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YOUR EDITOR

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The Money-Mad Monarchs of the 20th Century

The Money Mad Monarchs of the present century have over-reached and are caught in the inferno of their creation. In trying to lock the common people out they have locked themselves in and barred the doors to their own sanctuary. In fighting to enslave the people of the world they have become slaves of the galley which they, in their greed, created for the slaves they fancied would become their chattels.

Since the close of the Civil War these Money Mad Monarchs have had only one aim in Life—they have concentrated their powers upon one purpose. Their one idea and ambition was to become the Monarchs of this Nation. They have been thwarted again and again but they have rallied and returned to the fray, *hoping* always to establish through the central organization of the Government the ruling power of the Nation. They sought legislation, conquering one line of resistance after another, entrenching themselves in stronger footholds for greater battles. In their madness they overstepped the line of balance, they all but wrecked the Nation and themselves.

These Money Mad Monarchs of finance are again at their nefarious work of blindfolding and prodding into line the ignorant men and women who are unable to see or conceive the benefits derived from the hand of their rescuer. The pendulum of Time is swinging to a balanced stroke and the clock in the great high tower of the Nation will once more strike the hour of freedom from the frenzied slavery that threatens the Nation. The great battle still rages and will continue to rage until the dawn of the new day.

The Masters of Finance see the handwriting on the wall. They see the signs of the *new birth* that is to take place in this Nation and they know that they have no place and will take no part in the new form of Government of the people and *by* the people of a long suffering Nation.

1936 was the entering wedge, opening the doors of the dungeons where the slaves, kneeling in abject terror waited—waited for what? They knew not. With the first rays of dawn they saw the shining sun. With uplifted eyes they saw the blue sky—with out-

stretched arms they felt FREEDOM—with their regained senses they sniffed once more the air of Freedom. This great army of souls—their feet once more on solid ground are not going to be led astray by the siren call of "Save America." The slogan that led into by-paths in the past will not again lead an army into ambush.

In the future the great land holders in this country—the great syndicates, will be compelled to divide—to share. There is room in this great country for every man to have a home. There is opportunity for every man to have a business of his own. There are heights to which all men and all women may aspire. There is victory for all who seek the possession of *right living* and the birthright of every child shall become a home, education and a place in the affairs of the Nation.

Despotism has no place in the world of progress. Selfishness must be uprooted. It *must* be the duty as well as the privilege of every strong man to be mindful of his weaker brother. It *must* be the duty as well as the privilege of every strong Nation to have a care and an interest for the weaker Nations.

The *Money Mad Monarchs* of the world *in* nobility and *out* of nobility must be brought to the level and to the heights of the service—not for one but for all. The doors of the prisons that hold mankind must swing open through the key of *opportunity* and *protection* for all mankind. 1936 is the pendulum, swinging back and forth to balance the hour of Freedom. Children of men must no longer starve. They must no longer be herded like cattle and driven to despair by those who in their egotism attributed unto themselves the power to rule the world.

There must be Freedom from the bondage of poverty and the bondage of *ignorance* of the Law of Balance. Come forth Oh ye Nations of the Earth—raise the downtrodden and establish *principalities* among all Nations of the world. Unite for Peace that the glad Hosannas being sung the length and breadth of the world may mean something more than they have ever meant before—not Peace and Gladness for a day but Peace and Gladness forever more.



The BUILDERS

By EFFA DANELSON

Builders are they whose vision reaches into the hearts of men, discerning the purpose of all the acts of both sinners and saints; relentlessly seeking the cause, bringing order out of chaos and planting the seed of love in barren soil.

Builders are they who live each day in active service, uprooting the thorn and bramble bush, removing the sharp stones and stumbling blocks which they placed in the lives of their fellow men before they knew the law of compensation; who unselfishly give to those who are groping of the knowledge they have gained.

Builders are they, who having trod the narrow path of life have courage to seek the great highway of knowledge and, with even, silent tread, march daily on to the city of their goal—who seeing, proclaim their sight; hearing, sing the glad hosanna of life beyond the tomb.

Builders are they whose hands reach out to succor the down-trodden of earth, whose hearts beat ever in unison with those seeking light; who, having themselves been crowned with wisdom's ways, jealously guard the temples of the children of men from the tempter whose hand wields the poisonous whip of fear.

Builders are they whose achievements mark the progress of the human race and spur them on to greater deeds of promise; who measure men not by their possessions of gold but honor those who, through struggle become possessors of wisdom.

Builders are they who, knowing the danger, fear not but dare to stand behind their truth; and, in their defense make supreme, the law which they uphold. For such as these it is not death to die—not transition. It is only continuing the journey of life in another carrier, building into the bulwarks of life, a truth eternal.

EDITORIALS IN JUNE

Without Fear or Favor

Our Pledge

READERS of the Occult Digest will remember that in December, 1935, on page 3, under "Voices of the Universes Speaking," we published a prophecy—"The Master Peace Star Now Rising." Astronomers have reported seeing this star.

The Race of Civilized, White People, spoken of on the same page, have also been found by an exploring party who were looking for fresh water and have just returned to the United States.

We published the advent of the Christ star in our September, 1927, issue and the astronomers sighted it the week of Christmas in that year and also called it The Christ Star but they would not acknowledge receipt of the September Occult Digest which we sent to them with a clipping from the newspaper. The September issue of 1927 was on the newsstands before the middle of August. The prophecy was received in March.

How can we help but believe in prophecy? It was these prophecies and others equally as helpful that decided our dedication of two pages of The Occult Digest to the "Voices of the Universe." Did we make a mistake? We do not think so. The world is awakening to the Knowledge to be gained through Prophecy and *personal contact* with the living Masters of old. Although their bodies have been laid down for thousands of years the intellect which served them through a physical expression *lives on* and carries on the Life's mission they began while clothed in mortal flesh. They did not die—they journeyed ahead and are sending back their message of Good Cheer.

This month completes another year of History for The Occult Digest. January, 1925, was our birth year. We shall strive each moment of our Life to gather for YOU the fruits of Life that your vision may enlarge, that your lives may be happy and prosperous. Our Astrologer and Numerologist predict for us a broader Life and a more prosperous year for 1937. Our cup will surely be running over and our enemies must feed at our *feast table* if this becomes historical record.

To our old readers—Peace, Joy and Happiness. To our new readers—Hail, Hail—the Master Star of Peace is rising to bathe you in its *glorious light* that the Prophecy of a *new world* may be fulfilled to you.

In the Beginning

MAN'S beginning on the earth is no more of a miracle in the law than a sparrow or the glow worm, the butterfly or the bee, the great elephant or the ant. Each and every form of Life came forth through the comingling of elements produced by moisture and heat. To say that the earth is five thousand or five million years old or a billion, a trillion or any figure that man is capable of quoting is as erroneous as if he would say that man was brought forth in a fortnight of our present table of Time and for man to measure man by a philosophy, religious or otherwise, is as ignorant as for man to deny that water must ascend before it can fall. Theory and Philosophy have a par value. One can be worked upon and the other can be looked forward to. In all the history of Time, Humanity has been battling fear and indecision. The stronger has destroyed the weaker and thus the greater power has established *governments* and *principalities*, some to the credit of his intelligence and some to the discredit—some for the betterment and some to the delinquency of human association. There have been periods of darkness over the face of the earth; there have been periods of light. During these periods of darkness man and his fellow creatures slept while the creatures of the dark roamed the earth. Two distinct creations of which today, the night birds and the night animals are remnants and some calling themselves humans are their associates because they love the night rather than the day.

Until man had vehicles of transportation the world was peopled by vast hordes of creatures who fought and struggled for possession, much the same as is being done today. These traveling nomads, coming upon a colony of contented beings waged war for possession. There was plenty of space but their discontent and their appreciation of what belonged to another compelled them, it would seem, to get possession of that which seemed better than what they had. The world was much the same then as it is now. The difference does not lie with the individuals themselves—the difference is in the possessions—the greater possessions of today lend charm—a glamour that does not change the leopard's spots. Whether it be the King of a highly civilized people or whether it be the King of the jungle or the queen of the bee-hive, the destructive element within control, when aroused, is the same and civilization is a name only when this power rages through the jungle or through man's much flaunted governmental domains.

WITH OUR TIMES

BY EFFA DANIELSON



Where man came from or how he came is not the great problem confronting the generation of today. The great problem is *how* will the better element in the human race overcome the destructive element abroad in the land today. Man measures Time by a mechanism of stability and because his instrument cannot lend itself to the changing time he sets forth the theory that the laws of Nature are being changed. Nature is not changing where time is concerned. Man counts time from sun-up to sun-down and sets his clock to record the days by the hours, minutes and seconds. Man watches the return of the seasons and sets his festive days.

Going back in the history of the world we find the seasons and the division of time unchanged. Going forward in the history yet to be recorded, time and seasons will not change. The stationary calendar—the stationary clock by which man counts time loses the step of time and man lags and halts and becomes confused in his reckoning. He must turn his calendars and adjust them to the perfect time Nature has established if he would keep time with Nature. The merchants find the seasons no longer conform to their business standards—the farmer finds he cannot plant by the calendar or by the clock. You say it is the time of year for Spring—it is the time of year for Summer or Fall or Winter! It is, by your calendar and by your business ethics, but Nature has moved forward while man has been sleeping. Evolution has been progressing while man in his stupidity has stood still. We are approaching the awakening of a new order of Nature's supreme and supernal law and co-ordination in her supreme and final conflict with devastating forces of darkness, releasing, as it were, new streams of energy to be fused into the lagging forces of the valiant fighters who are seeking to overcome the destructive forces, now the conquering horde, devastating the world over those portions of the world who flagrantly cry PEACE and create WAR.

To those who have accepted the mission there will come visions, bringing with them streams of energy and words of wisdom—words filled with power—power that shall waken the slumberer. There are mighty leaders in the world today—mighty leaders whose powers are greater than the sword—mighty leaders for the Cause of Right which cannot be vanquished. They are in every country, great and small—they are in the highways singing their songs of Victory—they are in the great State houses and they shall carry on, flying the flag of Victory over Nations in one accord—the flag that brings Peace—brings solace—brings hope and wakens the sleeper from his stupor. Be not discouraged. Remain at your post of duty. The greatest among men is he who seeing his duty

performs it whether he be King or a watchman at the intersection of highways directing the traffic.

Ponder Upon This Lesson

THE development of the next three generations will surpass all that has been made by the human race during the period of known history. Man has no comprehension of Time or development. There *was* a highly sensitive mentality which recorded facts and transferred them into tangible evidence which is indestructible. These are preserved for the mind that can grasp and search out the hidden and inner meaning of symbols. The revolution of the Universes, carrying with them the planets as well as the lesser stars, create and recreate substances and forms.

The world today is coming into a new rate of vibration. The speed is increasing, just as the action of the people has increased their activities. This speed *evolution* is the product of the stepping up, so to speak, of a greater vibration and the greater revolution of the Universes. The slow traveling creature will be annihilated. The slow thinking person will be buried under an avalanche of his own creating and it is just possible that man, in his present form, will withstand this rapid rate of vibration only a few cycles longer, as man counts Time.

Each individual is a *unit* in *Time*, in *form* and in *vibration*. The physical body disintegrates and becomes universal substance. The mental body continues in the vibration of its *digits*. There comes a time when the *mental* body disintegrates and the substance known as Light becomes the vehicle for the individual digit known as Mr. Brown or Mr. Smith. The earth in its evolution is held in check by a stream of energy or a ribbon of a greater rate of vibration which controls the species of its product. Those individuals who have powers to discern find themselves living in a world apart from the great masses; they are becoming more numerous each year and the *glad tidings* given to them to herald to the World will eventually forge and cement the Nations of the world into one great *Universal mind*. Many there are today who know these facts and the laws which govern them. The makers of War cannot escape this liquid fire which they, in their greediness, loosened to destroy those whom they placed under a ban. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord," and he who breaketh the Law shall perish by the Law in the merciless hand of its creator.

The LAND and its supply belongs to the people as they come and go through the centuries.

MARS—ST

ENTERING Station 64 you find yourself in a very large, long room, walls and ceiling of slightly spherical shape; the floor is flat, of light copper color and looks like copper; all receiving and transmitting tables have large reflectors, shine like silver and are concave in form. There are numbers around the edges of the spheres. By pressing a lever at these numbers one may contact with its own degree of electrical action any place in the city or other cities, much like our radios of Earth, except more easily and accurately reached. There is an immense reflector in the middle of this room, with a large globe above it and only a few numbers around the reflector. This is used to transmit and receive messages from other planets. Mars has been in communication with Venus for a long time. A few scientists have received messages from Mars, also a few people suited by their own psychic natures to receive from the Martians what they are so anxious to impart. Their pictures are given through the reflectors and their messages through strong concentration, the power of telepathy electrically applied, using the finer forces of the brain.

Seated before the large reflector was a man who resembled an Earth man except in size and color. Slim legs and rather small feet, large from the waist up, powerful hands and arms, his skin a light copper tint. His body was encased in a sort of armor like glittering steel, but flexible. He pressed a controlling button and motioned me to a chair a short distance from the large reflecting sphere. As I watched it a mist of soft gray color filled it, turning into a clear violet shade, and I knew I could see any place on Earth I might desire.

I chose London, England, knowing that city to be in communication with Mars. Beautiful and varied scenery came first out of the reflector, then what seemed to be a place far out from the city, was a station fitted up on a much smaller scale than Station 64, but like it in detail. An Earth scientist was seated before the large reflector and was in communication with the Martian, Vardos by name. He placed a peculiar metal band about my head which gave me immediate contact with the messages. This was the purport of their conversation.

Mars—"Are you in preparation for the troubles ahead?"

Earth—"We are doing all we can to protect our people."

Mars—"Seeing and knowing all that goes on there, we have tried to post you regarding your enemies. It is difficult at times to reach you when your station is not in exact working order. You already have the secret of our

powerful Martian Death Ray. Have you had any success in its use?"

Earth—"We have in a small way. Disguised as a light ray on some of our ships—'Air Ships'—we have destroyed a number of old buildings. They were reduced to ashes in a few minutes. You tell us this ray can destroy whole cities, anything on which it is directed. Then indeed we have a mighty weapon which should end all war forever."

Mars—"We want to help you as we know what threatens your planet. We wish to give you the benefit of our knowledge. Foreign powers are allied against you. Many secret spies are working in a subtle way to destroy your power in England and America."

Earth—"We think that, and as soon as possible we will fit up our flying ships and other vehicles of transportation with the Martian Death Ray. It is no easy task to get the attention and help of the money powers to cooperate with us."

Mars—"You will ere long be able to show them what can be done with the Ray, then you can proceed on a large scale. But before that time we cannot prevent the destruction that will take place. A number of your largest and most beautiful cities will be wiped out completely. There will be great loss of life. Sorrow and desolation lie in the years ahead. Strong foreign powers hope to rule the world eventually. Through the use of the Martian Death Ray America will be saved from ruin. Foes will attack the United States of America. There will be war made against it through Mexico and Japanese destroyers. America will suffer, but the Ray will be in operation by that time and carry out such swift destruction that it may cause the abolishment of all wars."

Earth—"We have scientists and astronomers working constantly to perfect communication with you as we want all the knowledge we can possibly obtain from your great minds. One of our big super-minds has discovered a way to extract healthy blood from so-called dead bodies to cure the afflicted and help many who are suffering and diseased and he will later on discover the fluid that will be injected into the veins of a dead body keeping it for ages in a state of preservation with possibilities of revivifying and reconstruction of the body if desired. This man is formulating a plan through which the healthy organs of a dead body can be transferred to the living when their organs are worn out. A much better way to use a body when the electric spark dies out than placing it in the ground where it is of no account whatever."

Mars—"We have marvelous ways of using dead bodies to help the living, of which you Earth people do not dream

and would no doubt consider horrible. Ours is a very old planet you know and we possess great secrets of life and death that we wish to give to save you from making some of our mistakes. We will enable you to have the knowledge that will show you how to store up large quantities of heat and water for the time in future centuries when you will need it. Our 'canals' are large reservoirs for carrying water surrounding our planet. We have central stations for distributing water, heat and air."

Earth—"Air?"

Mars—"Our atmosphere is getting scanty, but we are prepared for this. We have been taught by older planets how to manufacture air for our people and our dry ocean beds have been turned into places producing vegetables, fruits and flowers and many beautiful homes are near these places. I must end my talk with you now but will call you again and give further advice and help from us."

Instantly Vardos released me from the metal head band and made a sign over me which I understood to be one of blessing. Then I was back again to Earth, conscious of all our dangers and praying that I might be an instrument of help to our people of this planet.

The foregoing appeared in *The Occult Digest*, July, 1934. Since that time, at different intervals, through astral trips and electrical trance condition the following information has been given. All illuminated Mystics will understand the methods of receiving and I have tried to make the reading matter interesting to those who do not belong to the occult clan. Vardos takes the lead. Have met other inhabitants of Mars, but relate here only the things given that would be of real benefit to our planet.

OREJA (Ada Bertoni)

The people, their manners, customs, streets and occupations existing on Mars at the present time.

The streets are very wide and all wires are underground. There are high steel poles, narrow in circumference, with numerous buttons to press used to call cities and planes on each side of the street, also to connect with the large stores where one may have a conveyance sent out at once if they wish. The middle of the street is used by people who travel entirely by air. The sides of the streets have double tracks, which are used by small cars easily managed. They will take you right into a large store, and at the different aisles there are places to turn in for anyone following you to enable them to go to their own particular counters. This mode of locomotion is for people who do not walk much. Most of the inhabitants of Mars go about in airplanes or the handy little cars that are operated by electricity.

ATION 64

By OREJA

There is a lightly constructed harness made of thin metal that one may step into, an oval box fastened to the front of this harness affords the electrical currents necessary for the different degrees of motion in air travel. One presses a button and ascends lightly upwards, turn a button either to the right or left or in any direction they wish to go, or one may float horizontally for a long period of time. One cannot rise to great heights but for one person it works perfectly and is a delight and pleasure for short trips down town, to visit friends or out in the country. Earth people will travel as we do in time. There is a man at present on Earth trying to figure out the kind of harness used for single flying trips and its method of operation. When this is accomplished the harness will be as common as your bicycles.

You will understand that all kinds of air travel lessens the use of the lower limbs and the feet and legs become weak if not used to any extent. We are far more developed in the upper part of the body. Our feet and legs are thin and small. This applies to those who travel mostly by air and who dislike walking. We have our pedestrians, however, men and women who ride but little. They glory in walking and all kinds of athletic sports, are large and finely set up, are fine physical specimens of outdoor life and culture.

Our airships are of different shapes, some round, some oval and some fish-shaped. Some are immense in size, constructed of thin but strong metal, operated by electricity and will carry one as far as they wish to go.

Our streets are paved with a hard substance which resists breakage, is smooth and of a dark green color that blends in nicely with the greens and reds and browns of the shrubbery.

We do not have many small towns. They are like the cities on a smaller scale. In the cities much space is required on account of the wide streets, and covers many miles of land. What would be like your suburbs of Earth is used to produce foods, vegetables, fruits and flowers. Where there was at one time great bodies of water, came dry land, and this waste land has been cultivated properly and made to yield the different products for the people and the few animals that live on Mars. There are no farms like those of Earth. The large spaces of land are taken over by the government and utilized mostly for food. The materials for food, vegetables and fruit are sold to the large stores who in turn sell to smaller ones. The water supply is low and that is one reason why the government takes out certain portions of the land to cultivate, using only the necessary amounts of water to produce the required re-

sults. There is very little rain on Mars, and the climate is cool and growing colder as the years go by. From 10 A. M. in the morning to 7 P. M. is the best time to travel in comfort. At other times one must dress for the weather as the changes on Mars are sudden, from a likable warmth to biting cold.

There are no trees, but quite a lot of shrubbery on Mars. Very few lawns in front of the homes as the water must be conserved. What takes the place of lawns is a mixture of colored stones giving the surface a fine appearance.

Our buildings are all of metal or glass. Ages ago we ruled out wood in the construction of even the smallest kind of out-buildings, partly from necessity and partly from choice. The materials we use give lovely effects to our homes and buildings and our large blocks of stone have lighting purposes that are almost unbelievable. With the different colors in the stone and glass the city is wondrously enchanting. We have few high buildings. Our halls for public gatherings are very large and of slightly oval shape and here one may see pictures much like your own movies showing all scenes of interest that have transpired on our planet for centuries back.

We have blocks of stone of a dark color which give brilliant illumination at night; this is lasting and so grand in coloring one cannot describe it.

We do not build close together as you do. Our homes are of unusual pattern, round, hexagon, oval and some in a pattern after the name of the home.

There are no really tall or large people here except the pedestrians. They are of fine build and held in great respect by the non-walkers. The pedestrians furnish much entertainment for the great crowds which gather on festive days. The amusements are generally feats of strength not unlike the gladiatorial contests of ancient days. Our men and women are of light red color, growing darker if living much in the open. The men are smooth of face and differ greatly in expression, men and women both, not unlike the people of Earth. The clothing is simple and comfortable and of a texture resembling fine gold cloth.

Women are on an equality with men: in some countries they manage the affairs of home and state, while the men attend to the ships and planes and interest themselves in everything that will have a tendency to make the planet better, and will bring more happiness to the people.

We do not have wars. We have had them and very severe ones. The people called continually for strife, war, bloodshed, but that was a time many hun-

dred years gone, when we did not have the intelligence to live peacefully. At this time we work for and with each other, and always for the best environment suitable for every person. One chooses their task, and for the best production in each line, reward is given by the government.

The government allows so much to each person according to their needs and their position in life and there is no waste or extravagance among the people. The medium of exchange is cut in coins similar to yours of Earth in copper and a metal resembling aluminum, and in copper sheets for larger amounts.

We have no paupers, criminals or outcasts on Mars, for we have learned to live right from every standpoint and as human beings should live according to the highest principles involved and in harmony with the highest Supreme Intelligence.

The main cause of war was greed and we do not know what that word means. Our progression has come about over a long period of time. Our great scientists found a way finally to treat the brains of criminals and abnormal people making them over into good citizens thus avoiding the bad mistake of sending them out into the unknown with a heavy burden to carry. One murder executed to cover up a loss of something that can never be made right, or to even up a bad score does not help anything or anybody. Those who take a delight in seeing a criminal or degenerate person electrocuted or hung are not much better than the criminal—morally—for they have hate in their hearts and one should work for reform always through the spirit of love. Your murders will cease in time, and instead of sending the undesirables out into some hereafter loaded with all their vicious tendencies and no chance to do any better, he will be given the attention of your super-men scientists and get the right start on Earth. Our scientists do wonderful things. Your scientists are learning and will gradually do the things that will abolish the electric chair, asylums and homes for outcasts.

One man who proves by his life and character that he is in all ways competent to rule is at the head of our government controlling the large cities and on down to the smaller ones. He is chosen to rule for a considerable length of time and this man selects a certain number of subordinates who work efficiently with him. Our leader is in every way capable to manage the great affairs of state and everything pertaining thereto, to bring about conditions of peace and harmony. This is an established way of government and each succeeding leader is selected by

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A Message from Whom?

By EDWARD EUGENE CALLERY

OPENING the French doors leading to the south veranda, I stepped out, and inhaling deeply of the clear summer night air gazed upward to a rim of the heavens with its glamorous setting of astral jewels. It was like magic to one's eyes, and while surveying this universal wonder, somehow my hand reached to the inner pocket of my coat and withdrew a pencil and note-paper. Like one in a dream moving about, I found an easy chair and was soon comfortably seated. Then I began to write as though someone were dictating; and this is what followed: "The world is suffering—not the same sort of pain as in the past. It experienced setbacks many times before in history, but never such trouble and feeling of insecurity far reaching as now. The whole planet is as though lifted up into some ghastly point in space and tormented. This is not because of lack, for plenty there is. Merchandise circulates through a vast network of commercial channels. Science too has given most generously of its discoveries, and yet unhappiness and fear are abroad like at no other time. Very few are spared of this wrath. And you wonder about it all." My hand hesitates, and then again slowly moves. "Between earth and sun is one

with a flaming sword heralding the coming of vast changes to your world. But be not fearful. Remain firm even though all swirls at your feet. Hold fast within your consciousness the great one of power—he who came as the great light centuries ago. Confusion reigns now throughout the world. Nations become continuously absorbed with their safety, lacking trust. The seasons gradually become varied and they will continue this process of change. The orbs of destiny silently move, and as they transit the Heavens the peoples of earth weave among themselves a destiny even as the spider working ceaselessly upon its web. Industries are now under the crushing weight of drastic changes for a new order of things are in the making. Organized leaders believe they can stem the tide but they shall be ruthlessly backed against the wall of inevitabilities. All systems have run their course in the scheme of things, and now efforts must be turned into channels of truth. Many of the people are in a state of confusion. Some fearful of what may come. Some apathetic to what is taking place, and a few who know and in knowing abide in faith that all will be brought to good account. But let me take you a little

further, my friend. Cataclysms of great magnitude will be eventful in the years at hand. Devastation by wind, quake and flood shall reap their toll. And as these years with their digits of time unfurl themselves, great and profound things will impregnate the vastness of space. Crystallization shall be melted and poured off into oblivion never again to chain mankind. Masks shall fall from the face of appearance, and from eyes long blind will be lifted a veil of shadows. A gleaming shaft of light will sear across the consciousness of man, delivering him from the chaos of centuries. He has strayed far from truth but will be led thereto again. Yours is a world of diversity and relativity. In your age diversity is increased, somewhat confusing, though a source of opportunity, for through it comes the consciousness of values, the answer to many problems. It is through the comparison of units and parts the complete is grasped. You so styled moderns are in the melting pot of universal forces, victims of a back-wash of the experience of past races and the onward surge of the futuristic wave, sometimes caught in the hollow of a wave, well spent, and again carried upon the beautiful crest

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Progress Through Character

By PEGGY DELL

CANNING said in 1801: "My road must be through character to power. I will try no other course; and I am sanguine enough to believe that this course, though not perhaps the quickest, is the surest."

Abraham Lincoln believed in this so strongly that he walked four miles to return four pennies he owed a woman.

"He did that for a selfish reason," someone remarked.

Lincoln replied, after hearing of the remark: "Yes, I did do it for a selfish reason, but not for the one that man thinks. I knew the lady might move away before I'd have a chance to see her, and the four pennies were not mine." He wanted to instill in his being a principle he was later so well known for: that of being honest.

Even when the politicians laughed at the simplicity of Lincoln's state papers, and asked him to make them more conventional, he was not persuaded by their opinions. His character was established. He replied: "The people will understand them." Now his work is considered among the best because of its force and simplicity. Character backed the lines.

It seems that no two people find character in the same way; but "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst

after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

When one learns to say, "No," to himself and to the world, and earnestly strives to find the Right Way, the scum from his conscience will be cleared away with each purging. No doubt Paul was just as conscientious when he held the coats for the men who killed St. Stephen with stones as he was when he preached in Rome. He made efforts, and the scum was cleared away from his conscience. Then, and only then, was the Supreme Intellect able to express Himself through Paul.

Men are always anxious to succeed, but they are unwilling to improve themselves. They wonder why their wishes and prayers are not answered; they refuse to believe that it is because the wishes and prayers do not harmonize with their thoughts and deeds. Men do not possess that which they want but that which they are. If a man craves gold, and if his actions harmonize with this desire, then he will get riches just as surely as if one plants corn one will get corn, and not wheat.

So if one desires to find success in the truest sense of the term success, letting riches come only after he has sought righteousness, then let him find it through character. It is at least a sure way. "But seek ye first the king-

dom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The character of the Great Philosopher Jesus can be studied through His words according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Memorabilia of Socrates by Xenophon is an excellent study of character. Socrates spent his entire life pursuing the Right Way. Hermogenes asked Socrates after Meletus had laid the accusation against him, if he oughtn't to be considering what defense he should make. He had heard him talking about everything else except his case. Socrates considered a moment and then answered:

"Do I not appear to you to have passed my whole seventy years meditating on that subject?"

"How so?"

"I have gone through life doing nothing but considering what is just and what is unjust, doing what was just and abstaining from what was unjust. My life is the defense."

Socrates wanted to express Good; he died to illustrate how in dead earnest he was, and thus completed his GREAT WORK.

So, at least, though perhaps not so quick, it is a sure way—Success through Character.

Immortality of the Body and the Soul

By JACOB GOLDWASSER

A SELF generating, perfect unit, absorbing a complete and perfect cycle of vibrations, with wonderful intelligence, that guided the form of perfect material, possessed a body and soul, changeless and immortal. The body and soul were given everlasting life, with enough generating power to go on forever.

Nature, in its infinite power, possesses a most wonderful objective. Its purpose, forever and anon, is that of creation. Creation involves certain fixed principles that are primary, economical and everlasting. Nature is, essentially, economical, and only becomes extravagant when depletions, violations and disturbances occur.

Mortality is an effect. Every effect must have a cause. The cause of this effect is immortality. Immortality must exist otherwise mortality could never exist.

In a less perfect way man today is immortal. Man commences again as a human form before he dies. Man must be conceived and born. The offspring comes from the parent, and this reveals plainly the replacement of the part before extinction occurs for the propagator. Life comes from Life.

Man never commences again as a human form after he dies. Is nature most economical or extravagant? The procedure involved in this is a most extravagant one.

If one man lives for millions of years or in millions of forms, what is the difference. Nature is always striving to keep alive that which is alive. If one form changes position and lives in a thousand forms, it is still the same form, the same amount of material and the same amount of work.

Material existence must tap every department of the spiritual plane, and when material existence fails in this the organized material must become dissolved. The exhaustless generating power from the spiritual plane is subtle, invisible and changeless. When material existence supplies every need, spiritual existence will dwell eternally therein without change.

What is the soul? That has pondered many a mind. Life, soul, spirit, is indeed a big riddle. Animation, creation, thought, etc., exist in the etheric waves.

What is the body? The form of man is of material. Material commences from gas.

The perfect conditions must be tapped. More perfect conditions are in the very midst of man, but are invisible. A most marvelous machine that will surpass anything yet invented exists in the invisible world, and is awaiting the proper material and intelligence to bring it forth.

Every department in the physical structure of man can be awakened to

newer and greater heights, tapping more the wonderful vibrations in the spiritual plane, and when this is done, more perfect material is created, and a greater and fuller life prevails.

Modern science admits that the brain of man today functions only ten per cent. What can possibly occur when the brain of man will function about 50 per cent?

Modern science admits that the earth is in existence for millions of years. Was man a barbarian for millions of years, and only became civilized in the last 5000 years?

Strong evidence exists that man was a highly civilized human, many, many years ago. These finely developed humans possessed brains that functioned more perfectly.

Dr. Alexis Carrell, in his book, "Man The Unknown" reveals that it is possible "to telegraph messages from the brain, without the intervention of the senses."

Man is called a masterpiece. A masterpiece cannot be a man with brain functioning of only ten per cent. There are also many dormant organisms within a man. When the masterpiece came forth, it was a finely developed specimen, with a brain and organism functioning fully.

The brain of man functioned more perfectly many, many, years ago, and these fine humans were able to telegraph messages from their brains. No script, no books and no records of any kind were required. Our present records can only trace man as far back as 5000 years and then must stop. Beyond is a blank that has befuddled the minds of men and all is darkness.

The lost knowledge can never come back, it seems. It cannot come back, as long as the brain of man remains ninety per cent asleep. A psychical regenerative program will bring the lost knowledge back. The secrets and mysteries of nature are locked in the brain of man.

The brain of man possesses the mechanism to absorb a greater knowledge. A brain functioning more fully, means the absorption of greater etheric waves. The etheric waves carry all the messages and will enter into fuller measure to the more perfect brain.

The network of nerves are like little strands of wire that absorb the powerful etheric vibrations, and these wires carry the charge to the brain. The brain is the central receiving station and receives its messages from the nerves, the nerves tapping constantly the ether, for animation, etc.

Primary conditions within man, reveal perfection. Primary existence must have been perfect. Primary conditions and primary existence must be studied in order to know effects, im-

perfect conditions and inferior environments.

A greater thing is more perfect. The existent human of today cannot be the complete unit when a minor and inferior animal can live for a thousand years, which is twenty times as much as the presumed more complete man. The lowly turtle exhibits more completeness than the supposed more complete man.

In every sphere of nature, the close and observant student will always notice phases of development having many loose appendages, and those appendages function more vigorously when perfect conditions are supplied and function listlessly or become stationary when unfavorable conditions appear. The appendages in time shrivel markedly because of poor conditions, and the seat or main trunk, develops hugely. Greater degeneration causes segmentation, and some parts are forced to thrive singly. When the parts are re-aligned strong fibrous centers develop, shooting renewed vigor to all the parts and the main trunk recedes.

The main trunk develops hugely in degeneration when its parts decline. The main trunk is then ready to impart all its substance, for a like form, and die. The final effort is exerted here by nature, to keep the species alive. Nature is interested in keeping alive that which is alive. The final action of nature is never the primary action of nature.

The process of replacement is an essential one because of degeneration. Degeneration is unnatural. Degeneration means the replacement of one form in another, which is the same.

The eternal and immutable law of existence was formulated long before man came. Violations of this law can only mean an unnatural.

Every physicist must be a good mathematician. When we commence with Nothing, and then multiply Nothing by millions, the answer will be Nothing. We cannot commence with Nothing, then chaos, then Something. Something can never come from Nothing.

An Eternal Power brought forth man. The Eternal Power enveloped man with all the perfect departments. The three departments of material namely; gases, liquids and solids, are the most perfect for man. Ether, pure gas, and dense gas, are the perfect departments for gases. Vapor, blood, and foam, are the perfect departments for liquids. Cell, tissue, and bone, are the perfect departments for solids. Man is blessed with all of these. The perfect departments of the etheric vibrations consist of smell, hearing, sight, taste, sensation, speech, intelligence.

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The Cyclic Formula of Change

By DANE RUDHYAR

(Second Installment)

The Aryan-Hindu Formula

INDIA represents typically (but, of course, not exclusively) the attitude of devotion; that is the dependence upon the One-that-is-in-the-beginning. It stresses—in many ways—the First Principle, the alpha of evolution and the yearning toward absolute Unity. The fact that there existed in India a universal synthesis of knowledge is not always recognized; but it can be discovered in the great days of the old "Aryavarta," of Aryan civilization, underneath the many accretions and perversions which have marred the pure beauty and simplicity of the ancient system, long antedating Buddhism—just as the *Yi-King* long antedated Confucianism. This system seems to have been recovered, in part at least, in a somewhat mysterious way by Bhagavan Das, and we refer the student to his great work, the *Pranava Veda*.

India's integration, being based on the original One, is essentially *hierarchical*—much more so than China's which is *equilibrative*. All activity and knowledge are seen in their root-relationship to the triune One, which is the AUM, the world-process derived from the absolute Unknowable and incomprehensible Unity. In AUM, A stands for the universal monad, U for the world of illusion, M for the relation between both. This relation is a relation of negation. For the old Hindu wisdom, based on the One, denies the Many except as a shadowy objectivation of this One.

Thus the formula of the world-process is given as "The Self—is not—the Not-Self." The formula of knowledge is that the object (Not-Self) must be known so that the subject (Self) realize by seeing the illusory character thereof that there is nothing but the subject. The integration is reached by denial and renunciation. The world-process is seen as an illusion (*Maya*). The personality and change are illusions; and at the end of the cycle, the original One finds himself again what he originally was—uncorrupted by change. What has he gained through the process of change? This, that he now knows consciously that "I am that I am." Thus consciousness is the end of the process, but a consciousness which identifies itself completely with the subject and withdraws from the object all reality. However, all fire leaves ashes; and so a new cycle is necessary to reincorporate these ashes into a new living and growing tree. Thus the world-process goes on endlessly through incarnations after incarnations of the same Self. Time becomes thus the fatality of being—the warp and woof of "karma" and of misery.

This basic attitude to life follows necessarily a strong emphasis upon the One that is in the beginning. For this One the "process" of the middle cycle means dismemberment, tragedy—or, sacrifice. The end means return to the integrity of the beginning. Thus the AUM: which is to be repeated in succession; for the M is cessation, deliverance. But it brings again re-birth. And the true AUM is the inaudible one; truth residing in withdrawal and abstraction. A and U are also sounded as O to show that the distinction between self and not-self is a mere concept, an illusion. Thus OM is the integrated tone—the simplest vocal sound: inhaling of air and closing of lips. A true symbol of the One without a second.

The synthesis of universal knowledge and activity followed upon such concepts. Out of the OM emanated the Gayatri, the sacred invocation to the Sun and the unity of all life. From the Gayatri, and some other basic mantras, issued forth the four Vedas; from the Vedas came the Vedangas; from those, representing the basic sciences of the self, originated the six schools of Hindu philosophy, synthesized at last in the secret seventh. *Atma-Vidya*—the consciousness of the "end", leading to the re-utterance of the AUM in a universal way. All of which is but a most sketchy outline of one of the basic systems of consciousness of mankind, a system which is still the foundation of most religions and most types of occult philosophies.

The Chinese Formula

This system is of course fundamentally different from the Chinese system, which emphasizes the reality of the "process" and the dualism involved therein. *Yang* and *Yin*, the two cosmic polarities, are seen in their cyclic interplay. Time is no longer the fatality that forces the spirit into reincarnation; but as the basic reality of the process of change. All life is a ritual of change, a drama picturing the related activities of *Yang* and *Yin*, and featuring their successive permutations. These permutations are symbolized geometrically, first in a threefold scheme of archetypal manifestation (for every relation between two elements involves action, reaction and interaction); then in a sixfold realm of activity, which is the realm of actual drama or outer performance. Thus 64 hexagrams are formed representing all the possible phases of interaction between the two principles in the sixfold realm of activity. These hexagrams are then distributed in a circle, very much as the signs of the zodiac in modern astrology.

What this cyclic series of hexagrams represents is the universal drama of life, the cosmic pattern of all activity and of all reaction to activity (which is what we call, knowledge). More specifically, it stands as the graph of the changing relationship of sun to earth during the cycle of the year. But this relationship, which curves along the path of the earth's orbit, is in fact the very origin of the vital principle in everything. Life does not come from the sun. Life is the result of the enacted relationship between sun and earth, between energy and substance, Light and Darkness.

At the summer solstice, *Yang* dominates; at the winter solstice, *Yin*; at the equinox, they are in a state of dynamic equilibrium. But in the fall *Yin* increases; while in the spring *Yang* increases and *Yin* decreases in intensity. Thus four crucial points, the Cross of activity, the Four Acts of the drama—which a Fifth Act may, or may not, synthesize. This Fifth Act is the "Quintessence" of alchemical lore. It is the Fifth Limb—the house of the Creative, whether above or below. It is the sacred place where dwells Tao, the Great Meaning, the apex of the pyramid based on the four crucial points of the year, the Symbol of all symbols. Tao is the solution of all conflicts;—and therefore it is not a thing or even an essence, but a process. It is the Process in the Head; the going of the Initiate up the steps that lead to the top of the pyramid—a flat top, originally for the apex itself could only be the mystic Fire rising from the exalted altar; the altar where the Four Errors (which are really limited viewpoints) are burnt and are solved, resolved, integrated into the One Meaning.

This One Meaning resolving all conflicts by equilibrating and transcending them is embodied in the Chinese Emperor. He is the neutral point where all cosmic energies are balanced, the Great Empty, the hub of the wheel. This, within the State. But, for the mystic, there was potentially in every man an "imperial palace." There within the head, *Tao* reached completion as a process, the process of "circulation of the Light" and the "Diamond Body" was born—the Emperor: the God-of-the-end, the Light-Seed.

The word *Tao* can be symbolically analyzed so that each of its three letters refer to one term of the Cycle. A refers to the One-that-is-in-the-beginning, the monad; O to the ultimate consummation which in man means integrated Personality centered around the Self (and not only the merely conscious ego)—and, at a later stage of abstraction, the quintessence of Self-

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Poets' Page

Nunciata

by ROSA ZAGNONI MARINONI

They told me that in Mexico
The faith of Christ would die,
But I have seen it walking
Beneath the dusk-flaked skies.
Nunciata, and the like of her,
With black shawls on their hair;
Within their hands a rosary,
Upon their lips a prayer.

Nunciata was a faithful,
By instinct and by choice,
She bore the chimes of Bethlehem
To her low-mellow voice.
Her eyes were always smiling,
Though often her heart cried.
Her ninos were her treasures,
Her patio was her pride.
Her hands were not a perfect thing,
Of loveliness and grace,
But there was love behind her eyes,
And kindness on her face.

When church bells rang the Angelus,
Across Hidalgo square,
Nunciata hurried from her home
A black shawl on her hair.
I watched her from the window,
Beneath the sunset skies,
And knew that while Nunciatas lived,
The faith of Christ can't die!

Ineffable Spirit

by STELLA FLOWERS HASTINGS

Ineffable Spirit,
The ebb and flow of life,
Knows no master:
It is the Master!

Long before my soul was born
A virgin soul,
This power possessed Eternity;
Ruled me, the earth and space.

The broadness of my vision sees
With perfect universal sight,
That Man and nature, beast and pagan
gods,
Earth, Water, air and flame,
Are all ephemeral.

Divinity the all victorious
End of all beginnings,
Beginning of all ends
Dwells eternally alone
Within the stillness of my heart.

Moment of Transfiguration

by PAUL JANS

We may not guess what hallowed brief
Delight is born, dear Ecstasy,
To merely glimpse, removed from grief,
But just a leaf of Life's own Tree!

He Will Return

by MARY PAULINE RICHARDSON

Eternal Man, freed of impermanence,
And held through time by the un-
bounded soul
That downward flashed across the
starred blue bowl
To claim him, will return to God.

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When universal ether, bubble-filled,
Hung flaming, vibratory pent-up fire
Of whirling impulses—divine desire—
Swept onward gathering impetus;
Those massing centers, entities in space,
Were new-created worlds in embryo.
Supernal labor must the aeons know
Before white stars can shine through
dark.

Our Sun, celestial powers God-given,
swayed
A firmament that held this puny
earth
In thrall of mighty Force before the
birth
Of Man, who dwells but instant here.
By will and wisdom must he learn the
Light;

Create high art and science past his
years;

Behold the mysteries of astral
spheres—

His Heaven attain on earth by trial.

As whirling fires provided vapory
steam
To fall upon the cooling rocks; as
flood
Of quenching waters brought the
ooze and mud

To germs of living organisms—
So Man, whose consciousness divine, is
flame,

Will cast away impermanence; dif-
fuse

His Spirit into new enrichments—
hues

Of permanence that are supreme.

And when his aeons pass and are ful-
filled,

No more will he be held to spheres
below,

But quietly will join his Source, and
know

Complete, the cycle of his Life.

Omniscient

by OLIVE SCOTT STAINSBY

I wandered down the lane late yester-
day,
And heard the sleepy birds within their
nest;
The crickets chirped a merry round-
de-lay,
And all the things of earth were seek-
ing rest.
Yet, in my lonely heart a tumult rose,
A feeling insecure, dissatisfied;
My weary spirit could not find repose;
It seemed my troubled soul within me
died.

Why are we here? Where do we go?
And when
Are we to reach the turning of the
road?
These questions seemed so futile to me
then,
When all at once, to ease the aching
load
Upon my heart, the knowledge came to
me:
EACH DAY is part of our eternity.

The Promise

by KARLA VAUN

Once on a time in days gone by
Before airships were seen in the sky,
A man quite bold and a maiden shy
Adown life's lane did wander.
Hand in hand with heads held high
With never a moan and never a sigh
Determined to do, to dare, or to die,
As down life's lane they wandered.

When night came on they saw a light
That twinkled and beacons with all its
might,
Shedding its rays benign yet bright,
As down life's lane they wandered.
It seemed to greet the passer-by,
They bowed their heads yet knew not
why

As the light ascended from earth to sky,
While down life's lane they wandered.

And when they saw the One who came
They hung their heads as though in
shame

For would He praise or would He
blame

As down life's lane they wandered.
Then came the words, distinct and
clear,

"Follow me, my children dear,
I will guide you, never fear,
As down life's lane you wander.
You shall be among the blest,
Doing nothing but your best,
Leaving then to God the rest,
As down life's lane you wander."

Success

by MRS. E. C. LANE

Fatigue is of the body,
Remorse is of the soul.
But he whose mind and heart are clean,
Shall always reach the goal.

THE PSYCHIC ASPECTS OF SLEEP

By EDMUND K. GOLDSBOROUGH

SLEEP, said Shakespeare, is "chief nourisher in life's feast." Indeed, one may gain spiritual, as well as material sustenance in this mysterious sphere and, in so doing, lighten the burden imposed by mortal being.

It has long been evident to the occult student that the deeper aspects of sleep have been ignored and disregarded by the majority of men, or by superficial observers. Only the surface conditions of sleep have been studied by many psychological students. The hidden, inner worlds which can be contacted remain undiscovered and unknown.

Freud, in an attempt to explain and dissect dreams, reached the conclusion that dreams possess sexual significance and that hosts of unfulfilled desires, locked in sub-conscious regions, are released only in sleep. Unfortunately, this great explorer in mental realms lost sight of many obvious truths concerning dreams and their psychic aspects, indulging in many fantastic theories which, when analyzed, prove illogical and unreasonable. To decide, for example, that to dream of fire indicates one is actually motivated by some passionate urge is to go to almost ridiculous extremes. The writer, on one occasion, had a vivid dream of fire when someone in an adjoining suite in a hotel suddenly switched on the light. Evidently, the sub-conscious mind, ever alert, received an impression of fire and this was transferred to the conscious realm and the awakening followed. This simple explanation is certainly more reasonable than to decide the dream was due to some burning, submerged impulse.

The deeper, inner realms in which men function when the conscious mind is stilled, would seem to indicate that the spirit has been released and finds temporary freedom in spheres transcending physicality.

Many occult students frequently meet departed ones in dreams that are so accurate, uniform, as well as illumi-

Stars and Supermen

by EDMUND K. GOLDSBOROUGH

Last night, while sitting on the sea-sand,

I watched the white stars, sinking in luminous depths;

Faintly, I fancied, I heard the sound of many worlds,

Sweeping through space, in pure, melodious rhythm.

Calm was the sky, causing me to marvel
At the Master Mind, creator of such splendor.

The suns rise and set, in a manner precise and perfect,

Yet the pathway of people is one of disorder.

Are the stars superior to men?

Why can we not serenely sail our journey's end

Like the fireflies of heaven? . . . An inner voice answers:

Man, despite his failures, is a loftier creation

Than those suns, sublime though they be,

For he alone has mind, and when through tribulation,

He learns to think divinely,

Then Brotherhood will reign;

The path pursued will be of perfect peace,

Leading to heights unknown, even beyond the stars.

Harnessed will be his mental forces,
Directed into channels of pure gold.

Dominion will be his.

He will control those worlds that swim in heavens blue

And all that they contain,

For He alone is King; the mouthpiece of his Maker.

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nating, it is entirely reasonable to assume we actually contact superior states in sleep. On these inner spheres the so-called departed function.

The harmony that "is in immortal souls" is not experienced by those still clad in "muddy vestures of decay" according to Shakespeare. But that this heavy and burdensome garment of clay is frequently forsaken and the spirit freed is recognized by advanced occult workers. Indeed, the mystics of the East regard "astral traveling" as an accomplished fact.

Authentic experiences, incalculable in number, of people being warned in dreams of impending danger, eliminate the notion that dreams merely represent a meaningless jumble of distorted thought forms which can be traced to everyday experience. Moreover, the mystic that finds peace and ecstatic happiness in beautiful dreams is fully aware that finer and immeasurably higher worlds actually interpenetrate our own. These super-states may be contacted when the day closes and the dream life begins.

Those that attempt to "take the kingdom of heaven by storm" will eventually discover, to their sorrow, that it cannot be done. Spiritual growth cannot be forced and it would seem that divine unfoldment is as natural as the opening of a flower. In other words, when one is ready to receive spiritual enlightenment psychic experiences will come involuntarily and often when least expected.

According to Buddha and hosts of other great instructors, life, in matter, is a dream state and the panorama of events that daily unfold before our mental gaze will be dissolved when higher forces are released and the lower nature annihilated. One can hardly afford to scoff, or sneer at the mystical experiences in the world of dreams when physical life itself is regarded as an illusory and distorted state by so many profound thinkers. Shakespeare spoke truly when he declared, "We are such stuff as dreams are made of."

Father

by GEORGIA MOORE EBERLING

It seems but yesterday I held his hand
And saw his face grow pale, his hand turn cold,

Yet he has been within that unseen land

For many years; still in my heart I hold

A memory of all his love and care

For me. Now when within the west

I see the sun sink low, with a great flare

Of crimson glory and I seek my rest,

I feel a sense of longing and of pain,

I dream of dear dead days that are no more,

Then in my soul there sounds a sweet refrain

That seems to come from some far distant shore:

Press on, dear heart, and fear not earth's dim night

For just beyond its shadow shines the light.

Closed Eyes

by STELLA FLOWERS HASTINGS

There is an inner shrine of light
That waits thy prayers:

Child, open thine eyes!

Fragrant flowers, the earth, the sky,
Lover, home, the family and loyal friends,

The water, moon and stars,
The budding trees and nesting birds
All blend and sing,

Yet none suffice for thee.

Far—far removed, yet near at hand

There is a shrine of brilliant light
That waits the offering.

In it is found sufficiency,
Child, open thine eyes.

THE GUITAR

By S. GARGILIS

JUST after reveille formation that morning the name of my friend, Tony G—, was called with six others to be sent to the front. I would rather go also than to be separated from him and so I stepped forward, saluted the Captain, and asked for such a privilege, but in a rather sharp reply, was given to understand once more that in the army one cannot do as he wishes.

Indeed, I hated the front and every time the names of men were called to be sent away, I trembled fearing lest my name be among them, but to be separated from my friend was something worse than the hardships of the front, for Tony was a true friend to me—better than a brother. We slept side by side—we ate together—we touched elbows when marching and when off duty, enjoyed ourselves together in the various cafes of the small village of France near where we were camping.

At times he would play on his guitar which he carried with him all the way from Camp Devens, Massachusetts. Very often he amused me with some popular tunes of Italian origin. He even taught me a little of the Italian language. I can say that we shared together the happiness and sorrows of the army life!

A few minutes after their names had been called, without much ceremony and with barely enough time to bid us good-bye, the seven men left the camp.

Many days had passed and I had not heard from Tony although he had promised to write to me. I longed for his letter and I had even written a long one myself awaiting his address so as to mail it.

To add to the sorrow of my friend's departure, I was punished one afternoon, for what reason I do not remember, and was ordered to stay in quarters after duty. My sleeping quarters, together with twenty other soldiers, was in a stable. My bunk was one of the crafty works of Tony. He had placed some boards above a manger that was large enough for two mattresses and which we had shared together. Most soldiers slept on straw mattresses laid on the rough stone floor. Others had followed our example and built "beds" like ours. In the rear of the stable there was a pig pen which housed a number of pigs and when the south wind was blowing, a strong odor filled our sleeping quarters which often times had given me severe headaches. It was in these quarters I had to stay from after supper time to reveille and together with all my trials, a south wind did blow those days.

Perhaps it was the unsanitary conditions of the place or for whatever reason it was, I awoke one morning two days later with a fever and was obliged to stay in bed. The south wind

was still blowing and certainly it was very unpleasant. I had to stay in that stable all day which was unfit to be used as a sick room. The whitewashed boards above used as a ceiling, the uneven floor, the wide doors on both sides, wide enough for a cart to go through and the uneven, now whitewashed, walls was certainly a very dreary spot for a sick person. A soldier detached in care of the sick came to see me. With the aid of his medical knowledge—he specialized in castor oil—by night my fever was gone.

I slept very soundly that night and just before dawn I awoke feeling much better and well rested. I tried to fall asleep again, but could not. I noticed from the half closed doors that it was still dark and thus I waited for day-break. I could hear the breathing of the sleeping men and the squeaking of the straw mattresses as some one turned over. Then the quietness was disturbed by the crowing of a rooster announcing the coming of day.

At the same moment something strange was heard—something that caused my hair to stand up on end and a shiver to run through me. A guitar was heard playing a familiar melody that I had often heard Tony play—a song that he loved to play and I thought that I had never heard him play so well—so sweetly and with so much pathos. The tones were smooth and clear and although they were just audible enough, I felt the player was very close to me. Charmed with the melody, I listened spellbound. The thought of when and how Tony came back was puzzling me, but in my eagerness to hear the familiar tune, I erased such thought and listened in ecstasy. It was one of those strange moments in which the soul is carried away to unknown worlds—to Heavenly bliss, to beautiful dreams, by the charm of music. I listened motionless, only moving my eyes to the direction from which I heard the guitar, but it was so dark that nothing was visible.

The spell of music stayed with me and I listened in exultation. That it was against the regulations of the army to play the guitar at such an unusual hour thus disturbing the sleep of others did not bother my mind, but I listened and do not know how long, for in my absorption, I had lost the consciousness of time.

Then the playing stopped! It stopped as suddenly as it had started. I waited and listened expecting to hear it again. I listened for many minutes but all I heard was the breathing of the sleeping men and no other sound was heard indicating that anyone was awake. It was still dark in the stable although the light of day was evident outside, but the rays coming in from the doors

were inadequate to enable me to discern anything about me.

I felt that Tony was close by and probably had come late in the evening while I was asleep and I thought that he wanted to surprise me as well as announce his presence with the tune we both loved so much. The thought that he played at such an unusual hour puzzled me for it was not his custom to disturb the sleep of others and he was always very careful to live up to the army regulations, but I had often heard that the front changed the character of men.

The rooster crowed again! Someone struck a match and in the glare of the light, I saw it was the bugler looking at his watch.

"Did the guitar wake you up?" I ventured to ask.

"What guitar?" was the curt response.

Since he did not hear the guitar, I said no more. A minute later he opened the door and went out. The daylight now dispersed the darkness and I looked about for Tony. He was not anywhere! In a whisper I called, "Tony, Tony!" There was no reply so I called again and again, louder and louder.

"Pipe down!" was the command from the corporal in charge who slept further down. I lay down and kept quiet. A few minutes later the bugle was heard. I hurriedly arose and looked about the soldiers who hastened to dress to be ready for reveille formation. My friend was not among them. My inquiries only brought smiles.

"Didn't anyone hear the guitar?" I asked looking from one to the other, searching for a favorable reply, but I only saw meaning glances among them. One laughed in my face and the corporal in charge called him sharply and then went near him and whispered something to him. The soldier looked at me in surprise and his expression had turned to that of pity. The corporal approached me and said in a friendly tone: "You better stay in bed again today." This was a surprise to me for he had never been so considerate before. The suspicion entered my mind that something unpleasant was in store for me.

I dressed and after reveille formation, I searched everywhere for my friend, but in vain. Then I inquired of everyone who would know with no success. No one had heard of Tony returning and no one knew of his whereabouts. After such replies, I noticed the same glances and whispers amongst themselves. The thought then came to me that these people were regarding me as one losing his mind so I decided to say no more about Tony and his guitar.

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Elbert Benjamin

IF we turn back the pages of the Bible to the time when man first appeared on earth we find him inhabiting a garden. One whole 30 degree section of the zodiac, where the Sun may be found from August 23 to September 23, was set aside by those who anciently studied the stars as signifying just such a garden, and as having an influence over the fruit of the trees and the grain of the field. It is the harvest sign, Virgo.

Were this not recognized to be the case, both in olden and in modern times, certain passages of Genesis would be astounding; such as where it relates that Adam and Eve heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

Yet viewing this occurrence in the light of ancient stellar wisdom there is nothing obscure about it. It quite definitely locates the garden among the constellations, for, in the sense that there is yet more light than darkness, more heat than cold, all the time the Sun is in the garden sign, Virgo, it indicates that the Sun has not yet gone into the winter signs. Yet when the Sun moves out of this garden sign into Libra it will be in the cold half of the year, when the nights are longer than the days. As Virgo adjoins, but is not one of the winter signs, when the Sun is in the harvest sign quite appropriately may be termed the cool of the day.

Virgo is an earthy sign; and out of the ground of this garden the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and also the tree of life as well as the tree of knowledge, of good, and evil. Yet because of certain actions on his part, man was not permitted to partake of the tree of life; and consequently to find it we must move across the zodiac to one of the decanates of the opposite sign. But man did partake of the tree of good and evil, through the advice of Eve; and thus the woman in the sky still holds the palm branch in her hand.

The sign Virgo, however, has rule not merely over gardens where dates grow on palm trees, but over labor and harvests of all kinds. Therefore, when Adam and the woman who was

The Tree Which Grew in the Garden of Eden

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called Eve because she was the mother of all living, were thrust from the parental environment to shift for themselves, it was said that in order to live they must till the fields and raise crops, not all of which would be wheat, as thorns and thistles also are mentioned. Furthermore, to keep warm they had to make clothing.

All of these things required just such labor as the zodiacal sign rules; and people still sweat to get the bread they eat; such bread as is signified by the ears of wheat held in celestial Virgo's hand.

It seems, from what is said in this third chapter of Genesis, that before man partook of the fruit which Eve offered him he was unable to distinguish good from evil. This same fruit is characteristic of this section of the sky, for Virgo, more than any other sign, confers the ability to discriminate. In fact, the Key-phrase is, I Analyze.

People born when the Sun is in Virgo are inveterate askers of questions, always wanting to know how things work. It was quite in character, therefore, that Virgo should discuss the merits of the tree with the serpent, or with anyone else who would talk with her about it. She wanted to know all there was to know about the tree and about everything else. And after talking it over with the serpent she decided, after all, that the tree of knowledge was good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired as making one wise.

The implication is plain that she decided knowledge is worth all it costs. She paid the price, but she acquired that which Virgo most desires; for after they had eaten, the Lord God said, "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil."

There are many things that man inherits, many things that come as

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VIRGO

III

I Analyze



Haasan Osiris

Editor's Note—We deem it only fair to our Astrologer to draw the attention of readers to the accuracy of his election prediction in the November issue of The Occult Digest which was on sale in October.

WORLD OUTLOOK

December, 1936

THE indications based upon the final New Moon of the year occurs at about midnight on the 13th, in the 25th degree of Sagittarius, a fiery, dual, humane, positive, variable, zodiacal sign which is ruled by Jupiter.

It is interesting to note the effect upon the world of this fact of the New Moon and the rising of Neptune in the east and the confused aspects of Saturn and Uranus through this lunation.

These and other aspects in the chart portend to a great deal of unsettlement and disturbed inner feelings of the masses. Some great fear grips some of the people. Some see disaster ahead for the nation. Others are optimistic and those who can see further ahead by their reasoning than the end of their noses will be full of ambition and bold industrial efforts.

This is a time for the big business man. It is a time for housecleaning of fakes, cheats, fly-by-nights and unreliable business racketeers.

The transportation companies will do a big business. Airlines will prosper, trade is good, stocks increase, money loosens up, heavy holiday shopping is scheduled and things march on to new climaxes.

Severe and bitterly cold weather visits some portions of the land. Some places where frosts are uncommon will freeze up, blizzards and suffering from exposure in other parts of the land. Many fires prevail. Some elemental disturbances here and there create huge losses and loss of life.

Europe and the Orient are in the boiling pot of war. Dares are flung out by various belligerent nations. While

there is talk of peace and much bickering, there is no peace on the continent of Europe, or Asia.

The month ends in a vortex of excitement, pleasure and renewed hopes for the welfare of the world through 1937.

DECEMBER, 1936

For the Zodiacal Signs

ARIES

(For those born between
Mar. 21-April 19)

Mars in Libra and Venus entering Aquarius on the 12th favors you and opens the doors to your ambitions which closed 8 weeks ago. You come into highly productive conditions now and should be able to carry out each and every one of your personal desires. The health improves and finances show encouragement and new prospects for gains.

TAURUS

(For those born between
April 20-May 20)

Sorry to report that unsettled conditions prevail for you mostly for the first 7 days, but after that there is sudden and important improvement in health, finances, domestic and friendship affairs. An offer to travel should be accepted. Opportunity to engage in new work or to improve your income somehow. Good for starting new ventures.

GEMINI

(For those born between
May 21-June 21)

It seems that you will be unable to shake off a sort of subjective influence which holds you prisoner now. Cheer up. Do not worry over the trifling vexations you encounter here. Guard your health from colds or influenza. Do not be too extravagant through the holiday time. Take an offered trip over Christmas. New friendships favor you here.



Bringing Your Stars to You Astrologically With Your Personal Daily Guide

By HAASAN OSIRIS

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Greatest Asset," "Astrology and Surgery"



CANCER

(For those born between
June 22-July 22)

You are not going around blindfolded, are you? Then be careful—look before you leap. You are your own greatest enemy now and may set some traps for yourself unless careful. Guard health. Prevent accidents. Do not trust everyone you see too much. Curb your spending and attempt to maintain a harmonious domestic condition. Best to postpone all travel.

LEO

(For those born between
July 23-Aug. 22)

There is much activity shown, but you must not become dismayed if it is not quite so productive as that you had recently. Mostly you have to attend to many details now. It is a restful month in many ways. Relief from strenuous responsibility and obligations. A time to study, be of good will and mix with others in a cheerful way. Short trips are favored now.

VIRGO

(For those born between
Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The world is yours and all therein is at your beck and call! Imagine that! This is surely a delightful and progressive month. New opportunities present themselves regularly. Delightful travels, new friendships, improvement in finances, favors from others. Strange and odd but interesting events. The month is given over to industry and gain. Realized hopes.

LIBRA

(For those born between
Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Peace and a feeling of security set-

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Personal Astrological Daily Guide

Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

G: Capital G means a very good day. Ask favors, seek work, sign papers, promote your affairs, take trips, advertise, make friends, investigate, attend to everything of importance. Go places and do things.

g: Small g means a slightly good day. On these days attend to usual routine, make offers, entertain company, visit, write letters, send telegrams, take short trips, improve your personal affairs. Buy things, sell and invest.

A: Capital A means an adverse day. On these days use care and caution in all dealings, avoid accidents, losses, thefts, and guard your health. Also be careful of misunderstandings and engage in no arguments. Take no risks or chances.

a: Small a means a slightly adverse day. On these days attend only to necessary duties, strive to keep cheerful, avoid hurts and wounds, make haste slowly and seek dependable advice before acting. Avoid domestic inharmony.

D: Capital D means a doubtful day. Quite likely on these days several alternate good and adverse influences prevail and you should be discreet in all activities. Do not take too much for granted — don't be too sure. Postpone things.

N: Capital N means a Neutral day. On this day the influences are equally balanced, therefore it is not a very important day. Go about your usual affairs with usual prudence and it will be a successful but uneventful day.

C: Capital C means a Critical day. On these days you should be unusually careful and cautious in everything. Be sure to avoid accidents, sudden losses, explosions, falls, hurts, cuts and bruises. Undertake NOTHING important.

F: Forenoon of this day is good, but the afternoon is adverse; therefore the A.M. should be considered as G and the P.M. as A.

P: Afternoon is good but the forenoon is adverse. Therefore the day should be considered as A in A.M. and G in P.M.

E: This letter will be used in combination with other letters and pertains to the Evening of any day when the Evening influences differ from the influences of the rest of the day. A letter E added to any day means the evening is good for romance, pleasure seeking, amusements, visiting, short trips and general recreations.

V: This letter will also be used in combination with other letters

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For those whose birthdays occur between:	Mar. 21—Apr. 19	Apr. 20—May 20	May 21—June 21	June 22—July 22	July 23—Aug. 22	Aug. 23—Sept. 22	Sept. 23—Oct. 22	Oct. 23—Nov. 21	Nov. 22—Dec. 21	Dec. 22—Jan. 19	Jan. 20—Feb. 19	Feb. 20—Mar. 20
Date	Ari.	Tau.	Gem.	Can.	Leo.	Vir.	Lib.	Scor.	Sag.	Cap.	Aqu.	Pis.
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2	G	a	G	a	D	N	G	A	g	a	G	a
3	G	a	G	a	D	N	G	A	g	a	G	a
4	gV	aE	gV	aE	DE	NV	gV	aE	gV	aE	gV	aE
5	a	G	a	G	A	D	N	g	a	g	a	G
6	a	g	a	g	a	D	N	g	a	g	a	g
7	G	a	G	a	G	a	D	N	G	a	g	a
8	G	a	G	a	G	a	D	N	G	a	g	a
9	GV	aE	GV	aE	GV	aE	DV	NE	GV	aE	gV	aE
10	A	G	a	g	A	G	a	D	N	G	a	g
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DIRECTIONS: First find the column which includes your birthday, then look down that column of letters until you come to the date of the month you wish (given at the left). After securing the key-letter for that date refer to the Gallery of Letters to find out the indications for that day. When more than one letter is given for any day look up both letters for that day and govern yourself accordingly.

This is a Daily Guide for each Zodiacal Sign for the present month.

when the evening hours differ from the rest of the day. The letter V added to any day means the evening is adverse for risks or ventures and it is best to remain at home and engage only in quiet recreations with friends or family.

Remember that when a day is marked G it is good for most all progressive things, even though they might not be mentioned in the paragraph. Remember that a day marked A is adverse for most all progressive things, even though they are not mentioned in the paragraph.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

READERS' PAGE

Communications to the Inquiring World...

Tobacco Gets Them

Facts for Intelligent, Thinking People: Increased Use of TOBACCO, Not Liquor, Is Cause of Most YOUTHFUL DEGENERACY TODAY

MORE than 95% of the young men of the United States have used tobacco. We are breeding a race of *Tobacco Degenerates*. The children inherit the Narcotic (body-cell) craving, from tobacco-using ancestors, making them, as they grow older, easy addicts to Tobacco, liquor and other dope. Juvenile crime, vice and degeneracy steadily increases with the increasing use of Tobacco. The average age of crime (U. S.) has come down in 16 years, from age 28 to age 19. Worst juvenile criminals (cigarette smokers) are usually age 19. The people of the United States will smoke fully 138 bil-

lion of cigarettes in 1936 (few cigarettes smoked 50 years ago), and pay for tobacco and the smokers' supplies, more than the combined cost of our public schools and churches. Our jails, prisons and reformatories, and insane asylums, are badly overcrowded (chiefly with increasing young degenerates) and we have not the money to build more. *Tobacco is a true Narcotic "Dope"* like Opium, Cocain, etc., and when a case against tobacco is carried up to the Supreme Court (U. S.) it will be so declared. Tobacco habit is more difficult to cure than liquor or other "dope" addiction. With the increasing

use of tobacco we may expect much worse conditions in the future. *I see no hope for spiritual, moral or physical up-lift of our people and future generations with increasing use of Tobacco-Dope.*

Although "hard times," U. S. people spent 3½ billion dollars for tobacco in 1935. We must get rid of tobacco *first*, to get rid of liquor and other dope, and reduce juvenile crime and vice.—A. L. Warner, M.D. (Tobacco, liquor and dope specialist, 53 years; 13½ years in two of the largest hospitals of the world.)

Think This Over

THE creation of a Secretary of Peace as a step toward world peace is proposed by Dr. Frederick Kettner, author, lecturer and educator, in a booklet explaining his plan published by the Biosophical Institute.

Stating that negative approaches to the problem of peace, such as alliances and treaties, have failed, Dr. Kettner declares that positive steps must be taken if peace is to be realized. The establishment of a Secretary of Peace, according to the author, would be such a step.

Dr. Kettner does not believe that the office of Secretary of War should be discontinued, but asserts that in addition to defensive forces for national protection a peace consciousness must be instilled in the nation. He believes that other nations would follow the example of the United States by likewise creating similar offices in their own cabinets.

Dr. Kettner's plan has already gained the approval of many educators, peace leaders and writers. Some of these

have already, on their own initiative, begun work in their respective communities by establishing Secretary of Peace Clubs. Such clubs are now being organized in various parts of the country.

Copies of this booklet containing Dr. Kettner's proposal are being sent to each member of Congress, to the Cabinet, Supreme Court and all outstanding leaders in politics, education, peace work, science and religion throughout the world.

A General Tells the Truth About War

General Smedley Butler, Addressing the Recent National Convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Denver, Said:

NOW, boys, it's like this: It's very simple. The dollar goes across the water first and gets into trouble. Then the flag follows the dollar, and the big business boys fly it over their factories and their foreign investments, and then

pretty soon something happens and we soldiers follow the flag.

"Let's let this gang of pirates know we are through following the flag to protect their dollars. Let 'em fly their own company flag over their foreign

investments. Do we collect any of the profits from those investments? Well! Then why in hell do we have to go out and protect 'em with our blood and the blood of our sons?"— Reprint from *Humanity*.



Alice Denton Jennings

(Author's Note — In these talks the word "child" is being used throughout, meaning, of course, young children of both sexes, as well as men and women who may be dissatisfied with their present vocation in life. The use of the term is merely for convenience and to prevent verbiage.)

The Fingers Interpreted

ACCEPTING as our premise that the hand is the instrument of the intelligence, whereby man has been enabled to fashion his surroundings, to devise ways and means of aggression and defense against the forces of nature and to create tools and devices whereby his bodily powers have been multiplied almost incalculably, brings us to a consideration of the fingers of the hand.

Some hands are so long that the long fingers are really short in comparison with the long palm. Then, there are some hands where the fingers are so short that the opposite is true. The question naturally arises, "What are the true proportions of the well-balanced hand?" Thousands of measurements have established the following standard:

The width of the palm is equal to the length of the middle finger.

The width of the base of the fourth finger is contained four times in the total width of the palm, the former measured from the outside of the hand to a line drawn midway between the fourth and third fingers.

The width of the little finger is contained nine times in the total length of the hand, from the tip of the middle finger to the wrist line at the base of the hand. Therefore, in the normal, well-balanced hand, the ratio of the width of the palm to the length of the hand is as 4 to 9. With these rules in mind, it is possible to establish the ratio of proportion in the hand under consideration.

Long Fingers

Long fingers indicate a love of detail, method and regularity. Such persons are very proper, strict in matters of propriety and decorum. They are the

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By ALICE DENTON JENNINGS

fingers of punctilious, dignified and slow-moving habits of thought. Such an individual will have all the details of a business literally at the tips of his fingers. Their owners are often harassed and troubled over mere trifles as though they were matters of the greatest importance. There is a love for detail, whether in dress, in decoration, in work or in dogma. These are the fingers of slow, careful, patient people, painstakingly accurate, and often long winded. Where the fingers are too long, it often indicates a domineering, tyrannical disposition.

Short Fingers

Short fingers indicate the impulsive and intuitive nature. There is often the power to look at things as a whole, and often denote exceptional capacity for executive work. Very often the individual with short fingers will act as if by inspiration, not stopping to weigh and consider a matter before coming to a conclusion. Such a one is often rather brusque in manner, but active and full of life, energy and determination. In speaking, they are often short, sharp and decisive. They come to a point quickly, and leave the detailed explanation to others. Short fingers are often the possessions of extremely successful people.

Smooth Fingers

Smooth fingers are much more impulsive than those of any other type. Such fingers show quick apprehension, intuition and love of reading. The possessors of such fingers are often friendly people, enthusiastic, rather credulous and great lovers of beauty. It is the type of finger that sees more beauty in life, sees more of the artistic side. They think quickly and intuitively and often come to more accurate conclusions than could be expected of either cold reasoning or meticulous analysis. The possessor of smooth fingers loves those things which appeal to the eye or appeal to the sense of beauty. Smooth fingers are inspirational. They seem to receive instantaneous ideas which work out successfully for them.

Knotty Fingers

The knotty fingers belong to the reasoners, the analyzers of the world, those who take nothing on faith, but subject all things to an exhaustive analysis. The "knotty fingers" seem to arrest the impetuosity of the disposition and give reflection, love of detail, and is the type of fingers often found on the hand of great organizers and those who require thought and reflection

in carrying out their plans. This type of finger will be found on the fastidious dresser, the analytical, and often "doubting Thomas" type of person.

The knotted fingers often indicate a greater capacity to analyze a situation and in this manner arrive at correct conclusions. Such individuals often fret and worry over little things, but they are certain to rise splendidly to emergencies. The possessors of knotty fingers are inclined to scientific research work and details will never be overlooked.

Set of the Fingers

The fingers should be set evenly on the palm to indicate a balanced personality.

A wide space between the thumb and index finger bespeaks independence of will and a fearless nature. Such an individual will often take chances and bring matters to a successful conclusion, whereas the closer set formation, bespeaks a more timid nature, a cautious and conservative nature, whose success comes through deliberate, cautious acting, rather than quick thinking, quick acting and the ability to take advantage of quick opportunities.

Where there is a wide space between the first and second fingers, there is independence of thought. Such a one will think quickly and act quickly, and very often bring matters to a successful conclusion, due to innate audacity. This formation is often found on the hands of successful politicians and lawyers. Those whose success depends upon acting quickly on intuition and sometimes impulse.

Where there is a wide space between the second and third fingers, this indicates one who is independent of circumstances. That is, one who makes "grist out of everything that comes to the mill." Such a one is quick to take advantage of an opportunity and to act on that opportunity without giving too much thought and deliberation to the matter under consideration. In a firm, well balanced hand, this is an excellent indication.

Where there is a wide space between the third and fourth fingers, this is an indication of independence of action. Such an individual will act according to his own thoughts and ideas, rather than seeking the advice and counsel of others. If the hand is firm and well balanced, it is an excellent indication.

Where the fingers fall apart easily, it indicates one who is quick to grasp ideas and suggestions. Such individuals

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MARRIED AT 120

Thomas Parr of Shropshire, England, married a second time at 120! It is also known of a Chinese who reached the ripe old age of 267 years. Besides, there are scores in this country who are past the century mark. There is no excuse for old age or poverty, failing or sickness, says Edwin J. Dingle, F. R. G. S., noted world traveler. Your life is what you make it, but you must know the great force within you to rise to the highest peak of success. To aid you in this, the Institute of Mentalphysics, Dept. 123, Second and Hobart, Los Angeles, Calif. — a non-profit corporation of which Dr. Dingle is the head — offers free a fascinating book which explains this faultless philosophy. It also explains how one may acquire health, financial success and discloses the secret of rejuvenation. Just send your name and address to Dr. Dingle for this free book. Write today.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Effa E. Danelson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the Owner and Publisher of The Occult Digest, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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P.C., Mich.—Your name is all right. You are very domestic in your tastes and you make a good wife and mother. You love pretty clothes and jewelry.

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A.A.B., Tex.—Your lawyer is right; you do not have a chance to redeem.

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they can describe but are incapable of defining in algebraic equations." Again he says, "The study of spiritual Life and of philosophy attracted greater men than the study of medicine. The law of mysticity became known before those of philosophy. But such laws were brought to light only when mankind had acquired sufficient leisure to turn a little of his attention to other things than the conquest of the outer world." On page 21 we find the following: "Modern civilization seems to be incapable of producing people endowed with imagination, intelligence and courage." On page 321 we find, "Today the science of man gives us the power to develop all the potentialities of our body. We know the secret mechanisms of our physiological and mental activities and the causes of our weakness. We know we have transgressed natural laws. We know why we are punished, why we are left in darkness. Nevertheless, we faintly perceive through the mists of dawn a patch which may lead to our salvation. For the first time in the history of humanity, a crumbling civilization is capable of discerning the causes of its decay. For the first time it has at its disposal the gigantic strength of science. Will we utilize this knowledge and this power? It is our only hope of escaping the fate common to all great civilizations of the past. Our destiny is in our hands. On the new road we must go forward." Fall in line with this wise man of 1936 and **FORWARD MARCH**. 332 pages.....\$3.50

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K.A.W., Calif.—The endurance of the determination disclosed in the down strokes ought to enable you to overcome material obstacles. A desire to obtain property is also shown in some of the

lines. Because you are sensitive you often take matters to heart.

V.B., Colo.—The formation of some of the letters prove that you are inclined to be timid. This trait is a detriment to your sociability because it makes it difficult to make new friends. Still you are optimistic and this ought to help some.

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V.B., Colo.—There are good friends and contentment there for you. You will meet someone soon to relieve your loneliness and you will like Denver better.

L.M.S., Pa.—The person is not suitable for marriage to you. Suggest that you wait awhile before attempting marriage. It is better to wait than to be unhappy.

P.C., Mich.—Yes, the proceedings will go through. Yes to the second part of your question, and very happily.

E.S., Mich.—May, June or July 1937 looks like the most progressive time to

offer that property for sale in England. If done then you will have a quick buyer, I believe.

M.M.B., Minn.—Offer it for sale the last of December, January, February or first half of March 1937 for best results. You could open a restaurant successfully on a lively street.

Vincent, Ohio.—Yes, marry the girl—you will not be happy unmarried to her. It will be a fairly successful marriage.

O.C., Mass.—Who told you that? It is untrue—Astrology does not attempt to recover lost persons or articles.

J.B.H., Ill.—You should wait until February or first of March 1937.

R.D.S., N. Y.—After the holidays this year you will secure regular work.

P.L.C., Calif.—It is doubtful. Better take up electricity instead.

The Guitar — (Continued from page 15)

The fact that I could speak to no one of my grief added to my sorrow. All that day I passed in thought and silence. I wanted to be alone with my sorrow. In the evening, after supper, I wandered into the fields and just as I breathed freely and thought I was alone, I noticed someone behind a bush watching me.

Why did they watch me? Was I really losing my mind? Was what I heard the night before the symptoms of insanity? I knew that it could not have been a dream for I was fully awake, but as there was no guitar in the camp, how could I hear it with such exulting clearness?

After that I kept quiet and pretended that I had entirely forgotten about Tony and his guitar, but at night, as I lay down to sleep, I analyzed the incident over and over again in my mind and sleepless practically all night, I brooded over it.

Many days had passed and I recalled this incident over and over again until

at last I began to doubt whether indeed I had heard the guitar that night or were I out of my mind.

But one day the news came from the front that Tony had been killed on the morning of August 5th, the very same morning on which I had heard the playing of the guitar! A strange feeling came over me on hearing this news—I felt no grief as I should, but rather in my heart there was a strange feeling of gladness, a bliss that only a soul to soul can relate for then I was convinced that Tony did not die, but had passed into another life.

From that day my fellow soldiers showed a different attitude toward me and when I spoke of Tony and the guitar, to my heart's satisfaction, no one disputed the fact that I had heard the playing and they asked me again and again to tell them how I heard it and all the details about it, for they all believed that that morning Tony did come to play the guitar as a farewell and for the last time.

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Cyclic Formula — (Continued from page 12)

hood; and T stands for the world-process of change—in man to that state of being which is a continual flux of thoughts, feelings, intuitions and sensations; the state of the evolving, ever-changing personality. The letter T came first, in this sacred word of China, because Chinese civilization emphasized the element of "process"; and the letter T, in universal symbology, signifies the life-power that flows through the process of becoming, the power born of the "crucifixion" of the One into the realm of duality. However, this life-power, when controlled by man in equilibrium of action, becomes the energy that leads inward along the "conscious way" which is Tao.

Thus the goal of the Sage was to equilibrate within himself the opposite polarities, to reach a point of balance from which all conflicts could be symbolically resolved through objectivizing and transcending them, and to draw within the creative center of his ultimate selfhood the quintessence of the entire process of change so as to build therewith the spiritual vehicle for a relative type of individual immortality as one of the true "Celestials"—i.e. as the spiritual manifestation of one of the archetypal Principles within the realm of Universals.

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Thus the Chinese and Hindu "*weltanschauungen*," or world-viewpoints. We claim that a third type of universal integration is possible, which would emphasize neither the One-in-the-beginning, nor the "process" which we call "life"—but the ultimate sum-total, the con-summation, the in-gathering of all elements within the "circle of wholeness." Such a system would obviously integrate some of the features of the Chinese and the Hindu typical philosophies. It would moreover incorporate the particular stress made by Christianity upon "personality" and the process of crucifixion—a stress seemingly absent from the Chinese system. Finally it would have to give hospitality to the new scientific mentality, in so far as it involves a critical and analytical approach to the world of natural phenomena, and an attempt at deepening thus the understanding of the process of change.

Such a system, such an attitude to life is slowly in the making under our very eyes. It lacks only some basic co-ordinating factors, a larger vision free from European bias, a truly esthetical and creative temperament—and a collective spiritual impulsion which even now may be gathering its momentum out of the collapse of the old European civilization. To the building of such a new world-viewpoint pioneers in practically all spheres of human activity are contributing. Perhaps the term "Holism" is as good as any to characterize this new attitude to life; if the

meaning of the term is broadened beyond General Smuts' definition. We have used the phrase "philosophy of operative wholeness." We defined in our last chapter the truly "esthetical" approach to life and its relation to the new psychology, especially as formulated by Jung. We touched in an earlier chapter upon the new attitude of science, whose findings will do perhaps more than any factor toward establishing the new philosophy of living and being. We must mention not only those movements in the field of social organization, politics and jurisprudence which stammer the first sentences of the new human language, but above all the momentous pressure of economic factors, the influence of our machines and our technology which will be the practical determining factor of material changes.

Then, there is the new religious consciousness and the power of movements which deal with Occultism and Mysticism—even Spiritualism. In Alice Bailey's books the characteristics of the new type of consciousness emerging here and there everywhere, and the broadest implications of the idea of group-work on a world-wide basis are stated with unimpeachable clarity. Her study of the activities of what she calls the New Group of World-Servers, even though made on the basis of occult ideas which may disconcert not a few; is a masterly expression of a vision which encompasses the whole of mankind.

What is needed, however, is a simple symbolic presentation of life-principles such as we find in the old *Yi-King*; a general formula which relates, centers and crystallizes all the new ideas and ideals; which brings to formulation in a new and significant manner the basic forces which in every field seek for a new type of adjustment. Realizing the apparent magnitude of the task it would seem presumptuous even to attempt it. Yet what is more simple than the basic principles of the *Yi-King*? Our civilization is overburdened with complexities. What it needs is a few simple and synthetizing ideas, which at last can co-ordinate structurally the bewildering maze of our intellectual knowledge. It needs one, or a few, significant symbols to integrate the whole mass of materials, data and sciences which are crowding our encyclopedias. Can such be found, at this present moment? It is hard to say. But we may at any rate contribute a suggestion toward the eventual solution. On the other hand the following concepts will be of essential value to us in determining the bases of astrological symbolism. And let us not forget, astrological symbolism, as symbolism, may yet play a most important part in making concrete and intelligible some of the deepest ideas involved in the philosophy of the new civilization.

Immortality — (Continued from page 11)

Man is unquestionably more perfect in every department. The material of man is of a finer, and more delicate texture. It is more perfect. Man stands erect.

More perfect vibrations enter the form of man, and this gives him the power of speech and a super intelligence. In other forms a full cycle of material and vibrations cannot enter. Man is a brain being.

The ether generates all these conditions that we see in man, and man only is the complete instrument to absorb fully, every department of the physical and spiritual existence.

All material existence must commence from a gaseous state. All spiritual existence must commence from the Creative Vibratory Principle.

The gaseous substance ends in bone for the human. Other solids are of degeneration. The Creative Vibrations end in intelligence for the human. The unit here is more complete.

The more complete unit of man can tap the ether more perfectly and attain immortality. The form of man becomes finer and superior through use. It stagnates and deteriorates through non-use. The process of self renewal within man, is eternal. The conditions that interfere with this process, are less perfect mediums.

The conditions for a more perfect medium entail a psychical regenerative program. A complete cycle of vibrations, consisting of a more perfect ball of vibrations, or etheric waves, must enter the form of man. The soul of man then becomes the master, and the soul directs the physical man.

The fluids flow upward toward the seat of consciousness (the brain). When the fluids flow haphazardly, and in all directions, we see violent action, as in the insane, deliberately bruising their heads against the brick walls, and pounding their feet on hard concrete. Such disturbed action can go on for many hours and is stopped only by exhaustion.

The psychical man, with even brain functioning, allows a process of recuperation. He also allows beneficial physical expenditures. Physical expenditures should never run in excess of the periods of recuperation.

The etheric waves reveal constant action. Constant action means eternal existence. The human form can absorb these etheric waves forever. The supply is unlimited. The human form commenced from a gaseous substance. The gaseous substance is eternal and the supply is exhaustless.

The etheric waves and the gaseous substance enter the form of man. The waves and the substance are eternal, never coming to an end. When forms become organized, what condition appears that must disorganize the forms?

By constant action that also brings constant correction, equalization in every department occurs. The departments of gases, liquids and the solids must be equal. Any little change means dissolution.

The process of change that occurs, due to the renewal process, is for the purpose of keeping the human frame unchanged. The renewal process keeps the form of man unchanged, and there is a constant condition of change from within, with Universal Law striving for the condition of Unchange from without.

When the renewal process from within is hampered and the condition of change cannot occur, then we have the condition of unchange from within and the condition of change from without. That form must become dissolved.

The above process involves the correct application of the intelligence of man, to keep the process correct, so that the frame may go on forever. The immortality of the body and the soul is plainly revealed by the Laws of the Universe. Every physicist and every renowned authority on the subject of man must acknowledge the immortality of the body and the soul of man.

Palmistry — (Continued from page 21)

als, however, will not have the methodical, stick-at-it quality that more closely formed fingers will have.

Where the fingers are too closely joined together, it suggests the sordid nature. Very often those who live for self alone.

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We do not have holidays on Mars, only a Mars Day and a week for celebration. At this time large crowds gather in our halls of knowledge to record some new invention or progress that will be a help to the planet in different ways. There are fine programs put on at the recreation centers by the pedestrians, many skillful feats in flying and excursions to other cities and places of interest. Much food on such days is prepared in concentrated form which is nourishing and sustaining.

Our music might seem harsh to Earth people as it is loud and very resonant, produced by different kinds of machines. Of these we have a large number. Few people play on single instruments. Some of them give music that is soft and sweet and delightful to the ear. Our radios are much like yours, on the same plan but better equipped and with strong television properties. We have few vocal artists, but splendid orators.

Sometimes gifts are exchanged on Mars Day, but not a general custom as one may get anything he wants from the government provided it is a real pleasure or helpful in some way, or that will help others or bring about happiness to them. That is our main object here. We work for and with the spirit of the all good as we interpret

it. Every day we use the power that is constructive in thought, word and deed, and our manner of living and the progress we have made proves our religious views to be substantial and correct.

Our religions caused a good many wars in past ages and we look back now on the different creeds and beliefs as almost ludicrous. So many different kinds and each denomination thinking themselves perfect. Your planet today is what we were going through in centuries past. It has taken countless years to develop our present method of living—just simple and only one motto—to consider the happiness of others, never cause pain or grief to another and constantly build upward to and for the things that will produce only the very best results.

Our marriage laws might seem peculiar to you, but they are strict. A couple desiring union must undergo a thorough examination physically and mentally. If suited to each other they are given certificates and this makes them man and wife. If unsuited they are permitted to make themselves into whatever the grade calls for. They may have their wedding parties after they receive their certificates. The main thing here is to produce perfect children. Much attention is given to this, especially among the pedestrians. A perfect baby is a credit to the parents and to the planet on which he manifests life.

If couples do have misunderstandings or grow weary of each other, they turn in their certificates and that annuls the marriage. Easy—yes—but sensible.

When one's heart slows down and they want a new organ to take its place they get it, or any part of the body that needs mending or new life force can have proper attention by our scientists.

There are no diseases here worth mentioning and people live to a good old age, some to a very great age. If one actually dies and the body is not in good enough condition for experiments, it is cremated immediately without ceremony. We have used cremation for a dead carcass for thousands of years past. We know the body goes to dust and is useless when worn out. The soul lives on in some other form and will so continue if there is a desire to do so. It is desire that brings us into life, keeps one going, and gives zest to existence.

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The Tree in the Garden — (Continued from page 17)

gifts without cost, but knowledge is not one of them. No one can be given knowledge; it must be acquired. And the only method of acquiring it is through a process similar to that which Adam and Eve and their offspring followed after eating of the so-called forbidden fruit. That is, through a wide variety of contrasting experiences.

There is but one basis for consciousness, and that is the perception of relations. Whenever the mind, or soul, is unaware of relations it is in a state of coma.

In order for the soul to be aware of those relations which make it conscious, it must contact relative conditions. Such relative conditions are present only in association with substance. And to the extent the experiences have wide diversity in kind and great range in intensity do they afford the materials out of which knowledge may be acquired.

We can know nothing whatever of coldness apart from our experiences with things which vary in the degree of heat which they possess. We can know nothing of sweetness apart from our experiences with things which are less sweet and more sweet. If we have had some experience with that which is bitter and that which is sour, it gives us a better knowledge of the significance of sweetness when we contact it.

Our knowledge can be widened by reading books, or by hearing of the experiences of others. But this is possible only to the extent we have had experiences of our own, in contact with substance, with which to compare the experiences and information related to us.

Unless in our own lives we have had sorrow, at least in some minor degree, we have no appreciation of what sorrow means to others. Nor do we have a proper knowledge of joy; because there can be no comprehension of joy apart from its relation to other emotional experiences of varying degree of intensity, and especially by contrasting it with its opposite, which is sorrow.

Pleasure is best understood through comparing it with pain, just as white can be recognized by comparing it with the things which are not white. And thus we might run the whole gamut of human knowledge and show that in every instance its acquisition by the individual or by the race is completely dependent upon a variety of experiences with substance.

To the extent the experiences have wide diversity in kind, and great range in intensity, do they afford the materials out of which knowledge may be acquired. Thus the physical conditions under which man commonly lives, and which have been his lot ever since Eve decided the tree of knowledge of good and evil was desirable food, offer the best opportunity which it is possible to imagine, for the acquisition of those experiences that when compared and analyzed become wisdom.

The soul before its incarnation on the physical plane is depicted as Adam,

without knowledge of responsibility, and, therefore, in a state bordering on unconsciousness. If it were to acquire that wisdom expressed in the Bible, "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil," it had to have a broad basis of experience upon which to build. The entrance into physical conditions gave it the opportunity for such acquisition.

We have here, consequently, the answer to the so frequently asked question why man must undergo incarnation in physical form, must work and struggle, must have pain and hardship, and go through other experiences. Without such experiences he could not acquire the knowledge and power which enable him to participate in divine attributes. Such participation is clearly set forth in the Bible when it states that man was made in the image of God.

Everyone, of course, is quite familiar with the story of the immaculate conception, and how the Virgin Mother, warned of the enmity of Herod, fled for a time into the land of Egypt. And a somewhat similar mother was honored in various ancient lands long before the Christian era, and was pictured in the sky. In Egypt, for instance, where she was called Isis, there were yearly pageants in her honor, with processions of virgins who carried sistrams in their hands. These sistrams were of such form that they symbolized the mother principle, which it was the purpose of the pageants and ceremonies especially to honor.

So while as depicting Eve, the mother of us all, the woman in the sky has not always been held in the highest esteem; in the higher aspect which she clearly pictures by possessing the wings of an angel, the Virgin Mother has always been called blessed.

Even the Hopi Indians, in their ceremonial dance to bring rain and assure an ample harvest, do homage to the Virgin Mother in a manner quite similar to that which was the usage of the Egyptians; both peoples undoubtedly deriving the essential idea from a common and much more ancient source.

Certain Indians on the sidelines, all during the dance, shake white gourds filled with seeds. These rattles are identical both in shape and significance with the sistrams used by the Egyptians in their Isis ceremonies.

Furthermore, the Hopi Indian girl of marriageable age wears her hair carefully dressed on either side of her head in a form to represent a squash blossom. Such a flower symbolizes both that she is a virgin and that she has potentialities for motherhood. She is not permitted to wear this distinctive headdress after she marries.

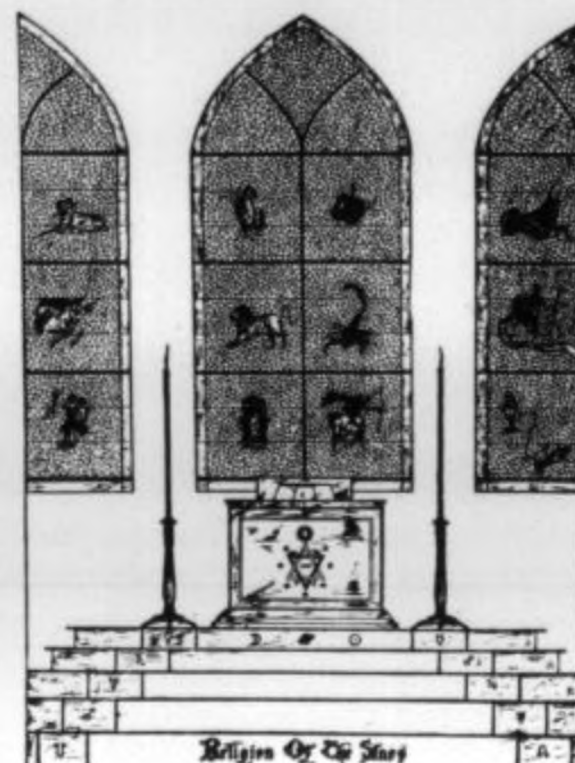
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A Message from Whom? — (Continued from page 10)

of the new about to break in foaming splendor upon the shores of the present. All your human relationships, forms and customs, theories and beliefs, will change as swiftly as night and day, as the waxing and waning of the moon. Many will search feverishly for truth. They will aspire to wisdom but must open the flood-gates of heart and mind which have been closed these long years. They are as babes playing with shining tinsel upon the nursery floor—laughing at times in much glee at that which glistens before their eyes. But a day is dawning—a day of great length devoid of shadows. True values will shine upon the face of things. The eye will see but in seeing know it is not deceived. A friend will speak with kindness to another and the latter know full well he is a friend indeed and not a flatterer. The time is

near. Draw close, my friend, to a throbbing life. A vibrant life which surges about each one as a mighty mountain stream rushes around boulders on its way to the sea, rushing with power and force to create worlds anew. Remember this in passing." And then my fingers became limp. Putting aside the pencil I meditated upon what had come through its mediumship. The crescent moon had risen in the Heavens and a gentle breeze brushed my cheek. I seemed to realize now as one who awakened from a dream, that in truth the troubles of our times will pass and the golden age appear once again. And this would be the message: to take heart, keeping faith in eternal values. Come what may—all shall be made smooth and right in that great crucible of time.

Bringing Your Stars to You — (Continued from page 18)

CAPRICORN

(For those born between Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Jupiter joins you in Capricorn thereby giving you access to more income but inclining to cause you to spend too much money. Mercury also joining you in Capricorn inclines to delays over things at a distance; if a projected trip fails do not be surprised. Health is normal if care is taken. You have some congenial companionship and a few pleasant surprises this month.

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You should welcome this month gladly for it gives you realization of a delayed ambition, new hopes, new friends, pleasant trips and favors from a horde of people. You enjoy generous popularity and while some favors will be asked of you, you will also have many conferred upon you by others. The general inclination is to stabilize you and give you dependable advancement.

PISCES

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SCORPIO

(For those born between Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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(For those born between Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The first half of the month is progressive and inclines to pleasant experiences with friends or relatives. Some favorable trips are shown. The last half of the month is rather subjective; are apt to run out of money unless careful. Do not be too extravagant the first two weeks. Guard health over holidays and keep a cheerful mental attitude. Big things are ahead.

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The Tree in the Garden — (Continued from page 29)

correspondences both to the ancient beliefs and customs on the American continent, and to the constellations pictured in the sky. But on the Queen of Spades, which is the card corresponding to the zodiacal sign Virgo, in addition to the blossom held in one hand, she also bears in the other hand a lighted torch, to indicate that she has conceived by the solar power, or, if you prefer, by the Holy Ghost.

Egypt was ever considered by Bible characters as the land of darkness. And as the seed of squash and bean and corn which the Indian placed in the ground had to remain in hiding for a period before the earth could bring forth, and as the Virgin persecuted by Herod sojourned for a time in the dark land of Egypt, so also the Sun, immediately after its station pictured in the sky by the Virgin, must pass across to the dark half of the year for a time, where the nights are longer than the days.

Virgo is an earthy sign, and to those who understood the stellar doctrine, the Sun's entrance into this sign symbolized the descent of the soul into matter. Such traditions are among the oldest in Egypt and Chaldea. Quetzalcoatl of the Aztecs was also thus virgin born, as was Montezuma of the Pueblo, Mojave and Apache Indians. Thus was it taught that Mother Earth is the place of the soul's gestation; and that

after the preparatory development which is supplied by the earth—after it has partaken of the fruit of the tree of good and evil which alone enables it to acquire knowledge—it will be born into a more glorious life.

Furthermore, because this is the harvest sign, in addition to revealing the necessity of the trials and tribulations of earth to teach us wisdom, and that after such necessary preparation there will be the passing from the physical to be born into a new and better life on a higher plane, it teaches that as we sow so shall we reap.

At all times we are sowing in the soil of our consciousness. We are building thoughts into ourselves of various kinds. These thought-cells, in turn, when sufficient energy has been supplied them to give them strength, work to attract events of a similar quality into the life. If they are given discordant energy and tones of hate, they work with that energy to attract misfortune and enmity into the life. But if they are given harmonious thoughts of love and sympathy, they work with this energy to attract into the life good fortune and love.

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Tremendous Trifles — (Continued from page 16)

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The cherished idea becomes the controlling purpose in the life of the individual. In their search for gold, the cherished idea of the alchemists was service to humanity. They failed to discover the gold for which they searched, but, dominated by a mighty controlling purpose which took them higher than the discovery of mere metal they discovered things of greater use to the human race: medicines, china, explosives, the laws of nature.

In accordance with your cherished idea which becomes finally your controlling purpose, your life will be one of happy and successful service or unhappy and miserable slothfulness. You are good or bad, worthy or unworthy, gentle or cruel in accordance with your controlling purpose. The frog masquerading as a bird is still at heart and purpose a frog. Peter the Hermit rendered apparent and honorable service to Christianity by his leadership in the first crusade, yet Peter murdered millions of Jews in the name of Christianity. He was a frog masquerading as a bird. His controlling purpose compelled him to wholesale murder for which he won the plaudits of an admiring world, but we individuals of a more advanced Christianity look upon him with aversion and horror, for we do not cherish the idea of murder in our hearts and fail to see how murder under any name can be dissembled as something holy.

Alexander cherished the idea of a world empire of which he was to be sole ruler. His controlling purpose drove him to ruthless murders; it made him a crazy man trying to divide the universe between himself and God. Aristotle, on the other hand, cherished the idea of service to mankind; his controlling purpose compelled him *not* to acts of violence and murder, but deeds of kindness, and thus he demonstrated his certain superiority over Alexander; for, while Alexander was changing the map of the world, Aristotle was changing the thought of the world.

Nero's cherished idea was for renown and power. In compassing this desire, his controlling purpose drove him to wholesale murders in the name of the

Christian church. Driven by an insatiable lust for power, he caused thousands of Christians to be covered with the skins of wild beasts and thrown to the mercies of ferocious dogs, and while the maddened animals fiercely tore the shrieking victims limb from limb, the bloody Nero, disguised as a charioteer, wandered among his guests and gloated on the terrifying sight. Cruelly and viciously, this inhuman tyrant kicked his second wife, Poppae, to death as she knelt helplessly before him. What, indeed, could have been the controlling purpose of this murderer?

Vitellius has the uncertain honor of being called the most beastly of Roman emperors. His cherished idea was power and wealth; his greatest delight was torturing a victim who had incurred his displeasure. Vitellius conceived the novel idea of giving a great banquet and serving poison instead of the usual fare, and when his guests fell over dying in great torment all around him, his cup of joy was full. On one occasion, he visited a friend who was ill with a burning fever, and with his own hand gave him a cup of poison instead of water with which to cool his parched and burning lips. Two sons who had dared to plead for the life of a condemned father were cruelly executed at the command of Vitellius. To the most terrifying acts of cruelty did the controlling purpose of Vitellius drive him. His death was as violent and bloody as his life. The controlling purpose dictated his dying just as it dictated his living. The soldiers of Antonius stripped Vitellius naked on the street, bound his hands behind him, fastened a halter about his neck and dragged him through a hysterically shouting throng into the forum. His body was spattered with mud and clubbed with huge sticks; rocks were hurled against his naked body and unprotected head. Bruised and bleeding and swollen, he was dragged through the streets and hurled into the Tiber.

No life can be made up of hatred and strife, bloodshed and cruelty and acts of violence unless it is first dominated by ideas and purposes of like nature. The body never moves to an act of any kind until caused to do so by the mind. Every action of life is preceded

by a corresponding mental act, cherished idea, controlling purpose. Every bloody act of Alexander, Nero and Vitellius was preceded first by a corresponding mental act. Every single act of violence perpetrated by these tyrants owes its beginning to the mind of the perpetrator. Unwisely, they expended the energies of their minds in bloody deeds seeking to work out their cherished ideas by murder, and with every crime their controlling purposes compelled them to still greater crimes. Their natural and violent ends were the logical outcome of their controlling purposes serving them faithfully to the last.

It is for you to decide what your controlling purpose is to be; and you had better exercise care in making this choice, for once made, it takes the power out of your hands and propels you to a life of fullness or to death. Choose murder as your controlling purpose, and murder begins at once to control you as it did Nero and Alexander. Your body is matter, and as such is purposeless and without force, but once the mind of you causes power to flow through your body it can at once begin gathering other matter into concrete form as indicated by the thought sent out. If you indicate by thought that your body is to proceed into action that is to destroy the life of another, you have allowed yourself to be dominated by the controlling purpose of murder and will in turn be destroyed by that thought. If you indicate by thought that your body is to proceed to action which will bring happiness into the lives of those touching yours, you have allowed yourself to be dominated by the controlling purpose of happiness. Health, happiness, success, all will come to you simply by choosing sensibly and courageously the purpose which is to control you.

It is the controlling purpose which compels the individual to discern the object and carry it out successfully. Start the power flowing from your mind through your body in ways appropriate to your purpose, and see to it that your purpose is honorable, just, happy, and keep at it everlastingly until this purpose dominates you.

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He has worked at everything from lumberjack and stoker to hash rustler and "roughneck" in Texas oil fields, but whatever job he worked at, he always hung on to his portable though he admits he was tempted several times to trade it on a steak smothered in onions.

He wrote *Tremendous Trifles* wherever he chanced to unfold his portable typewriter: in railway stations, trans-continental smokers, grimy engine rooms of tramp steamers, cow camps and mountain shacks.

Mr. Gilbert is special correspondent for many newspapers, having had stories from his pen published in over 250 papers during the past year. He serves as Recreation Officer with the Army of Ohio during their annual training encampment.

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