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THE MAJOR WORLD CLEAVAGE

THE SUEZ CRISIS

The major cleavage in the world today is not the existing breach between Russia and the United States; it is not the clear-cut break between the peoples of the communist faith and the believers in democracy. While these are the most obvious cleavages in the political world at the present time and those which chiefly preoccupy the attention of leaders in national and international affairs, there is another which is broader, deeper and much more difficult to bridge. That is the cleavage between East and West. It is the contest between the Occident for retention of world supremacy and the Orient in its determination to step out from under its long subordination to Western domination.

The aspiration of all peoples is to live together in a spirit of friendliness and unity. This desire is strong enough to have overcome one barrier after another that has kept them apart. Thus we observe that in the course of history lesser groupings have been gradually merged into larger ones from the primitive family and tribe to those of nations, empires and international confederations.

This development has not come about easily. It is a process that has been marked by conflict all along the way, and will probably be so until true global union shall have been fully realized. Humanity is on the way to achieve harmony and union though it be through conflict. The process is a manifestation of the Fourth of the Seven Cosmic Rays.

By union we do not mean the establishment of uniformity or the creation of a centralized world government patterned after our present national governments. We mean a state of harmonious relations between all peoples on the broad basis of their common humanity. We mean a world society in which all artificial barriers between classes, nations and races will have been removed; in which the antagonisms and enmities engendered through ignorance, prejudice and misunderstandings will have been eliminated and in which greed, selfishness and competition will have been overcome by a spirit of mutual helpfulness, cooperation and the will-to-good.

Unity in diversity is the aim. The future of the human race will depend on the interplay of the main cultures of all the world. As among individuals, so among nations and races. Attributes and skills are many and varied. There are the variations in type and temperament, in gifts and accomplishments. These call for preservation and cultivation, not obliteration. Only that which is in itself of a destructively divisive nature is to be removed; not the differences that divide for lack of proper understanding.

The path to be traversed before the many existing cleavages are bridged—above all that between East and West—is certainly fraught with further conflict. These conflicts need not culminate in an all-out war. Such an eventually must not be regarded as an impossibility, but neither should it be entertained as a probability. The atomic weapon may well be the determining deterrent in the minds of those who have the power to hold back or let loose the fires of annihilation.

But there are other and more firm grounds for hope. That Master Mind known as D. K., The Tibetan, refers repeatedly to the two World Wars as a single operation beginning in 1914 and concluding in 1945. He tells us it was a recurrence of the struggle that occurred in Atlantis between the Forces of Light and the Powers of Darkness, and which ended in the submergence of the Atlantean continent and destruction of its magnificent civilization. Only a remnant was saved, as recorded in the biblical account of the Flood.

But for divine intervention at that time nought would have been saved. Humanity had not reached the stage of development where it was able to save itself by arriving at a clear conscious choice as to the way it wished to go. As a free-willed creation it had to come to such a choice some time, hence a recurrence of the historic battle between the Forces of the Spirit and the Powers of materiality. This time the outcome depended on humanity's choice. It chose the way of light. The issue hung for a time in the balance. By 1943, according to The Tibetan, the forces of true ideality commenced to gain

the upper hand over the forces of destruction. In that choice it drew to itself the powers from on high to carry it to victory.

There is no substantial evidence that mankind has slipped back from this position. On the contrary, there is much to indicate that the constructive forces have retained the upper hand, and that they will be able to maintain it even in the face of what could develop into a most terrifying opposition resulting in apparently irreparable devastation.

It must be remembered that there still remains much in the present world order that belongs to the past, that is unusable in the kingdom that is being built, and that must be swept away before the new world order can be securely established. What man has not the wisdom or the willingness to relinquish voluntarily when its usefulness is past, will at some time be wrenched from him forcefully under the operation of a law that will not spare him sorrow and suffering if such must come as a result of measures designed for his eternal progress.

In this century of global readjustments the greatest and most difficult will be the harmonization of the East and the West. It will entail a struggle of mind, of wills, if not of arms. Gradually the line-up is taking more definite form. With ever accelerating speed and intensity, events are conspiring to bring conflicting issues to a head. The Suez crisis is an incident in the process. As it develops, the entire struggle is a manifestation of the Power Ray of Divinity; It is the will of God shattering walls of separation between individuals, nations and races. It is preparing the way for the souls of men to take over, and so placing the principle that unifies above that of the outer personality which divides.

Many are the barriers yet to be removed before humanity will be able to function as a harmonious unit with each and every nation and race taking its place in the whole even as various instruments of an orchestra blend in the production of a glorious symphony. But of all these barriers the most formidable is that which stands between Orient and Occident. This has not been fully recognized by people generally or by leaders in charge of international affairs. This is particularly true of the West since it is focussed in the objective consciousness more strongly than is the East. The cleavage between the oriental and the occidental races still lies more below the surface than above. It is primarily of the psyche. It is phychological. The depths and seriousness of the gulf is consequently largely discounted by American and European political leaders; and of these the Americans more than the Europeans because the former

have had far less experience in diplomatic dealings with oriental peoples.

The Suez crisis is bringing the East-West issue into a new and sharper focus. It highlights difficulties to be overcome due to lack of understanding. As in so many similar incidents in our dealings with the East, it is not so much *what* is done as *how* it is done. When our State Department decided to withdraw the offer to help Egypt build the Aswan dam, it was done in a manner to which the Egyptians, proud and sensitive as they are, struck back in resentment by nationalizing Suez. They would not be snubbed and belittled. Nor would their Arab kindred or any part of Asia. What Egypt did was hailed by peoples of the East as a demonstration of their growing strength and independence.

The Consolidating East

The two great Communist powers, Russia and China, may be moving toward a rivalry as to which will dominate the destinies of the Far East. But whatever differences may be developing in this direction, they are united in their determination to drive Western powers out of Asia and Africa. In this they are succeeding. For example, in the present Suez crisis Russia stands with Egypt. In so doing Russia strengthens her own influence in the Near East, draws closer to the Mediterranean, and approaches a realization of her age-long objective of gaining access to warm water ports. Another evidence of the widening breach between Orient and Occident is Ceylon's recent rejection of pro-Western leadership in favor of its opposite. Also, the French had to relinquish French Indo-China; Singapore and Malaya are no longer settled British possessions. And all African territories under British or French control are demanding complete self-rule. This movement toward independence and freedom from Western domination is irresistible. Armed forces can no longer hold it back. Survival of Western civilization is possible only as it recognizes the legitimacy of basic demands by awakened masses and underprivileged peoples, and, instead of working against such true and sound aspirations, works with them in a spirit of goodwill and understanding.

In the meantime the peoples of Asia, supported by the colored peoples of Africa, are becoming increasingly community conscious. They are consolidating their forces and clarifying their objectives. Altogether they are creating a vast coalition that has the unified aim of making itself independent of the nations that make up our Western civilization.

Three major steps leading up to this two-fold coalition have been

taken in our time. With each step the opposing groupings become more inclusive, thus leading up to the most inclusive of all, the one now forming between Orient and Occident.

The first of these three steps led to World War I. This war was fought out between what history has come to designate as the Triple Alliance on one side and the Triple Entente on the other. These rival alliances were both of the West. They were between peoples of the same race and the same religion. Both groups were Caucasian and Christian.

The second step led to World War II which was fought out between more inclusive coalitions. It was between Axis powers and the Allied Nations. In addition to Germany and Italy, the Axis powers included Japan; beside the American and European states, the Allied Nations included China, India and other oriental countries. On both sides were peoples of East and West, white and colored, Christian and non-Christian, totalitarian and free. (Russia, although in the Allied camp, was no more free than were Fascist states.) Thus we see that in the course of a very few short years the alliances that waged the first World War had been vastly expanded. This time the conflict was literally global. It was fought out in both oriental and occidental battlefields.

Then, after the second World War there developed a third cleavage between Russia and her satellites on the one side and the "free nations" on the other. This directly involves almost every nation in the world and the greater portion of mankind. A "cold war" is being waged between totalitarianism and democracy, communism and free enterprise, atheism and faith. The first of these three opposites is political; the second, economic; the third, religious. The first two cleavages lie relatively near the surface. They could be resolved through reason and practical experiment in a comparatively short period. The third, the religious cleavage, goes deeper. But since it arises out of doctrinal disputes and intellectual concepts more than it does out of soul orientation, it, too, need not wait long for healing.

The cleavage between East and West falls into quite another catagory. It is not yet clear-cut. It is still forming. It will come increasingly to the fore as present lesser divisions are resolved. It will be the last, for none more extensive can be formed. It will be the western half of the world against the eastern half. It will be the more developed peoples challenged by the less developed. It will be the colored races contending with the white.

In this division the rift penetrates to depths of consciousness.

There is a profound difference between the East and West in the way they react to the problems of life. They do not think or feel alike. They have not covered equal distances on the evolutionary path. The Caucasian, for example, has gone farther on the path of unfoldment than the Ethiopian. With each major evolutionary step an additional aspect or principle of the inner being is aroused from latency to activity; hence, in mystical terminology, more petals have unfolded on the spiritual rose of the West than on the lotus of the East. This must be understood. It must be understood in the light that spiritual science sheds on the subject. It must be understood wherein all people are alike and wherein they are different. All are sons of God; all are potentially equal; all have the same origin, the same destiny; yet all do not stand at an equal point of development and do not possess like capabilities. As in a domestic household, the human family is composed of older and younger members. Each is of equal importance with the others though the younger are not capable of assuming identical tasks.

While a filial bond normally holds a family together in close unity, inevitably there are present some differences of attitude and outlook between parents and children. The wider the gap in age, the more pronounced these are likely to be. So it is in society at large. There is always a marked gulf between more and less developed races, between older and younger generations. It is always difficult for the one to fully understand and appreciate the other.

This is especially true in our time when historical progression and evolutionary unfoldment are making as big leaps in the course of a single generation as formerly was distributed over centuries. Incoming children seem almost like a new and different species. Eleanor Roosevelt gave emphatic recognition to this fact while addressing the recent democratic convention in Chicago. "This," she said, "is not 1932"—as if speaking of a by-gone age. "It is 1956." Then she warned elders not to look back and not to monopolize the front line. It was a declaration of confidence in what the younger generation had to offer and a plea to give youth greater opportunity to assume responsible leadership. This was the *Zeitgeist,* the spirit of the times, speaking. For it is profoundly true that in this swiftly changing period a new generation comes in possessed with certain qualities, with particular abilities, and with a different type of consciousness fashioned in accordance with the demands of the era into which they are born. They have something that the present needs and that the older generation is unable to provide. Such is the way of growth. Progress in our time is by big, bold

leaps forward. One such leap is being taken by the younger generation. Though it is separated from the older by only a few years, and though they walk side by side, their outlook is not the same.

Nowhere is this fact more pronounced than in England at this moment. In a recent broadcast from London, Howard K. Smith said that opinion on the Suez crisis had divided Britain into two nearly equal factions, the one made up of those who insisted on pursuing the course followed in the past century when Britain was at the height of its imperial power; the other of those who were attempting to accommodate themselves to what is required of them in this mid-twentieth century. The bitterness between the two, he observed, was almost as intense as it was against Nasser, creator of the situation.

It may also be observed at this point that in our country there is no important distinction between our two major political parties, but there is a real struggle between the "Old Guard" and the younger set as to which is to exercise domination.

What we have said about the gulf existing between the older and younger generation of our day has a correspondence in the cleavage that is daily becoming more apparent between East and West. Like the former, the latter must be bridged by understanding. Understanding is the key to all difficulties in both instances. This must be recognized and acted upon. General Gruenther, Commander of the NATO forces in Europe, said as much in his comment on the Suez crisis. He did not talk war. He pleaded for understanding: a better understanding of the oriental mind; understanding to be acquired by more adequate knowledge of the historical and cultural backgrounds of Eastern peoples, their psychological and temperamental make-ups, their customs, habits and beliefs.

It is generally conceded that leaders entrusted with the direction of international affairs need to be well versed in politics, economics, history and law. These are essential requirements. But more is needed. Without a knowledge of the esoteric evolution of man and the resulting differentiations in racial psychology, the most important qualifications for meeting present demands are wanting. "It is therefore frightening," writes Dr. Franz E. Winkler in a recently published brochure entitled *National Psychology in International Relations,* "to observe how little attention is being given to the profound knowledge of man when it comes to the choice of those who will be charged with international relations." What statesmen and diploments need today, he insists, "is a deepened understanding of man himself."

Dr. Wrinkler goes on to say that the vast majority of Western diplomats, Americans especially, act as if their opponents were not basically different from themselves. But they are. It is difficult for a Westerner to understand, for example, what it means to a Chinaman or a Japanese to "lose face." The innermost being of Easterners functions quite different from that of the Westerner. Only psychology and spiritual science can supply the knowledge needed for successful negotiation.

In Geneva a representative of the United States has met with a representative of Red China to discuss the release of American prisoners held in China. They have met over a hundred times in the past year without achieving tangible results. We would hazard the guess that their failure to bring the issue to an earlier and definite conclusion is not due to lack of diplomatic courtesies, logical arguments or sufficient facts, but to an inability on the part of each to penetrate the psychological barriers that divide East and West.

That there are such barriers is not even recognized, let alone understood. This was made quite clear by our Foreign Secretary, John Foster Dulles, the other day at a press conference. He deplored the difficulty of negotiating with Egypt over the Suez crisis because the issues could not be confined to definite concrete facts and proposals but were beclouded by slogans such as "Asia and the West." This statement clearly portrays a lack of the psychological ingredients so necessary to successful world diplomacy. Without them a diplomat, however gifted, too frequently misses the mark and not without a modicum of truth, earns for himself the epithet of being a "misguided missile."

However, "Asia and the West" is no mere slogan. Those are not empty words. Their content is not just fiction. Around those words revolve the most urgent and practical problems currently confronting the world. The key to their solution must ultimately be found along lines of psychology, spiritual science and the esoteric evolution of man. They will not, cannot, be solved on economic and political grounds alone; much less by resorting to armed force.

This statement is not to be understood as implying that even if the rising nationalisms run rampant and resort to lawless and aggressive acts, these should be met solely by a negative pacificism and appeasement. International lawlessness must be dealt with as firmly and sternly as individual lawlessness. It must be adequately met on all planes of action. Meantime what must be sought for and brought into effective operation are means and measures to remove causes that lead to conflicts, chaos and destruction. Such means

and measures are non-material; they are super-physical; they are psychological and spiritual.

In the present state of world affairs, the burden of solving East-West problems falls primarily on the West. One may well ask how this can be if remedial measures are essentially of a spiritual nature. The West is submerged in materialism; the East is still deeply mindful of spiritual values. This is true. Yet the answers will not come simply by the West opening its heart to what the East has to offer. To be sure, this it must do. But the next spiritual impulse loosed in the world must come from an inwardly awakened West. Now that the Occident has conquered so wonderfully the forces of nature, and explored the physical world to the very borders of the metaphysical, its next step is to acquire a sound scientific knowledge of man—not only of his physical being, but of his whole complex, composite nature. It must learn something about "the center which we call the race of men," that it is a macrocosmic entity wherein various nations and races correspond to various organs of a microcosmic physical body. It must learn more about evolutionary processes as spiritual science reveals them, and about laws governing human and planetary progression. The West has the ability to implement this knowledge in such a way that it can be projected to the East. When it can come to the East with such an offering it will be received with open, trusting arms; even as, in its present materialistic outlook, it expects the East to embrace it for the money poured into needy oriental coffers. The East will then receive what it most needs, what it is hungry for, what it can understand and appreciate.

For the Orient is still aware of its rich spiritual heritage—a heritage that is in the background of its thinking and feeling. It lives in *ideas* as the West lives in *action.* It has mothered every one of the world's great religions. Some of these it has given to the West. But the East fell into a deep lethargy. It fell behind. What it now needs, and needs most vitally, is a fresh, invigorating and transforming spiritual impulse—even as does the West. This it is incapable of generating in its present state. The impulse must come from some other source. It must come from the West. And peoples of the Occident, long beneficiaries of the spiritual riches of the East, possess the virility, the resources and the potential spirituality to bring forth what is needed for its own regeneration and for the spiritual revivification of the East.

The East cannot be bought. It can no longer be controlled by military might. But it can be won over by powers of the spirit.

When a clear, strong interplay of knowledge, purpose and aspiration sets in at soul levels between Asia on the one hand, Europe and the Americas on the other, we shall not have long to wait before the twain will become one. According to a saying ascribed by tradition to Jesus, when this occurs the Kingdom of God is at hand. Opposites will have blended, equilibrium will have been established, and peace will reign on earth,

In dealing with this subject Rudolf Steiner, occult statesman and seer, declared that the only power great enough to draw together conflicting elements in eastern and western points of view is to be found in a spiritual understanding and the creation of higher spiritual values and ideals. "The seeds of new spiritual faculties," said he, "are ready to burst into life in the East and in the West," and that if the West develops these latent faculties, and so permeates her industrial and economic civilization with fresh spiritual values, the East will recognize the opportunity for a great spiritual revival and meet the West with understanding. Otherwise," he declared, "despite all external appearance, they will go on developing a latent hostility to our external civilization." These observations were voiced by Dr. Steiner a third of a century ago, in 1922.

About the time Dr. Steiner of Europe was trying to arouse the West into bringing forth spiritual values necessary to win the East, another great mind and seer, Sri Aurobindo of India, was issuing a similar call. It was for people to "recreate themselves in the image of the spirit." He foresaw the rapidly approaching day when only recourse to the powers of spirit could unite a divided world and insure its safe progression.

It may be observed at this point that it requires no singular wisdom to proclaim the need for cultivating greater spiritual values. That we hear on all sides. But just how to proceed, what practical steps to take, what specific measures to work for at this particular time and in relation to the problem in hand, are quite another matter. Here is where deep insight and lofty wisdom must combine to supply direction. Such insight and wisdom are not wanting. They have been provided for this day's need. Among other illumined souls and inspired minds, we have Dr. Steiner and Sri Aurobindo. They did not leave us with mere abstract generalities.

In his work entitled *The East in the Light of the West,* Rudolf Steiner devotes an entire volume to elucidating the psychological differences between major segments of the human family. This is basic knowledge. It is knowledge that the human race is now ripe to receive and to act upon. Without basic knowledge of this kind,

the understanding necessary for successful diplomatic interchanges and arrangements resulting therefrom is not possible. And now that all peoples, East and West, are thrust into such intimate relationships and have so many interlocking interests, and when issues are charged with intense nationalisms, racial prejudices, misunderstandings and animosities—such as those erupting in the Suez crisis, for example—knowledge made available by illumined leaders is essential to mankind's present safety and future on-going.

Relative to humanity's fundamental needs during this historic transitional period, Sri Aurobindo indicated that two conditions were essential for bringing about the necessary spiritual change. Said he: "There must be the individuals who are able to see, to develop, to recreate themselves in the image of the spirit, and to communicate both their idea and its power to the mass. And there must be at the same time a mass which is capable of receiving and effectively assimilating the idea and its power. . . That this combina- must happen some day is a certainty."

Surely that time has come. It has come, and it is bringing forth a fulfillment of both conditions laid down by Sri Aurobindo as essential to the spiritual change that must take place if there is to be the racial progression allotted to this period in the divine plan. The first condition is being fulfilled by a multiplying number of indivduals who have banded themselves together under the growing impulse of the will-to-good. Among the latter is the *New Group of World Servers,* a powerfully influential soul-controlled grouping that came into existence in 1935 under the guiding inspiration of The Tibetan. Also the movement known as *Moral Re-armament,* which came into being in 1908 as *The Oxford Movement* and in1938 under its present name. *Moral Re-armament* sets out to change the individual, to "recreate" the individual "in the image of the spirit." Through changed, morally re-armed men and women, many economic, social, national and international rivalries are being resolved in understanding and harmony.

While these bands of spiritual pioneers have been developing creative ideas and the ability to impart them to the masses, the masses have passed through many purgative experiences that have marked the past few tragic decades. They have been greatly chastened, their natures have been deepened, and they have become more mentally alert, more discriminating in judgment. Also, they have drawn closer to the heart of Reality and have become more and more receptive to the new, fresh, creative ideas reaching them from above. They are seeking for that which is unshakable as their

known world is being shaken. Thus, the second of Sri Aurobindo's conditions is being fulfilled.

It was forty years ago that the Eastern seer set forth those conditions. How magnificantly they have been, and are being fulfilled! They are becoming actualized with amazing rapidity, as historical development goes. They are the most phenomenal manifestations of our wonder age. In speaking of this time of times, Sri Aurobindo observed that "There are moments when the spirit moves among men and the breath of the Lord is abroad upon the waters of our being; there are others when it retires and men are left to act in the strength or the weakness of their own egotism. The first are periods when even a little effort produces great results and changes destiny; the second are spaces of time when much labor gives to the making of a little result... Unhappy is the man or the nation which, when the divine moment arrives, is found sleeping or unprepared to use it, because the lamp has not been kept trimmed for the welcome and the ears are sealed to the call. But thrice woe to them who are strong and ready, yet waste the force by misuse of the moment; for them is irreparable loss or a great destruction."

This is indeed the accepted time!

May humanity's response bring added light and love and power into divinely directed manifestation.

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JYOTI — SPIRITUAL LIGHT

This is the first of a series of booklets by Dr. Judith Tyberg, founder and director of **The East-West Cultural Center** in Los Angeles. The object of the projected series is "to give spiritual truth that will lead to divine oneness in our wisdom, power, joy, love and action, so that the glorious intent of God may be fulfilled: A Divine Life on Earth." The booklet is "offered in loving tribute to Sri Aurobindo and Mother Mira whose Spiritual Light illumines the Path of Life."

Booklet Number One was issued in the spring of this year. It contains several articles dealing with the life, the writings, and the Ashram activities of the late Indian Illuminator, Sri Aurobindo. It also introduces to the West, Madame Alfassa, known as Mother Mira, a personage of rare spiritual insight and director of an institutional enterprise of great significance. She is founder of the Sri Aurobindo International University at Pondicherry in South India. This is a true University of Light and a memorial to Sri Aurobindo, "'who more than any other spiritual Sage of modern times has united in his teachings and in his Ashram, the true values of both East and West."

In other pages of this issue there is stressed the tremendous importance of a better understanding between East and West. Not until each comes to recognize and share in the values possessed by the other can there be a fully rounded, fruitful and harmonious whole. Toward this end the activities of the Aurobindo Ashram, the International University, and Centers like that of Dr. Tyberg's are making major contributions.

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OUR PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

In Word Miniatures

More power is vested in the chief executive of the United States than in any other political leader in the world today. Our quadrennial presidential elections are consequently not merely events of party interest and national concern, but internationally significant as well.

Since the United States is now a leading member in the world community of nations, one of the prime qualifications necessary to wise and efficient leadership as the head of state is a broad, sympathetic and incisive grasp of the problems confronting the world at large.

Dwight David Eisenhower measures up to this requirement. This he has amply demonstrated in his triple career as a military commander, a university president and as the top political leader of our country. He is an internationalist and a firm supporter of the United Nations, an organization which for all its limitations has been referred to by the detached Himalayan observer, The Tibetan, as "The hope of the world." Our President views all international events, not in the light of his own country alone, but with regard to what is best for all concerned. He might well exclaim with Thomas Payne: "The world is my country and to do good is my religion."

President Eisenhower looks to Abraham Lincoln as an ideal to emulate in his high office. He is reported to have given special study during his occupancy of the White House to the ennobling life and humanitarian acts of this great soul. Not infrequently does he quote the great Emancipator.

Adlai Stevenson is also a man with a world vision. The United States is central to his concerns, but it does not describe their circumference. In anticipation of possibly becoming our chief executive he has made a special first-hand study of other peoples, their problems and points of view among nations East and West. Mr. Stevenson's ideal as political leader is Woodrow Wilson, he who reminded our people, and all peoples, that "Above the nations stands humanity." For this humanitarian concept his friends referred to

him as "the man with a world vision"; his detractors, as "the visionary President."

Vice-President Nixon is the "wonder boy" of California. His climb to political fame has been steady and rapid. Beginning his career as a small-town lawyer, he soon entered politics. In 1946 he was elected a Representative to Congress. In 1948 he entered the Senate and in 1952 he became Vice-President. He has the unreserved approval of his chief, President Eisenhower, and his party could find no rival for the office he holds, Joe Smith alone excepted! According to the stars, when planets follow each other in successive signs, success will be retained. Nixon has planets extending in the four signs of Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, one sign after another.

Estes Kefauver, one of Tennessee's most distinguished sons, also began his career as a small-town lawyer. In 1939 his State sent him to Washington as one of its Representatives, and in 1948 as Senator, the office he now holds. The role he played in the Senate investigation into crime was performed in a manner which won for him high and wide recognition throughout the entire country. High-minded principles activated him. So say his stars; so reads his record.

The Younger Set Comes Forward

One of the outstanding features of both the recent political conventions was the emphasis placed upon the importance of conferring greater responsibility upon youth. Both Eisenhower and Stevenson stand with the younger members of their party, not with the Old Guard. In both instances it is the Young Guard, the men and women with a new, fresh, idealistic outlook, that are in the ascendency. President Eisenhower called upon all young Republicans and "discerning Democrats" to unite and form "the party of the future." And Mr. Stevenson, not yet himself in the upper age bracket, is no less allied to youth and youth's hopes and dreams of a better, brighter future.

A Similarity with a Difference

The political foursome, from whom two are presently to be chosen to take control of the Ship of State, present in one of their character aspects a striking similarity yet with a notable difference. Each team combines in a very remarkable way the qualities of head and heart. In the Republican team the heart takes precedence over the head; in the Democratic team it is the reverse. Observe some of the salient characteristics of each of the four contestants.

President Eisenhower is a man of heart. Astrologically speaking, his Sun is in Libra, the ruler of which is Venus, the planet of love. He has charm and warmth. He has the simple, homey virtues; he is frank, kind, honest, sincere. He is utterly without guile. He is what a commentator described as a "standard type." He is as familiar and understandable as the next door neighbor. He fulfills a people's need for the "father image." No president has ever enjoyed more universal admiration. His popularity is unrivaled.

Richard Nixon is an altogether different type. He is brilliantly mental. A fluent and persuasive speaker, he thinks readily on his feet and is never at a loss to express himself. He has a retentive memory and uses it to good political ends in remembering names and faces. These attributes are signatures of his sun in Capricorn, ruled by Saturn. Astrologically delineated, this indicates a "big mind," a "cool-headed practical type" and one given to "nation-wide undertakings and political movements of international scope." These endowments are greaty enhanced in the life of Nixon by the presence of the expansive, benevolent planet Jupiter in Capricorn, his Sun sign.

From the above it is clear that the Republican team possesses in pronounced degree the balancing powers of head and heart.

So, too, does the Democratic team. Adlai Stevenson is a mentalist. He has a classic type of mind. He has been described as having a patrician's head and a philosopher's mind. He is a master of logic and rhetoric. His political speeches in the 1952 campaign were not just "campaign oratory." They had the form and substance that made them worthy of later publication in book form.

Stevenson's Sun is in the airy, mental sign Aquarius. Mercury, ruler of the mind, the rational brain and pure reason, together with Mars, the dynamic energizer, are also in Aquarius. His strong mental polarization is astrologically obvious.

Estes Kefauver is a Leo, sign of royalty and ruler of the heart. True to this benefic influence he radiates sunshine and warmth, which draws him close to the rank and file. He knows everyone on Main Street from coast to coast, border to border. His manner is friendly and intimate. His gift of communicating the warmth of his Leo heart is indicated astrologicaly by the presence of Mercury, Lord of Communication, in Leo, his Sun sign.

So here again in Adlai Stevenson and in Estes Kefauver we find coupled in perfect equilibrium the complementary powers of head and heart. They ray forth the influences of Aquarius and Leo,

signs opposite and complimentary and the two pillars of the New Age temple in the building.

Numerological and Service Signatures

Numerologically speaking, it is noteworthy that of thirty-four Presidents of the United States, thirty-two have had a name value of 22 or 11, these being master numbers with a vibratory power that produces leadership. President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon and Mr. Kefauver all have name values of 22 and Mr. Stevenson's name value is 11. Here is "presidential timber" four times over; it is on this side and on that.

Astrologically speaking, President Eisenhower and Mr. Stevenson both have Virgo, the sign of service, on the cusp of the sixth house which is the mansion of service. Moreover they both have Libra, sign of the Balance, intercepted in the sixth house. This tends to give both a judicial mind, a discriminating faculty and a gift for seeing both sides of an issue and resolving differences through conciliatory means. President Eisenhower has no less than three planets, Sun, Mercury and Uranus, in Libra, hence his exceptional ability as a mediator among adversaries. Witness the "Summit Meeting." Mr. Stevenson's Mercury, ruler of Virgo, is in Aquarius, the sign of the New Age, where it is conjunct Venus, tactful and affable, and the Sun, the regal bestower of the power to rule.

Both Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kefauver have the New Age sign of Aquarius on the cusp of the sixth house of service, indicating that in the discharge of their public office the underlying impulse is that imparted by the Water Bearer of the Skies, the outpoured spirit of humanitarianism, friendliness, altruism and cooperation. In both Nixon's and Kefauver's charts, the Aquarian influence is strengthened by planets in the sign. In Nixon's case Uranus, the planet of transformation and special channeler of the Christ force, is in its own sign Aquarius. The Moon, which rules the general public, is also in this same sign, and in the sixth house of service. Venus, too, is in this house favoring a friendly presentation and reception of New Age ideals. In the case of Mr. Kefauver, Saturn is posited in Aquarius which tends to give earthly anchorage to ideas not yet generally acceptable because of their newness. It is also to be noted that he has Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, in Sagittarius, the pictoral symbol of which is the centaur with bow and arrow aimed at the stars.

The four candidates offer fascinating study taken singly, in teams

and as contestants. The balancing factors in each of the two running mates is quite extraordinary and the parallels denoting their abilities to serve their country nobly is very remarkable.

On the big broad issues, both domestic and foreign, the two parties occupy virtually the same ground. The people's choice is one of the leaders rather than party principles. And fortunate indeed is this great nation, as a prominent radio commentator observed recently, in having four men of such integrity, strength, ability, idealism and dedication to service and world good as the candidates nominated for the two highest political offices the citizenry has to bestow. Each of these four candidates stands on the threshold of the New Day and each carries in his mind and heart a Vision of Tomorrow.

THE IDEA OF A WORLD STATE

The following is an excerpt from an article by The Tibetan on *The Influence of the Rays Today and in the Aquarian Age,* which appeared in *The Beacon,* July, 1939.

"The idea of a world state, divided into various great sections is the dream of the inclusively-minded few for which many regard humanity as yet unready. Towards this the entire world is headed in spite of its many ideologies, each fighting with each other for supremacy and oblivious of the important fact that all these ideologies are adapted to the groups or nations who adopt them. They are none of them suitable for general use (and I say this equally of democracy as of Nazism or Communism or any other ideology): they suit well in all probably the nations who accept them and mold their national life on their premises; they are only transitory substitutes in this transition period between the Piscean and the Aquarian ages and cannot permanently last. Nothing as yet is permanent. When permanency is reached, evolution will cease and God's plan will be consumated. And then, my brothers? The greatest revelation of all at the close of this world period when the human mind and intuition and soul consciousness is such that understanding will be possible.

"The idea of a spiritual Heirarchy which will govern the people throughout the world and will embody in itself the best elements of the monarchical, the democratic, the totaltarian and the communistic regimes. Each of these groups of ideologies has latent in it much beauty, strength, and wisdom and has also its profound and valuable contribution to make to the whole. Each will eventually see its contribution embodied under the control of the Hierarchy of the Lords of Compassion and the Masters of Wisdom. The restoration of the ancient Atlantean control by the Spiritual Forces is still in the future, but the Aquarian age will see the restitution of this inner and spirtual guidance on a higher turn of the spiral."

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THE AUTUMN EQUINOX
AND THE FEAST OF TRANSITION

By Corinne Heline

The association of death with a festival will no doubt appear strange to many, not only because the true meaning and purpose of death has been misunderstood or forgotten in this materialistic age. Goethe, one of the wisest philosophers of all time, made the statement that "The oftener we die, the better we live." His words are of profound esoteric significance. When the full meaning and purpose of death is understood it will no longer be a spectre to dread and fear. Rather, it will reveal the out-stretched hand of a loving and welcoming friend. The time will come when the word *death* will be eliminated from our vocabulary and *transition* will be used in its stead, for so-called death is but a passing from the limitations of physical existence into spheres more vast and free.

In the period following release from its physical body, the spirit is busily engaged in recapitulating events of the life just brought to a close. An extract of these experiences is then incorporated into its seed atom as added soul powers. Upon the spirit's return to physical expression it brings with it an enlarged understanding, a deeper sympathy, a greater compassion, a more intense aspiration for higher and finer living, and a stronger dedication to loving and selfless service as the result of these enhanced powers. So it can be seen that Goethe voiced words of wisdom when he said "The oftener we die, the better we live."

Life and death are inseparable, especially at the time of the Autumnal Equinox when the life forces of nature reach their lowest ebb. It was relative to the fall of the year that one poet sang of the crimson and golden tears shed by trees in sorrow over the waning of their summer beauty. It is at this season, however, that the descending Christ Force touches the earth to resuscitate and unify all of Nature's kingdoms by an influx of new life.

Festivals originating in the early Christian Church are filled with mystic symbolism. The first day of November is still set aside as a festival for the newly deceased, and the day is spent in prayer and blessings for those who have made the transition into a larger life. Among the ancients the great hieroglyph symbolical of Scorpio, the sign transited by the Sun in November, was a skeleton lying

in an open grave. Above the figure shines the beauty of the rainbow, always an emblem of resurrection into a new life.

In his consecrational music-drama of *Parsifal,* Richard Wagner has revealed more profound esoteric truths than have been given out since the days when the ancient Mystery Dramas were enacted. Wagner was deeply interested in the mysticism of the early Christian Church, and also that of the Greek Mysteries. He combined much of both in his glorious soul drama of *Parsifal.* In the final scene of this magnificent and impressive opera the Grail Knights assemble in the vast Hall of Initiation to celebrate the death (transition) festival of the holy Titurel, for long past the teacher of the Knights and the guardian of the Sacred Grail. During this impressive ceremony the voice of Titurel is heard issuing from the casket as he greets the Knight—a veiled presentation of what one poet describes thus:

Birthless and deathless and changeless
remaineth the spirit forever;
Death hath not touched it at all,
dead though the house of it seems.

Many who have learned to see beyond the veil of matter bear witness to the fact that almost every liberated spirit attends its own funeral. If its presence could be seen by sorrowing friends and family, their grief would be transformed into joy and the burial rites would become a festival of rejoicing.

Neophytes of the Grecian Mysteries were taught to chant in a certain harmonic rhythm that would assist the spirit to gain freedom from its body more easily. As they were able to witness the liberation of the spirit from its earthly abode, for them death was actually an occasion for rejoicing. Some persons who are now beginning to live in New Age consciousness surround their loved ones with appropriate music during the hours of their passing. How much better this is than the more familiar expressions of grief and shedding of tears. Transition music will be used more and more as time goes on. Fortunate indeed is the spirit that is able to rise above the discords and confusion of our chaotic world and, upon wings of harmony soar into celestial spheres where they will be greeted by angelic choirs. Such an one literally passes from earth to heaven over a bridge of music.

At the time of the Autumnal Equinox the gates of the Great Temple of Life swing wide. This is the most auspicious season for an earnest disciple to dedicate himself to the passing that St. Paul

describes as putting off "the old man" and putting on "the new." Within the Temple stands the Grail Cup filled with the sparkling Elixir of Life. Every dedicated aspirant who makes himself worthy may come and drink his fill of this magic potion as, far above, the voices of Angels softly but triumphantly echo and re-echo through the infinity of space. And over all sound the words of the Most Blessed One, saying, "Whosoever drinketh of that water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

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THE EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES

One of the many indications of a spiritual renaissance is a growing recognition among students of the initiatory teachings of old of the spiritual significance of the four turning points of the year and the importance of their proper observance. In time to come these will be the major spiritual festivals observed by all religions in all lands. They are festival dates determined by the cosmic rhythms of the heavens.

Because of their very nature many of the historically commemorative holy days coincide with the equinoxial and solstitial festivals. This is so because the great teachers of mankind, being universal in character and elevated in consciousness, inevitably harmonize inwardly and outwardly with nature's universal processes.

Thus, for example, in the life of the Christ around whom our spiritual exercises primarily revolve, the annual descent into our earthly sphere occurs in the fall of the year (Autumn Equinox); the quickening in the darkness of the earth at Christmas (Winter Solstice); the resurrection at the Easter birth time (Spring Equinox) and the ascension into the Heavens and His union with the Father at midsummer (Summer Solstice).

To recognize these successive steps and to consciously tune in with the currents that thus carry the soul cyclicly forward and upward is to accelerate by manifold measures the Path of Return.

OBSERVANCES AT MADONNA CREST

The seasonal festivals have been observed without interruption for many years at Madonna Crest, the hill-top home of the Helines and the New Age Press. Other New Age groups in various parts of the country have also incorporated such observances as part of their regular functions. Suggestions for conducting meetings of the kind and other information relating to the significance of the seasonal dates will gladly be given on request. Simply address your inquiry to the New Age Press, Inc., 1544 Cerro Gordo, Los Angeles 26, Calif.

NEW AGE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

These courses, each covering one of Corinne Heline's three volumes on the Old Testament, are now available. Besides the lesson material proper, there are questions and assignments, and suggested books and articles for collateral reading and reference. An important feature is the individual attention given each student who has previously covered the ground and has general qualifications for rendering helpful service in this way.

The Correspondence Courses are offered on the free-will offering plan. For particulars write either the New Age Press or The New Age Bible and Philosophy Center, 1139 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, California, which is in charge of the Correspondence Bible School.

TRANSITION

GLENN CLARK

In late August, Dr. Glenn Clark, spiritual leader, author and founder of the Camps Farthest Out, slipped away to the other side of life. It is a side with which he had already made intimate acquaintance in the course of his highly inspirational ministry in this earthly sphere.

Among those who knew him intimately and who have participated repeatedly in the Camps Farthest Out are Marie and Starr Daily. From their current **Group Letter for Spiritual Renewal** which carries a beautiful two-page tribute to a beloved comrade, we quote in part:

"Dr Clark, like the Apostles of old, made the Kingdom of Heaven his theme, its closeness and reality his psalm of life. In his Kingdom Consciousness he went far beyond the limited borderland of words. Out of his simplicity and genius emerged a group experiment in Kingdom living here on earth. Nowhere in modern times has this corporate experiment been equaled. For the experiment invariably became translated into personal experience. Ask any person who has attended a Camp Farthest Out to describe his experience, and he instantly says, "Why, it's just like the Kingdom of Heaven." There are no other words for it. In group fashion Camps Farthest Out assemblage actualizes the Heavenly Home.

"Dr. Clark's finest legacy to us who remain in his love are the truths he stood for and wrote about and spoke from the public platform. His was an unwavering messenger of Faith, Hope and Love."

LETTERS FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

If you would like to receive the monthly messages sent out by the Dailys, write them at 258 El Nido Ave., Monrovia, Calif. They are letters inspirationally charged with the pure white light of the spirit. Even from the blank side of the pages can be felt the vibrancy of the words on the reverse side, forged as they are out of a consciousness that functions on levels of deep spiritual realization.

NEW HORIZON PRODUCTIONS

In India, under the auspices of the influential Ashram founded by Sri Aurobindo, a company has been formed under the name **New Horizon Productions**, which is dedicated to the promulgation of spiritual truths by the mass media of the motion picture. Thus India, Mother of Religions, in this new cycle of her national life is showing signs of resuming the exalted spiritual role she filled in the ancient past and that she is yet destined to carry on into the future. Alexander Markey, well known in metaphysical and theatrical circles in this country, is director of the new enterprise.

GHOSTS

It is becoming increasingly more difficult for an out and out materialist to successfully defend his position. Too many "ghosts" around. Through the thinning veils they now appear so frequently that a gathering of Science Professors in Cambridge, England, last summer resolved that the subject "should be investigated on a world-wide scale." The delegates came from the United States and various European countries.

WANTED

We would like to recover a copy of **Genesis** by Corinne Heline ($1.00) and two copies of Theodore Heline's interpretation of Maeterlinck's **The Bluebird** ($1.00 each). Anyone having one or more of these and willing to part with same please let us know.

NEW AGE BIBLE INTERPRETATIONS

To read the Bible in the old way leads to superstition. So declared Rudolf Steiner who, in the light of spiritual science, did so much to unveil the profound mysteries embodied in the history, drama, poetry, parables and symbolism making up our Christian Bible.

It is in the light of this same spiritual science that Corinne Heline has produced her series of volumes on Bible Interpretation. They present the rationality of the Holy Scriptures in a manner satisfying the critical intellectual inquirer while at the same time preserving the mystical element that nourishs the heart.

For those who have laid aside the Bible because of an inability to read it except in the light of an out-dated theology here are interpretations that promise to restore to them what in effect will be a veritably new revelation. It has done so for many.

There are six volumes, three on the Old Testament, and three on the New. Every page is charged with light. There are no dust-dry doctrinal dissertations. The text is fluent. It is alive. It has warmth.

"The beauty of Mrs. Heline's expression is overwhelming," writes a teacher in Oklahoma City who is in charge of a class studying New Age Bible Interpretations. Her appreciation is representative of many who have truly delved into these expositions. "I am so grateful," she continued, "for her many hours of study, development and sharing which makes these studies possible. I have never seen anything to compare with them for beauty and knowledge crowned with understanding from a higher realm."

See page 27 for listing of the Bible books. For further particulars about their content, correspondence courses or the formation of study groups, write New Age Press, Inc., 1544 Cerro Gordo St., Los Angeles 26, California.

CHAPEL OF ALL FAITHS

The religious horizon widens. The Church of the Divine Paternity, Universalist, New York City, has built a chapel dedicated to all faiths. It is the first of the kind in this country.

The altar holds gold symbols of the world's great faiths; the cross of Christianity, the wheel of Buddhism, the Star of David (Judiasm), the crescent of Islam, the Arch of Shintoism. There are also to be seen the symbols of Hinduism, Taoism, Confusianism and Zoroastrianism.

Said the presiding pastor at the dedication: "All religions advocate the belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. By recognizing the contribution which each religion has made to the world's culture and the common aims of all religion, we can live together in a unity of spirit despite surface differences."

THE MOST WIDELY CIRCULATED BOOK IN THE WORLD

At least one complete Book of the Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialect. As of December 1955, the figures stood as follows:

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published, 207.

Languages in which a complete Testament has been published, 265.

Languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole Book has been published, 620.

New Testaments were published for the first time in the years 1955 and 1956 in Bari (Sudan), Asho, Southern Chin (Burma), Conob (Guatemala), Gbari: Matai (Nigeria), Hula (Papua), and Kim (French Equatorial Africa).

It may also be interesting to see a few more of these strange and unfamiliar names of languages into which Scriptures were also published for the first time in the past two years. Three of these languages are in Mexico, namely, Chinantec, Chontrol of Oaxaca and Otomi of Mezquital; Kapauku of New Guinea; Pai of West Africa; Nyemba of Angola; Tiruray of the Philippines; Tzutujil of Guatemala.

—**Bible Society Record**, July, 1956.

BOOK REVIEWS

By ELIZABETH HILL

GREAT SYSTEMS OF YOGA, by Ernest Wood, author of **Practical Yoga, The Glorious Presence, Concentration, The Intuition of the Will,** etc. 1954 Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N.Y. 16. Cloth 168 pp. Index $3.50

Convinced that Yoga offers a solution to many problems of Western civilization, Prof. Wood brought to a close almost thirty years of noteworthy academic work in India and the East that he might devote his time and energy to popularizing Yoga with peoples of the West. He realized the need for a presentation that is comparative, authenic and possible of Occidental practice, and in this book that need has been met. It is comprehensive in that it covers the ten great Yoga systems. Its authenticity is assured by the qualifications of the author himself—qualifications that enable him to work from original Sanscrit writings. And third, he has combined simplicity, clarity and brevity with keen discrimination in the selection of material best adapted to a people not familiar with or trained for, an ultra-meditative way of life.

THE WORLD INVISIBLE, Walter Stahr. The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Ave., Boston 20, Mass. Cloth 262 pp. $3.00

Through the literary medium of fiction, author Stahr projects several more or less associated characters into the super-physical realms and sets them to learning the deeper meaning of life and experience, especially about life after so-called death. As they advance in understanding they are assigned to services that will enable them to liquidate karmic debts by helping to straighten out the lives of those to whom they are obligated. Between experiences and teachings relative to the higher realms and efforts to constructively influence mortals who have strayed, these disembodied beings shuttle from plane to plane and situation to situation until, at last, tangled threads are unravelled and they have the gratification of seeing human lives happily adjusted. The novel offers a real opportunity to present spiritual teachings with a "sugar coating," and THE WORLD INVISIBLE makes the most of it.

THE PLANET MARS AND ITS INHABITANTS by Eros Urides (A Martian). 1956 Paper 37 pp. $1.00 James S. Marshall, P. O. Box 484, Chico, Calif.

The contents of this brochure were set down in California in 1920 by Mr. J. L. Kennon, a court reporter who wrote them in shorthand as received through a trance medium. Whether read as fiction or fact, the book is absorbingly interesting from cover to cover. If Mars is not the ideally advanced planet portrayed in its pages, a service will have been performed in setting before the reader a blueprint of a superior way of life—such as we are striving to evolve on our own planet.

The discourses are mainly spiritual but contain many scientific facts. Everything makes sense. The reader cannot but feel that the advanced conditions as described could be so; that if they are not they ought to be, if not on Mars then surely somewhere in God's boundless universe. We are told about topography, the canals, climate, population, home life, economics, government, social order, science, religion, the arts and much else. In their spiritual life the Christ is held supreme. It is a fascinating recital and should impel the reader to take more determined action for bringing to this sorry earth an actualization of the ideals presented.

THE LINCOLN WAY. Communications given to two English women residing in B.W.I. 1955 Lincoln Philosophical Research Foundation, 1401 W. 75th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio. Paper 58 pp. $1.00 Mailings to 4 friends, $3.00

Having issued a stirring call to the American masses to join the on-marching Crusade for Peace, he who was known as "the great emancipator" continues: "You know that you are the mightiest nation in the world. Shall it not be then that you will be in the vanguard of Peace? ... this is what you must do. Advocate Peace among you boldly. Often, in the silence of your room, pray fervently with a real faith that your prayers will be answered."

In another message he elaborates: "There is a tremendous step to be taken, a step which will call for great sacrifice and a love for Humanity in general. I refer to God's plan for the whole world; that is, Federation: the complete unity of all nations... When you speak of the 'United' States, do you realize what a wonderful achievement that is? You are the greatest example in the world today of the success of Federation. Look round the world and see what is happening. The first steps are being taken. Groups of small nations and groups of small islands have in some instances already accomplished this, whilst others are considering it." Then he issues a solemn warning: "In every case it is the motive that counts... groups possessed of greed and who wish to federate for self-aggrandizement will fail."

What this glorious soul has to say about religion, health, education, economics, leisure, and his special communications to women and to men, place the responsibility where it belongs, on the individual, while limning the New Age promise in awe-inspiring colors. Thus he brings the whole to its finale: "So when the common man emerges from his chrysalis of indifference, he will find he has allies of whom he had little dreamed, both in this world and the next. In very great earnestness, I ask you, Americans, to realize that the time is short, and to ponder these things—praying, at the same time, for wisdom to help you to meet the trials that are to come.

THE FAITHIST—THE OPEN WAY—WORLD UNION OF CHURCH PEOPLES FOR WORLD PEACE, Lovie Webb Gasteiner, Celina, Tenn. The **Faithist**, 4 issues $1.00; the others $1.00 ea. Sm. Papers.

Wherever one turns he will find an individual, a group or a movement quietly but dynamically engaged in the Father's work. And work it is to lay the foundation for a magnificant new structure while handicapped by the wreckage and debris of a steadily crumbling old one! North, south, east, and west, the "builders" are excavating, removing obstructions, erecting "forms" to serve as molds into which basic material is constantly being poured. More power to each and every one of them—and this goes for Mrs. Gasteiner. We'll let her tell her own story.

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Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven now building on earth.

RELIGION IN ACTION, Jerome Davis. Introduction by E. Stanley Jones. Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth—319pp—Index—1956—$4.75

All one has to do is to glance over the Table of Contents to realize that here is a book to be reckoned with. It is divided into three parts. Part I is headed **The Present Social Order** and lists eight thought-provoking subtitles, among them being: Religion, Opiate or Dynamic Power; The Subtle Poisoning of the People; Economic Illiteracy; The Challenge of Communism. Part II, under the heading **Guide Posts to Progress,** continues with six sub-topics including Enlarge Your Horizons, Invincible Goodwill, The Test of Action. **Changing the Social Order** captions Part III; it suggests Beginning in the Family and follows with Overcoming the Criminal in Us, Through Organized Labor, etc., closing with What Will You Do With Your Life? Among other subjects, the author deals with the Southern California (and comparable areas elsewhere in the States) smog situation, and does it without gloves. We may not agree with some of his conclusions about several controversial factors of this transitional period, but they are certainly food for thought.

THE WISDOM OF THE TORAH, Edited by Dagobert D. Runes. Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. 1956—Cloth—300pp—$5.00

Most of our readers are familiar with repeated quotations from the TORAH. The word means **instruction or guidance** and much of its authorship is usually attributed to Moses. We give you the editor's description: "In the present selection, based, with only a few changes, on the still and forever majestic King James translation, we have concentrated on the Hebrew Bible as a book of philosophy and literature... The present selection is to be taken as a treasury of divinely inspired poets and philosophers of perhaps the most heroic era in human history... Except for the historic-prophetic and ritualistic citations, this book consists... of poems and aphorisms of two kings, David and his son Solomon... There is no doubt that the majesty of Moses appears in many a page attributed to him, as does the wisdom of King Solomon in the writings named after him, and the incomparable poetry of his father in the Psalms."

BACK TO EDEN by the late Jethro Kloss, Herbalist. Longview Pub. House, Coalmont, Tenn. Fabricoid—671pp—13pp Index—Illustrated—$6.50

A most comprehensive work on foods, fasting, various types of diet, methods of cooking and the use of aluminum utensils, soil for growing foodstuff, exercise, adulterated foods and their effects, diseases of meat animals, herbs and how to use them. And all because, as the author states: "The different properties which are found in the earth are found in man. When these fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables are eaten in their natural state...health, beauty and happiness will be the sure reward...Read... of the wonderful properties which are in trees, herbs, flowers and roots, and leaves of the trees..."

The book provides simple dietetic correctives for various dis-eases; instruction on use of the water cure and other natural aids to health and well-being. Yes, and there is a section given to recipies for tasty nourishing dishes. In fact, nothing has been omitted that makes for a clean, properly functioning physical body and a well balanced mental-emotional state, for the author's methods are those originally designed for man's substance, growth and unfoldment in so far as nature can make man whole. A volume that should be a MUST in every household.

WHEN JESUS CRIED, Thora Hinshaw Seaton. Philosophical Library, 15 E. 40th St., N. Y. 16. Cloth—186 pp—$3.00

In the form of poetry, simple verse and prayers, a bed-ridden musician wrote a diary made up of the so-called commonplace things of life such as December Leaf, Marriage Vow, A Dutch Doll, Wild Roses, Late in October, Singing Prayer. Then, out of the last war came Where Crosses Stand, A Prayer Alone, Calvary, Faith, That Fartherest Light, etc.

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