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European Unification

Men of wisdom caught glimpses of truth and beauty shining aloft like stars; and in these glimpses was a new hope for the unification of mankind through enlightenment."—Sir Robert Falconer.

The several important steps taken to draw European nations into a closer working union were undoubtedly the most spiritually significant moves of the year passed. At a press conference held immediately after his recent return from Europe, Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared that "Europe has moved further toward integration in the past four years than in the preceding five hundred years."

This arresting statement embodies an historic fact, the meaning of which should not be lost upon us. It is a concrete phenomenon that served well to re-emphasie the high-powered nature of the days in which we are living. What has hitherto been done in a century or more is now being done in a year! When such a concentration of forces culminates in so brief a moment of time, no one can afford to be asleep or to drift for a single day.

Mr. Acheson could not well be charged with exaggeration in the statement quoted. For one thing, he is not a sensationalist; for another, he had just come from Europe where his duties brought him into the very midst of age-old nationalistic rivalries that have kept peoples apart for centuries and have by no means been completely removed. He often found himself among bickering, haggling national representatives—the type that would lead a cynical mind to conclude that, however beautiful the ideal or reasonable the argument or desperate the need, nationalistic schisms were so sharp the situation was hopeless. Yet barriers *are* being leveled, and in this eventful present the process of integration is proceeding with breath-taking rapidity.

The greatest advance toward federation was made in the past year, for it was in 1951 that steps were taken to pool Western Europe's coal and steel, and to create a unified European army. These revolutionary changes were preceded in 1948 by the formation of the European Committe to coordinate Marshall Plan aid and the five-nation Brussels Military and Economic Alliance. In the following year came the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for military integration and the Council of Europe for political unity. Followed in 1950, the European Payments Union to make national moneys more freely convertible and trade between the nations subject to fewer restrictions. Then, in 1951, climaxing them all, came the far-reaching schemes of integration previously noted and familiarily referred to as the Schuman plan and the Pleven proposal.

Looking beyond these steps, Western European leaders now consider calling a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of drafting a plan for a European union based upon a federal parliament having real powers, including that of taxation. Such a summons, writes the correspondent, Harold Calendar, in the *New York Times,* would logically be made by the French as authors of the Schuman and Pleven plans.

The United States of Europe is a very real possibility," said Dr. J. H. van Roijen, Netherlands Ambassador to this country in an address delivered in Philadelphia last January. "The Benelux nations—the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg—are proving that it can be accomplished," he declared. But, he added, it was infinitely more difficult to bring about an economic union in Europe in the twentieth century than it was on the American continent in the eighteenth. More difficult, because the older European pattern is more firmly fixed than was that of the new-born Thirteen Colonies. Correspondingly greater are the historic and evolutionary forces now at work to effect the necessary alterations.

Britain encourages continental unity but does not favor joining any proposed European federation. From this, Prime Minister Churchill holds aloof. But his son, Randolph Churchill, in a recent address to a group of Oxford University Conservatives—belonging as he does to the younger generation—spoke more nearly in tune with the times than many of his elders, not excepting his illustrious father, when he declared that "it is essential that we should play a part in a united Europe, but unfortunately there are people in the Conservative party whose policy it seems to be to unite Europe against us . . . Surely," he added, "we have something to contribute to political thought and guidance in Europe. Unless we do contribute it we shall become a very small potato and amount to nothing in the world."

That the two major proposals of pooling sovereignty to the extent of merging Europe's heavy industries on the one hand and men and arms on the other should both come from Frenchmen is of itself highly sig-

nificant in relation to observable trends toward larger unities, since France has been among the most strongly nationalistic of European nations. No country has been more proud of her national genius or more intent on preserving unimpaired her national sovereignty. The vast tragedy she has suffered, from the very first days of the world upheaval in 1914 until now, springs from having given undue emphasis to the glory of France and too little consideration to the immediate family of nations of which she is a part.

But France has suffered, and suffering chastens. Her pride has been humbled. Her mood is very different today than it was at the end of the first World War when Clemenceau, the "Tiger," dominated the "peace" proceedings that laid certain foundations for further strife. Later experience has demonstrated to France—and to the world—that neither Maginot lines nor violent antipathies can keep peoples apart when the hour has come for either their removal or their reconcilliation. France is choosing the latter, as is all Europe, and so we see today two states, between whom has long existed the most deep seated antagonism, actually negotiating certain mergers. When we consider that in the last century and a half Germany and France have been at war with each other no less than five times, we have here an indication of the Power Ray at work in the world by which vast destruction is wrought on the one hand but a welding together of hitherto disunited parts occurring on the other.

To be specific, we have in France at the moment the heartening circumstance of two governmental leaders proposing measures that until recenlty were entertained only by idealists and were regarded by the "practical realists" as barely possible of attainment in some far distant future. This is an arresting demonstration of the accellerated speed with which revolutionary changes are being brought about in the world today. Well could Secretary Acheson say that in four years Europe had moved further toward integration than in half a millenium before.

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Cosmic forces underlie the vast change that is overtaking Europe today. These forces operate according to divine law. They move toward objectives fixed at Creation's dawn. They are many and varied in nature, and may be studied and observed from various aspects.

In this instance they might, for purposes of simplicity, be regarded in their totality as the powers that are ushering in the Aquarian Age. Under the Zodiacal Hierarchy governing his 2500 year span of human development, man's progression is dependent upon the general adoption of cooperative life. Keywords of Aquarius are *cooperation, brotherhood, altruism.* Under Aquarian influence human beings, individually and collectively, must learn to live together and work together harmoniously.

The present crisis in the world arises in part from a conflict between nature's requirement that people arrange their living on a closer community basis and man's stubborn refusal to surrender his purely separative, individual, national and racial interests where these stand in the way of a greater universal good. Despite man's inertia to change and his reluctance to give up selfish privilege in favor of more widely distributed good, he is coming to recognize that he must yield to the advance of superior and unrelenting forces.

But it has taken nearly four decades of destruction, the tragic sacrifice of many millions of lives and unspeakable suffering to bring the nations of Europe into a realization that not only their progression, but their very survival necessitates a radical reordering of their collective continental pattern. Emphasis must be shifted from the differences that keep them apart to the common humanity that draws them together. And that is exactly what is happening in Europe today as evidenced by the many agencies created to bring about a real concert of nations. As this takes place a true victory begins to emerge out of war's world-wide defeats.

We have a biblical injunction to the effect that no man is to put asunder what God hath joined together. But like other portions of divine Law, the command has been generally ignored. The children of men, having one Father, should constitute a single brotherhood. And so it was in the Edenic days.

But not now. The bonds of brotherhood are broken. Races are divided by distinguishing features and characteristics while nations continue to be largely motivated by self-centered interests. The tribal blood tie that created a brotherhood in ages past now survives only among more primitive groups. The soul bonds that are gradually replacing the blood ties are not yet powerful enough to hold peoples together in an harmonious family of nations. But they are growing noticeably stronger. The force which we call the love of God, and which directly impregnates our earth sphere through that glorious Being we call the Lord Christ, is moving with ever greater intensity over the racial deeps. This divine power inspires men in ever greater measure to attitudes of friendliness, to deeds of goodness and to loving fellowship one with another. It is an increasing appropriation of this cohesive gravitational force by the race of men that engenders group activities toward closer union, to-wit, those in Europe today.

In such manifestation as this lies great hope for all mankind. It gives assurance that passage from the Old to the New will be less severe than it would be were no such signs in evidence. The condition out of which major catastrophies might arise during the passing of the present Aryan

Epoch is being corrected. That condition was created by mankind's greatest sins—separateness, selfishness and egotism.

Rudolph Steiner, the late eminent occultist, is authority for the statement that egotism was the human quality that would prove to be the undoing of the Aryan civilization. In Atlantis perverted emotional forces released the element of water to a point where a flood inundated that continent and its inhabitants. In Lemuria man's bestial nature released fires which brought complete destruction through terrestial upheavals and volcanic eruptions. In our Epoch it is the forces of mind, united to self-aggrandizing personal desires instead of outgoing impersonal directives of spirit, that will react destructively upon the existing order of things. The element involved at this time is air.

Europe is the primary seat of events accompanying the world's transition from this Age to the next. It is the continent on which the Aryan Epoch realized its prime objective, namely, that of developing the reasoning faculty and the powers of concrete and abstract mind to their highest point. Europe is also the ground on which Western culture and Christian civilization have had their greatest development. Here, too, emerged their greatest shortcomings. On no other continent have peoples been so sharply divided, so strongly nationalistic, so proudly isolated, so fearful and jealous of each other. On no other continent have wars been waged century after century with such ferocity. The continent is soaked with blood and permeated with ancient hatreds. National egotistic qualities have brought catastrophe after catastrophe until that continent no longer stands preeminent among those of the world. It has passed in our day from a dominant ruling factor to a position of dependence.

But there is a silver lining to the clouds that hang over Europe. Redemption draws nigh as its segregated groups come to themselves through sorrow and suffering, as they meditate on their lack, inner and out, and as they increasingly forsake the egocentric for the altruistic way of life.

Nations today can find their fulfillment only as members of a company of nations. Like individuals, they arrive at a point where further progress becomes possible only by forsaking the path of pursuit for the path of renunciation. Each must lose its life, its lesser life, in order to find its life, its larger life.

Europe is looking up.

O people of the world! Ye are the fruit of one tree and the leaves of one branch. Walk with perfect charity, concord, affection and agreement. I declare by the Sun of Truth, the light of agreement shall brighten and illumine all horizons.—BAHA'O'LLAH.

BOOK OF REVELATION and the WORLD CRISIS

By CORRINE HELINE

II

THE FIRST VISION

The first message is to the church of Ephesus, the city where stood the great Temple of Diana or Artemis Ephesia, Virgin Mother goddess of fruitfulness and prosperity. It became one of the Seven Wonders of the World—not so much for its beauty as for its untold wealth. It served as a bank in which people from many parts of the world stored their treasures for safekeeping. Its priests were men of business who controlled fleets of ships carrying priceless cargoes. No wonder spiritual values were obscured in such an atmosphere of power and prestige.

Among temple servitors appears the title "Essenes," denoting *King Bees.* In his *Priestesses,* Aeschylus wrote of the "beekeeper" who opens the gates of the temple. In the Eleusinian Mysteries, priestesses of Demeter were called *Bees.*

Also at Ephesus was a rock-hewn throne of Zeus, for mountain sites were sacred to the father of men and gods. Lofty open-air altars were dedicated to him, smoke from their burnt offerings rising gray against the sky. His virgin consort was worshipped likewise, under the title *Artemis Protothronic* or *She of the First Throne.*

This is the background against which the church of Ephesus was established. It represents the first subrace of the Aryan Epoch, the Indo-Aryan. It is not without significance that the Greek word *Zeus* evidences philosophical affinity to the Sanskrit *Dyaus.* It is to India in particular that John's admonition applies: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." As a promise of the service which a regenerated India will render to the New Age, John writes, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

The second message is to the church of Symrna, a city famous for its figs. This fruit is a symbol of fruitfulness, and of this city John says, "Thou art rich."

The pagans of Symrna worshipped the Divine Mother in her aspect of Nemesis or Destiny. Also she was often identified with the One Mother, Goddess of Earth and founder the Eleusinian Mysteries. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" is the promise to Symrna.

The second Aryan subrace is the Egypto-Babylonian-Hebrew, and it is to these people that John's second message is addressed: "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and art not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days." But to these suffering peoples is a reward: " . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." And again, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

The *second death* here used has reference to the racial failure of those who, at the end of an epoch, are removed from a race structure and are held on inner planes for reincarnation when suitable racial vehicles can be provided. In extreme cases of retardation the ego may be so crystalized that it is not able to go forward with advancing humanity. In such cases it is withdrawn from evolution altogether, stripped of whatever *soul* it may have evolved in the Earth Period, and must await incarnation in a life wave of some future period. These are "dead" to our evolving race, and for them there is no resurrection as far as our human evolution is concerned.

We have seen how the Assyrian and Babylonian races perished as a direct result of their unspeakable cruelty, licentiousness, materialism and greed. Those of the race who did not perish were saved as *individuals* by amalgamation with surrounding peoples. Temple teachings of these lost races were transmitted to foreign disciples by exiled Chaldean Masters. Among such disciples were the Jews. They inherited the Chaldean Mysteries to such an extent that *Jew* became synonymous with *magician* in the Roman Empire.

In a general way the entire Greco-Roman world inherited the wisdom of fallen Chaldea as her wise men were scattered far and wide throughout ancient lands just as the Jews of Palestine were dispersed, with like results, when Jerusalem fell under the Romans in 70 A.D.

According to St. John, persecutions which the Jews have suffered during the Piscean Age come to an end in our time. Those of that race who have been faithful to the true ideals of *esoteric* Judaism will receive a crown of victory. This prophecy also applies to Egypt with its Mohammedan population. Through Ishmael, the first-born son of Abraham, they consider themselves inheritors of the Covenant.

To the third race, the Persian-Greco-Roman, is addressed the third message, that of the Angel of Pergamos. Here the Divine Feminine was worshipped chiefly under the aspect of Wisdom or the Goddess Athena. The Acropolis crowned a thousand-foot hill, commanding a view of extraordinary beauty. On this hill rose a magnificent altar to Zeus, scene of burnt offerings, a fitting symbol of a civilization which powerfully influenced Christianity through the Mysteries of rock-born Mithra, the mother-wisdom Mystery of Eleusis, the strange and little known Numa religion which came to resurrection in the Christian church.

To the Greco-Latin and Persian peoples of today comes the message of Pergamos: "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name . . . So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate . . . Repent; or else I come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth." Then a reward is promised: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." The *white stone* is a symbol of the Divine Feminine; and it is known that Rome, like many other ancient cities, had a secret name so guarded it has been lost to history.

The fourth message is to Thyatira and concerns the fourth or Celtic race, exemplified by the Irish and, to some extent, the French and Scotch. To their Druid cult we are indebted for the Grail Mysteries. "I know thy works, and service, and charity, and faith, and thy patience . . . Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel." This refers to present-day religion and its tendency to crystalize, thus retarding development. The message pertains to building a new body of light.

The fifth message is to Sardis and belongs to our own fifth race, the Nordic Anglo-Saxon-Teutonic peoples from whom will spring the great Root Race of the Sixth Epoch. Sardis was the site of the famous Temple of Astarte, the Divine Feminine in its love and beauty aspect, and was the scene of debased ceremonies. The message is addressed to those who function on the lower levels, as do most of this fifth group. The freedom attained by Nordic women is being greatly abused, yet this is the seed race and the ideals contained in the message overshadow all mankind. Self-control is its keynote.

The sixth message, to Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly love, refers to the next subrace of the Aryan Epoch—now forming among the Slavs. Man is today being cleansed and purified from the effects of past misdeeds that he may enter into the joys of the New Age, and to the sixth race is the promise of freedom from cycles of rebirth: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God."

The last message is to the Angel of the church at Laodicea and has reference to the seventh subrace which will emerge from the sixth. This city was famous for the manufacture of eye salve, and John counsels: "Anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see," followed by the promise: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

THE HEBREW ALPHABET

A Series of Cosmic Glyphs

By Corinne Heline

HETH

Heth, the eighth letter of the alphabet, is the first of a series beginning the second Septenary. Aleph, the leader of the first series and the beginning of the three series of Septenaries, has unlimited power on all planes. Heth centers in the formative realm and its forces have not yet attained their full complement of power.

The first seven letters express universality and are cosmic in their import. The second series of seven represents man's endeavor to attain and express that universality.

Heth means *a field* and cosmically represents the union of two worlds: the field of vast possibilities in man for awakening and developing the Divine within by union of his higher and lower natures. Cultivation of the field of Heth requires great labor.

It was only from the sons of Heth that Abraham was able to purchase that center of spiritual understanding, Machpelah. (See Genesis, Chapter 23.)

This letter correlates to Cancer, the door which opens upon larger vistas and wider possibilities. Physiologically, with the breasts, symbols of the bi-une state. The nearer man comes to this state the greater his attainment of mastership and leadership, the greater his influence.

Numerologically, Heth corresponds to eight, the number of the dual Feminine. It is this number that relates man to the Eternal through intuitive perception, as intuition is that soul wisdom and understand ing which discriminates unerrngly between the true and the false, the real and the unreal.

The pictorial (Tarot) hieroglyph of Heth is a woman holding in her hands a balance or measure, with which she weighs all that comes before her.

Its musical note is G Sharp; its keyword, Intuition.

Words beginning with Heth

Word	Meaning
Habakkuk	*Embrace. The prophet who taught the renunciation of evil and the embracing of all good.*
Hadassah	*Myrtle. Typifying the soul fragrance emanated by the Illumined as described in the beautiful initiatory Book of Esther.*

HAGAR	*Flight. The lower feminine in contrast with the higher feminine as typified by Sarah in the Genesis story of Abraham.*
HAGGAI	*Born on a festival. One of the prophets of the Restoration. His book depicts the glories of the New Dispensation.*
HALLELUJAH	*Praise Jehovah. A power cypher in use in the Egyptian Mysteries and transferred into the Old Testament School for similar usage.*
HAMAN	*Magnificent. A name also used in the Book of Esther, probably by reason of its astral significance.*
HANNAH	*Grace.*
HEBRON	*Unity. Oneness. A holy place or sanctuary.*
HEZEKIAH	*Jehovah is strength. A good and powerful king of the Judaiac or mystic line.*
HIRAM	*Noble. The master builder of the Solomonic Temple.*
HONEY	*A mystic food symbolic of masculine soul qualifications.*
HOSANNA	*A power cypher used in initiation, both ancient and Christian. Save me pray.*
HOSEA	*Deliverance. An Old Testament prophet.*
HOUSE	*A symbol of the soul body.*
HAIR	*Symbol of forces of the etheric body.*
HAM	*Black. Materialistic line from Noah and typifies carnal man.*
HAND,	
HANDWRITING	*Typifies a specific emanation.*
HEIFER	*Reference to Taurus and its attributes.*
HILL,	
HILL COUNTRY	*Symbolizes exaltation of consciousness.*
HOREB	*Mount of God. Place of initiation.*
HOR	*Mountain. Holy place.*
HYSSOP	*Plant used in purification rite.*

TETH

Teth is the ninth letter of the alphabet and its keyword is Wisdom. It signifies the Divine Essence or Emanation from above that envelops and guards all manifested things here below. "In him we live, move and have our being" bears reference to this protection.

The letter means *roof* or *shelter,* a refuge. How often the writer of the Psalms sings of such refuge and protection! In certain stages of his development the neophyte becomes acutely conscious of both, and with David expresses his ever deepening gratitude.

Astrologically, Teth is correlated with Leo; physiologically, with the heart, the seat of the Wisdom Principle. When the disciple's heart is

illumined he can never leave the Path, for wisdom has become his watchword.

Teth is keyed to A Sharp Major.

Numerically, it is nine, the number of man and of Initiation—for Illumination or Initiation is the ultimate goal of human incarnation.

The Tarot figure is that of an aged man, symbol of Wisdom, wrapped in a mantle, his aura of protection. He bears in his hand a lighted lantern and leans upon a staff. The light is the Christ Light within; the staff is power gained through Initiation. The identification of every truly illumined one is his bearing of a light and carrying a rod or staff. With this development he is given all the powers of heaven and earth. As that glorious initiatory Twenty-Third Psalm chants, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Word	*Meaning*
THADDEUS	*Thank offering*
THAMAR, also TAMAR	*Palm tree. Feminine requisites of spiritual development such as fruitfulness, increase, aspiration*
THEBEZ	*Shining*
THOMAS	*Twin—symbolic of man's dual nature as evidenced by one of the Twelve who, after his lower nature was conquered, became one of the leading exponents of the new Christian teachings*
THRESHING-FLOOR	*A place of testing and development. Solomon's Temple was builded upon the site of a former threshing-floor*
THUMIN	*The masculine currents that played through the sacred Breast Plate of the High Priest*

This is the eighth in a series of articles on the Hebrew Alphabet.

Color Therapy

Writes Dr. C. Richard Minugh in **Chimes**, Brea, Calif., Dec. 1950:

> In the Golden Age of Greece, and in the Healing Temples of Light and Color at Heliopolis in ancient Egypt, color was used effectively, and was greatly revered. Throughout all the ages there has always been the application of Color to establish poise and harmony, to soothe and sustain, to heal and to restore, and to create anew. . . .
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> Color application has the beautiful and purposeful mission of alleviating dis-ease, not with drugs, but with the radiant pristine **Power of Light** which works on **all** levels of our **being.** It is due to an inability to illumine our lives emotionally, mentally, and spiritually, that we suffer of tone and dis-ease physically. . . . .
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> We have seven major glandular centers in the human body. . . . These centers each have their own particular rate of vibration (color frequency) and absorb from the food we eat, the thoughts we think, the emotions we harbor, certain qualities whose rate of frequency is identical respectively with each of the seven colors of the spectrum.
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> The white light (Christ-light) drawn into the consciousness of the soul is changed into its seven component colors, each one being sent to sustain the center to which it has its affinity. . . .

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The Meaning of Kingship

By Jasper Harold Kemmis

Does the modern world still hold a place for Kings, or has Royalty now become just a meaningless survival from a past age? The passing of Britain's King George the Sixth surely supplies the answer, for the announcement immediately touched men and women everywhere with sincere emotion, and brought to the surface a sense of close kinship between the nations, especially the English-speaking nations, who have so many interests, memories ,and ideals in common.

To one like myself, an Englishman visiting the United States, the real and kindly feeling evoked by this event has been most moving, for it swept aside in an instant any matters on which there might be varied and contrasting opinions and judgments, and united all peoples in a common mood of reverence, admiration, and understanding, as they contemplated the beautiful closing of the earth-life of one who was known the world over, and as they considered the special purpose to which his life was dedicated, and the devotion with which he fulfilled that purpose.

At such a time it is natural to ask oneself: why is it that such deep feeling is aroused, something much greater than just a passing interest? Is it because people have perceived more clearly than before, the burdens which are necessarily carried by the one who sits upon a throne? Surely it is more than that, more even than the recognition that King George gave himself so unsparingly, unobtrusively, and unflinchingly to the task to which he was unexpectedly called. The reason for such world-wide emotion lies deeper. It is due to an awakened perception that a King by virtue of his office stands in an unique position, and sounds a note which finds an echo in the consciousness of men, women, and children in all countries, for he is a Symbol, even a Sacred Symbol, of their ideals, loyalties, and traditions. His position sets him above political party; he stands for all parties, and for the people as a whole; he is above personal ambition; he has been schooled to graciousness, thoughtfulness, and selfless service; and if he is a good King, he learns to be as a shepherd to all, and to sacrifice utterly his personal inclinations to the good of his people. Today, as much as ever in the past, there is a place for such men, and women too, who will be willing to endure the light of publicity and the burden of responsibility, for the sake of the 'ordinary folk,' who by their interest show how greatly they *need* to have prominent people before their eyes, sharing the national fortunes (as the late King did through all the years of sorrow and stress), and revealing, simply and naturally, their sense of the eternal values and their devotion to noble ideals, their faithfulness in homely virtues, and their unfailing readiness

to help and encourage everything which makes for the welfare of their people. To carry out such a life-long work calls for true nobility and rare qualities, both of head and heart. How natural then that a King's reign should be ushered in with a solemn Service of Consecration, with ceremonies truly religious in their origin; for it is only as a Servant of God that he can be empowered to fulfill adequately what he has undertaken. This, and nothing less than this, is the meaning of his Anointing and his Coronation, his Investiture and his Enthronement. In obedience to God he reigns, and for God he serves. He is a Symbol of Divine Regnancy. His life is a call to each of his people to recognize that Regnancy, and to manifest in some degree, the same Regal attributes within the circle of the home, the workshop, and the market-place, so that everywhere 'the King's writ may run' and the inherent dignity of every human life be established.

It may by some be questioned whether the hereditary principle is the best way of securing a succession of worthy Rulers. But with the changes which the New Age is so swiftly ushering in, it may well be that the Watchers on High will be able to arrange that the right people will be born into the right positions. *Divine* Government is not haphazard, even though earthly government has strayed from the Divine pattern.

How significant and how opportune it is that at the present time a King is succeeded by a Queen. Woman, no less than man, is equipped to reign through full-rounded embodiment, and can emphasize aspects of the Divine Nature which have too often been denied or veiled, such as Gentleness, Compassion, and Pity. May we all, whatever our Nation, pay true homage to the Divine Motherhood as well as Fatherhood, and realize anew what it means to dwell beneath that Overshadowing Majesty, of which a true King or Queen is a symbol.

Order of the Cross

The foregoing is an abbreviation of the message given at Madonna Crest, home of the Helines, at their February Open House. This, incidentally, is an occasion for friendly gathering on the second Sunday of every month.

Rev. Kemmis and his wife, Mary Kemmis, head the Order of the Cross, an international organization with headquarters in London. This Order was founded for the dissemination of Esoteric Christian teachings as set forth by the late J. Todd Ferrier of England. Both Rev. and Mrs. Kemmis bring rare spiritual qualities to bear on their interpretations of "The Message" they are carrying to various parts of the world. This is their fourth visit to our country in the interests of the Great Work.

For further information about the teachings of the Order, address inquiries to 10 De Vere St., Kensington, London W. 8, England, or for more direct communication with the Kemmises during their year's stay in this lountry, letters may be addressed to them in care of the New Age Press.

A Call to Brotherhood

About a century ago, the ardent Italian libertarian, Gueseppe Mazzini, was calling his people to a more virtuous and brotherly way of life. We quote a few passages from one of his eloquent appeals. They are as timely now as the day they were spoken.

While this is so, it does not mean that no change has come upon the world in the interim. It has. The seeds of idealism sowed by him and others of his kind a hundred years ago are bearing fruit. Where only a relative few gave serious heed to burning truths he uttered, millions are today pondering their significance and becoming intent on translating their meaning into suitable action. Mazzini speaks:

"Workingmen, brothers: When Christ came and changed the face of the world, he spoke not of rights to the rich, who needed not to achieve them; nor to the poor, who would doubtless have abused them, in imitation of the rich; he spoke not of utility, nor of interest to a people whom interest and utility had corrupted: He spoke of duty, He spoke of love, of sacrifice and of faith, and He said that they should be first among all who had contributed most by their labor to the good of all.

And, the Word of Christ breathed into the ear of a society in which all true life was extinct, recalled it to existence, conquered the millions, conquered the world, and caused the education of the human race to ascend one degree—the scale of human progress.

Workingmen! We live in an epoch similar to that of Christ. We live in the midst of a society as corrupt as that of the Roman Empire, feeling in our inmost souls the need of reanimating and transforming it, and of uniting all of its members in one sole faith, beneath one sole law,in one sole aim—the free and progressive development of all of the faculties of which God has given the germ to his creatures. We seek the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven. . . . .

But Christ's every act was the visible representation of the faith he preached; and around Him stood apostles who incarnated in their actions the faith they had accepted. Be you such and you will conquer. Preach duty to the classes about you, and fulfill as far as in you lies your own. Preach virtue, sacrifice and love; and be yourselves virtuous, loving and ready for self-sacrifice. Speak your thoughts boldly, and make known your wants courageously, but without anger, without reaction, and without threats. The strongest menace, if in deed, there be those for whom threats are necessary, will be the firmness, not the irritation of your speech."

Interracial Unity

In an address on interracial unity delivered in New York last January, Governor Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, while emphasizing progress made in race relations said, "our illiteracy in human relations remains perhaps our foremost domestic problem. A democracy qualified by color," said he, "will win no hearts in Africa and Asia. The ramparts of democracy are not in Korea, nor along the western European defense line—they are right here. Bigotry, intolerance, race violence and the social tensions they engender are not only serious handicaps upon our strength and unity as a nation, but they are a visible encumbrance on America's leadership in the world, where we must lead or lose."

A Prophecy by Baha'u'llah to Iran

The present turbulence in Iran, Egypt and the Middle East as a whole did not just happen. Unchecked inequalities and injustices, domestic and international, could have no other consequence than the upheavals from which these regions now suffer and to which the world at large is not immune. In an address at the Los Angeles Ebell Club last month on conditions in Iran and Iraq where he had been stationed, Jay P. Gould, a petroleum engineer, pointed out that the rich are fabulously rich while the poor are unbelievably poor. "I can name eight or ten men who gross $300,000 to $500,000 a day, while the worker of Iraq receives seven cents per day," said he. Further: "Seventy per cent of the population cannot read or write and those in control are not anxious that they become educated."

Such conditions have gone on for decades and centuries. No more! Nations are now under judgment. And peoples. The old order is finished. An apochalyptic hour is with us and we hear the voice of Revelation proclaiming, "Behold, I make all things new."

The masses in rebellion need sympathy, understanding and guidance, rather than condemnation, repression and continued subjection. To again quote Mr. Gould: "The people of Iran . . . have reached an all-time low. They believe that anything that happens may be an improvement." And only improvement will heal the social ills from which they suffer. These are now at hand. A better lot awaits the masses.

About three-quarters of a century ago the Persian prophet, Baha'u'llah, in his *Book of Aqudas* had a comforting message for his native Iran and for Teheran, his birthplace. It was delivered at a time when his country was suffering under the rule of an oppressive tyrant, a type with which the Middle East has been only too familiar in the course of centuries past.

His message reads in part:

"Ere long will the state of affairs within thee be changed, and the reins of power fall into the hands of the people. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing. His authority embraceth all things. Rest thou assured in the gracious favor of thy Lord. The day is approaching when thy agitation will have been transmuted into peace and quiet calm. Thus hath it been decreed in the wondrous Book."

Pamphlet on Iran

For more about Iran and Arab lands in the light of current trends and biblical prophecy, we again call attention to our twenty-four page pamphlet on the subject. Twenty-five cents.

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TRANSITIONS

Elbert Benjamine

The recent passing of Elbert Benjamine, President of The Brotherhood of Light, removed from our midst a spiritual teacher of notable rank. The transition occurred last November but announcement of his departure was not made until sometime later. There was no public funeral. This was in accordance with his instructions. He desired to be free from the thoughts and emotions of groups that he might make a speedy adjustment in his new life; and also, he wished to spare those near him the often heart-searing though well meant expressions of sympathy.

Elbert Benjamine was the author of twenty-one courses of lessons on as many branches of occult science and a contributor all through the years to many occult and astrological magazines. Besides, he wrote twelve reference books to further assist students in understanding astrology and the other occult sciences. It seemed as though there was no subject within the whole range of the Ageless Wisdom that he could not write upon with great profundity and rare clarity. His lesson courses were all published by The Brotherhood of Light, of which he was the head, and were issued under the pen name of C. C. Zain. This was so as to keep his personal opinions apart from teachings that, by implication, he was transmitting under guidance and inspiration from above.

An account of his life and work is contained in the January issue of the **Church of Light Quarterly.** From this we learn that his occult studies began in 1898. In 1907, in response to a prayerful request that he be guided to the work which would enable him while on earth to contribute his utmost to human welfare, assurance came that a lifetime task had been plotted out for him. Two years later he discovered it through The Brotherhood of Light which served him from that time to the end of his life as the physical agency through which to give forth his teachings. He recognized his mission and remained faithful to it to the end.

"At no time," we read in the quarterly, "did he view his efforts as a sacrifice in the painful connotation of the word, but as a sacred privilege. . . . It can truly be said he gave up the lowland of material ambition in order to attain the mountain top of spiritual achievement. Each of us who is left behind must in time face the transition to a new life. Let us strive to do our tasks so well that when this time comes we can smile, as did Elbert Benjamine, and make a Conscious Transition of Our Own Volition . . . . stepping into a new life as free souls, ready and willing to take up our new duties, to work consciously with God and The Brotherhood of Light for the never-ending progressive evolution which is Eternity."

Arthur Farwell

Arthur Farwell, composer, noted for his works based on American Indians, brought to a close on January twentieth an incarnational cycle of nearly four score years. The passing occurred in New York City where he had resided at various times during his long and richly productive life.

But Mr. Farwell belonged to America, serving his land from many different geographical points and everywhere interpreting, by means of his musical art, the spirit that is common to the whole of our continent.

Half a century ago he founded the Wa-Wan Press at Newton Center, Massachusetts, for the publication of works of American composers, especially American folk themes. That this institution succeeded in fulfilling its

objective is evident from the fact that it gave publication to works of no less than thirty-seven composers.

Mr. Farwell was identified at different periods with several universities, east, west and midwest, as a lecturer on music. He was chief critic of **Musical America** for several years, founder of the American Music Society, and made four trans-continental tours in lecture-recitals to advance American music. He also held the first Composer's Fellowship of the Pasadena Music and Art Association in the early Twenties and composed incidental music for the first production of the Pilgrimage Play in Hollywood.

Among his best known orchestral works are **Symbolistic Studies** and **The Gods of the Mountain.** Other works are **American Indian Melodies, Navajo War Dance, Pawnee Horses, Symphonic Song of Old Black Joe** and **Prelude to Spiritual Drama.**

Arthur Farwell was an idealist and a knower of the truth that liberates. He recognized the spiritual importance of the arts in the life of a nation and worked within his chosen profession to help America develop an indigenous culture and to capture the rhythms that would rightly express to the world the distinctive character of our continent, our people and our age. For the contribution he made toward this end he will ever be remembered in the annuals of our country's growth in the things that make for the life more beautfiul.

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There are as many people by whom death is thought of as a black-out. To many others it is a very misty passage way leading into strange, unknown realms. Even among devout religious believers the concepts concerning the process of transition and the experiences that lie on the other side of life are generally vague.

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From *Living Towards Mastership* by Beulah Armstrong

The Indian plowed the earth, planted and watered the seed and then sang to the Great Spirit to grant the harvest. Song is a medium through which all people of all races and all religions have carried their desires to the Great Unseen.

—Daniel Gregory Mason.

BOOK REVIEWS

By Elizabeth Hill

WHY ARE WE HERE? and other Essays on Cosmic Soul Science. F. Homer Curtiss, B.S., M.D. Willing Pub. Co., P.O. Box 98, Sta. M, Los Angeles 32. Cloth. 139 pp. Index.

The Willing Pub. Co. is offering this volume of essays originally published in 1941. It is a collection of single paragraphs, each one clearly labelled for handy reference. These paragraphs are classified under chapter headings which indicate the general subject to which they refer—subjects such as **The Heaven World, All Conquering Love, The Woman's Age,** even **Old Clothes** (but not the kind that are made of cloth). Any book by Homer Curtiss has our endorsement and we are glad this volume is again available.

THE JOURNEY WITH THE MASTER. Eva Bell Webber. DeVorss & Co., 520 W. 9th St., Los Angeles 15. Art paper. 104 pp pocket size. $1.10 post paid

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Eva Bell Weber is the author of **Quiet Talks with the Master,** now in its tenth printing. This is a worthy successor.

PHILOSOPHY FOR THE COMMON MAN. Heinrich F. Wolf. Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth. 181 pp. Epilogue and Index. 1951. $3.50

We might take exception to the publisher's preface when he states in re a medical doctor, "He deals with realities even in cases of mental diseases." But perhaps **effects** rather than **causes** are "realities" to him. Dr. Wolf himself bears out this conjecture in a chapter headed **Metaphysics Vs Science** when he assigns mere SPECULATION to the former, REALITY to the latter, and says frankly, " . . . though I admit metaphysical thinking is entirely strange to me, I will try to do it justice." This is a book for the esoterically discriminating.

YOU WILL SURVIVE AFTER DEATH. Sherwood Eddy. Rinehart & Co., Inc., 232 Madison Ave., N. Y. 16. Cloth. 207 pp. Glossary. 1950. $2.00

Interesting, indeed, the number of well known persons who have come and are coming forward with "scientific evidence of immortality:" Sir Oliver Lodge, Stewart Edward White, Dr. Alexis Carrell, Dr. James Hyslop, Sir William Crookes, to mention only a few. And now, Sherwood Eddy.

Those who are students of occultism marvel that exponents of science have been so slow in recognizing the vast wealth of evidence everywhere existent. Let us pray that such books as **You Will Survive After Death** may serve to bridge a chasm that has existed too long. It is necessary, however, to examine analytically **proof** of this nature, for mediums are not infallable.

CREATIVE HEALING. Flower A. Newhouse. Inspiration Magazine, P.O. Box 116, Vista, Calif. Paper. 32 pp. 50 cents.

Mrs. Newhouse is so well known by her works that it is "carrying coals to Newcastle" to add anything. We are more than happy, however, to

tell our readers of her new booklet on CREATIVE HEALING. The three chapter headings indicate the wide scope of its contents: (1) **Hidden Aspects of Healing;** (2) **Mysteries of Creative Prayer;** (3) **Effective Spiritual Treatments**—a three-in-one treatise on a subject vital to all of us.

THE GLORIOUS COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. Phoebe Marie Holmes. P. O. Box 5004, Metropolitan Station, Los Angeles, Calif. Cloth. 129 pp.

Phoebe Marie Holmes sets a goal for our day. As science is annihilating time and space, she is transcending the limitation of age in human consciousness. Having achieved a mere ninety-six as we reckon years, she enthusiastically continues to pursue her work as a lecturer, writer and authority on such subjects as proper nourishment, bodily exercise and psychology.

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TRUTH OF LIFE — KEY TO UNDERSTANDING. Ambrose G. Beltz. Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth. 608 pp. $6.00

An erudite study into the origin of health and happiness. From a source in **feeling** come **mental** stimulii that manifest in **experiences** that lead to **knowledge** and eventuate in these much desired states or the absence of them. For example: the author claims that the powers of Moses as a spiritual teacher and leader are traceable to this Old Testament prophet's **fear** engendered by his having committed a murder.

There is no doubt about the author's having laid hold of some sound truths. Certainly they are provocative of thought. But to attribute such moral and spiritual greatness as that expressed by Moses as having its origin in a destructive impulse deriving from his emotional nature is to declare his inferior nature to be the creator of his superior being and to ignore the divine centers in man as the source of spiritual values to which he gives expression.

True, the beautiful pure white lotus springs from the slimy earth on the bottom of the pool, but this is merely its **material** foundation. It comes **through,** not **from,** the earth. The **life** of the lotus springs from other ground and its beauty has higher authorship.

Unquestionably Mr. Beltz presents a valuable study of scientific facts which do contribute somewhat to a better understanding of man's complex being. That this body of facts limits its observations ot the physical, emotional and mental natures of man, that it is a study more specifically within the psychological and psychiatric fields is not to depreciate the value of its findings. But from the point of view of spiritual science it is important that this limitation be clearly recognized, since observations based on the more inclusive considerations of the whole of man must necessarily modify and, in some cases, quite alter the conclusions arrived at from a consideration of only the lesser nature of man.

The "Truth of Life" is so many-sided, so profound in its multiple aspects that we have reason to be grateful for every contribution making for a better understanding of the subject. The important thing is not whether the treatment be in agreement with our particular philosophy or that it necessarily meets at the moment our particular needs. If it has some truth and if that truth be helpful to someone at some time, we are indirectly if not directly the beneficiaries of service rendered.

SHEAVES. Rabindranath Tagore. Translated by Nagendranath Gupta. 1951. Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 40th St,. N. Y. 16. Cloth. 152 pp. $3.50

These poems and songs by Tagore have not previously been published in English. The translation is as literal as was possible but titles to some of the pieces and the name of the book were chosen by the translator. Our readers require no introduction to Tagore or eulogies on his work, so we are especially glad to acquaint them with this new volume of his writings.

DIVINE PATTERN FOR LIVING. Jean Wallis. Willing Pub. Co., P. O. Box 51, San Gabriel, Calif. Suede paper. 96 pp. $1.25

This is a compilation of "staccato" paragraphs linked together into chapters by a common theme such as **Life Transcendent, Quest for Nobility, The Great in Spirit, Hidden Truths,** etc. These terse commentaries are the gleanings of one who asked and received, who sought and found, who knocked and it was opened to her.

BE STILL AND KNOW. Mary Ann Woodard. 1950. The Edgar Cayce Pub. Co. Inc., Virginia Beach, Va. Paper. 50 pp. Price 75c.

An exceptionally valuable manual for meditation to the purpose of bodily healing based on spiritual understanding.

MAN IN NATURE AND BEHAVIOR. J. M. Martinez, N.D. Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. 1951. Cloth. 311 pp. $4.25

Another "scientific" analysis of the most misunderstood of all subjects: man's nature and behavior. So long as the scientific mind basis its arguments on factual evidence there will be books like this one. It is interesting and provocative, but we would warn the reader to remember that the "facts" of yesterday are the falacies of today.

This author does not hesitate to label metaphysical precepts as bunk. Patient is the attitude of the metaphysician, for he realizes that the worker in the field of **effects** will eventually arrive at the realm of **cause** from which he started.

FEE, FI, FO AND FUM by William Podmore. Exposition Press, Inc., 386-4th Ave., New York 16. Cloth. 96 pp. Illustrations by Howard Morris. $2

This is a book of famous fairy stories in rhyme with an acknowledgement of the author's indebtedness to Grimm and Anderson for source material. The fascinating fables unfold at a delightful musical pace that cannot fail to capture the heart of reader and listener alike. Children will revel in their charm, their bounce, their whimsicality and withall, their simple logic. And as for their elders, these recitals of danger and rescue, of faith and work, of wit and wisdom will be like a veritable magic potion for the fountain of youth. **Fee, Fie, Fo and Fum** will not stand idly on any shelf, especially if there be a child around. It has too much animation for that—and joy and meaning.

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An East Indian Magazine

MIRA (East and West), Gangaram Sajandas, Ed., St. Mira's High School, Poona 1, India.

Kipling wrote that East was East and West was West, and never the twain should meet. But they **are,** and it is for us to say **how.** Are we to understand our Oriental brothers and make the exchange one of mutual profit, or will we permit adverse influences to make it one of violence and destruction? **Mira,** written in English, carries as its ideal a quotation from T. L. Vaswani: "Build ye a Bridge of Brotherhood between East and West!" To this the **Interpreter** sounds a heart-felt Amen!

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Reading, Penna.

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