in the temple and auditorium at the Master Building. Consultations and unusual advice are given to any who wish these services from the Rosicrucian Brotherhood and without any obligation.

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