

THE MYSTIC MESSENGER



- ISSUED MONTHLY BY
- THE MYSTIC BROTHERHOOD UNIVERSITY
OF WESTERN OCCULTISM: TAMPA-FLORIDA
- AN AUTHORIZED CHANNEL FOR THE MESSAGES
- OF THE WHITE BROTHERS

VOL. I - NO. 7
JULY 1934



THE MYSTIC MESSENGER

JULY 1934 - VOL. 1 - NO. 7

THE MYSTIC MESSENGER IS AN AUTHORIZED CHANNEL FOR THE MESSAGES OF THE WHITE BROTHERS OF THE LODGE INVISIBLE AND CONTAINS CHATS BY THE BRETHREN AND THE NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD AS ITS PENDANT IN THE WESTERN WORLD

THE MESSAGE



Remember that one must be faithful in the ordinary, trivial little duties of everyday life if he would make himself worthy of having greater things committed to his trust. By being faithful in the little things of life we fit ourselves for doing the greater things.

So many people have the idea that when they are working with Spiritual Law they are above the obligations of the ordinary business relationships to life; they feel that if they put their affairs into the care of the Great Law it is not necessary for them to be watchful of their obligations to their fellow-men. It is true that Spiritual Law transcends Material Law, and Spiritual Truth overcomes material errors. On the other hand Spiritual Truths are manifested in material or outer things--Righteousness, Honesty, Truthfulness, Integrity, Meekness and Humility are all attributes of Spiritual Law. If one is not able to apply these qualities in the ordinary relationships of life he will not be able to use the greater Spiritual Law to which he aspires.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not far removed, up in the sky somewhere, but it is right within us, and about us. When we live according to the principles of that Kingdom then we can manifest it in our lives. We cannot possibly expect to have the kingdom if we are selfish, unjust, careless and disloyal in our actual relationships in the

ordinary world about us. The one who puts the true principles of the Occult Nazarene into practice in business life, and home life, is the one who will master the Great Laws of the Spirit.

Application of Divine Law does not help us to avoid payment of the grocery bills, which we justly owe, it does not cause someone else to lose a sum of money that we may find it, it does not help us to cheat or to promote swindling schemes. The Divine Law of Righteousness works with us when we apply the Golden Rule, when we pay our just debts, and when we render true service. The Law of Prosperity is a consistent Law, and has naught to do with falsity and unrighteousness, or the multitude of sins of omission.

It is by applying the principles we are studying in the little things about us that we strengthen our Spiritual Muscles, so that we may master the greater ones. We must realize then that our first duty in developing toward the Magus of Power is to make ourselves perfect in all the little things--this is something that is simple and easy, it concerns not something in the future, not something difficult or far off: it concerns only the trivial little things about us, and these, and the manner of handling them constitute the test. To move forward toward your Goal, first of all square your actions by the Golden Rule.

The Mystic Messenger JULY 1934

AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

One of the most wonderful lessons ever given to Humanity is that one in which the Divine Presence appears to Solomon in a dream, "Ask what I shall give thee!" Solomon answered, "Give thy servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Because Solomon asked this, God gave it to him, and He added riches and honor, for which Solomon had not asked.

The lesson is, that when we find the Kingdom of Heaven gained only thru an understanding heart, then all needed things of earthly value are also given to us. An understanding heart is far more than an understanding mind; an understanding heart is the realization, the feeling that the Christ Within guides and directs one at all times, is the positive knowing that the Inner Self is unmoved and unchangeable under all circumstances. When one has acquired an understanding heart he spends money, which is the symbol of abundance, wisely, and he handles all his affairs with a judgement that far surpasses that of the intellectual mind.

"LET IT BE REMEMBERED"

The Road of Experience is the Road to Wisdom, the Road of Reflection.

Everyone should work according to his nature--the wind blows, the sun shines, the trees grow, fish swim, it is their nature.

Self Knowledge leads to God-Self. "Everything starts from you!" Shakespeare said, "To thine own self be true; then thou canst not be false to any man." Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The Soul is unlimited; the bud

does not know its destiny to become a flower. It has to unfold; it is the same with the Soul.

"Change the state of your mind, your tomorrow depends on your acts today."

Dr. Ruth Stead.

DR. ALAN M. EMLEY

Dr. Emley writes as follows, "Today I wrote a little article for the Messenger. I wasn't satisfied with it, so I wrote another. Upon reading them over I concluded the second was worse than the first, so am sending them both on and you may take your choice." The editor is leaving the matter to the readers and publishing both articles. "The Raid" and "To Thine Own Self Be True."

THE RAID

There is no more fascinating study than people in all walks of life. I belong to an author's club where we sit around a luncheon table and criticize (adversely) the stories the other fellow is fortunate enough to sell.

Sometimes the district attorney asks us to serve as deputies on a raid. He says it will enable us to write action stories with a realistic touch, but the fact is he sometimes needs men so badly he doesn't care much whom he deputizes.

Recently an invitation came to participate in a raid on the following day. We accepted with a fine flourish as to our willingness to sacrifice self in the interest of law and order, and for the protection of society. The real reason, of course, was the love of adventure. We are just like any other youth of immature understanding. There is no difference between the little boy, who throws rocks at the cat, and the big man

who goes to Canada to shoot a moose.

At the appointed time we gathered in the court house to receive instructions. We had visions of slipping down dark alleys and up fire-escapes, of smashing in doors, of shooting, cutting and killing to the accompaniment of curses, groans and a liberal sprinkling of gore.

A disappointment awaited us. It was to be a raid on the money changers and usurers; a simple walking into prosperous offices, seizing the books and arresting the managers. We would not have the opportunity of shooting anybody--and it was too late to plead previous engagements or the pressure of business.

When we went into the first office one could feel the terrific tension. There were three of us in each group; one to arrest the manager, another to search for a state license to loan money, and another to seize the books.

All was conducted quietly. The stenographers and clerks worked feverishly as though unconscious that anything unusual was taking place. Few words were spoken as we searched the files. In the private office there was much protesting of innocence, with waving of palms and wringing of hands. They did not make loans at all, they needed no license, they were not guilty of anything, some enemy had been lying about them.

But, Ah, what the accounts disclosed! What a record of poverty, suffering and tears! Shylock had indeed demanded and taken his pound of flesh. People can be very cruel to one another.

When we returned with our prisoners the room was nearly filled with those who had been brought in. There was some attempt at jocu-

larity, but it was feeble and died early. Some tried to appear composed, but each face showed the suffering of the trapped breaker of the law.

They had taken a short-cut to wealth. What matter if it was against the law? What matter if they took advantage of their weaker brothers and sisters? They called it business.

The ancient philosopher called it the attraction of the outer space--the path of devolution. It is also the path of suffering, for great is the penalty paid by those who feel themselves above the law.

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

In the middle ages people of different trades and professions were divided into Guilds. Each Guild had its pass word, its traditions and its distinctive attire. The tailor, the barber (physician), the mason and the merchant advertised the Guild to which he belonged by a peculiar style of dress, or by the method of wearing hair and beard. An old nursery rhyme tells us:

"Hi-diddle-dinkety-poppety-pet,
The merchants of London
they wear scarlet."

In America it was once customary to address people by the business they followed. It was Merchant Brown, Farmer Green, Banker Jones and Lawyer Smith. Except in the medical profession and in politics, this practice was long ago abandoned. The different trades and professions no longer wear a distinctive style of dress. A lawyer would be laughed at who appeared in a frock coat and string tie. Even the medical profession, which seems to cling longest to tradition, is giving up the sideburns and pointed beard.

Recently I went into a store

that sells occult and astrological books. My attention was attracted by a man occupying a conspicuous position near the front window. His hair was long and bushy. His clothing was cut in an unusual style. Even his shoes were different. He was talking with a loud voice and with studied effect. One very soon gathered that he was a Great Occultist who knew mysteries which God reveals only to the chosen few.

For years this man has been wallowing in an occult quagmire. He has been a chaser of moonbeams, taking courses from this school or that, a wanderer of waste places in the earth. Recently he took a course from an East Indian who wore a turban and a long beard. In two weeks he graduated and became a minister and healer. He is now attempting to bring his treasures to mankind.

Unfortunately, Occultists of this type are the ones seen by the public, and they have brought a great science into disrepute. To say to the average person that so and so is an occultist or a mystic, is the same as saying that he is crazy, or, as modern youth puts it, that he is a Nut.

Such people never are serious students. Rather are they seekers after thrills, the short-cuts and brief courses that, by means of some mysterious incantation or the magic formula, will bring health, wealth and great psychic power.

Being children in consciousness, they cannot recognize Truth when they find it. They leave the "still, small voice" and run after the brass band. Followers of illusion! One of them told me that he had been given the secret of a rich gold deposit by his "guide." He raised considerable money from some gullible women and went into the mountains seeking this lost

mine. He didn't find it, but he found a number of things that he didn't want.

True spirituality does not advertise itself by departing from custom, nor has it need for such advertisement. People recognize it as they would recognize an Oasis in the heart of a desert. They cannot long be deceived by a mirage.

- A PRAYER -

Great Cosmic Mind, Law and Order Absolute, with the returning Day, I renew my pledge to Thee in the Bond Inviolable.

Thou constrainest me to "remember each day to keep it holy."

Thou admonishest me to walk in "The Great Ways of Truth."

Thou inspirest me to consecrate to Thee the constantly recurring daily task, as a sacred Ritual.

Thou givest me "Divine Immunity and Infinite Abundance," as I seek the "Kingdom of Heaven."

Thou makest me to know the "Terrible Validity of Righteousness" and the Inexorable Necessity thereof.

And Thou givest The Holy Spirit to them that obey Thee.

Thy Will be done this day and all the days to come forevermore.

Amen.

Sister Ada Powers.

You will notice that the above Prayer is unique in that its material consists of a compilation of well-known and well-loved phrases, beautifully combined to form an inspiring dedication to an acknowledgment of the Master's Divine Love and Power.

FRIENDSHIP

I was meditating the other day on FRIENDSHIP - called to my mind several who had been and are yet, MY FRIENDS. Some of them are well fixed, financially, mentally, physically, others have been welded to me by some little service I have been able to render them. All of them GOOD FRIENDS.

Someone said - "A friend is one who knows all of your faults, yet loves you just the same." That is a beautiful thought filled with much meaning that few, I presume, pause to analyze. A friend is not one on whose influence we may count to get us out of all the predicaments we may find ourselves enmeshed because of willful actions; that sort of person is not a friend, and unconsciously, well meaningly, leads us into even greater and deeper mire than we are at present. Encouraging a law violator is only to draw that person into greater difficulties, and those who lend their influence to protect those whom they would befriend from receiving justice, without permitting them to suffer the remorse necessary to impress them with the gravity of their deeds, are in reality encouraging continuance of present practices and the venture into more serious difficulties.

The practice of forgiving and forgetting because of the ties of relationship are as damaging as the continual nagging against, practiced by those whose love tolerates the recurrence of physical and mental abuses on the part of the offender that are demoralizing to them and an insult to decency and respectability.

Those who value friendship are as willing to make amends in their conduct to retain such a friendship as those who are their friends are to forgive them. The weaving of the

gentle cords that bind hearts together are woven equally by both parties; the one in giving of his or her wisdom for the uplift of the one befriended and the whole hearted cooperation and appreciation on the part of the befriended one to warrant a continuance of the free flow of wisdom from the one be-friending.

The greatest desire expressed by any human heart is that he may be a friend to man. To do this he must have an understanding heart, that he may meet out justice to all men in whatever sphere of activity they may be. King Solomon asked not for the gold of materiality or the vast accumulations of an empire, asking only, that he might have an understanding heart, the intelligence to understand men as they are and not as the law of the land prescribes they be dealt with.

Doing for individuals what they should do for themselves is not being a friend, but teaching them how to do for themselves is a far greater expression of the love we have in our hearts for them.

Continually ministering to helpless hands in a material way is only to encourage idleness. The animal kingdom will not permit this. Does not the mother bird force her babies from the nest as soon as they are feathered enough to fly? All animals become self dependent after a certain period during which the parents have faithfully guarded and protected them.

The greatest friend we can have is he who teaches us the way of understanding, that we may understand others as he has understood us and ministered unto our lack. It is this understanding on the part of the Dean and Teachers in the Brotherhood that has advanced you and I in our search for Infinite Wisdom and Supreme Intelligence.

The Mystic Messenger JULY 1934

The blessedness of a friendship true
Is not found in emotional sand;
But reflects in the mirror of
calmness;
Our ability to understand.

Old Joe.

NEW INFORMAL CHATS

I know it will be of very great interest to the student members of the Brotherhood to know that a new series of Informal Chats have been commenced. Breaking down the Barriers which the Great Sorcery has erected, these Chats will go into the past, back beyond Egypt, and bring to you the true facts regarding Atlantis, the Mother Land of the West, and of Lemuria, that mighty Pacific Continent, and on, still back, to that dim and distant day nearly five million years ago, when the Kingdom of Adoma ruled the known earth. From that distant day down to the present will the story be told; the evolution of the Races, the sources of various Religions, their parables and stories, the development of symbolism, all written in an unusual manner, weaving a Magic Narrative, inspiring, broadening, and of the utmost benefit to every thinking student who desires to know the Truth. The series follows those Informal Chats which have been devoted to Mind and Mind Power, commencing with the present month.

SIGN YOUR LETTERS

Every day in the vast mail received here at the Brotherhood many letters are unsigned. This morning there is a very pretty picture and the alms envelope with currency, but no name. Another letter from an inquirer in an envelope containing a stamp, nothing else. Also a questionnaire received with currency, but with no address--this had to be held of course. Most of the letters which are unsigned are recognized, but because of the volume of mail,

please be careful to see that your name is always attached whenever you write.

BE CONSIDERATE

Remember too, in writing, to have a due consideration for the Master who is answering your letter. Write regularly and ask only one or two questions in each letter, or discuss only one or two problems. In this way your letter can be answered to advantage. Whereas, if you wait and neglect to write for one, two, or three months, and then suddenly send in eight or nine pages of closely written matter, it is practically impossible for your letter to be handled as it should be. Thus you have lost the benefit that would have been yours if you had written every two or three weeks. Before writing, analyze your desires and your needs so that your question or questions are reduced to the actual thing which is of importance to you to know. You must study, think, and meditate for yourself, relying upon the Master for those added points that do not clear up after systematic thought.

DON'T OVERLOOK

the value of the early lessons. Many of the students because of their previous study, or experience as Teachers are started with the second grade work thus missing entirely the early work. While these may not be new in principle, yet many have written expressing the help they have received because of the different method of presenting these subjects, different from anything they have understood before. So we suggest that you not overlook these first lessons. If you would like we can arrange to alternate them with the higher work, thus allowing more time to work out the deeper principles, while reviewing the foundation work as well. If you are one of these, write your teacher.

"FOUL BALL"

A year or more ago the Brotherhood decided, if possible to Trade-mark at Washington the old Kabilistic Cross, wishing to use it without so much bickering on the part of those doing the quarreling.

The request was filed and bills, pleas and postponements flew in an endless stream. In spite of the ardent work of the opposition, however, the slate was wiped clean, all the opponents claims were stricken from the records at the Brotherhood's request, and the matter was decided on the simple office rule that a cross had been filed previously and that there might be some question whether any other cross would not be confusing by the public and so the request was refused on that ground.

One will obtain insight to many things by watching the clever distortion of these simple facts.

JUDGING

When someone criticizes or condemns someone else, or some Institution or Organization with which you are connected, pause for a moment and think. Align the character of that statement against the principles and standard of character given us by the Occult Nazarene; see if that statement is in accordance with what He taught. If it is merely ridiculous, merely scurrilous abuse, motivated by greed, and ignorance, or envy and jealousy, you can plainly recognize such facts. A Brother in New York says, "Judge a tree by its fruits." For men and women of Christian Character, or Christ Organizations, do not descend to using the forces of the Infernal Sephiroth.



NEVER TOO BUSY NOW

The Lord had a job for me one day,
but I had so much to do,
I said, "You get some one else,
or wait till I get thru."
I don't know how the Lord came out,
but he seemed to get along---
And I felt kind'o sneakin' like---
'Cause I knew I'd done wrong.

Then one day I needed the Lord---
needed him right away---
But he never answered me at all---
yet I seemed to hear him say---
"You get some one else,
or wait till I get thru."
Those were the very things I had
told my Lord to do.

So now, when the Lord has a job for
me, I never try to shirk,
I drop what I have on hand,
and do the good Lord's work!
And my affairs can run along,
or wait till I get thru,
As no one else can do the job that
God has for me to do.

Sister Losand

A BENEDICTION

When the cares of the World appal you, be not fearful, the Way of Light offers strength and Inspiration.

Be not overwhelmed by little griefs, for the Way is prepared for you, when your hearts are bowed down, remember the Master's Promise; when has He broken that Promise?

Be patient, be loyal, and you shall behold that the Master's word is kept. We are brethren laboring in the vineyard of the world sustaining one another, doing the Will of the Father.

Except as the Master is in your heart, there can be no progress, you have a mission based on His Spirit.

BOOK REVIEWS

Reviews of books, old and new, fact and fancy, of special interest to Occult Readers. The Brotherhood does not sponsor the sale or rental of these books, but, in passing tenders a word of tribute, of criticism of comment on works of general interest.

THE NEW BACKGROUND OF SCIENCE Sir James Jeans

An excellent book for those who wish to keep well-informed as to the latest scientific developments, but a work which, for the average reader, will not prove as interesting as Jean's former best sellers; in these he dealt with the evolution of worlds, of wonders spread out for nightly examination. But in "The New Background" he swings to the opposite extreme of Cosmic manifestation and dissects for our inspection, the Atom and its component parts.

Of special interest to those who have followed the career of this learned English scientist, is his combination of Science and Philosophy. At least, he is not blinded by the exactitudes of his profession, and is seriously endeavoring to fuse these two great avenues of thought into the harmonious unity which should exist for the benefit of both.

EARTH Frank Townshend

Here is a work which defies classification..... the reader is either a front-rank rooter for Townshend from the first page, or is utterly confounded and gives up in disgusted bewilderment. Written in free verse, and while admittedly somewhat disappointing to those accustomed to the sonorous majesty of Milton and his confreres it is refreshingly welcome to readers having a liking for Vachel Lindsay and Edna St. Vincent Millay. Not that

"Earth" is a reflection of these widely differing styles, but it does effectively combine Lindsay's carefree disregard of poetical convention and Millay's viewpoint.

If you are one of those who relish a hearty laugh at your own and your neighbor's expense (and Mr. Townshend spares no one) the first half of this book will furnish you with an hour's enjoyable reading; as you continue to the final half you find he lays cynicism aside and speaks quietly and confidently of his philosophy of existence. Thruout it is independent in tone and while one may not always agree with the author's conclusions, he finds little difficulty in admiring his frankness. The sequel, "Heaven" continues with his conception of this much discussed state. If Mr. Townshend follows the example of Sir James in verging from one extreme to the other, we can guess what the next volume will be--

LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY Walter B. Pitkin

Just a word as to this popular modern book: it contains such fascinating chapters as "Youth in the Red," "Fools Die Young," "Learning After Forty," etc., and is doing its appreciated bit in dispersing the old-age bugaboo that paralyzes many an able-bodied individual. An excerpt will serve to denote its general nature: "We must learn a new division of labor and responsibility. Let those past forty plan, while the young carry out programs. Where energy is essential, select the energetic. Where judgement based on long experience is most sorely needed, look to the elders for leadership. What could be more reasonable?" May we caution the reader against following the example of the gentleman who erroneously thought that "Return to Youth" meant "Return to Folly."

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
LIBRARY



Western Traditions

WILLIARD MUNZER F.M.B.
4537 N. WHIPPLE ST.
CHICAGO, ILL.



Agaric Brotherhood
Gainesville, Florida

Sec. 562 P. L. & R