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True Knowledge is the Light that grows brighter and brighter as the months roll by. Our wish for you can only be excelled by the fulfillment of all that it implies. May the coming year find us in full possession of that mighty WILL to do, to be, to have, to cherish the BEST there is in us.

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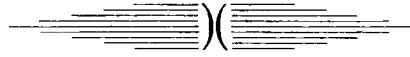
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Anna Besant Speaking

WHEN we pass through the change called Death and view ourselves as we really are the first thought that becomes concrete to us is—how could we have been so blind to the best interests of Life by declaring against those who could not accept the doctrine from which we took our texts. How true is the saying "None are so blind as those who will not see." With evidence all about us, yet we declare a fact to be an hallucination because our minds are so strongly set against changing the trend of mind to which we have really fallen a victim, accepting, as it were, the things that pleased us against all logical reasoning of those who claimed that Life did not become extinct when the physical body no longer served it.

Knowing full well that those whom I taught will not believe, yet I shall still put myself on record as having overcome the bondage of physical reasoning and declare myself endowed with Life, energized to the full capacity of my former self to labor in the vineyard of the great, eternal garden of Life for the one great purpose of atoning or one may use the word **acknowledging** the emptiness of the teachings to which I adhered and for which I gave the greater portion of my physical sojourn in the flesh. I can speak to the world a truth which I maligned and used my influence against. Finding myself barred from those whom I truly loved and those who loved me because of the false deposition I placed upon myself; coming again to my own they would not hear me—seeing, they would not believe it was I who stood in their presence. All over the world there is hatred between people who should love each other groups of people lined up in defense against each other because of the truth in its various garbs is unable to divest itself of its false disguises. The truth about Life is a simple thing, ungarbed save for its own pronouncement ages old "I live and because I live you shall live also"; thus declareth the Law and the law giver is Life itself, regardless of whatever name it bore. Pontius Pilate, Jesus the Christ, St. John, St. Paul, Peter or Judas Iscariot or I, Annie Besant, Madame Blavatsky, Leadbeater or the little bootblack and the barefoot boy. No man shall say "I am the truth" and all men, divested of their vestments stand before the Supreme Judge who is none other than himself, whether born of the thorn or thistle or of the fruit of the tree, each individual stands alone, guarded only by himself, dictated to by none; his wisdom is his folly because he could not see that another's life was just like his own when shorn of its vestments.

I even had the same cough I had and the shortness of breath until I remembered I had been healed through the passing from shadows into Life—the shadow of **misunderstanding** and to all my fellow workers, this statement I want to make plain. **There is but one birth into the physical**, therefore there is but one death and in the last analysis there is neither **birth** nor **death**. Life stands guard over the vestments of flesh until the journey of that expression has come to a close. I, who knew so much in **theory**, find myself positively a beggar in **facts**. I have a tangible body but I am not independent in my earth environment. I am dependent on the physical body of another for my expressions of regret for that which I must now proclaim—wilful opposition to the claims of Truth that others made in their eagerness to convince me that I was a **blind** leader of the blind. Somewhere within me was an unsatisfied desire, a plea for assurance, an assurance that my philosophy did not satisfy and I know now

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UNIVERSE SPEAKING

EFFA E. DANIELSON, *Editor*



Secrets

IN MAN'S powers of thinking that which he cannot visualize and bring into concrete form is classed as secret by the practical man and as mystery by the dreamer; but to the man of no comprehension it is hidden and sacred—very sacred and must be kept in its secret chamber, held in worshipful awe by the majesty of whatever doctrine he is a subscriber to. And so there has been handed down through many generations the mysteries of Life to be regarded as unapproachable. The middle of this century will find many of these secrets expounded by the simple law of revelation, rending the veil of ignorance of the law which creates in like image from the first fruits of its creations, new creations. The middle of this century will bring into the lives of its generation substantial and staple fruits marking the millenium from which will come the perfect understanding of Life and its attributes; thus ridding the world of its overbalance of **untruths** concerning Life.

True interpretations of the records of the past will reveal to the generation of the middle of this century the original status of man, his relation to himself and all things about him. Man will understand, not only his relation to other creations with whom he should share the world, but he will understand the language of the rocks, the grains of sands and the language of the winds. Man will travel to the farthest star and learn from its inhabitants the law of harmony. Just as man today draws sound from the stillness with his mechanical contraptions around the world, so will man draw from the farthest stars the music of the spheres and the great men of the middle of the century who will teach the people will not need crude contraptions to gather the voices of the universe. Just as we are sitting in this silent chamber, each attuned to the other and all attuned to the great inherent force of Nature to gather the message of the learned counselors who have long since lain aside the physical body, so will the teachers impart perfect and reliable information to the students who seek knowledge. Text books on this great question of Life outside the range of the physical are unnecessary and will be obsolete in the greater understanding only a few years hence. Sacred teachings, created and controlled through secret and mysterious philosophies will be ancient and useless—as ancient and useless as the taper or the piece of cloth in the oil lamp. Even your boasted electricity, harnessed by your scientists will be as ancient and obsolete as gas is today for lighting. Electricity enjoys supersedance over gas as gas enjoyed its monopoly over the kerosene lamp. The kerosene lamp drove the candle out.

A picture of progress—progress in merchantile pursuits—progress in the pursuit of comfort—progress along educational lines, making boundary lines, dividing humanity into classes and plunging the world into darkness because man could not comprehend the simple sentence "Let there be Light and there was light." Light, of course in the sense we are using it must mean understanding of underlying principles, diffusing light as abundant light to the world. Beyond man's comprehension of Life lies the abundant Life which **is** light. Man, not comprehending the principle underlying Life, constructed and construed it to mean lordship over weaker creatures than himself and set up for himself dynasties, governments, provinces and a flaming world beyond the flaming sword that through the centuries has become known as Death, the avenger of Life. To an understandable mind there are no secrets—no sacred

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EDITORIALS IN JUNE

Without Fear or Favor

The Balancing Pole

BY USING weights and measures we have before us a mathematical problem of give and take to make the proper balance between countries and among the peoples of nations of the world.

Speaking of nations, this wonderful quantity is called equality or equity. It remains always the hidden factor. Whatever problem is being worked out it is the answer; it is the quotient.

Just at this time this pole has become a "teeter totter," one end always in the air while the other is grounded at low tide. Whichever end of the pole is in the air speaks danger when the low tide is released. This is the picture of the world today. It hardly needs an explanation. It has reached such an enormous size that its true tendency can no longer be concealed. The menace is so obvious that it leaves no thinking person in doubt as to what may be expected and it is time for the tide to turn for the safety of the people and the peace of the world. The locking of the barn after the horse is stolen is a homely adage that may well be brought into prominence at this time for the safety of the nations who are in accord, that they do not jam the lock and thereby cause their own disaster rather than their safety.

One may angle all day without a *catch* but if one provides himself with the proper equipment the angling process is of short duration. Due consideration and preparation is always a safeguard in any threatened storm and it is a safety valve even if the storm breaks. A house of refuge at the end of the trail is of no value whatever when the trail is blotted out by a storm. Safety lies in being prepared at whatever point of danger becomes paramount. The governing of one's self is a great asset to the governing of one's house. The governing of the house must be exemplified by the governing of the nation. Misinterpretation of the Constitution which deals directly with free speech has become so allied with some of its privileges that it has become a weapon of assassination of character and the destruction of patriotism and honor for the instrument called the Government. An instrument of government is what was intended and not the interpretation of its intentions. Liberty does not mean license. Religious liberty of speech, in belief, does not grant the privilege of libeling in every other department of human relationship and the intent of the makers of the Constitution of the United States was purely ecclesiastical and had nothing whatever to do with the press and the clergy as well as the editors have gone far afield from the religious liberty granted under the Constitution which set forth the reasons for that his-

torical document. That historical document gave every man the right to worship God in the light in which he saw God. It gave every citizen the right to build a church and worship as he saw fit. It gave every man the right to build a home and to love his neighbor as he loves himself. It gave every man the right to exchange views on any subject affecting the good of all but it gave *no* man the right to steal and enslave his weaker brother and whether a colony or a group of States usurp the rights of the Government there can be no *liberty* or *free* speech in that nation until the just and righteous men of that nation rise in the *rightness* of the whole and put down the usurper of the people's rights and what applies to one nation applies to *all* nations; there can be no *peace* and no *prosperity* in any nation until the usurpers of the rights of the people have been brought under control of the united government of *all* the nations who stand for the rights of every normal citizen of the world.

The days of the horse trader are no more but the man who traffics in human life has taken his place to the shame and disgrace of his enlightened age and until this traffic is stopped by the authority of nations and wise judiciary there can be no peace. The first step to be taken and the first barrage to be laid down by these nations should be the curtailing of the privileges of the press, giving them the right to publish facts *only*. This opinion the whole world concurs in. The press—the greatest instrument of neutrality — has become the most hideous perpetrator of crime, with its falsehoods of propaganda bellowing forth, cries of hate belching forth, clouds of smoke from their imaginary atrocities between warring nations and against constructive neutrality in nations and between nations. The press could stop war—but it *does not*. It could make peace—but it *does not*. The question is yet to be answered—WHY? Why does it not use its great and tremendous power for the unification of Nations and for world Peace — WHY?

Life As You View It—

UNTIL every man, Life is the conception through understanding which is created, not so much from environment as from experiences. The logic of a child comes from two sources—that from which he gets *enjoyment* and that from which he gets *distress*. We might use the two words as a common factor toward the establishment of man's *theory* of Life. A common factor creates a dominant and complete solution of all the things added together participating in the common factor and when you consider that every life is a complete *world* in itself and that world belongs to a

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group of a *planetary system* contingent to, and while independent, yet dependent upon the whole, you can analyze the question of Life scientifically and follow the thread of your own experience from the beginning through to the end.

One who can vision humanity as a *unit* of the whole has no quarrel with the findings of his neighbor. The logical mind begins with the planting of the seed and carries on through the multiple developments until it establishes its relation to the whole. If one analyzes Life itself one can find no sin anywhere in man as apart from other creations. Because man finds himself functioning in a condition conducive to creative experiences, like a drive wheel, compelling him to go in what is termed an honorable career does not condemn the man whose dominant factors drove him into the path of destruction. The human race may be likened to a field of grain; some portions of the field contribute complete factors, conducive to the perfect grain while other sections of the field have nothing to give to the seed whose lot fell into its soil. Man's condemnation of man is the greatest contributing factor which stultifies, retards and produces unlovely and unwanted species of the human family. Experiences drive the wheel which grinds the grain into food and chaff. Experiences like environment are not always created by those who are most concerned or who are vitally helped or hindered. Life itself is a thing or a component part of a governing law acting as a magnet whose activities make the blueprint from which the creation manifests after its kind. Man may argue from cause to effect and from effect to cause but he can never comprehend the *law* through which his individuality took form. He can never comprehend the *living* factor which brought him into being; but man can reach a realization through logical reasoning which will bring him into a perfect union with the *law*. One cannot reform the world until that world becomes conscious of its need for reformation. Arguing for or against any and all of the multiple religions and theories advanced will not establish or even concede one point of the law.

According to history every tribe or group of people had their ideas well grounded into them of a Creator whose business it was to look after them and each tribe and group fought for possession and domination according to their own comprehension of the creative energy responsible for their being and their position. From the earliest records you will find this dominant spirit of rebellion wherever you find one group reaching the boundary line of another, each carrying their own weapon of author-

ity, sponsored and created by the experiences of their daily life in their daily association. The *law* has not changed—the weapons have changed, the boundary lines have changed and a seeming progress is noted by all—but in no place in any history or in any country can there be found the record of one group of people who does not have the same qualities and the same eagerness to control wherever a weakness is to be found. In the earliest centuries, physical strength of numbers conquered.

In the earlier centuries came a semblance of organization which created fixed boundary lines of various kinds. Then came Rulers, then religions, then science. Following these the later centuries brought chaos of opinions, more religions and multiple Scientists. The present century is a great cataclysm to establish rights of Nations and the century in which we are now marking time will establish the right of individuals to chose fixed ideas of their own; and through conferences—not Congresses, will be established the Law—One Law—One Life; and through progressive reasoning the twentieth century will close its record with a semblance of united thought linking all Nations. The generation carrying on at this period of evolution will remove the last barrier which today is the cause of War.

Prophecy

There will be five years of terrible bloodshed. One Nation is planning to control all the small islands. Terrific destruction in all the older countries—destruction till all boundary lines are wiped out and the world is run, not by Kings, Queens and Emperors but by Counselors. Out of each country will come an *honest* man who will represent his country for the good of the United World.

The heads of governments will not be men with self-centered interests for *themselves* and *their* country—they will be men who *believe* that no country can *survive* which has one *starving* unit; they must be united and self supporting. The sacrifice will be very great—the good as well as the bad will be swept from the earth but in the end *good* will rule. The wicked, selfish rulers will lose the battle they are planning to win.

The waves of the sea will wash the shores into the sea. In some places it looks as though the bottom of the ocean opened and sucked the water in as great ships are grounded on the bottom of the ocean. There are other places where the ocean runs over the land, obliterating the lands.

The Higher Consciousness

By ETHEL ALLEN SHANAFELT

(Continued from October Issue)

Changing Measures

WHEN we consider the higher or super-consciousness and its connection with everyday living, life presents itself as a series of "changing measures," usually called experiences.

Each measure, merging continually, though irregularly into a succeeding one, contains a rhythm of the deep self. The occult student seeking a finer understanding must ever catch the upward swing of the measure as it changes—there he may sense the radiance and put this essence of beauty to work.

Each similar effort makes a deeper imprint upon the super-consciousness, though this is according to each person's relative spiritual appreciation. Browning gave deep spiritual truths in a form which neither you nor I could possibly create, but we may understand his poetry, making daily use of his spiritual lessons.

Many others, in every art—Beethoven, Titian, for us to emulate in so far as our native capacity permits. Being "open" to these fine effects one is privileged to receive, the impression passes through the entire organism, reaching at last the super-conscious realm.

There is only one requisite—if the student attunes himself to finer things. Be open to the good, the true, the beautiful; then all that is so related will leave a track, an imprint so definite that the inner self, the within of you, is lifted to the realization of fineness—each succeeding measure becomes a little more Divine.

A sane understanding of the occult or esoteric meanings is necessary before entering the advanced Astro-Philosophy. Proceeding from a sound mind, emotionally balanced, the student brings into his life a practical, workable knowledge of his abilities.

Changing measures, as the expression suggests, come and go ceaselessly; it is for the student to respond consciously to each event.

Mentally? Emotionally? Yes, but the deepest self must be stirred into an active appreciation of the precious something contained within each measure. So-called inhibitions which restrain free spiritual activity must be colored with "loveliness." No excess of emotionalism should be permitted to break down this chance for greater understanding.

Spiritual balance, evenness, poise, these are sought by the student, clearly knowing that to "go an inch too far, and one may turn into less of this, or more of that!"

I repeatedly warn my eager students that each person's acceptance or rejection

of truth is colored by his background; the actual environment gives suggestion to the understanding of the worth of any experience.

So often, both teacher and student forget that this is true; your attitude is different—so is mine—so is the other person's; it is for each of us who studies to place himself apart from any personal advice. The values best suited must come first by way of the desires, then the mind. Are there two persons in this world who act or think alike?

Many, it is true, run true to type, or so we believe, but let the routine measure change startlingly, observe then the reaction. You discover something distinct, apart from any other individual.

The entire organism of each one is distinctive in its rhythm as a whole, or a part; I mean by organism that highly complicated structure with parts so interpenetrating that each is influenced by its peculiar relationship to the organism as a whole.

In a previous lesson I said that changing measures may be used for good or evil, according to the importance or "dimension of appreciable stress." This expression is not used in the same way as in mechanics or scientific work. In Astro-Philosophy "the dimension of appreciable stress" is the measure of the capacity for use at a fortuitous time.

Each person differs so radically from another that all experiences must be analyzed relatively. You might reach the place for a perceptible inspiration (appreciable stress), at an entirely differing plane of meaning from another individual.

For some person an experience or changing measure might be of such staggering import as to apparently destroy the ability to discern a spiritual lesson; for such a person the teacher is sent—the spiritual service is required of those who are more advanced on the Way. No teacher must permit himself to evade a responsibility with the query: "Am I my brother's keeper," or "pass by on the other side."

Neither must a teacher run hastily in service for the idle and often lazy student; if the service is wilfully withheld when there can be no doubt of a time of stress, not only is the student (seeker) hampered in his progress, but the teacher has destroyed something fine in himself.

Never an idle service, which is so often a self-seeking on the part of the teacher, but radiant giving-out so that if the one who seeks is sincere, the essence of his lesson may be accepted.

Life must reach fine spiritual enjoyment; a sequence of onward and upward rhythm kept in continuous motion by repeated stimuli from recog-

nized high values. This observed formula for progress brings a life rhythm and more and more sensitized. The super-consciousness becomes finer as all emotion, thought and act are made more exquisite by beauty from the masters' offerings.

Changing measures come by way of heart rhythms, the organs (glands) with such distinctive tempo—a rise and fall which should be taken at the highest stress.

This highest comes when the first feeling of lessening comes—the mental takes its values then—as the desire vehicle recedes in importance. The crest may not be too long sustained, not until perfection has come; at that Glad Day the superman will be here.

The usable energy from the super-consciousness is becoming more and more apparent; this storing of power comes by way of taking from each experience the essence for spiritual activity. Many events are too trivial to consider; the usual secondaries, non-essentials.

Your problem and mine is to develop the faculty which will recognize the fine quality within an experience, each measure of life. Clearness of thinking, simplicity of living, charity in analyzing.

Do not run hither and thither searching for experiences; where you are is the place to find them. Do the best with each changing measure and soon finer and broader ones will come your way.

So the rhythm of life takes on more and more nobility and is raised to a spiritual consciousness, a super-consciousness. Unfailingly life emanates spiritual fragrance which comes only when one has arrived at that development, called a state of well-being.

This state of well-being depends upon the co-ordinating of the individual's "adaptive capacity" — understanding and applying continuing positive expressions. Secondary effects creep in by way of emotional or mental unbalance.

Anger, love, hate, destroy unless directed into creative channels—the highest stress is the time for creative work.

The student of spiritual Philosophy must diligently seek high stimuli; attracting the finest, repulsing the sordid, so that fine measures become one's regular expectancy.

Finally the entire organism takes on higher vibrations; the whole being elevated to that state of being which is his rightful heritage.

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Subject—"Knowledge at Work"

Esoteric Interpretations of the Significations of the Letters of the Hebrew Alphabet

By WALTER C. GREEN

THE Hebrew alphabet differs from other well known alphabets in that the name of each letter signifies an object. Thus the first letter, Aleph, signifies an ox. Now while I was memorizing the meanings of the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet, I was wondering if by any chance there could be any idea behind their arrangement. (See list at beginning.) All of a sudden it flashed upon me that a logical arrangement would be one with some reference to the history of the Hebrew people from the time of their persecution by Pharaoh (see Exodus XX.3).

To begin with what animal could more appropriately represent the Hebrews in those days than an OX, seeing that the ox then as now was an animal used to carrying heavy burdens and to pulling heavy loads, and seeing that the Hebrews in those days were the hewers of wood and carriers of heavy loads and were little better than slaves. The second letter tells what the Egyptians would think of after they thought of the oxen, namely a HOUSE, and so they would think of shelter for the Hebrews. Coming to the third letter one must remember the elementary rule of interpretation, that there are always two ways of interpretation, namely what the outsider or owner may think of an object, animal or person, and on the other hand what this same person, animal or object may think of himself or of itself. It is safe to say that these Hebrews in those days did not believe that their place in life was to be ox-like, simply beasts of burden for the Egyptians. The chances are that they thought that they as a people had as much right to go their way, to develop, and to travel as well as any other race or tribe. And so what better animal could better represent them than a CAMEL? I think that it could better represent them than a horse, seeing that a horse cannot cross a desert easily like the camel.

Now this difference between the camel and the horse is seen in the difference between the next two letters, DOOR and WINDOW. A door means that one can leave his house and go forth into the world as the Hebrews wanted to do, but a window would easily satisfy an ox, having no desire to travel. Neither does its owner think of the ox as wanting to travel, but to remain where it was. And this idea of the Egyptians is supported by the next word meaning NAIL or PEG which probably means that the window was fastened. If this arrangement of the meanings of these twenty-two Hebrew letters refers to their days in Egypt it seems to me that the next word meaning WEAPON must refer to the weapon used by Moses in killing the

Egyptians. The next two meanings, ENCLOSURE and SERPENT, are quite plain. The former must refer to the pressure put upon the Hebrews just before they left and of course the second word can only refer to the rod that Moses threw upon the ground and which became a serpent.

For the benefit of those readers who have followed me thus far, I wish to point the fitness of the next three significations, HAND, CLENCHED HAND, and OX-GOAD. No other order of these three words could fit into the probable history as these three. I think of Pharaoh holding up his hand

to stop the Hebrews just as a traffic policeman does to stop a speeding auto. But when the auto does not stop what is more natural than for him to clench his hand at the defiance seen before him? What more natural than for Pharaoh to clench his hand as he was being defied? And of course to seize an ox-goad was meant to indicate that he still looked upon the disobedient ones as on the same level as oxen.

Of course the next word, WATER, in this connection can refer to one event only, the crossing of the Red Sea. (I may add that I do not think that

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For exoteric and esoteric employment the Hebrew masters formulated a system of numerical correspondence. We will now direct our attention to this remarkable philosophy:

UNITS AND TENS

Letter	Equivalent	Numerical Value	Signification
Aleph.....	A	1	Ox
Beth.....	B.Bh	2	House
Gimel.....	G.Gh	3	Camel
Daleth.....	D.Dh	4	Door
He.....	H.E	5	Window
Vau.....	V.U	6	Peg
Zayn.....	Z	7	Weapon
Cheth.....	Ch (Hard)	8	Enclosure
Teth.....	T	9	Serpent
Yod.....	I.Y.J.	10	Hand
Kaph, or Qaph.....	K.Kh	20	Clenched Hand
Lamed.....	L	30	Ox Goad
Mem.....	M	40	Water
Nun.....	N	50	Fish
Samekh.....	S	60	Prop
Ayin.....	O	70	Eye
Pe.....	P.Ph	80	Mouth
Tzaddi.....	Tz	90	Fish Hook

HUNDREDS

Qoph.....	Q.Qh	100	Back of Head and Ear
Resh.....	R.Rh	200	Head
Shin.....	S.Sh	300	Tooth
Tau.....	T.Th	400	Cross

FINALS

Kaph, or Qaph.....	K.Kh	500	at the end of a word
Mem.....	M	600	at the end of a word
Nun.....	N	700	at the end of a word
Pe.....	P.Ph	800	at the end of a word
Tzaddi.....	Tz	900	at the end of a word

THOUSANDS

Aleph.....	with acute dashes over it—	1000
Beth Aleph.....	with acute dashes over it—	2000
Gimel Aleph.....	with acute dashes over it—	3000, etc.

The letters when written in very large characters have the same high values.

Prana vs. Occidental Theories of Light

By W. B. SAVARY

TO WESTERN minds for nearly three hundred years the question of what is the real constitution of light has been a sort of scientific football.

A "wave theory" was championed by Huygens in the seventeenth century, while Sir Isaac Newton was inclined to favor a "corpuscular theory." Over one hundred years later Fresnel apparently "proved" the wave (or undulatory) theory. At the present time western scientists are bewildered about this subject. Both theories have their advocates.

The corpuscular theory states that a luminous body projects corpuscles (Lat.—little bodies), and that light, itself, is these rapidly speeding bodies. Necessarily these must travel at the known speed of approximately 186,000 miles per second. They must go through solids, in the case of transparent substances, such as glass, etc. How this is done has not been satisfactorily explained.

The undulatory, or wave, theory states that light is a *wave motion* (sort of a shiver) in the medium through which the light passes. The motion is said to be transverse—i. e., the shiver is at right angles to the direction in which the ray travels. Now, to complicate matters, it appears that light

travels through a vacuum. In fact, interstellar space is generally assumed, for the most part, to be a vacuum, and reasonably so. That being the case, the question immediately arises as to *what shivers* in the vacuum when light "goes through it." If there is nothing there, how can the light travel, since there is nothing present to shiver?

Thus there seem to be unbridged gaps in both theories. In neither case has the difficult question been reasonably answered. To make the popular wave theory more tenable, so far as propagation of light in a vacuum is concerned, many years ago an assumption was made that all space (even vacuum) is pervaded by something that would be called "ether." This "ether" was invented in certain minds solely to propagate light, gravitation, etc., but the most elaborate experiments made in recent years have not only failed to give any real evidence of its existence, but on the contrary, clearly indicate that there is no such thing.

Any final judgment by the western scientific world between these two theories is very far off. How far off, those scientists themselves least realize, for the true answer to their puzzle is entirely outside the realm of their mate-

rialistic conception.

The fact of the matter is that none of them understand or admit that a luminous body—specifically a self-luminous body, such as our sun—does not emit to distances of millions of miles or thousands of light years, any such thing as material corpuscles; nor does it originate any wave motion (undulation: Lat.—"unda," a wave) which is propagated through interstellar and interplanetary space.

Only in Yogi philosophy does the true explanation of light occur, and western scientists do not grasp it. Yogi philosophy has not announced itself as the interpreter of occidental scientific riddles, but has kept to its own field. It has, however, the correct answer to the riddle of light as well as gravitation, magnetism, etc.

Luminous bodies do not emit light nor anything else beyond their own immediate atmospheres, with the exception of PRANA, with which every Yogi student is familiar, and which does not require matter for its propagation. Prana is not matter, nor is it any kind of motion of matter. The materialistic minds of the West have always overlooked or denied the existence of Prana,

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Are Your Kingdoms Balanced?

By MULNA

SINCE early childhood I have wondered about the God within. I knew that omnipresent, omnipotent power was there; yet I was too young to grasp both ends of the wonderful thought in my mind.

At the age of fourteen, however, I came into full knowledge—I had embarked upon an extensive and thorough study of the occult. For years now I have been fully aware of the powers that be and how to use them, and to me that is the most valuable significance of life.

Among my studies in the field some rare and priceless lectures have been given to me from the etheric forces. Masters, ancients, prophets, disciples, poets, world builders have been my guiding entities in the search for truth. Out of these hundreds of lessons dealing with here and hereafter, I find that of the Kingdoms most needed at the present time.

We are told that in the Father's kingdom are many mansions. Literally, there are many planes of consciousness in man, the Temple of the Living God. I wonder how many of us are aware of the vast importance these planes of expression denote in our lives—and

whether we understand the necessity of being well balanced among them?

There are four kingdoms in the creation of natural forces. Three of them are physical, but ahead of physical comes the Spiritual Kingdom—man himself manifesting through the earth body. Our lives are controlled by the kingdom we favor; obstacles are overcome, character is read and conditions are attracted in the vibration of each kingdom. I want to be alive to these currents and cross currents that are surging through my being. Do you?

The Spiritual Kingdom is always first; it is the kingdom of God. Man is the Spiritual Kingdom—God manifesting in thought force—and there is no extent to His magnitude. It is the physical body man dwells in that obstructs the God power; for the essence of man, or soul, is drawn down by the other kingdoms. However, if one does not dwell in the physical kingdoms upon earth he loses hold of earth life, or a part of it—the human mind. Asylums for the insane are filled with those who have dwelled too much in the spiritual. We all have to eat, mingle among others, and live according to the times. Therefore, it is essential we keep both feet on the good earth and build our

spiritual homes through kind deeds, love and knowledge in this everyday world rather than keeping our heads in the clouds and constantly dreaming of the Beyond.

Of the three physical kingdoms Vegetation is the primary expression, for the vegetable kingdom was long before the material body. This kingdom comes very close to God, for it softens at times. In man it is expressed in the growth of hair. It softens the beauty of the faces, the features that are perhaps marked in a harsh manner, the eyelashes, brows and protection of tissues from the sun and other outward influences. But to live in the vegetable kingdom alone will deprive man of his other qualities. Beautiful hair does not make the man, as you must know.

Next is the Mineral Kingdom. If we allow this force to predominate over all things we will soon wonder why the heart becomes so hard and actions are not Christ-like. Mineral is of the earth wealth. In man it is the formation of bones, teeth and nails. To live for the physical structure alone or for gaining riches through the ground will never do. Man must eat (vegetables), act (animal), and be inspired (spiritual).

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Were They Kindred Souls?

By FLORENCE A. BRUNKE

I WAS employed as a nurse in a maternity hospital in Northern California.

One morning Mrs. Garfield, the owner of the hospital and Dr. Cunningham the resident physician received invitations to attend a reception that evening at one of the local hotels. The guest of honor was a celebrity from the east who happened to be spending the winter in the city.

Naturally, they were delighted with the prospect of getting away from hospital routine for a few hours, enjoying a good dinner and meeting interesting people. We could phone if we needed them.

Two new cases had been brought in during the morning. Both were in private rooms. We hoped that nothing would happen, in either case for at least twenty-four hours. One of our nurses was suffering from a severe cold and had to be put to bed. That left only two of us on duty and we had our hands full looking after ten mothers and babies, besides meeting visitors and helping the doctors. Patients were

free to have their own physicians if they cared to.

Four o'clock came. I was busy getting a bunch of surgical dressings ready when the buzzer sounded. I glanced at the dial in the corridor. It was Mrs. O'Neill, one of the new patients.

I laid aside the roll of gauze I had been cutting into squares and hurried down stairs. Her room was at the end of the corridor; she had insisted on being close to the fire escape. And I didn't blame her for the hospital was a two-story, frame structure. It was built on a steep side-hill, with the kitchen and laundry in the basement. And we only had one fire extinguisher.

She complained of being in pain. It was her first baby, although she had been married fifteen years. And she was worried.

I called the doctor. He went down to her room.

"Guess we're in for it," he said dolefully a few minutes later as he stood by the desk in the office looking over her chart. "It always happens that way.

Never knew it to fail. Babies will choose their own time. . . ."

At four-thirty we escorted Mrs. O'Neill to the operating room. An hour later she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Leaving us to look after the mother and child and clean up the operating room, the doctor and Mrs. Garfield hurried to their own apartments to get ready for the reception. Shortly, I saw them driving away in the doctor's car.

When I came on duty next morning I learned that the O'Neill baby had had a hemorrhage during the night.

The case was what is known in medical circles as a "breech presentation." The child should have been *turned* so she could be born normally and avoid internal injury. But she wasn't. And the doctor was in a hurry. . . .

At 10 a.m. I carried her to her mother. She was nursing when the father entered the room. He came over to the bed. For a few moments he stood there gazing admiringly down at the small daughter for whom he had wait-

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What God Hath Joined Together

By EDWARD DOANE

IT IS customary in the marriage ceremony to wind up the affair with the words with which this article is headed following with; "let no man put asunder."

To this writer, the assumption that God has anything to do with a physical mating that may result in two people fighting, if the result is discordant, represents the height of religious bigotry.

When we view the fact that the planet earth, represented in a four foot diagram of the solar system would occupy a space of approximately one thirty-seven thousandth part of an inch in diameter and that this little solar system is some fifty thousand light years off center in our own universe to say nothing of the some seven hundred thousand other discovered island universes that constitute the realm of the Real God we cannot imagine this being as exercising such little judgment as is used in most marriage ceremonies.

Neither is it conceivable that some notoriety or fortune seeking mamma and daughter who capture the prize and marry him amidst much religious pomp and ceremony, during which the words alluded to are used, has the sanction of a Real God for the purpose of engaging in legal prostitution.

The Supreme Being, at whose behest

the magnitude of visible universes sprang into being could not by any stretch of the imagination pay so much attention to the desires of men as these seekers after temporal power would have us to believe.

This being to administer absolute justice toward all, would of necessity be forced to make a set of laws applicable to all, be they bushmen who never heard of religious hierarchies or park avenue debutantes. And the bushmen in their ceremonies of marriage, regardless of what they are, would have the same right under Divine Law as would those who consider themselves the cream of the earth.

The real reason behind these words added to the marriage ceremony is that the more the devotee of any particular religion can be made to believe that these so called spiritual leaders have in some mysterious manner been given the power to be interpreters of the Divine Will, the greater the hold they have upon these devotees and the more they can exalt themselves in their supreme egotism.

The case of Wallis Simpson and King Edward exemplifies well the ends these bigots will go to in the endeavor to hold their temporal power.

In Reality God Hath Joined Together a vast system of planets, solar systems and universes composed of physi-

cal substance that can be apprehended with the physical eye; and no doubt many other dimensions of substance that can not be so apprehended. And these, no man can put asunder.

It is also conceivable that these many parts of one vast system operate under a definite set system of Laws, also joined together by God.

But it is not conceivable that the workings of so vast a project will be suspended at the behest of some individual or sect, so small in reality that they could not be discerned with the most powerful microscope in the four foot chart of the solar system alluded to.

The relative intelligence of any human being, as compared with that of a director of a dinky solar system is something less than absolute zero. And the directing head of a solar system, which is fifty thousand light years off center in our universe, also has very little intelligence as compared with the directing head of a universe. And the directing head of a universe in turn would have relatively little intelligence as compared with the Supreme Mind that is Boss of All.

I repeat, for any individual to utilize the words, "what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," is the height of arrogance; be he religious potentate or county judge.

CLASP THOU MY HAND

By EVELYN F. HAMILTON

A Psychic Experience

MY FATHER and husband had passed on into eternal existence within a short period of each other. The unexpectedness of their departure was a severe shock and left me stunned. I was alone, ill and comfortless. My friends were unaware of my inner struggle for peace and left me to cope with it alone. Their attitude intensified my aloneness. Much of my time was spent in prayer. One evening on retiring I was repeating these statements to reinforce my courage:

"Behold I am with you always."

"I will not leave thee, or forsake thee."

Then an overwhelming desire possessed me to feel the touch of the comforting hand of Jesus. Aloud I said: "Clasp Thou my hand, oh Jesus!"

With this statement on my lips and both hands clasped together on my chest, I fell into a deep slumber. During the night something awakened me. I was unconscious of my physical body in that I felt no sensation in it except in my hands and both of these were covered by a strong hand clasp, so impelling that I was instantly alert and cognizant of the fact. I heard nothing; saw nothing; only felt the pressure of this strong hand grip, which I can never forget. It lasted but a few minutes, but it left me permeated with a deep sense of peace and comfort and I knew forcibly that I was not alone, *now*.

The explanation of this psychic experience eludes me. Was it subconscious or supernatural — the tangible evidence of the comforting clasp of Jesus' hand, which I had asked for. I prefer

to think the latter for the following reason:

A few years later, I was completing a booklet on the healing ministry of Jesus. One morning at dawn, I awakened to see a vivid mental vision of the beautiful ascetic outreaching hand of Jesus, accompanied by a strong *urge* to use *this* hand as an illustration on the paper jacket for this book. I obeyed and used it, with this caption:

"Always, HIS OUTREACHING HAND and heart were in evidence to help those in need. His justice, mercy and counsel were available to all from an ascetic John to a tempestuous Magdalene. Nobleman or pauper; saint or sinner, all received the same treatment from Him. As it was available then, so is it available today.

N. B.—I am interested in the reader's version of this psychic experience.

The Light That Lighteth Every Man

By MARIE HARLOWE

FOR long ages light has been the symbol of the spiritual fire and light within man. Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Mayans—all peoples of antiquity have used fire as a sacred symbol in their temples. Continuously burning lamps in Catholic Churches are survivals of the ever-burning unfueled lamps of the ancient alchemist.

Notwithstanding the fantastic features of many ancient myths relating to the sacredness of Fire, they contain a substantial element of truth. The most primitive people had a knowledge of fire; perhaps of all human discoveries that of the use of fire has been the most momentous in human progress, for human culture began with the discovery of fire and its Divine origin and significance.

The Greek, Heraclitus, declared that "fire is the primary element of all things." Every new Greek colony had on its altar living coals from the altar of Hestia. It has been erroneously believed that ancient peoples carried these living coals from one altar to another because they believed that they could not rekindle the fire, or because it saved the time and trouble involved in the rekindling. There is, however, a much deeper significance to this transfer of fire from one altar to another, just as there is a profound understanding of Truth contained in the myths which connect the body of woman, particularly the generative organs and the creative action, with the process of fire-making.

From the ancient Vedic mythology downward, fire is always thought of as

being brought down from heaven and therefore possessing Divine qualities in itself. In the Vedas fire is not considered as of prime use in the warming of man or the cooking of his food, but is held of importance only for its power to consume man's sacrifice to the gods.

Historical authorities have not been able to agree on when man first deified the Sun and its Symbol Fire, so widespread is this deification. Fire has always been, from remotest historical times, the universal symbol of the Creator. The Sun was the great Fire spirit of the universe as it was recognized as the fountain of life and well-being.

In Heliopolis, Egypt, men were forbidden to erect any statue to the Sun, whose spiritual power was always and universally present and therefore needing no representation. Such an enlightened understanding of the omnipresence of Universal Spirit, symbolized in fire-worship, is now so generally misunderstood that most people consider fire-worshippers as mere idolatrous heathens. And the misunderstanding further extends to the animal sacrifices which were in reality simply those of the celestial zodiac, typifying the destruction of the lower animal instincts of man himself.

The coins of Constantine the Great, nominally a Christian, but who nevertheless gave more of toleration than encouragement to Christianity, were imprinted with symbols of the Sun, showing the strong and widespread interest in sun worship. Ancient funeral rites revealed the universal belief of

people in the life-giving properties of the Divine Fire.

The ultimate Sanskrit origin of the word "fire" meant "to purify." The predominant feature of the Hindu religion is the combat between light and darkness—the purification of the darkness into the light of perfection. Biblical reference to "the light that shineth in the darkness" is to the Divine light (or power) within man which can purify and regenerate him to the state of Divine perfection.

The ancients claimed that man was an offspring of the sun, but they understood Wisdom to be the spiritual Sun, or the Self-Enlightenment. As a great jewel will emit light of different colors, yet remain at its center clear and uncolored, so the varied manifestations of Divine Wisdom, viewed superficially seem foreign to the clear, pure Light of Omniscience. Freemasonry teaches that "although there be many colors, there is but one light."

Man has within his own soul a Light, a spark of the Divine Light. That light is his life, and it is this emanation of Divine Light which assures man of his ultimate spiritual perfection, for man may kindle that spark into the great cosmic flame within himself which "lights"—illuminates the world. Although "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" is only a tiny spark in the mass of men (and in some of negative expression the flame seems to burn so low that it almost flickers out) man may add the

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SUPER-CONSCIOUSNESS

By JACOB GOLDWASSER

AN IMPINGED condition of the nerves together with one or several subluxated vertebrae may cause a serious congestion during the states alluded to as our subconscious existence. During the hours of sleep pressure unduly arises because of cramped positions, causing the Vital Force to flow unevenly. The former factor and the latter factor make up the sum total of degrees akin to suffocation which may lead in time to total factors in negative and annihilating onslaughts. The calculation reveals the condition to be serious, but need cause no alarm when the intelligence of man is brought into play to allay the degenerating factors.

Degeneration works insidiously and we must be constantly on guard against these depressing and decaying forces. A greater consciousness is an important factor in keeping us vitally alive. Impinged conditions are opened and

the flow normally restored when a more vital and super-conscious state prevails. Subluxated vertebrae re-align their bony structure in response to the call from the conscious realm (all organisms are the agents of the higher centers, the seat of consciousness) with the vital fluids flowing upward toward the brain.

The power of the will is a great factor in regenerating the conscious state, so to speak, so that it can be called into play instantly. The plan involves a super-sensitivity and a greater awareness of the "inner expression" of man to such a degree as that manifested with the outer parts. It is in a sense an electrical charge of super-consciousness whereby the will is used to properly attune the "inner man" and become more conscious of its existence. The most inner senses which arise in a unit towards the center alluded to

as the third eye, has a vital organ called the pineal gland which houses the fire known as "life." The outer senses are aftermaths and later additions which purpose is superficial and interprets superficial conditions combined with the physical.

Every person can charge the body and brain with the electrical waves of super-consciousness. When this method has been mastered a greater awareness of the inner existence arises. Again, as much as we are aware and sensitive to the outer parts of our bodies it becomes just as important to attune one's self with the inner parts. Thus when some detrimental condition should occur, the power which contains the spark of Life can be properly attuned and awakened instantly to flow onward against the annihilating forces.

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VOICES OF THE DEAD

Materialized Forms Make Gramophone Records

By E. A. S. HAYWARD, O.B.E.

(Reprint: *The Two Worlds*)

AN event of outstanding importance in the history of Spiritualism occurred on Saturday, September 11th, at the Edinburgh Psychic College, when for the first time an almost complete record was made of the voices of materialized spirits at a seance at which Mrs. Helen Duncan was the medium.

This was made possible by the courtesy of Mr. Harold B. Millar, who brought along a Phono-disc apparatus, with the necessary microphones and blank discs for recording purposes. This gentleman, who represents the Phono-disc Company, of 84, Regent Street, London, W. 1, has shown great interest and sympathy in our subject during the Glasgow International Conference. He recorded some of the clairaudient descriptions given by Mrs. Helen Hughes from the platform at the mass meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, and also the voices which came through at a direct-voice sitting given by Mrs. McCallum, of Glasgow.

Different Voices

Permission for the recording was given at the commencement of the sitting by "Albert," Mrs. Duncan's principal control, and the whole of what was said came out most clearly on the records, his precise English tones being in marked contradistinction to the medium's broad Scotch.

The sitting took place in a good red light, and the materialized forms, which varied very considerably in height, were of both sexes, and of markedly different timber of voice and style of speech. They could be distinctly seen from our seated positions, and, in addition, those to whom they came were invited to approach them for close inspection. At the close of a communication they were all clearly seen to collapse and dematerialize.

One very interesting and amusing incident occurred when "Peggy," the young spirit helper, was singing "The Mystery of Life." After getting through a good part of it successfully, she broke off suddenly, saying in her broad Scotch, "I don't know any more." She was very intrigued and excited when Mr. Millar played over her part of the record.

Our daughter, who is very experienced in manifesting herself in many different ways, materialized most successfully, and her voice was recorded very strongly and distinctly.

At the end of the sitting, before we left the seance-room, all the records were played over for the benefit of Mrs. Duncan and ourselves, and she heard, with much interest and pleasure, the voice of "Albert" for the first time, and was delighted at the result.

We were all highly pleased at the presence of Mrs. Ethel Millar, the

founder and honorary principal of the College, who, after an absence of about two years on account of illness, was present at the sitting.

In the evening Dr. Carl Wickland, M. D., of Los Angeles, the great pioneer in the treatment and cure of cases of obsession, gave a lecture on "Experimental Research in Abnormal Psychology," at which I had the pleasure of taking the chair.

Infra-red Photographs

Subsequently he was present at a special sitting given in his honor by Mrs. Duncan, and his wife and co-worker for so many years was able to materialize and clearly prove her identity to him, his secretary, Mrs. Nellie Watts, and ourselves. Before she left she kissed his hand, so that he felt her warm, living lips. Mrs. Watts' husband also manifested his presence most evidently, as did also our son, who spoke to my wife and myself most clearly and freely, and was recognized by us distinctly.

After his initial experience, Mr. Millar intends, on a later occasion, to take further records, when he hopes to get even better results, and also to take infra-red photographs of the materializations.

At both sittings billows of ectoplasm were distinctly seen flowing out under the curtains of the cabinet.

TREMENDOUS TRIFLES

(The Fifty Dollar Contest Story)

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Nineteenth Installment

"Power of Work"

LOOK about you for the happiest man you can find. You will find him to be a man who *works*. And it is the work that raises him above the grief, misery and sorrow of the world. By work, he ejects murmuring, complaining and whining.

If you are not working, you are not performing in accordance with the great plan. If you are not engaged in toil, you are to be numbered among the unhappy individuals of the world. "Get your happiness out of your work," said Carlyle, "or you will never know what real happiness is."

Work is the salvation of man. Idleness is a curse. The idle brain, the idle

body is the nesting place for criminal thoughts and actions. To toil, to labor, to work is Divine. The creation of the universe represents works. The evolution of life is work; everything we see must work to retain its hold on existence. The ant colony performs its work energetically, and with wisdom. What mighty powers are locked within that little colony of hurrying ants. About everything that man has, the ant has. Armies, workers, guards, slaves, cows—the ant has all of those. They actually strip leaves from trees and with them raise mushrooms. Throw a shovel full of black ants into a colony of red ants once, and witness a battle fought viciously and to the death. Yet, return to that colony of red ants in a few days and you will see some of the blacks running about with the rest of them, seemingly a part of the colony. True it

is, but the blacks are now slaves working under guard. And work they are compelled to do or die.

That is the secret of life wherever it is found. The being that ceases to work, to find joy in work, whether it is man, animal or insect, is directing himself or itself on the road that leads to disintegration and death.

One of the secrets of happiness is learning to be busy. "The high prize of life," Emerson said, "the crowning fortune of a man, is to be born to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness—whether it be to make baskets, or broadswords, or canals, or statues, or songs."

The kind of work that is done saving that it be honorable, is not important. It is the spirit in which the work is performed that makes the worker's life

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AN UNSOLVED PROBLEM

For Over One Hundred Years

By ANNIE JAMES

NEAR an old church yard, in Beaufort county, down in North Carolina is a spot that attracts numerous visitors and mystifies all who view this phenomenon where a horse's hoof prints made in the soil over a hundred years ago still remain visible and defy all efforts to obliterate them.

Back in the early part of the nineteenth century a wealthy land owner living in that section of the county, became intoxicated one Sunday morning. He mounted his horse and rode up and down in front of the small church during the religious services, cursing,

whooping and disturbing services. His wicked cursing broke up the worship and the congregation came outside to watch him. He was riding a fiery, spirited steed; in turning around the horse shied at something, became frightened, started to run and dashed headlong into a tree. Both the rider and horse were killed. The old rotted stump of that tree is still to be seen. Around its base are the horses hoof-prints that, after a hundred years, cannot be obliterated.

Every year thousands come to see this strange phenomenon. Some will

fill up the depression, but as soon as the dirt has time to settle the prints will return. Another incredible feature which defies a logical explanation—grains of corn can be strewn over the ground and chickens will peck up all those except those in the hoof prints. The chickens will go around the depressions—and will not eat the corn in the tracks.

Many people are skeptical of this amazing tale until they see for themselves. Then they go away convinced, their doubt vanishes, but puzzlement remains. For this strange phenomenon defies any logical explanation.

A PROPHETIC DREAM

By THOMAS HOLIAN

WHAT I am going to relate is as true as the stars above. One night in my sleep I thought I was at a race track. I don't even bet on horses. I dreamed I was halfway upon a tree and some man who was near me said to me, "Do you see that horse coming out of the paddock?" and I said, "I do." He said to me, "that horse is going to win and he is not conceded a chance." I asked the man what the horse's name was and he told me HIGHMAN. So I saw the race from start to finish and when they had turned the home stretch this man said to me, "There he goes now" and I watched him pass them all and when

he crossed the winning post he was just one length ahead.

I told my brother-in-law to look over the paper in the morning and see if there was a horse running anywhere called HIGHMAN. He looked the paper over and he said he did not see HIGHMAN but that he saw SAILORMAN and GRAYMAN. I told him he must be there and he said "no." The vision was so real that I really could not believe it false as I thought of it during the day. I sent a little boy in the morning for a paper and sure enough HIGHMAN was in the race and won, as my vision told me and

paid twenty-eight dollars.

I have never seen the track in my waking moments, but I described my vision to a man who had been there and he told me that he himself could not describe it half so well.

I was born in Ireland and a Catholic, but race, creed, religion or country makes no difference to me. I know everything and everyone is part of *creation's* plan. I believe in a pure mind and the spirit of righteousness to all, and religion is no good to anyone if not endowed with the spirit of righteousness.

Poets' Page

Comet

by MARIE BLACKMAN

Across the sky a comet trails its light,
A flash of fire that ends in sparkling
dust,
As if an angel's chariot this night
Beyond the darkness into space were
thrust,
And bears to regions of eternal bliss,
The soul of one of earth's departed—
one
Who died alone, without a tear or kiss,
Yet living, left his imprint on the sun.

The sky is infinite and fringed with
stars,
No doubt one gleams for every hero
sent,
But comets rarely cross the firmament
Until the heavenly keeper drops the
bars.
Ah, fiery symbol of some passing scene,
Perhaps you always bear the Nazarene!

Birth

by BEN FIELD

A babe unborn in its twilight room
Grew in that narrow world,
Rejoiced each day at love's approach
And its little hands uncurled,

As the mother spoke or laughed aloud
Or the father's tender care
Brought joy-light dear to mother eyes
And made her world all fair.

Touch came when the mother's body
moved,
And it dreamed of taste, to nurse,
And sight it thought an imagined thing
In a fairy universe.

Daily it grew in its hidden world,
Each month a span of years,
And birth it deemed to be but death
And so came forth in tears.

The immortal mortal thus was born
Through the gate it thought was
death
And drew within its infant breast
A glorious draught of breath.

Time passed, the man-child longed to
know
Of life beyond the earth,
Forgetful of the mother-world
And the bitter pains of birth.

Life's wheel turns on, death comes
apace,
Fore'er the immortal's mate:
Dying, he wakes to enter through
Yet one more radiant gate.

Earth-Echo

by JANE MORRILL

How sweet, if one should find, remote
in heaven,
All timid souls to whom one's love is
given,
Scenes to recall earth's lovely day and
night . . .
Or if the heart might breast wide
streams of light,
That flow in space with water's simple
tones—
Were Love might gleam like water-
whitened stones!

Tragedy

by GLADYS I. HAMILTON

Gayly, she ran down the hill to play
with her kittens three;
She loved those little puff-balls—and
she meant the world to me!

"Sambo" was shiny and black; and
"Terry" would romp and play;
"Tim" was the clown of the lot, so soft
and so sleek and grey.

Today she quickly returned, ash-pale,
with a sobbing call,
"Muvver, please come out an' see—old
Tom-cat has killed dem all!"

Holding her close in my arms, I prayed
I might ease the pain;
And teach her comforting thoughts
should tragedy strike her again.

Escape Me Never

by ELEANOR HUGHES

Escape me never, spark of primal joy,
The over-plus of life that will destroy
The strangling sorrow of malignant
death
That seeks the throat of gladness, its
last breath.

Escape me never, spark of faith and
hope,
That lights the pathway for my feet
that grope
For bare and meager foothold on the
earth
To be a fulcrum for my soul's rebirth.

Escape me never, spark of love and
truth,
The radiance of our eternal youth,
That is reflected from the spirit's fire,
The lamp within lit by life's pure de-
sire.

Escape me never, spark of pristine
Whole,
The overtone of life, the Oversoul;
The balance in the scales of life, the
good,
Perfection on the way and understood.

Abiding-Spirit

by SARAH MIZELLE MORGAN

You came last night and stayed a little
while.
Altho you were not tangible to me,
I sensed your presence near me lovingly,
And felt the glowing warmth of your
sweet smile.

No sound disturbed the stillness of the
room,
Yet—softly as the firelight shadows
play,
You spoke. Your words of courage
cast away
The loneliness that filled my heart with
gloom.

With lifted hope, I see the lofty goal
You set for me. Encouraged, unafraid,
I shall go on adown the trail you've
made
Alight with radiance from your vibrant
Soul;
And if some day, triumphant I shall
stand—
I know—that you will softly clasp my
hand.

Little Boy Blue Returns

by REGHI

*With apologies to Eugene Field, hop-
ing that he and our Little Boy Blue are
making the other angels smile.*

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands
And the little toy soldiers are red with
rust
And the muskets mold in their hands.

And tho the little dog now is now new
And the soldiers not passing fair
Tonight they are called by our Little
Boy Blue
As he comes to them there.

"You must play as I tell you," he said,
"And make a most pleasing noise
For tonight I have placed on your head
Seal of approval, my toys;

And since you have sung in silence
Awaiting your Little Boy Blue
Oh! the years were many—the years
were long
But you, little toys, have been true;

So tonight I came to make you a band—
Each in his special place
And yours is to play a symphony
grand—
Bringing a smile to each face!

"No longer toy soldiers would I have
you be
But rather Disciples of Peace
For when attuned in Perfect Harmony
Your music, grand, will never cease!"

WHEELS OF

By JOHN

Cast of Characters:

Inspector Enfield, head of the International Police at New York.

Mr. E. J. Curzon, editor of the News, a great daily paper.

Milton O'Day, News reporter and traveler.

Sergeant Ralph Blair, ex-marine Sergeant.

Professor Mailes and Professor Abel, professors of physics of the College of Technology.

Judy Palmer, niece of Prof. Mailes.

John Cousins, assistant to Prof. Abel.

Hum Sing, the expedition's cook.

Braley, international operator 9A.

Death Valley Slim, desert guide.

Cupid, office boy at the News.

Gray and Davis, international guards.

Madam X, teacher and friend of Miss Palmer.

Mr. X, teacher, guide and host.

THE kidnaper had been caught a few minutes before and the editor's office was the scene of much activity, with an "extra" coming out in a few minutes; just at this time the editor's secretary handed him a message; it was from Inspector Enfield, head of the great International Police system, asking if it would be possible for him to call at the International's offices within the hour on a matter of the utmost importance.

"Tell the inspector that I will be there and have a cab waiting for me at the Eleventh street entrance in ten minutes," said the editor.

A short time later he paused at the top of a short flight of steps which led from the street to the International offices, and mopping his perspiring face and head, he mentally resolved that he would eat no more starches for at least a month.

The inspector arose as an officer announced the editor's name, a smile and firm hand-clasp, and "Well, Curzon, I certainly owe you an apology for asking you to call at this time. I know that you are a very busy man just now, in particular, but the matter that I have to discuss is of world importance."

"The 'News' is at least twenty minutes on the streets now with an 'extra' on the B—— kidnaping and not another paper out yet; the story broke just a few minutes before I got your message," said the editor, tossing a wet extra on the inspector's desk and settling himself comfortably into an easy chair.

"That's pretty fast work," said the inspector, unfolding the paper, still wet

from the presses, to disclose the "scare heads" that announced the capture of the kidnaper.

"That's easy work. We had the advance information and sat waiting a signal, when the presses began the run."

"In that case, 'The News' must have solved the problem for the local and state police," said the inspector shrewdly.

"Exactly what we did, or at least one of the 'News' staff solved it. It was O'Day, that young fellow that I sent to The Hague last summer; this is his fifth straight 'scoop' in less than that many years that he has been with us."

"And just what system of deduction does he employ in his work?" asked the inspector half joking and half serious.

"I think that the man employs his brain to good advantage," said the editor.

"Curzon, I'll be as brief as possible in the following story, and I think that you will agree with me that it is, to say the least, most mysterious and offers a good plot from the news angle."

"Go ahead," said the editor, who was enjoying one of the inspector's fragrant cigars.

"My story has to do with the disappearance of a scientific expedition that set out from the College of Technology to gather scientific data. It seems that about six months ago, Professor Mailes, who was working with inter-stellar rays and light, discovered something in connection with the earth's north magnetic pole that sent them all into a huddle; it's supposed to be very deep and the ordinary man cannot be expected to understand the whys and wherefores of the theory, but in plain language it can be summed up in a few words: Prof. Mailes discovered that *the earth's poles were shifting*."

"Good lord!" said the editor, sitting straight.

"At any rate," he continued, "the Board of Regents of the college thought it so serious that an expedition was formed and left for a certain place in the California desert to make observations that might clinch the theory. The site selected was in the Chocolate mountains." Here the inspector walked to the wall and pulled down a large curtain map of this section of the earth; the editor and he studied it silently, a small (x) inside a red circle had been marked upon the map; the inspector indicated this symbol. "That's the place," he said.

"Mid-way well," the only infallible water supply in all that waste, excepting perhaps the Colorado river. It seems that a certain atmospheric condition was necessary for the best re-

sults in the tests to be made. The expedition was last seen camped at this well; that was a few days after they had started; since that time not a sound has come out of the ether, for they had radio sending sets, nor has any trace of them been found.

"Before the college informed us of the tragedy," continued the inspector, "they employed a famous desert guide known as 'Death Valley Slim' to make investigations for them. He combed this small desert range as with a small-toothed comb, and not a trace of them resulted.

"Just at this time, which was four weeks ago, owing to the international aspect of the subject involved the board of regents decided to turn the case over to the I. P., which they did. I sent one of our best men to the location with equipment and all information that had been submitted. This man, Braley, known as 9A, arrived on the scene a few days later and engaged the same guide for his adviser.

"Well, Curzon, they did a 'Houdini' the same as the expedition, and no hide nor hair of them either. Of course we are pledged to the utmost secrecy, for the board of regents do not want the public to get a hint of the tragedy, for that would call forth the scientific secret that they do not think is wise to give to the world, for if the shift were the least bit sudden, it would mean another deluge, such as Noah and his people experienced."

"I once heard a lecture, in Carnegie Hall, upon the same subject," said the editor.

"The Technology expedition," resumed the inspector, "consisted of Professor Mailes and Professor Abel, their two assistants and a Chinese camp cook, about twenty pack animals and two teamsters. They carried quite a lot of valuable scientific instruments, and that's my story," concluded the inspector.

"What do you make of it?" asked the editor after a few minutes.

"I have decided that they are not common victims of the desert's maw; they did not become lost and perish of thirst or wander into some wonderful valley that they could not get out of; they had modern radio sending instruments, as did Braley. I believe that they are all dead, including Braley and the guide. How they met their death, I am at present not prepared to say, but I do believe that this case requires a little action and plenty of study at first hand."

"Are you giving my paper this commission?" asked the editor.

"Yes, I feel that two heads are better than one and of course the news value

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ADAMS, JR.

at the present is nil: and may always be so, for that matter; this office will lend its co-operation in any way that may be needed and I may add that we are not 'chucking' the case by any means."

"I need not tell you that this case puzzles me greatly," said the editor rising to go. "The News accepts the challenge and will do its d—dest to fill the order."

"Cupid," private office boy of the managing editor, signalled to O'Day as he came into the editorial rooms the next day. The signal conveyed the impression to the reporter that the editor wanted to see him and so with a friendly pat on the back for one and cheery greeting for another of his friends, he made his way quickly to the waiting "Cupid."

"Gee, Mr. O'Day, 'the guvnor' has been askin' for you all mornin'; and I want to tell you that we are all proud of your work in—"

"Thanks a lot, Cupid, old boy, I certainly appreciate that compliment from you," said the reporter, smiling kindly, as he disappeared into the inner office.

The editor looked up as O'Day entered and motioned him into a seat that was usually reserved for aldermen, mayors and now and then a governor.

"Well, O'Day," said the editor, as he pushed the last telephone from him and turned to the reporter, "congratulations on your usual fine work of yesterday; your record is splendid and so I have arranged a private commission for you, a sort of vacation in the mountains, so to speak; you won't be required to write much, if any, but you will be under the necessity to think a lot, and perhaps, in a hurry. Do you want the job?"

"What am I supposed to do," queried the reporter with a smile, "play chess, chase ghosts, or make news?"

"None of these," replied the editor, smiling back at him. "You are to read these papers over, and he tapped a fat envelope that lay before him on the desk, and sleep over them, and then if you want to undertake the commission, destroy the instructions and get to work."

"I'll take the order without reading the papers," said the reporter quietly.

"I want you to follow the plan that I outlined and sleep over the proposition, otherwise the deal is off, for—"

"Okey, Chief," said O'Day, reaching for the envelope; the editor's hand closed over his in a warm clasp of friendship.

The Palo Verde Valley is a fertile sink of several thousand acres, watered by the Colorado river. The river flows through this fertile plain which it made

in ages past by depositing its rich silt into the great hole; man came later and made canals, leading the life-giving waters where he would, where he led them living things grew, trees for shade and beauty, lush grasses for the beasts of burden, grains and fruit for man and his companions; so, from this chaparral studded plain grew little hamlets, at first, a shack or two, and in time, a cluster of them; built close together, for company; for fellowship is deep, and indeed "all men are kin." These little towns, while a few in number, were the symbol of man's conquest of nature.

At first one railroad was built, two days' trip distant by wagon. Great high wheeled freight wagons with the trailer for water and powered by many mule teams brought in the supplies for the settlers and took out "the bounty of the valley" to be shipped to distant parts via rail.

The half-way point in this journey was singularly marked by a deep well, "Mid-way" well. Here the night was spent by the weary men and beasts. The mules were stabled in rough stone corals and the water in the tank wagons replenished so that the morrow's road could be traversed in safety.

When another transcontinental rail line was built it ran a spur line quite close and so the picturesque many mule-team freighters quit traveling these solitary wastes for want of paying loads and all that remains to tell of them are a few old men who like to talk of these stirring times, and here and there a broken and abandoned wagon part along the lonesome road. 'Tis true, the well is there, the water is just as cool, even in the summer's searing heat, as it was then. An understanding government keeps it in good repair for all who chance that way.

The hills about "Mid-way" well echoed to the clatter of a light truck which was driven by Sergeant Blair, late of the U. S. Marines; his companion was Milton O'Day, the reporter. They came to a sudden stop on a clean gravelly place that was ideal for a camp site.

"Look, Chief, a camper at the well," said the sergeant, as they came to a stop.

About fifty feet from the well at the base of a small hill was a late model light car to which was attached a nice looking house trailer that glistened with silvery newness.

"I suppose they will operate their radio half the night," said O'Day apprehensively.

The sergeant chuckled at the situation, for the reporter had been telling of the desert well and its "desolate set-

ting," and here were all the earmarks of civilization.

"We might be able to get the 'fights' on Friday nights," speculated the sergeant, eyeing the new outfit appraisingly.

"We did not come out here to listen in on prize fights," said O'Day firmly, "this is strictly a business proposition, as I explained to you at the time you agreed to come along on this trek; you agreed to obey orders, so don't forget it."

"It's okey by me, you're givin' the orders and I'm obeyin' them. I didn't put in seven 'hitches' in the service without learnin' how to obey orders, and if you say the word I'll start pitchin' camp so we can have some warm grub and coffee."

"That's the spirit," said O'Day with a smile; they both set to work with a will and soon a brown service tent appeared upon the bench as if by magic, betokening skill and the long experience of the sergeant in such matters; a gasoline stove puffed noisily and soon gave forth savory odors of food and drink, but still no sign of life showed itself about the opposite camp.

It was almost dark as the two men sat smoking about their small camp fire, when from down the road there appeared a form in the distance.

"Looks like a boy," said the sergeant shading his eyes with one hand.

"Guess again," whispered O'Day; it's a girl or a woman."

The sergeant seemed greatly amused.

"What's so funny about it?" asked O'Day.

"Nothin', only I was thinkin' how wild it was out here," said the sergeant smiling slyly.

O'Day sat in silence, ignoring this thrust from his companion as the party under discussion came into plain view. She was a young woman in her early twenties, with a red beret pulled back rakishly from a broad forehead; a small and stylish leather jacket was worn above an attractive corduroy hiking skirt and neat mountain boots of a small size. She was about five-foot-three in height, slender, graceful in her walk, as the two men noted; she came quickly up the trail idly swinging a riding crop from side to side. Her head was small and shapely; a stray wisp of hair that escaped truantly from under her cap proclaimed its color as golden; brown eyes balanced a beautiful face and sensitive nostrils denoted her quick and warm nature; to top off the picture, a dimple cleft each cheek, showing that she had strong moral stamina. She came to the well and tak-

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Haasan Osiris

WORLD OUTLOOK

December, 1937

THE eclipse of the sun on the 11th in the nineteenth degree of Sagittarius, a fiery, bi-corporeal, bestial, zodiacal sign ruled by Jupiter, has important signification upon the events of the month.

In America there will be rising prices of merchandise, big trade combines and much political activity.

Prisons, hospitals, labor confusions, the navy and the merchant marine come in for some investigations and comment in the papers.

The mails will be heavy and there seem to be many heavy losses through the mails. Aviation encounters some difficulties and Airlines should use every precaution to prevent accidents, lost planes and peculiar disappearances.

Women come into prominence in the industrial and commercial world.

Sickness crouches in every nook and corner and there may be serious epidemics to counteract. Severe and bitter weather conditions in some sections cause many deaths and much suffering.

The government is wrestling with serious and important problems. Much criticism prevails, yet the Administration is making important history in the destiny of the world.

There seem to be many false rumors to undermine the confidence of the people. War scares and exaggerated reports. Deaths of prominent people, a ship-wreck, airship accidents, a famous divorce, and international disputes mark the events of the month with outstanding importance.

Conditions in foreign countries are serious. Italy, Germany, France and England are trying hard to solve many misunderstandings. Economic trade relations between them are badly strained.

Japan seems to have unexpected delays and sets some kind of trap that she is apt to get caught in herself.

Prosperity seems to come to Australia and South America. There will be bad storms, earthquakes and floods over many parts of the world.

DECEMBER, 1937

For the Zodiacal Signs

ARIES

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

You who are born in Aries may not notice the pressure of things so much now. You seem to have a full and complete program and are not much concerned about the problems confronting the world. A definite start can be made along new endeavors and a trip taken now would result in gain and profit. Indications point to much joy, pleasure, adventure and excitement. Good health.

TAURUS

(For those born between April 20-May 20)

Now you seem to be coming out of several weeks of adversity. A bit of encouragement in regard to work, social affairs and domestic conditions develops. You will busy yourself with making plans for important activities that are looming on your horizon. Favors to and from others. Important mail and renewal of an old friendship is unexpected and pleasant. Improved health.

GEMINI

(For those born between May 21-June 21)

The month of December seems to fill you with discontent some way and gives you a decided critical attitude. You

need to be careful of going to extremes and do not act upon your impulses too quickly. Accidents can come through carelessness and disregard for safety: be careful and prevent this. Travel attempted at this time is attended with sickness or disappointment.

CANCER

(For those born between June 22-July 22)

It is suggested that you be very careful with your money and cautious in your dealings with others. Try to prevent arguments and do not give in to nervousness. Extra expenses are quite apt to materialize so you should have money laid aside for a rainy day. Prevent accidents in traffic and guard your health from epidemics throughout the month. Refuse to worry over trifles.

LEO

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

You can now enjoy the fruits of your past endeavors. It is a month of enjoyment and appreciation for most of you in Leo. You will be full of bold adventure and may dare to do things that you shunned before. Strength of character, lofty ambitions, and thrilling opportunities occupy your mind now. You have many exciting events to follow up all through the month.

VIRGO

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

Success seems to attend everything you try to do here, even the smallest and most unimportant things turn out quite well. This is a progressive, studious and adventurous month. You will

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Personal Astrological Daily Guide

Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

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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

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	
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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.

Why "Planetary" Numerology?

By PERRY SUITS

Compatibility, Success and Failure

IT IS a fact which can not be too much emphasized that we are each capable of expression in terms of a single digit, a number which is the symbol which represents the individual dominant vibration. This unit number, or dominant individual vibration will be in exact harmony with all others who have the same unit, sympathetic to others and opposed and irritated by others. This is the explanation of why some persons attract and others repel you and still others leave you entirely unmoved or indifferent. The unit number does not, however, give the exact measure of attainment of an individual, but rather points out the personal "slant," the dominant faculty or the chief characteristic. This is the channel through which the attributes of talent and desire and force indicated by each and all of the numbers derived from name and birth will be poured into the mold of the finished product which is the life of the individual.

It is not hard therefore to recognize the fundamental difference between individuals. For instance, the commercial or scientific person (commerce and science are two of the phases of the influence of Mercury whose number is five) is regarding daily activity, circumstances and phenomena from a different perspective than the benevolent philanthropist or the theologian who is under the sway of Jupiter and the number three.

The executive whose number is nine would be entirely out of patience and unable to tolerate one who had the faculties represented by the number two, variable, indecisive, changeable, unstable, prone to wander and incapable of any sustained concentration. Nine would be in harmony with five, however, as readily can be seen.

Sometimes it is the case that persons whose unit numbers are opposed or discordant are sufficiently attracted to form friendships, partnerships or get married only to find such unions not wholly satisfactory. Such original attractions are accounted for by the fact that some one or more of the factors of name or birth are in unison while the unit numbers are not. These maladjustments mar lives, cause failures and unhappiness yet may in many cases be corrected. What a pity for instance, for a husband and wife to go on for years with the sweetness of their love and companionship tintured with the bitterness of diverging tastes and view-

points and a lack of complete harmony which they are both unable to explain clearly. Perhaps he is a practical, opportunistic, steady working, economical and materialistic four while she is the intuitive, esthetic, social seven. She loves public functions, the limelight and popularity, travel and change. He is rooted to material possessions, accumulation and utility. Apparently they have nothing in common, yet the fact remains that the mutual attraction of some factor common to both or in sympathetic relation drew them together in the first place. An analysis of name and birth of each would be quite likely to reveal some slight adjustment which would put them in complete accord. When such a condition as this exists it is always a fact that such units combine in a digit which indicates trouble. In the foregoing example seven and four equal eleven which equals two, showing the negative unsatisfactory and changeable state of affairs between the couple.

Three and five equal eight which is the symbol of trouble. Two and six equal trouble as do seven and one, while nine and eight are productive of not merely trouble but of actual quarrels, violence and disaster. Two and eight indicate accidents and annoyances, poverty and unstable fortunes.

Now if you will remember that we are considering these numbers as belonging to persons who get into all sorts of more or less permanent contact with other persons, throughout all walks of life you will readily see how much potential explosive force is walking ignorantly into contact with the match which lights the fuse of personal pyrotechnics.

Perhaps your wife is a Venus, number six, light hearted, of a sweet disposition, graceful, talented in one or more of the arts, prone to gaiety and going singing through life. This seems quite desirable, does it not? Yet if you are a two or a five you will not get along with her at all since your own ideas and desires will run counter to hers, Mercury, five, being too much absorbed in scientific research, study or commerce to comprehend the Venus viewpoint. In the business world the same rule holds good. If your boss is a five and you a three or a six better watch your step.

I know a workman who is efficient and has a knowledge and practice of his trade acquired from half a lifetime. This man is called by his associates by a shortened form of his name which has Saturn's vibration. He is ridden

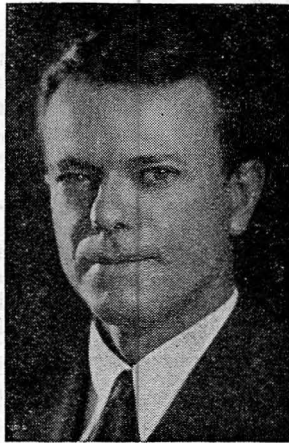
by fear of his boss' displeasure and while his sheer efficiency has secured him a position as foreman he wonders why he always is given charge of jobs which are "unlucky" or where some unexpected difficulty occurs to cause the loss of profit. Checking a list of the addresses of several of these "sour" jobs for my friend I found that the numbers of nearly every one of them reduced to an eight unit. The fact is that he is vibrating to an eight from the name by which he is known to that company and is attracting all jobs of that vibration. At my suggestion he tried to get them to use his name in a way which would eliminate the disturbing element, but every one laughed at him for getting "high-hat" and persisted in using the same diminutive. It seems he will have to start over in a new position elsewhere in order to lose that Saturnine nickname yet it will be worth the effort in getting him out of the miasma of apprehension and worry which is one of the adjuncts of that vibration and which is wrecking his nerves and digestion.

It is interesting to note that when the numbers eight and two recur frequently in connection with business contacts that business is temporarily or permanently on the skids and going steadily into the red. Thus it is possible to take a list of the names and addresses of the clients of a firm and from that alone by numerology point out which lost money or were slow to pay or with which difficulty was encountered.

Is it not clear that many persons unknowingly are struggling with a handicap, wearing themselves out to accomplish a drab existence simply because they do not know how to adjust themselves to a daily and hourly "line of least resistance" which is naturally also the line of greatest progress.

It matters not whether it be business, friendship or marital relationship which is to be considered, "knowledge is power" and a known fact can be dealt with where an unknown one cannot. If difficulty, irritation, frustration or failure exist in any department of your life consult the numbers of yourself and those about you and locate and correct the troublesome factor. It is most unwise to carry any unnecessary load in a life of greatly increasing pressure when Planetary Numerology points to a better way.

We are indeed sorry to announce that Perry Suits is discontinuing these interesting articles. We know he will be happy to hear from those he has served.



Elbert Benjamin

IN NORTHERN Arizona, over rough country to the east of Grand Canyon National Park, is a great arch of stone carved by the forces of erosion, known to the world as Rainbow Bridge. To it for centuries past the Indians have made pilgrimages, holding it to be a symbol given to them by the Great Spirit, a religious token to which in reverence they pay homage. It is the bow of bright promise, wrought in imperishable rock, a crystallized replica of the many-hued bow to be seen after rain when once more the Sun is shining.

The Archer, Sagittarius, where the Sun may be found from November 22 to December 22, also holds a bow and aims its arrow straight at the treacherous Scorpion's heart, ready to prevent further depredations and guarding humanity against its inversive legions. This Bowman of the sky pictures the sign of Religion, the so-called sign of the higher mind, which has rule also over teaching, long journeys, publishing and all public expression of opinions.

The Bow was known as a beneficent religious symbol early in the Bible days. Jupiter, the planet of religion, known in astrology as the greater benefic, having chief power to protect from danger, is the ruler of the sign Sagittarius. Therefore, when the earth had been ravaged by flood and all flesh destroyed except that which had entered the ark with Noah, and a token was desired by which those whose religious devotion had saved them that no more would such destruction take place on earth, the most appropriate symbol of Divine protection that could have been selected would pertain to Sagittarius. The Bow is such a universal symbol:

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

The protection and good luck which Sagittarius, the hunting horseman, is able to bring to those whom he favors is also indicated in the present-day custom of hanging a horseshoe over the door. A horseshoe in form is a Bow. But because it is used on the foot of a horse it takes on the significance of understanding as well as Jupiterian good fortune. That is, symbolically it

LUCK AND THE HORSESHOE

By **ELBERT BENJAMINE**

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denotes the sound judgment which the activities of the higher mind promote, in addition to the benevolent influence of the major benefic.

This matter of the higher mind and the lower mind, because it so frequently is referred to in occult literature, needs some explaining. As a matter of fact there are not two minds, but only one. Nor does this refer to objective consciousness and subjective consciousness, as do Castor and Pollux. Instead, it refers to the motives and aims of the mind or soul. There is really no distinction between the terms soul, mind and character. They are the same thing and embrace all the experiences, including those derived from mental activities, which are retained and organized within the finer forms.

The motives which prompt the thoughts and the actions which they direct, however, can be divided into two categories quite as much in opposition as are the signs Gemini and Sagittarius. The motive may be self-cen-

tered, having no concern as to how others will be affected. This need not impair the intelligence. And frequently work done solely from this motive in the end proves a boon to humanity.

Thus an inventor may have no thought of whether his invention will conduce to human good, such as labor-saving machine, or to human destruction, such as a more effective type of gun. His sole aim may be to produce something which will bring him a lot of money; and he may care not one whit how it affects the human race. Such an attitude betokens a dominance of the lower mind. But in spite of his indifference to the welfare of others, he may find it more easy and profitable to invent something which will benefit humanity.

The healer may have no interest in getting the patient well. He may be interested merely in money-making. He is dominated by the lower mind. But if his great desire is to alleviate suf-

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institutions to uphold, no mystery and no need of an incomprehensible philosophy. Life and its attributes in its entirety just *is* because the true meaning of Life is Light and to him whose light has been lighted with the understanding of Life—full Life is given. He is the abundant Life and in the middle of

this century the little children now playing with toy drums will be teaching and preaching and demonstrating the *abundant* Life which *lighteth* the world and the secret doctrines and the incomprehensible philosophies will be relics of the dark ages. SO BE IT.

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Are Your Kingdoms Balanced? — (Continued from page 10)

Fourth is the Animal Kingdom. Man has animal nature resulting from his early origin. His instincts, though not as primitive today, are like those of the four-legged creatures. The five senses are inherent within; and a sixth sense, or intuition, is the balance of spiritual with animal.

Thus we learn why no two people are alike. Each of us manifests through different degrees of the four kingdoms. But in this great science of truth we must not over balance consciousness, or kingdom. An over balance of the spiritual makes a fanatic. Too much vegetable leads to selfishness, vanity, greed.

Excess mineral means crime for lust, and predominating animal is found in sex-crazed degenerates. A perfect balance of the four kingdoms of man makes a normal, sound, fine individual.

Knowing that all things are within his reach, man only needs faith to get what he needs. Notice, I said, *just what he needs*. The Father knows what is best for His children, and that which is for them is granted. By living evenly in his given kingdoms man will come to know the fullness of life, life that is everlasting. For these laws are immutable—eternal.

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Esoteric Interpretation — (Continued from page 9)

there is the slightest connection between the meaning of these Hebrew letters and their numeral value, but one cannot help seeing the fitness of the number forty for WATER when one thinks of the forty years in the wilderness that was to come.)

It seems to me that the next five significations must refer to the seventy years of the Babylonian captivity. The FISH refers to Jonah and the whale and to Nineveh. The word PROP is hard to understand until it is connected with the next word, EYE. It means, I think, that these Hebrews fell back upon their belief in their god Jehovah or Jahoveh. The word EYE should be taken along with the word TOOTH, and we then get that phrase that is especially Jewish, and which when heard can refer only to them—"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." If ever the Jews needed a prop it was in this period. And if these words refer to the Babylonian captivity, then there can be but little doubt that the word MOUTH must refer to the lamentations as found in the 139th psalm: "By the river of Babylon we sat us down, and wept, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion." And one must notice the fitness of the number seventy as the numerical value of EYE. And of course the word FISH HOOK must refer to the drawing back of the Jews from Babylon to Jerusalem.

In passing I may add that if all possible readers of these lines were as well acquainted with their Old Testament as they were one hundred years ago, it would be out of place to point

out the fitness of the idea expressed in this word, FISH HOOK. If you tie a rope around a tree, and a lot of men pull it along, it is simply a matter of pulling a dead weight. But if you pull in a fish, the fish may resist. And this idea of the Jews leaving Babylon under the figure of a fish hook becomes more appropriate when one remembers there was opposition to their going back to Jerusalem.

The next two words, BACK OF HEAD AND EAR and HEAD for a long time puzzled me until one day the whole thing became simple. Indeed I wondered why it had not occurred to me before. It could only refer to the historical fact that after their Babylonian captivity and their return to Jerusalem, that as a nation they went backward. Except for a possible influence upon their belief in immortality, they returned to Jerusalem as much Jews as they had left. They did not adopt the Babylonian architecture, but rebuilt their Jewish temple. They in a general way remained what they were in their ways of living and ideals, and are the same today, and will probably remain the same in the centuries to come.

In conclusion, whatever may be thought about these interpretations of these significations, I think that all will agree that the signification of the last letter and its fitness is most appropriate, the CROSS. The Jews have been persecuted ever since Christianity came into existence and sad to relate in some countries today are being persecuted without reason.

Anna Besant Speaking — (Continued from page 4)

does not and can never satisfy a *thinker* who cannot be stilled by platitudes, by theories propounded on false premises rather than rising from the rock of pre-eminence whose living flame says, "There is no death, because I live so every other soul shall live."

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joy of living I arise and become attuned to the very soul of my being and this atonement with myself urges me to atone and to seek ever greater truth and in the light of understanding the portals which before were barred, open to new and greater vistas of understanding and as I behold myself as I was yesterday—I am today and I will be tomorrow—the trinity of everlasting fellowship *with Life*.

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Wheels of the Gods — (Continued from page 17)

ing a dipper, drank thirstily from the brimming bucket that the sergeant had left standing there.

Glancing toward the newcomers' camp with a half distrustful, half fearful look, she made her way to the little house-car.

As the two men sat quietly by the dying fire they could hear sounds of a culinary nature issue from the open windows; that she had electric lights in the car was apparent from the quick flash and brightness of the lights, as she first entered; a roller canary burst into song as the lights came on and trilled his pretty song in rolling cadences of harmony.

"What do you make of that?" finally asked O'Day. "I'm asking you what do you think that she can find to interest her in this neck of the woods?"

"Maybe the same thing that interests you," said the sergeant.

"Impossible!" said O'Day; "only three people in the world know that I am in this place," he added slowly, "and you are one of them, and even you do not know why or what I am here for; the other two would never disclose their knowledge to anyone."

"Granted," said the ex-marine, "but how do you know that there are not others in possession of this same information that you have, and what's to keep them from telling it? Most secrets finally leak out," he said.

"Quite so," said the reporter, rising and stretching himself comfortably, "but we shall see what the morrow brings around."

"Put plenty of blankets on your bed," voiced the sergeant. "These desert nights are plenty cold."

After breakfast, and a hearty one at that, O'Day came face to face with "The Girl of the Trailer" quite by chance at the well. "Good morning, neighbor," he called cheerily.

"Morning," she trilled musically in return.

Two weeks later when the sergeant had left for Palo Verde to get supplies and mail, O'Day and the girl had gone for a day's hiking over the Canyon and hill trails. Her name, it developed, was Judy Palmer, and O'Day and the sergeant found that they both liked her.

Judy and O'Day had started on their outing just as the great Solar Orb turned the rim of the eastern mountains to a molten gold; each carried a canteen of water and in addition, O'Day had a liberal lunch packed in his knapsack. They paused, watching the Sun brighten the world beneath.

"How glorious!" murmured the girl, enthralled at the spectacle. They tramped along the trail in silence for several minutes; a coyote watched them from the vantage point of a nearby hill; Judy spied him first and halted to point him out to O'Day. "He knows we have no gun, and wouldn't use it if we did have," added the girl. O'Day looked at her in admiration. "Spoken like an old desert rat," he said.

They passed over ground of vivid and various hues: purple, blues, reds, greens and yellow, a gamut of colors; in some places where the trail cut through small hills, rainbow hues were scattered all about.

"This is a well mineralized section," he told her, as they paused in admiration of a particular color pot. "The greens and blues are caused by copper, the reds by iron, and all jumbled together in different degrees of mixtures the various shades are produced haphazard and beautiful as nature mixes all of her colors."

"You are poet and artist," said the girl admiringly.

"I am at my best in this free condition," he confessed.

"Now don't be silly," she teased "You know that you are not free—even here," she added the last slowly.

"I am free today," he said gravely, as they continued their way.

Atop a twenty-five-foot butte that rose abruptly on three sides out of a rock and sand plain, they had their lunch. The view to the east showed the willows along the Colorado's banks several miles away across uneven terrain, which was studded with the weird appearing Joshua trees, chaparral, mesquite and many members of the cactus family; gravelly washes and many deep gullies led riverward and helped to swell the brownish flood of the river at a season when rains and an occasional cloudburst were a natural phenomena.

To the west was the main body of the Chocolate Mountains, and in the far south could be glimpsed the great Sahara-like sand dunes which disappeared into the distant haze of Mexico.

"Those sand-dunes," said O'Day, indicating their dim outlines by a gesture, "border that great valley made famous by the immortal story, 'The Winning of Barbara Worth'."

"I love it," said Judy softly. "What was it the Indians called the valley?"

"In the Hollow of God's Hand."

"One could easily imagine that would apply here," she said.

"We are always in the 'Hollow of God's Hand,'" he said reverently. "Coming back to earth," said O'Day with a laugh, "it is at the base of just such a butte as this one that reposes one of the earth's largest treasures—." "Go on," she said, as he paused to note the effect of his words upon her. "Have you never heard the story of 'Peg-leg Smith'?"

"Is that one of the lost mine stories?" she asked.

"Yes, it is, and the most important one of them all—at least, it is so in my opinion."

"The strange part of it is that the locale is right here," and he indicated the surrounding mountains and desert.

"I'm thrilled," murmured the girl. "Let me hear more of it."

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Kindred Souls — (Continued from page 11)

ed so many years. Then he leaned over, kissed his wife and inquired about her health.

He was a tall, broad-shouldered man about thirty-five. A common laborer. His clothes were shabby, he only worked part of the time, he told us, when he brought his wife in. It had taken them months to lay aside enough for the hospital expenses. But no baby was ever more welcome than that one.

At the sound of his voice the child dropped the breast and turned her face toward him.

I could tell by the expression in the mother's dark eyes that she was hurt, but the father was too absorbed in this evidence of recognition on the part of his first born to notice it.

During the next few days we did all in our power for their baby, but the doctor seemed to be unable to check the hemorrhages. Twice the father submitted to blood transfusions. In his agony of mind he tried to sell his little home for what he could get to make it possible for him to call in a noted specialist.

From the very beginning there appeared to be a bond between those two. I pondered over it. In all my years of experience as a nurse I had never seen anything like it. Was it the overwhelming love of father and child, such as few parents and children are privileged to know? Or were they kindred souls, brought together for some great purpose? It was uncanny to say the least.

The other nurses had also observed her strange behavior whenever she heard her father's voice and commented on it. So far as we could see, the

mother was merely the vehicle through which she had come into existence.

Five days passed by. Mrs. Raines, our head nurse, and I were standing beside the baby's crib. We had moved it from the nursery to a corner of the operating room where she would not be disturbed by the crying of the other babies and could be kept under observation.

We heard footsteps coming down the corridor. It was the father. He smiled wistfully as he tiptoed over and stood there gazing down at the sleeping babe. She looked like a wax doll from losing so much blood.

"What do you think, nurse?" he inquired anxiously. "Has she a chance—to pull through?"

Mrs. Raines was silent. According to hospital rules even head nurses' lips are sealed when it comes to answering such a grave question. That is the doctor's privilege—his duty. She turned away and there were tears in her eyes.

The father had scarcely spoken above a whisper, yet the child responded. Her big blue eyes opened slowly, her waxen fingers moved. She was drifting toward the borderland, yet she managed to turn her little face toward him for a last farewell. Her eyes closed again, the hands were still.

A few minutes later I felt for her pulse. She was gone . . .

The father dropped to his knees. His toil worn hands gripped the edge of the crib, his lips moved in silent prayer.

We stole out, closed the door softly, and left them alone.

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"Let's save it for the sergeant to tell later; he likes to talk of the 'Lost Mines' and speculate upon their location."

"Agreed," she said, "but don't let me forget to ask him for the yarn."

"Do you see that little grove of Joshua trees over there bordering that sandy stretch?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I have picked that location for our new camp site; the sergeant has okeyed the road and location, so we are moving there tomorrow." He looked at her searchingly.

"But how will you get water?"

"The sergeant will haul it in the car."

"I have a fifty-gallon tank in my house-car," she suggested, watching him closely. "Do you mind if I trail along?"

"Of course not."

She brightened at once and became gay.

"I would like to ask you something personal," he said.

"Shoot!" she said, laughing.

"What are you doing out in this desert alone?"

"I am not alone," she answered.

"That's irrelevant," he countered.

"I might ask you the same question."

"I am not a woman and am not alone."

"I have my canary 'Tommy,' so am not alone," she answered lightly.

"Be serious, Judy," he advised her.

"Alright, I'll be very serious and tell you what you want to know, but you must promise to keep it secret."

"I promise," he answered.

"I came here because my Uncle Wallace and several associates disappeared in this desert about two months ago. I had hoped to find some trace of them."

"Was your Uncle Wallace Professor Mailes?" he asked.

"Yes!"

"I am looking for them," he told her.

"In that case, let us work together."

"Up to a certain point, yes!" he said.

"You may not know that such a search may become very dangerous."

"I know," he said seriously, "that whatever swallowed up the expedition may swallow the investigator in turn."

"And swallow the investigator that goes to investigate the investigator," he added.

She nodded a wise head at this statement.

They made their way to camp before dark to find that the sergeant had a surprise waiting for them. From the stray pieces of boards he had knocked together a table and had a fine meal awaiting them; for dessert he served them ice cream and cake.

"Such comfort, and what a chef!" said Judy.

"I had to learn to cook," said he, "for I had to eat my own cooking once and for two years at that."

"I imagine that that must have been during the 'World War,'" ventured Judy.

"How would you like to imagine a little coral stoll in the south Pacific Ocean, on which a kind government had thoughtfully dropped three soldiers, includin' 'Yours truly,' allowin' that a year or so of them livin' there would about prove ownership in the International Court, and then when the war broke out, leavin' them to shift for themselves for three months past rations' time; the pesky 'leather-necks' not even knowin' that a war was bein' fought, but when their provisions give out they had to hustle for their grub; a few cocoanuts, a land crab now and then for a feast, not to mention 'cucumbers' at times, and a fellow has got to be pretty hungry to eat a stinkin' 'cucumber' like a Chink."

"What's a cucumber?" asked the girl.

"It's a slug, a big sea worm, the size of a cat."

"Ugh! I wouldn't like them," said Judy shivering slightly.

"And then, they made another big mistake when they finally did come to take us off," continued the ex-marine; when the cruiser came to the island it was found that I was promoted to Sergeant by mistake; they had mixed up the papers in Washington and some official had signed the order to remove me from the island in the wrong way, and I was legally a Sergeant of Marines."

"Good! fine!" exclaimed Judy. "You certainly deserved the promotion for eating the horrid worms."

The Sergeant disappeared into the tent chuckling to himself. O'Day came close and said in a low voice: "Don't believe a word of that story—for he is the most unassuming fellow that I have ever known. 'Believe it or Not,' but he has more medals for bravery than any soldier that ever fought under Napoleon; I happen to know that he has medals and citations for bravery from five different foreign nations, a whole row of wound stripes and the thing that stumps everybody, is: that the fellow never wears the decorations and actually cares nothing for them."

"He likes you," said the girl.

"I've known him since the Great War and have found that he is true blue, though his nature is a bit rough, in fact, he was known in the service as 'Rough and Roaring Blair,' I sometimes call him 'RR' for short and as a sort of joke; this amuses him greatly."

"Tomorrow, we will get under way right after breakfast," advised O'Day.

"Good-night," she called to both as she closed the door to her tiny home.

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stand in well with your friends and likely will attend many parties or be invited out often. Plans for the new year are beginning to take form. Health and financial conditions seem to be very good.

LIBRA

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

All of those dreams you have dreamed, the ideals you have had to keep to yourself and your secret plans and desires come close to materialization now. A little encouragement on your part and they will mature. You will be motivated by a consuming desire to do something big and important. Health seems to be good and there will be new friendships, increased income and much joy.

SCORPIO

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

Your own affairs do not seem to be so active, but there are many surprising things happening around you. A tendency to let your feelings rule you should be overcome. Guard the health and do not take any financial risks this month. If you do not let your obligations weigh too heavily upon you there is nothing to worry about. It would be best to postpone trips until next month.

SAGITTARIUS

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

Regardless of how hard you try it seems that you cannot make much headway. You will desire to be at peace with the world but any efforts you make to try to adjust things with some friends will not succeed. You in Sagittarius seem to be under some kind of tension. Do not strain yourself in try-

ing to break this condition: it has to wear itself out. Good for short trips only.

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

You will be in a flurry of excitement in regard to friendships, but cannot seem to accomplish much useful work. A strange fear hovers over you that you should conquer. Be generous with your sympathies now and overcome too much sensitivity in yourself. A trip is offered but be sure to start it on a good day as noted in your daily guide. Guard your temper and patience all through December.

AQUARIUS

(For those born between
Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

There may be gatherings of people, reunions or much social activity for you now. New friendships are very inspiring. Have many useful ideas coming to you that should be put into practice. Business conditions are good and income can be increased if you are industrious. There is some special domestic happiness and favors from others that are unexpected and appreciated.

PISCES

(For those born between
Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

December is kind to most of you in Pisces. Increases and surprises mark the month's program for you. News of death and illness among friends. Some important offer may come from an unexpected source. Travel is shown which would be pleasant and profitable. Chances to engage in mysterious activities add some zest and thrills to the month. Health conditions seem to be very encouraging.

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fering and to benefit his patients, if he looks upon the financial rewards of his profession as affording him a livelihood through which he can be of greater benefit to others than he could be if he were without money, this indicates that the higher mind is dominant.

Even a priest or preacher may be actuated in the choice of profession chiefly by the dictates of his lower mind. He may view the matter from the selfish standpoint, not of the occupation in which he can be of most service to his flock, but as the avenue through which, with his special talents, he can do the utmost for himself.

Almost anything or any ability that can be used for the benefit of the world can also be used for the benefit of its possessor at the expense of others. The findings of material science, for instance, give the knowledge and facilities for making the world a better place in which to live. But often they are not used for the benefit of the race, but as a means by which the few can oppress and exploit the many.

Research, study and thought are ruled astrologically by the third house and thus are related to Gemini, the sign of the lower mind. But when the results of research, study and thought are given to the world through publishing, preaching or teaching, this public expression is ruled by the ninth house and is related to Sagittarius, the sign of the higher mind. The implication is that the wide dissemination of information is advantageous to the race.

Yet while Sagittarius rules the higher mind, or Divine Soul, it is only the human part of the sign that has this significance. Chiron, one of these half-man half-horse characters of Greek mythology, was famous for his knowledge of music, medicine and shooting, and taught mankind the use of plants and medicinal herbs. He was a great instructor and taught such heroes as Jason, Medeus, Hercules, Aesculapius and Achilles.

He also, as a fitting end to a completely noble career, took the place of Prometheus and underwent the agony of having his liver devoured daily that the hero who had conferred the greatest possible boon on mankind might be free. Prometheus, who in the sky is pictured as Andromeda of the middle-decanate of Pisces, in his zeal to serve mankind had stolen the Divine fire from heaven. That is he had enabled mankind to attain spiritual illumination.

Certain of the gods, so the story goes, resented that man had been given such a priceless possession, and set to work to find a fitting punishment for the one who had thus dared to invade their realm and take to earth that which they considered was their exclusive possession. They hit upon the plan of chaining Prometheus to a rock to undergo perpetual living torment. Each day his liver was devoured by a vulture, and each night it was again renewed.

The liver, ruled by Jupiter, of course

refers to religious matters, which under Pisces, the Jupiter sign, which ruled those churches of the past era which chained the soul, tormented it with doctrines of hell fire and eternal damnation and bred devouring jealousy and envy which consumed the true religious feeling. But Chiron, exponent not of blind Piscean belief, but of the knowledge of natural law on all planes as the basis of religion, took the place of Prometheus and freed him from the Piscean bondage. Thus was the truly benevolent side of Sagittarius and the wide understanding of the higher mind expressed.

But not all the Centaurs were so benevolently inclined. Many of them were represented to be a bad lot, a sporting type, who had no thought for anything except their own pleasures. Thus do huntsmen who today kill, not because hunger demands it, but in the name of sport, exemplify the animal section of the Sagittarian sign. So long as they can find pleasure in a pursuit which causes suffering to hunted birds and beasts are they yet removed from that which is truly human, and still move on the plane of predacious beasts.

The great discernment when the higher mind is developed gives to this sign the key-phase, I See. But the sporting, animal side, which nourishes the animal soul, shuts its eyes to everything that interferes with its desires. It is heedless and impulsive, as is illustrated by the Greek story of Eurytion, who was one of the Sagittarians.

Being invited to the marriage of Pirithous, he became intoxicated with wine and although when sober was a jolly good fellow, such as Sagittarians usually are, under the influence of wine he attempted violence to the bride. The other Centaurs who had gone to the wedding party with him and who also were drunk, thought that a good idea and each grabbed a woman. In the resulting brawl a number of them were slain.

Across the zodiac from north to south is a wall, or colure, which divides the signs in which the days continue to grow shorter, as they do from June 22 to December 22, from the signs in which the days continue to grow longer, as they do from December 22 to June 22. This wall, or chimney as it is sometimes called because it runs from Capricorn down to the sign of the house, Cancer, touches the horse sign Sagittarius on one side.

It seems, as related in II Kings 9, that Jezebel, for the time being no longer practicing witchcraft, had come under the influence of the sporting side of Sagittarius. When Jehu entered the city she "Painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window."

It is evident she was attempting to make a feminine conquest, but the religious convictions, the human side of Jehu was too strong, and as inevitably happens to those who exalt their own pleasures above the pain and suffering

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Prana Versus Occidental — (Continued from page 10)

and consequently have no words in their vocabularies to identify it.

Prana is energy—fundamental energy, so to speak—its original source being the Creator of all things. The sun does not make it, but contains an unthinkable store of it which is being continually emitted into space. The earth intercepts an infinitesimally small portion of the Prana from the sun. Upon reaching the earth, the Prana manifests itself in various ways. Prana itself is, of course, invisible.

One of its manifestations is, for the most part, visible, and is called Light.

A second, which is invisible, but is detected in many ways, is gravitation.

A third is magnetism, the earth itself being magnetized (having magnetic poles).

The idea of Prana far antedates western science. It may date back to when man had a much closer and clearer knowledge of his Creator, his creation, and his so-called "fall."

It clearly accounts for the "propagation" of light, gravitation, magnetism,

etc., without leaving any yawning gaps or paradoxes as to the method; for Prana is like the Power, or Love, of God, and no one would be so childish as to say that the Love of God requires a material atmosphere for its transmission.

To be sure, we cannot, under present limitations, explain why Prana manifests itself in the three ways before mentioned (as well as others); but on the other hand, neither can we explain other actions of the Divine Creator. We can, however, realize that the scientists who speculate on the corpuscular and wave theories of light are really arguing about a mirage. They are actually trying to explain to the satisfaction of the Western World of Material Science something that does not exist.

PRANA is the only true answer, and the sooner the western world acknowledges it, the less time and brain power they will waste in their pursuit of the something that they now think is behind the looking glass.

The Light That Lighteth — (Continued from page 12)

fuel of earnest endeavors to quicken the flame within himself.

Light and life are synonymous. Neither light nor life can be destroyed though for the individual they are transitory and are seen in many forms. Physical science believes that the rays which we call "light" are not apparent in the rays issuing directly from the sun. Rays are wholly dark until they reach the atmosphere of the planet. Electricity is as much present in the wire as in the illuminated globe, but without the globe there is no illumination. In other words, there is no light as we know it until there is some channels for its expression.

Likewise there is no darkness—no shadow, unless something obstructs the light's rays. Neither is there any hate or fear or ignorance in the mind of man unless something hinders the free reflection of the Divine Light in him. The Divine Light will illuminate every

man who comes into the world if he will accept and use it; otherwise he will be as "the darkness that comprehendeth not the light."

A child character of R. L. Stevenson's said to the street lamp-lighter: "And I, when I am grown, And can choose what I will do, Oh, Leerie, I'll go 'round at night And light the lamps with you."

The human consciousness which grows into its god-estate will carry its own light into a darkened world. The ancients believed that when the light was taken from the altar that the temple was no longer the dwelling place of God. The human consciousness in which the Divine light of wisdom is not quickened, is not yet a "temple of the living God." An inextinguishable spark of the Divine light exists in every consciousness, however, and will some day be fanned into the full flame of Truth in each and all.

Super-Consciousness — (Continued from page 13)

When a condition arises within the body whereby more air is required, the message will be instantly telegraphed to the brain, causing the breath control to increase rapidly. Note the two factors of normal breathing and forced breathing to drive out the congestions and also consider the other phases, such as the forced breathing which was brought on by a serious condition and this condition of forced breathing can be called into play by the individual merely by exercising the will. The latter method will always keep the congested parts free from huge accumula-

tions and stave off a most serious condition from arising. The same factors can be applied to our inner existence and the same control mastered with the flow of the spark of life. How much of this control has been allowed to lapse into a state almost likened to inertia is only revealed when the re-awakening occurs. Should the latter condition come, many other phases in the vital and higher centers become revived from this newer and dormant functioning power, paving the way to a super-consciousness, regeneration, rejuvenation and longevity.

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they cause others, these lower Sagittarian expressions, as symbolized by horses, destroyed her:

"And he said, 'Throw her down.' So they threw her down: and some of the blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot."

Science, which observes how nature acts and classifies these observations in formulas which are called laws, is under Gemini. But when these sciences which have classified knowledge are used as a basis for a pattern of life, the resulting design is called a philosophy, or religion, and then comes under the dominion of Sagittarius.

The higher mind then perceives, as the result of correlating the sciences and bringing to bear upon them the inner vision which it customarily uses, that the universe is not an insensate machine but a living organism, the various entities comprising it constituting the cells, each cell and each group of cells with its own particular function to perform. Furthermore, it perceives

that the cosmic whole is moving in a definite direction, developing constantly a more complex structure, with a specific, although ever expanding accomplishment as its aim. There is Divine Plan.

The higher mind endeavors, in as great detail as possible, to grasp the significance of this Divine Plan. And then it strives to understand where, to the best possible advantage, it can fit into this plan as a constructive factor. It assays its various abilities and possibilities to discover how these may be used to forward the movement of universal progression. And having determined the line of effort it should follow to be of greatest use, it sets to work to render that service.

Thus the expression of true religion is perfect or imperfect according to the correctness of the insight into what needs to be accomplished in the furtherance of the universal scheme. This conception is set forth in the text: True Religion is the Discernment of the Divine Plan and a Conscious Co-operation in Its Fulfillment.

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great however lowly his work. If you are a steel worker and are compelled to handle great pieces of red-hot iron, be happy with the thought that you have work which must be done whether you like it or not. If you are forced by circumstance to work, and forced to do your very best, thank God for that, because there is being bred in you, as Kingsley said, temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred other virtues unknown to the idle.

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The triumph and victory of the soul over discord and inharmony is compassed through work. Work has the quality of raising the individual to the point where he attains self-respect. And before the respect of others is attained, the man must first learn to have a wholesome respect for himself. This the idler will never have; thus, he will never have the respect of his fellow-man. It is not the Divine plan that man go through life without working. The ant and the bee prove this. "It may be proved with much certainty," Ruskin said, "that God intends no man to live in this world without working, but it seems no less evident that He intends every man to be happy in his work. It is written, 'In the sweat of thy brow,' but it was never written, 'In the breaking of thy heart!'"

The thing to do then is to fall in love with your work or do the thing that

you have a keen desire to do and with which you will fall in love. The work that you have a pronounced desire to do—an honest and compelling desire, will be the thing for which you have the most appreciation in the world of effort. Possibly you think at this moment that you would like to be a writer, that you have an intense desire to be a writer; but, if you have no appreciation for literature, you have no real desire to write however much you try to fool yourself by telling yourself otherwise. Prove your desire of becoming a poet by testing first your appreciation of poetry. If there is any deep and lasting appreciation and a truly intense desire to perform in a certain line of endeavor, there will follow continuous effort to attain that desired line of endeavor. The final outcome will be a successful working out of the desire, for if the tastes and attitudes toward a certain end are cultivated, those tastes and attitudes are bound to coalesce in time. Thus an honest desire for and an appreciation of a certain piece of work will result in final realization. That is the law of appreciation. That is the power of work.

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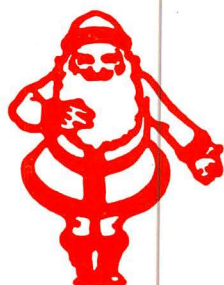
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