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WATCH—WAIT AND LIVE

THERE will be a great awakening among the people in every country in the world.

Early in the Fall and continuing on into the Winter prominent people and people in all walks of Life will be experiencing a tremendous awakening through the **clear** vision. Loved ones long dead and loved ones in the passing, manifesting in full form and vigor of Life will break down the wall of superstition and destroy the fear of the fearful and unenlightened.

People will go deep into revelation — miraculous cures of incurable diseases will take place. The **blind** will see, the **deaf** will hear and the helpless cripples will be restored to health and those of unsound mind will regain their power of correlation.

There will be a wave of physical as well as mental manifestations. The hopeless will receive hope and the burden bearers will have their burdens lightened. Many lost inheritances will be restored.

General equalization of wealth and opportunity will be restored to those seeking independence. It is as though an **angel of mercy** was abroad in the land.

Many changes in the governments in all countries will take place. The war that seems inevitable will be averted and the world will draw another long breath, wiser for having passed through this cataclysm of unrest.

Be merciful is the new slogan sweeping the world. Put on the armor of love that all men may call you blessed. Thus sayeth the masters of every age. Love ye one another that little children may weep no more.

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*It Gives Us Great Pleasure to Give These
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THE DOMINION OF LIFE

THE governing law, whether in its creative functioning through the process of growth, visibly or invisibly, is dominantly progressive and ultra-progressive. The process of the mind of man, while creative, is destructive in the analysis of cause and effect. The process of mental analysis causes man to divide that which he would unite. Man first creates a Creator and in his process of analysis this Creator creates a World which he calls the Earth and places upon that earth every form of Life, giving man the dominion over the Earth and every living thing he has placed upon it. Man's sense of creation became a fixed law in the minds of succeeding generations. This law has been brought down through the centuries for thousands of years. Man has held tenaciously and overwhelmingly to this process of fixed purposes of his Creator. Man set up for himself a dynasty over which he has ruled, fixing punishments for the rank and file and rewards for those who served without complaint.

The rulers of men gave no heed to those whose minds fathomed the deeper secrets of Nature. With the exception of a very few individuals, scattered here and there over the Earth, man feels that this little globe is all there is. The Earth is the empire, created by their God who favored them to the extent that He created the Sun to especially serve the Earth by day and the moon and stars to especially serve the Earth by night. With the exception of a very few people scattered here and there the Earth and these wonderful servants are all there are in the great Universe of space.

Man has multiplied and spread over the Earth; the strong have parceled it out to heads of groups until today there is very little surface of this small globe that has not been traveled by man. The Earth was peopled here and there and when the white man found he could travel beyond the space allotted to him by his Creator, he destroyed as he went, not only other beings like himself, but every form of Life and vegetation and from that earliest day of activity (no man knows when it began) the fight for supremacy of the earth has gone on. Each century has brought its own developments; each cycle has brought warring factions more united until today the hands of the Monarchs are reaching out for the last fragment of possession. When one not engaged in this awful carnage stops to analyze man's dominion over Life they are appalled at the stupidity of his Creator—a Creator who could create the Earth, the sun to light it by day and the moon and stars to light it by night and then create man in His own image and give him dominion over that wonderful handiwork; it is beyond the wildest stretch of imagination that man came into his being and his possessions through the same great architect that measured the depth and the expanse which the record of Him has left.

The Law and man's Creator are not the same Creator. Man came into being through the process of the Law known today as cause and effect. The World and the Earth are distinctly separate. The World constitutes the people who have inhabited the Earth and are scattered over the face of the Earth, destroying the handiwork of that Law which they call God. The dominion of Life rests in the hands of the conquerors who are the builders and those who destroy that which has been created will eventually be swept from their high positions—self appointed. It has been said, "The mills of the Gods grind exceeding fine."

Life, though slow, progresses and out of the great cauldron there comes forth, each in their century, men and women who are builders and the pattern of Life is

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UNIVERSE SPEAKING

EFFA E. DANIELSON, *Editor*



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL SEEING?

SPIRITUAL seeing is becoming conscious, a state of living not comprehended with the physical senses of sight. One dominates an elusive theory bringing into focus the all inclusive Life powers. We comprehend objects, beholden with the physical senses by a process of mental deduction, an action quicker than the eye or the movement of the hand. Mental deduction is limited to facts comprehended through one or all of the five physical senses plus the deducting sixth sense, often called spiritual sense which leaves the average mind and the general thinking mind in mid-air.

Spiritual seeing (and the word Spiritual is a misnomer) resolves itself into the phrase—comprehending that which is incomprehensible to the co-ordinated senses and extended sense known as the sixth sense comprising man in his entirety. Through the centuries man has shed one dimension after another in his method of travel, in his method of living and in his mathematical and christian deductions of Life in his limited time equation. There are a few pioneering people and we prefer to use the word people instead of the confusing and elusive terms, spirit, soul and infinite intelligence. These are meaningless words and have no concrete designation in the final and all conclusive definition of Life, its multiple associations and degrees of expression. The scientists have no term with which to define the all inclusive state of action of any living organism. The religious group have no safe channel through which they can grasp Life in its entirety. Their many conflicting dispositions of planes, separating one class from another, their various beliefs and faiths confuse and corrupt the very elite. The wandering element, searching for the hidden virtues, for the real facts about Life have no terminology with which to convey that thing which they comprehend and name, for the want of a better term—Spiritual seeing—Infinite intelligence. Few there are who dare cut loose from all the ancient terminology—Jehovah—Lord—God—Jesus and the hundred and one mythical saviors which had appeared, gained a following and passed from sight since man's first recorded time and the activities of man. Few there are indeed who dare voice the full and comprehensive, unbounded, uncorralled, independent, comprehensive Life filling the great universe of universes, governed only by the Law of cause and effect—the law that brought everything that we **do** comprehend in our present state of being into conscious and directed activity from the grain of sand dependent upon the tide, to man who boasts of this great freedom and his superb knowledge; man, who cannot comprehend his relation to other forms of Life yet boasts of his great knowledge of a ruler who does not rule—does not, because he does not exist except in the figments of man's physical mentality.

Spiritual seeing is a force in Nature which comprehendeth the stupendous whole. He who contacts this mighty force of clarification in moments of full consciousness becomes aware of the great vibratory motion of the created whole and in that moment of clarification such a soul not only sees but they hear—with full sight and hearing—a sight that comprehendeth the stupendous handiwork of the law and to such a one Life means all Eternity for he comprehends and encompasses not only the present and the past but the wondrous future as well. Such a one is more than a seer—more than a prophet—he is an interpreter of the Law. Great souls there are in the world today, carrying the message, comprehending not its greatness for their

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EDITORIALS IN JUNE

Without Fear or Favor

TRAFFIC IN LICENTIOUS ACTIVITIES

WHO made the liquor laws, licensing traffic in souls?

Surely, it could not have been the heads of our State governments or the Government of the United States—it could not have been the Ministers who are entrusted with the *salvation* of Souls and we could not tolerate the thought that it could be the mothers and fathers of the vast multitude of children they brought into the world. Who then did control and place upon the statute books of our beloved States these laws; at whose door can we lay this nefarious death-dealing creature? IS IT POLITICAL INTRIGUE OR IS IT THE MANUFACTURERS' GREED? We find them in every walk of Life, from the very aged to the tender youth. Whom shall we make responsible for the *carnage*, destroying not only the patrons of these licensed brothels, but destroying the victims of their crazed minds.

Who licensed these public nuisances to sell their wares, not only through the day, but all through the night, till from lack of sleep the toiler who must rise at an early hour finds himself a nervous wreck from loss of sleep. To whom can we appeal to quell this marauding night traffic in souls; to whom can we appeal to destroy the lure of the licensed traffickers of the poison that destroys the minds and bodies of those who patronize these licensed Hells and those who suffer because of them? On every prominent business corner and often one, two and sometimes three in a block are these places, disregarding all decency and business etiquette.

WE ASK—WHO MADE THESE LAWS, ALLOWING THIS EVIL TO RUN LIKE A WILDFIRE OVER OUR FAIR LAND?

WHO IS THE ENEMY?

THE English set up a government in Palestine reclaiming the best land of the Nazarene with Monarchical power and diplomacy so dominant in the English people. Not a minute lost and no territory overlooked. Through their strategic movements they were able to plant their Sovereign Flag; others coming, grudgingly accepted the inevitable and wait like a lion crouched low, ready to spring at the slightest move of its prey.

Moving diagonally across a diamond, leaving the insignia of a very powerful and a very hostile and well-organized group from beyond the hills is a slow-moving army, moving like the great cobra, winding in and out among the quiet and contented toilers of the soil and the vineyards, unsuspecting and unmindful of their danger and overhead, attracting little attention, sails the sower of tares and into this smug and self-satisfied country, without warning, this great winged tare sower will swoop down like the eagle and when he rises he will have the flesh of innocent people in his talons and the Rulers in his beak.

The world may have heard of war and it may have taken part in war, but the warfare instigated, propagated and climaxed by this great eagle will not only be universal throughout the civilized world, but it will devastate and control the whole territory where as yet man knows not the hidden wealth therein. Blood flows like water from a cloudburst and the screams of the frightened and the maimed, no ear has ever heard the like and hearing will never hear again. This little mecca of Earth to which pilgrims travel, and archæologists gather to learn more about the secrets of the past. The humble are to be found here and the arrogant—all sitting before their dwellings, contented and happy with their children at play. The mecca of so many broken governments where fugitives sought surcease from strife. Without warning is sounded the siren of attack and with their great tanks demolishing as they go, respecter of neither buildings nor people, old nor young, invalids and the hearty—all as one are mowed down and this giant army with its many battalions wipes out the manger and the hill where stood the three crosses of history and where the shepherds tended the flocks, *there* broken humanity lies, forever a symbol of the redeemed. *O man with your Bible, your churches, your schools, your great cathedrals, your melodious voice of the great organs—your judge has come.* This gave you to the world as its inheritance in the year 1938 and for five years the bursting shells, mingled with the cries and moans in that sacred country of your Savior, will not be hushed. What a heritage for your children.

Can there be Peace? No—not as long as the Juggernaut Hate winds its ponderous self over the human highway of crushed and bleeding hearts. Envy, Greed, Lust and Hate with armored guards stand at the entrance of the great principalities and though Peace approaches every gate—none open that she may enter.

WITH OUR TIMES

BY EFFA DANIELSON



Why Do the Clergy Fight Against the Demonstration of the Philosophy They Teach?

IF ASKED the question—Is there Life after death?—the clergy answer—There is Eternal Life for those who believe, depending, of course, upon which denomination of Churchianity they belong. If you are a Spiritualist, an Occultist—then there is no passageway through which you can travel to enter into what the churches designate as *eternal* life. You are just “evil spirits” roaming around to pounce upon the unwary without a moment’s notice, and yet every form of religion, every form of teaching has its root in the assurance of a life after death. But when one actually demonstrates this Life after Death through simple facts, without ceremony, it cannot be accepted by the clergy who teach the very same philosophy, calling it by another name.

The Bible, the book upon which all religion and concepts of religion are founded, teaches nothing else. In the Old Testament the Holy men walked with God and in the New Testament they supped with their Lord, but when one whom we love dies, according to the clergy, they immediately turn into “evil spirits” and one who dares to claim communication with those they love immediately become Devils, or worse—*Crazy* and in many cases they are carted to a madhouse.

The world has no idea to what extent these religious bigots will go in their condemnation and persecution of those who disagree in their portrayal of Life after Death. While we are happy to note that these persecuted ones are more able to defend themselves than they were in the days gone by, yet the recent happening in one of our glorious States of the Union, where each person is supposed to have religious freedom and free speech, under the law of vagrancy can be driven from their homes and classed as roaming tramps with no home, no funds, no protection under the State laws they revered and honored 1938 years after the Lord’s supper with his Disciples, demonstrating the natural and perfect law—the law demonstrating a materialization of the seance room of today.

The churches of today are becoming very uneasy. They have played their last trump card and they know they have lost the game. Did Jesus live

after his so-called death? Did he sup with them? If he did—then your father, your mother, your brother and sister, your husband or wife, darling child or friend can sup with you. If they can’t, then Jesus did not sup with His Disciples—did not appear to them—did not break bread with them.

The law of Life is no respecter of persons—does not raise up one and cut down another. All men are born equal and no matter what road they travel, they will eventually come again into equality. Every child that comes to earth must travel the way of Life; there is the seed time and the harvest; they are called Birth and Death. Equality rules both. You are both master and slave—the great leveler of Life is Death. The sower carries you forth and the reaper cuts you down. Master and Slave, you are the Son of Life to share equal in Life’s bounties in that great eternal day when you can claim your reward.

CIGARETS FROM THE GUTTER

IN EVERY State in the Union Men and Women are voluntarily pledging themselves to use their influence against the three great destructive factors that threaten the human race in all parts of the globe.

They are tobacco, intoxicating liquors and Wars. Old and young are the victims of these creeping influences, especially so the cigaret users. Old or young—at no stage of development are they immune to this deadly influence.

Putting temptation in the path of the children, the careless cigaret user lights a cigaret, sometimes taking only a few puffs and throws it down along the curb.

Children, imitating their elders, finding these half-burned cigarets, gather them with their little hands and seeking a secluded spot they proceed to light and smoke the unhealthy and tainted remaining part. Especially at bus terminals you will find these inexperienced children eagerly waiting.

The man who throws away a half-consumed cigaret is placing a deadly explosive and a poisonous fag in the hands of a child who has not been properly taught regarding the many lurking dangers to be contacted through gathering these cigarets from the gutter. **MEN BE MEN! WOMEN BE WOMEN!** Stop this cursed habit.

The Fountain of Youth

By JOHN COLEMAN

IN ANCIENT times man traveled over the Seven Seas in search of the Fountain of Youth. Today we have its counterpart in the transference of animal glands to man or the application of various kinds or concoctions of cosmetics with which to transform our personal appearance as a gesture toward preserving our youth. But none of these are as efficacious or as lasting a benefit as the recipe described in this article.

The writer only asks of those who may be inconvenienced in any way through the sufferings enumerated below that he give the antidote offered the same consideration that a student in chemistry would give his instructor in placing a prescribed amount of salt in a test-tube to which he adds a specified amount of acid, observes the reaction that ensues and then recognizes the precipitate previously anticipated by the instructor. Having followed carefully his instructions and having attained the results foreseen by the teacher he becomes satisfied with the truth of the experiment.

Many people admire the beautiful inspirational thoughts expressed in the hymns in which we express God's praises but we fail to attempt to fathom the purpose for which the very lines we so much admire were written. Not only do these hymns strive to tell us of the life to come in Eternity but Christ referred to it again and again. In each Parable He tried to give a different slant or version of it. Though many people deny the existence of life after so-called death, yet the denial does not make it so. Since we refuse to accept in a kindly way that those who have passed on are still a part of the human family, they have commenced to take harsher means of forcing us to acknowledge the close bonds that exist between the two planes.

In all esoteric investigations and revelations one should test every statement promulgated. If one's intellect or intuition resents any phase of the ideas advanced he should delete for the time being at least, the objectionable portions and accept only that which he can digest or assimilate. I ask if the formula advanced below mitigates most of the sufferings to which the flesh falls heir; isn't it worth our while to allay our qualms for a period of time and give the suggestion offered a fair trial?

So often these days we observe mothers complaining because they cannot make their little offspring obey. They often complain of their helplessness within hearing of the child and frequently one can see the look of a demon in its facial expression. Of course, we know that if the parent does not cor-

rect the child it will master her and disaster lies in the offing for both.

If you are an occult neophyte and are striving to make yourself more sensitive to the impressions from the unseen world, you should never undertake a meditation or a concentration exercise or retire at night without previously asking the Father's protection while pursuing these exercises or while asleep. Furthermore all occult students and those using God's spiritual gifts should bear in mind the need of living an exemplary life, for the quality of spirit helps they attract to themselves and as a consequence have to rely on for obtaining their inspirational impressions, ideas and thoughts will not be any better than the standard they are striving to attain themselves. Hence, it is dangerous to pursue the occult exercises until he has cleaned his slate and merited the spiritual blessing of having his name written in the Book of Life.

If you are afflicted with nightmares, if you are neurotic or experience nocturnal disturbances in any way that deny you a restful, peaceful sleep, then you should resort to the above antidote. At the same time strive to visualize a corona of Golden Glow radiating around the head. This is the characteristic color induced by the vibrations of Divine Love Thoughts the most powerful protective thought force in the Universe.

Around each one of us is an egg-shaped electro-magnetic field of static electricity. In Theosophical parlance it is called an astral body. If we extend our hand horizontally outward and then spin ourselves around on our heel, the tip of our middle finger will describe the periphery of the width of the magnetic field of electricity. The length extends some sixteen inches above the head and approximately the same distance below the feet. Within this magnetic spheroid are countless protons and electrons such as the scientists have described in an atom. A certain group or nuclei of protons and electrons constitute the Ego, the others are satellites. With the speed of light, they motivate about performing their allotted tasks or seek new experiences. They impel our blood to flow through the arteries or veins, in fact, cause every movement within our body consciously or otherwise.

One function that is little known is that the ego spins out a shimmering silver colored ectoplasmatic thread as our thoughts flit from one idea to another thus recording every thought, just as a spider spins out its web to make his home and trap or ensnare his prey. When we think of an idea new to the ego, a new geometric figure is described by this ectoplasmatic

thread. As we meditate on one central idea or whenever our thoughts drift back to the same idea, the shimmering thread weaves another geometric figure in juxtaposition with the original. While striving to incorporate additional ideas that are closely related to the original the thread weaves on the outside and alters the pattern to conform to the variations in thought; when we attempt to crystallize our conclusions in regard to the main idea, the thread is woven inside of the original thought form as a butterfly barricades himself into his cocoon. Some build their cocoon-like thought forms so impregnable while meditating on their pet theme that they become crystallized on their mental hobby and absolutely cannot register any new ideas closely related to this central idea. Since the silvery ectoplasmatic thread carries an electric current and the outside windings form a coil such as the primary coil of a transformer and the inside windings conform to the secondary coil of a transformer, the thought form becomes an ethereal transformer. This accounts for a man's temperature rising several degrees when you expound your opinions that don't harmonize with his preconceived notions. His mental activities have super-induced such an over-charge of electricity around his thought form transformer that the ego has difficulty in restraining his emotions whenever he returns to his pet theme.

A man who has praised his Lord so much that many think that he is slightly unbalanced with his religion can send a bolt or ball of electricity from his ethereal transformer of Divine Love Thoughts either by mental telepathy or by the laying of hands upon a suffering patient. To the clairvoyant and to the denizens of the Etheric World, the Venus appearing, Ball of Fire, goes directly to the afflicted parts and sears out all the bacilli, corruption or foreign matter and charges the devitalized patient with sufficient static electricity to enable nature to mend the wound. This is called by some sects healing by the Holy Ghost. Along with this Ball of Fire, in fact incorporated as a part of it are atoms of electrons and protons which had become accustomed to the high vibrations of the spiritual healer, his Heaven within, induced while the ego praised his Lord and blessed Him for His bounteous gifts and response to his prayers. Now when the new home does not maintain thought forms of as high vibrations as those of the former owner because of his indifference to prayer and thanksgiving, these Christed atoms of protons and electrons become restive and seek avenues of escape. The patient then

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IMMORTALITY

By FELICITAS K. WILSON

LIFE — pulsating, throbbing, vibrating life — exists in the air, on the face of the earth, in the earth, and under the waters. It is ever present, visible and invisible, far beyond our powers to see or comprehend. From time immemorial the Divine Architect has unfolded before our eyes His wonders without ever revealing the secret of the immortal spark that dwells in all.

Can nature be without soul in all her splendor? Can man ever hope to duplicate her wonders? Can man endow with Life his creations—Life—that breathes and dies, Life—evolving from the lowest to the highest, gaining new experiences on its journey, reaching upward while traveling onward to perfection? It has its counterpart on all planes of nature. Crystallization and cohesion are represented in the mineral kingdom. The products of the vegetable kingdom are growth and fruitage. Science states that plants and vegetables have nerves. Have you ever touched the leaves of the quivering mimosa and watched them withdraw and curl up, and timidly unfold again only after all danger of fresh contact is long past? When the animal kingdom is reached further progress is apparent—the maternal instinct appearing. In the human kingdom we have man, nature's master creation, endowed with greater intelligence, free will and reason—the greatest of all gifts. "God created man, in the likeness of God made He him;" does that not imply greater perfection to come and the existence of another sphere unhampered by limitations?

Have you ever come upon a field of wild flowers in bloom, fragrant in their beauty and stood with bated breath marveling at the wealth of riotous color that dazzled your eyes? Have you ever sallied forth in the chill of the gray dawn when the world was still clothed in slumber to await the sunrise and watch nature awake? The intermittent chirping of insects is followed by the sleepy twittering of the feathered life. Perhaps a snake slithers through the grass, or a timid rabbit pokes his nose through the weeds and inquiringly sniffs the morning air. A gray squirrel comes out of its hole and saucily perching on a branch begins to chatter noisily. In the underbrush the rapid scurrying of wild life is heard. By degrees the gray of the heavens begins to fade, the sky becomes brighter and brighter, the chirping and twittering louder and louder, and suddenly all nature awakes gloriously—joyously. The rays of the sun gradually dispel the mistlike vapor veiling the river and hovering like gossamer and jeweled cobwebs over the meadows; the chill of

the night is transmuted and a warmth suffuses you and your answering pulses throb with new life. Overcome by such splendor you stand motionless, actually feeling a presence and no longer doubt the existence of Deity. And perhaps from beyond the silence you may hear another voice echoing beyond and through all others.

For eons and eons the sun has risen thus and set—an awakening and a sleeping; while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, heat and cold, summer and winter, day and night, the endless cycles are forever opening and closing. Nature manifesting through the lowest and tiniest atom upward to her most complicated creation—man—is a master in perfection, intricacy and harmony, steeped in Divine mystery.

Life has its cycles—birth, childhood, adolescence, youth, maturity, old age and death, death only of the vehicle, discarded like old clothes when the spark completes its cycle and must go on to higher regions. Here where greater perfection exists perhaps it lingers awhile amidst greater splendors.

In the allotted span of life degrees of unfoldment take place, physically, psychically, mentally and spiritually. Nature discarding and selecting, always going forward, never backward, gives us the law of analogy. From the known we can observe and prove and are thus able to accept the unknown by faith and analogy.

"As above so below," what a comforting thought! Immortality, eternal unending existence, incomprehensible perhaps but nevertheless as acceptable as the creation and the wonders of nature.

Can nature be without soul with all her magic and beauty? The sun and the myriads of stars twinkling in the vaulted Heavens—boundless space, so vast that man cannot encompass the extent thereof. Rain and wind, sunshine and shade, through the countless ages have been instrumental in aiding nature. Science has proved that death destroys only the cells of the body, so in nature. Winter is not the death of plant life for the immortal spark is dormant, awaiting the call of Spring with its sunny warmth and gentle rains. Should we then believe that the soul dies and that immortality is but a myth?

Immortality—exemption from death or oblivion, eternal life, call it what you will, are we not all looking forward to it, to the time when all limitations will be removed?

Life may be mysterious and its source beyond comprehension—death but a temporary release; eventually the soul will be drawn upward and reab-

sorbed again into its source, there to live on in infinity.

Now let us take another angle—immortality from the viewpoint of religion, or better yet, worship. No matter what land we visit or people we meet, savage and primitive, as well as civilized and cultured, worship of some sort is to be found, the worship of a being more powerful than themselves. "Man created God in His own image," for are not the mental images of the Deity always drawn from man's knowledge of himself? The higher in the scale man is, the higher his opinion of the First Great Cause. The conception of a Deity by a savage is in his own image, a savage infinitely more powerful. The king's conception is that of a cosmic monarch, also exercising personal sway but on a much larger scale. The man of advanced moral and spiritual attainments visualizes a Supreme Being without petty personal feelings. The minority apprehends an impersonal and all inclusive Life-Force, which the Hindu term the "Absolute" perhaps best describes.

History from dim beginnings of human life shows that man worshipped. The religions of Egypt, Greece and ancient Rome although dead, still live in literature. Later came the Buddhism of Japan from India through China and Korea, Mohammedism and the Koran, and all the cults of Christianity with its Gospel.

Hymns to the Unity of God and the immortality of the soul were sung in the valley of the Nile more than five thousand years ago. Compare the Egyptian conception of God with the later ones. "He has created all things and He alone is uncreated," also "He is yesterday, today and tomorrow," imply Divine Being. The Greeks have attempted to explain Divinity with such phrases as "eternal Becoming and impassive Being," "the emergence from the vast sum of things and the return thereto." The Hindus set forth their conception, which is identical with the former in the following words: "The God who breathes it in and breathes it out," and "alternative externalization and internalization," which is the theory of expansion and contraction. They considered the universe a materialization of the unknown Spiritual Cause—Spirit separated from its proper essence, manifesting through matter and later returning to its source. In Persia we find the conception of the conscience independent of the material body and existing from all eternity as a sort of Divine power. Coming down to our own time the Christian conception that the "secret of all things is within us"

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BEGIN HAVING ABUNDANCE

By GEORGE CLAYTON FIELD

"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.—(Matt. 13-12.)

THIS would indicate that we should begin "having" at once in order to come under the law of abundance. We know that we should not count our possessions as being of just so much money value and a fixed permanent amount. We do not and should not estimate our possessions as being inadequate to meet our needs. We should not use our consciousness of Life to "have not," but we should begin "having" at once. We appreciate that we "HAVE" and give thanks for it. If we do not hold the physical or material possession of abundance we can at least "HAVE" it in our mind's eye. We know the potentialities of nature and of using our God given intelligence. We visualize the things we want and keep those objectives before us until we have accomplished them in manifestation of that abundance.

We know that to pray for abundance for our individual personal benefit and not for others is selfish limitation. That is why in THEOCRACY we work for the good of ALL. We learn that by

making our conscious projection of activities for all we are enlarging our objectives to do the will of the great SEER. Looking out into the world, using our conscious Divine Ego, our "I," we see many object conditions that are limited. These limitations are often the direct result of our own selfishness. Every man is a director of great power as he directs the light of consciousness into his world. Every man has will to either accept or reject the conditions as he grants his attention and consciously vitalizes each moment "NOW." Sin, ignorant and dark limitations cannot live in the light of constructive intelligence and a consciousness filled with abundance. That is why we should begin "NOW" to "HAVE." That is why in THEOCRACY we can never hold poverty thoughts with limitations of inertia and selfishness.

When we build up wealth, we build a momentum and all becomes an expression of the great SEER, the Father of all His children. When you participate in the movement of THEOCRACY your objective becomes one with many others. You help to build momentum and you begin to "HAVE." No longer do you struggle alone in competition to each other and waste energy bemoaning that you "have not." Instead

you become one of many theocrats in action in harmonious co-operation. How can there be poverty when all become productive of abundance and work for the good of the whole?

People who come to the Kingdom of Theocracy for the loaves and fishes as it were, will soon learn that these are incidental to the real happiness that lies hidden in the service of helping each other. When we become aware of the theocratic world in which we live, we learn that of our own personal selves we can possess nothing, not even the bodies in which we pass our physical existence. When we learn how much is really being given to us which we had no part in creating, we become humble recipients of many blessings and we HAVE. We can look nowhere but what we see something that either grew from or came direct from solar energy. The same God that supplies the sunshine and rain that supports the laws of Nature is the same God by which you live. He not only provides the food with which to sustain yourself, but He gives you the intelligence by which you may improve your life and the life of others.

Truly you HAVE, and THEOCRACY is NOW bringing this truth to you
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The Spiritual Significance of Numbers

By CLAIRE S. BOYER

JUST as words are significant symbols in transmitting thought and feeling to others, so numerals too are important, more important than we have any idea until we study them. There are two numbers and their sum and multiple that have played a greater part in human history than any others; these are the numerals three and four.

Three has been the magic number throughout history with four a close second. The first idea that comes to the mind in connection with three is the trinity. And here is the basis for its meaning. Many people have interpreted these three similarly: 1—God, 2—Christ, 3—Holy Ghost, or: 1—Love, 2—Light, 3—Activity, or: 1—Heat, 2—Light, 3—Energy, or: 1—Spirit, 2—Mind, 3—Soul, or: 1—Love, 2—Wisdom, 3—Radiation. This is the Godhead of numbers. When man approaches the Divine he arrives at number four—hence the fourth dimension. The joy of finding the four leaf clover is significant of the meaning of the numeral. But throughout the history of man's strivings, four plays a great part.

Let us turn to our Biblical history first. In the Garden of Eden there were four rivers flowing from one great source. There was the city four square—the New Jerusalem. There are

the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. The four gospels particularly reveal the reason for this number. In the fourth, which is John's, man approaches a Divine appraisal of Christ. The four kingdoms are of: gold, silver, brass and iron. And throughout the Bible gold means spiritual; silver, mental; brass, physical, and iron, material.

What is the fourth dimension? It is the approach to spiritual judgment. We feel an uplift when this interpretation is touched upon in human affairs. The world is made up of kingdoms: human, animal, vegetable and mineral. The human approaches the Divine, the animal is the living manifestation of God, the vegetable is the product of light and the mineral holds the most precious symbol of life—gold which is love in palpable form.

We as human beings are made up of the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical, the trinity plus a spiritual possibility. The genius is the super-adaptive; he adapts his life to spiritual laws instead of man made laws. He yearns beyond the mortal and reaches the immortal.

In our more practical routine we see evidence that life is built on the idea of three. Let's turn to government—Legislative, Executive, Judicial. When we develop to the fourth dimension we

may have a fourth division called Humanitarian. The way is being paved for that division now. In our educational system we have: primary, secondary and higher education. Lately we have added adult education which, when it is spiritualized, may become our fourth dimension here. In the outline of knowledge we have: the arts, the sciences, the humanities, and the ideal sciences. Our fourth dimension here is established and has been established always because we have never denied our Divine heritage and the ideal sciences are gropings toward its establishment.

In the arts we have the major four: architecture, sculpture, painting and music. Certain it is that the only one that can attain spiritual purity is music. Music is the most prominent fourth dimensional factor in our lives.

In the sciences we have the sciences of time, Space, Matter and Energy. Energy is the least comprehended, it nears the Divine. It is the fourth realm of science.

In the humanities we have language, history, literature and criticism. Criticism aims to discover the eternal values in life's interpretations.

The ideal sciences are logic, aesthetics, philosophy and metaphysics. This
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Is the Soul an Undiscovered Continent?

By J. S. OLDER

MAN'S accumulation of knowledge has penetrated the depths of the earth and the heavens above. Through chemistry, medicine and research in all departments of industry, nature and physical life, man has gained intimate acquaintance with many of the hidden laws of life and nature, and because of this the average laborer today enjoys luxuries unknown to the kings of a century ago.

Medical science has an intimate knowledge of the human body, knows how to cut it apart and put it together again.

Yet with all the advancement of civilization, very little information is available regarding the spiritual nature of the Soul.

An ancient Hermetic Law reads: "Man, know thyself."

According to authoritative occult information, of all the world's population, only about one in every five million persons can be credited with having full and complete knowledge of himself, and this includes not only a knowledge of the Soul but the complete development of the Soul itself.

It is an undisputed fact that through the use of the mind, supported by active manual effort, man can make of himself whatever he desires.

But great as is the power of the mind, the ancient Masters of the Aeth Priesthood proclaimed mind power as compared to Soul power much similar to the comparison of a tooth pick to a full grown tree.

If mind power is the greatest power today being used by the average man, and if Soul power is so much greater as to dwarf mind power into insignificance, then it should be worth while to learn something about the Soul nature of man.

Soul power, however, is one of the greatest of all mysteries, sealed with the seven seals of Solomon and the twelve signs of the Zodiac.

To prevent the uninitiated from becoming acquainted with the real nature of the Soul, occult writers referred to the Soul under the terms of Sulphur, Balsam, Sol, Sulphur of Mercury, etc.

The Bible, too, is written in a language to confuse and bewilder the uninitiated. Rightly understood, the entire book is written around the attributes of a single individual, man. Even the entire story of the Master Jesus can be directly applied to the life and experiences of an individual man.

The suffering and crucifixion of Jesus simply symbolize the trials and tribulations of man transmuting the base carnal desires into spiritual qualities of love and good will. The resurrection forcefully symbolizes the awakened and immortalized Soul. The converting of water into wine againsym-

bolizes transmutation, as do a dozen other Bible stories.

The very fact that at least one person in every five million has achieved complete Soul Illumination is proof not only of its existence, but of the fact that it is available to man, is usable by him, and what is still more important, nature intended man to have this knowledge and to make use of it in the service of, first himself, and then to all mankind.

This naturally leads to the question: "What is the power of the Soul, and how can man contact and make use of this power?"

Before considering this question it is necessary to find out what it is that constitutes a human being.

Humanity has been told that man consists of body, spirit, mind and Soul. These are here briefly described.

The Body, Spirit and Soul are the triple garment of occult literature.

The human body is man's house of clay. It is variously designated as: the Carnal House, the Alchemical Laboratory, the Temple of the Soul, the Hall, the Crucible, the Earth, the Globe, and sometimes as Mercury or Luna.

The human body is mortal and at death returns to earth.

It simply acts as a temporary home to give expression and experience to the Soul during its developing stages.

The Spirit, the Alcahest or Argent Vive of occult literature, is the life giver. The Spirit as here designated is totally different from the Soul or Supreme Being, although closely allied to both. Without Spirit there could be no life. It is everywhere and pervades everything, acting alike on plants, animals and man. In its simplest form it is contained in the air man breathes. It is the only universally recognized medium absolutely necessary to the life of everything that lives. This Spirit enters the human body with the first breath inbreathed by a new human being, and thereafter is a necessity so long as life remains in the body.

The human thinking and reasoning mind is the result of a coming together of body, Soul and spirit. It has no existence of its own, except as it serves while Soul and spirit remain in the human body. It is not immortal, and when the Soul and spirit leave the body at death the material or reasoning mind disappears into nothingness.

While the mind is not immortal, it is the absolute ruler over the entire kingdom of the body, Soul and spirit until such a time when the Soul becomes consciously developed and capable of taking over the thinking of man, slowly replacing the human or reasoning mind. When this is accomplished, the Soul has become immortal. Man achieves wisdom beyond the comprehension of the uninitiated. He knows

the past, present and future, knows the secret of changing base metals into refined gold and silver. He has the power to subdue the most savage animals; pierce at a glance the depth of men's Souls and the secret of women's hearts; possess the secrets of health and material wealth; the Elixir of Life and the Philosopher's Stone, and become a master not only over himself and his carnal desires, but he even gains the co-operation of the vast hosts of Superior Beings in accomplishing his every worthy desire.

The Soul enters the body at the same time Spirit does—with the first breath taken by an infant at the time of birth.

It is universally believed that every human being is possessed of a Soul. While this is generally true, there are exceptions. The Soul entering an infant's body is usually a Soul in complete harmony with the mother, and fits into the condition of the family as it exists at the time of birth.

If a suitable Soul is not awaiting incarnation at the time of the birth of an infant, then such a child may come into the world without a Soul, but in such an instance the child will always be an idiot and rarely lives to adulthood.

An adult can also lose his Soul before the death of the body. This is usually brought about through the use of drugs, or through acts that tear down man's mental faculties, or rob him of his God-given virility.

Ordinary man recognizes the Soul as "the still small voice within." It is also recognized as the sub-conscious mind. Man half-heartedly believes that he has a Soul, but the Soul not being in evidence before gaining self-consciousness, he most generally gives his every attention to the body, and in doing so he consistently relegates the Soul more and more into oblivion.

This is easily understood when it is realized that in the large majority of men the Soul exists merely as a seed. It can only be brought into individual conscious activity through the thoughts of the mortal mind acting through a mortal body. Thus the Immortal (Soul) (the greater), depends upon the mortal mind (the lesser), for its conscious development.

The mind can be either the creator or destroyer of the Soul. Mind is the master builder in every avenue of life, material as well as spiritual. The thoughts of the mind are the seeds that ripen into grain, fruit, or poison, according to the variety sown.

Unselfish thoughts and actions of love, good will, kindness, service to others, lofty desires, duty, honor and truth, all are Soul builders of the first magnitude.

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The Relation of the Emotions to the Psychic Faculties

By ROBERT M. HUMPHREYS

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AFTER that the decline of the church as a center of psychic and spiritual power was rapid and it was not long until the practice of psychic power was interdicted and denied. However, since, the Christian religion is deeply emotional in character, psychic manifestations could not be entirely suppressed, and instances of these manifestations have been more or less frequent throughout its history, as is attested by the many well authenticated accounts of "miracles." A notable historical example of this was the voices and visions that came to Joan of Arc. Joan was a simple peasant girl, and until she was seventeen years old had never been farther from home than to the parish church. She was devoutly religious and much given to musing on religion, and on the deplorable condition of France from the English invasion of that country. Then came her voices and visions that induced her to leave her home and go forth to lead the armies of France to victory over her enemies. When Charles, the Dauphin of France, was successfully seated on the French throne and her mission was ended, her voices no longer guided her and she was no longer successful; she was captured by the English and was later burned at the stake as a witch, through the efforts of a French priest. She was only nineteen when executed.

With the transformation of the early Christian church into a political machine for the purpose of acquiring temporal power, jealousies sprang up between the fathers of the church and the seers and prophets of the old nature religion. These became more and more intense and bitter as time went on, until they culminated in the persecution of these seers and their followers as heretics. Meanwhile the ancient religions deteriorated under this persecution into devil worship, and the thing known as *witchcraft* came into being. The emotional nature of the ancient religions had not changed in this, only its objective. The emotional nature of the dances remained the same, as did their sex character; the witches' dance is ample proof of this. The character of the old nature religion had, for the most part, been beneficent and kindly, while that of the witches—so called—was one of malevolence and hatred against their oppressors. It must not be supposed that these so-called witches or the practitioners of black magic had only imaginary powers. Their powers were very real and were derived from the same source as that of the seers and prophets of the old nature religion, and of the early Christians. That is by bringing the powers of the subconscious faculties into conscious use

through the bridging of the gap between the conscious and the subconscious by means of the emotional faculties.

The modern witch doctors of Africa, and the practices of voodooism in America and elsewhere, is based on ceremonies and a sort of ritualism that induces a highly emotional state or condition in those who practice it. This is verified by accounts of travelers of international repute and unquestioned veracity who have witnessed them, as is also the accounts of their powers that is beyond dispute. Some of these accounts are not nice to read, but they are undoubtedly authentic.

In the modern religions that have come into being in Europe and America during the last century, such as Spiritualism and other religions based on the manifestation of psychic phenomena, the emotions play an important part. Even Theosophy, "The Wisdom Religion," uses the emotions—in this case consciously—in the production of psychic phenomena, and there can be no doubt about the genuineness of these manifestations.

In the foregoing instances the emotions have been, for the most part, an unconscious factor in the production of psychic phenomena or in bringing this phenomena into the cognizance of the conscious mind without any realization or understanding of the relation they bear to the subconscious faculties. Our western civilization, so far as conscious mental training is concerned, is based entirely on the development of the intellectual faculties, with especial emphasis placed on the development of logic and reason, while such meager training as the emotions have received has been merely incidental, and for the purpose of making us "mind" or be "good." Such training as we have received at home, in school or through religious instruction being more or less haphazard and without any real or specific knowledge of their nature or importance.

It is with something very like relief that one turns from the chaotic emotional condition prevailing in our western culture and philosophy, to a study of the culture and philosophy of the Orient. The philosophers of the East early recognized the significance of the elemental character of the emotional side of the human mind and its tremendous importance in their daily lives, so they made emotional training the basis of their culture and philosophy, intellectual, spiritual and even physical. In this manner they are able to produce such wonderful results both physically and psychically as to be a source of amazement to visitors from the West who were fortunate enough to witness them. The result of this

basic and comprehensive training of the emotions is that the cultured oriental possesses a poise that, seemingly, no circumstances can alter and no calamity shake; an inscrutability that the western trained mind does not seem able to penetrate and a mysticism that the western mind can neither duplicate, understand nor appreciate.

As I understand it, the physical training that the students of Yoga philosophy undergo does not, in many respects, differ greatly from our own physical culture exercises, except in this important particular; that is, that every separate exercise is performed for the purpose of obtaining a specific psychic or spiritual attainment, and this objective is kept steadily in mind. This in itself is a powerful stimulant to the emotions and the results they obtain are such as to amaze western observers who do not know the force or energy stored in the subconscious mind and released through the proper training of the emotions. The difference between our western education and culture is this: In the Oriental culture the emotions are trained and directed *Intelligently*, while in our Occidental education and culture they are left pretty much to look after themselves.

This does not mean that the West should adopt the cultural standards of the East. It does mean that while the East undoubtedly has much to learn from western nations, that in the important particular of emotional training at least, western nations have much to learn from Oriental philosophy, if they are to attain the highest mental development of which the human mind is capable.

Child Sees Father

By Ruby McConnell

MY DAUGHTER Thelma was eight years old when her daddy died. One night about a year after his death Thelma had cuddled up beside me on the piano bench listening while I played a group of favorite classics. I had just finished playing the lovely first movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," and a strange, peaceful quietness permeated the room. Thelma looked toward the arch a few feet away and turned deathly white. I said, "What's the matter, dear?" She said, "I saw my Daddy." She looked so white, I took her into the next room. I said, "Could you tell me what he wore?" She said, "Yes. He had on a dark suit and I could see his dark hair." She had broken out in a cold sweat. I know the child saw her father as she has always been truthful and the physical reaction was so marked. She is seventeen now and has always remembered the experience.

The Welding of the Forces . . . Alchemy

By ETHYL BODENBURG

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THE Bible gives us a history of the generations of the world beginning 4004 B.C.

Genesis, 2nd verse: "Darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the spirit moved upon the face of the waters." Scorpio, a water sign, ruled this generation of the earth's formation and with the life-giving energy of Pluto (which astrologers now claim rule this sign) God created the Heavens and the Earth, and the production of light; "And the evening and the morning were the first day."

Gen., 8th verse: "God created the firmament and gave us its uses;" the firmament is airy; Libra is an air sign and it ruled this generation; "And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Gen., 10th verse: We have an account of the separation of the sea and the land; verse 12, and the production of plants whose seed was within itself. Virgo is an earth sign and has the power of creating within itself. Virgo ruled this generation of the earth's evolution. "And the evening and the morning were the third day."

Gen., 16th verse: "And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." Leo is a fire sign and he ruled this generation of the earth. "And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

Gen., 21st verse: "And God created every living creature that moveth, the fish and the fowl, and said be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas and let the fowl multiply upon the earth." Cancer is a water sign ruled by the Moon—the Moon rules birth, the wise farmer plants seed when the Moon is increasing in light, the Moon rules child-birth and the female of any species. The sign Cancer ruled this generation. "And the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

Gen., 24th to 31st verses: "God created the beasts and every creeping thing and Man after his own image (the image of spirit not flesh) male and female created he them; he said, 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over every living thing that liveth upon the earth.'" Gemini is an air sign ruled by the planet Mercury. Mercury is a symbol of intellect, reason and memory. Gemini ruled this period of the earth's evolution. "And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

The seventh day God rested; He found that His creation was good.

Let us use Alchemical Formula (and the process of turning metal into PURE GOLD) on the Book of Revelations by St. John. Inspired, St. John wrote in the 1st chap., 19th and 20th verses: "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks; the seven stars are the Angels of the seven churches and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." The seven churches are the seven seals of which he later speaks. The seven seals are the seven sense centers which are located in the human body. The seven stars or angels are seven planets and their angelic rulers which rule the twelve signs of the zodiac. The seven candlesticks are symbolic of understanding, or the light which can be made to shine through each of the seven sense centers.

With an esoteric understanding of the science of astrology, Revelations becomes an open book.

Chap. 22, 1st verse: "And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb—in the midst of it and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits and yielded her fruit once a month, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations." 21st chap., 10th verse: "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city THE HOLY JERUSALEM, descending out of Heaven from God. This city had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon." Verses 19, 20 and 21: "And the foundations of the walls of this city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. . . . The first foundation was Jasper, the second, Sapphire; the third, Chalcedony; the fourth, an Emerald; the fifth, Sardonyx; the sixth, Sardius; the seventh, Chrysolite; the eighth, Beryl; the ninth, a Topaz; the tenth, a Chrysophase; the eleventh, a Jacinth, and the twelfth, an Amethyst, and the street of that city was as of pure gold, as if it were transparent glass . . . and I saw no temple therein . . . for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were the Temple of it, and the city had no need of the Sun, neither of the Moon to shine in it; for the glory of GOD did lighten it and the LAMB is the LIGHT thereof.

The Holy City is the human body. The Spirit of God has a dwelling place in the human flesh body. Can you see the manifestation of spirit within yourself? Can you see the energy that makes your blood? Do you see the force that makes your heart beat? Do you see the urge that drives your body? These things are the SPIRIT, that is

the "I WITHIN." This spirit can never be seen with the physical eye. Spirit is the essence of Life which is NOT made manifest to the objective eye.

It is very clear that St. John had reference to the human body and the consciousness which dwells therein when he wrote the VISIONS of Revelations.

We know that there are two nervous structures in the human body, the cerebro-spinal consists of the brain and the spinal cord and is associated with the conscious mind, while the sympathetic system rules the subconscious mind. These two nerve systems must work in UNISON or we have *unbalanced mentality*. The sympathetic nerve system has distinct nerve CENTERS, one on each side of the spinal column from the HEAD to the COCCYX. They are called IDA, which rules the left sympathetic, and PINGALA, which rules the right sympathetic. It does not take much imagination to realize that these two structures are what the apostle St. John alluded to when he wrote of "The river of Life" and "The tree of Life." These are the avenues of the spirit of God Almighty Who dwells within one's consciousness.

We are concerned with the seven principal GANGLIA or SEALS, for they take the impact of planetary energy as it enters Man's body through the lower mind or Earth and Water signs of the zodiac.

The prostatic ganglia corresponds to the sign of Sagittarius—this is called the first seal and is where the positive and negative currents start in their circulatory process. The symbol of the sign is the Centaur, the upper half represents man, the lower half horse or animal. The mind of man must learn to curb and control this horse, or the lower animal senses of his nature. This is a fire sign and is ruled by the ANGEL ZADKIEL. It is the ninth sign of the zodiac and its foundation is built of TOPAZ. The sense of SMELL, has its entrance through this GATEWAY. It belongs to the comprehension series, through devotion, exploration and illumination.

The Epigastric ganglia, or second seal, corresponds to the sign of Scorpio. This is the controlling center of the vital processes of the body. The symbol of this sign is the Scorpion or the Eagle, the Scorpion representing *degenerate* sex and the Eagle *regenerate* sex. This is a water sign and is ruled by the ANGEL SAMAEL, the eighth sign of the zodiac, with a foundation of BERYL. The sense of taste comes through this gateway. It belongs to the DESIRE series, through resourcefulness, responsibility and attainment.

The Cardiac Ganglia, or third seal, corresponds to the sign LIBRA, whose

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MY AUNT CAME BACK!

By MERLE Q. REDDY

DURING my lifetime many experiences have been such that I hold the greatest sympathy for those children who are born "sensitives" and thus are possessors of active psychic talents. They are doomed to bear through life a heavy cross and all too often are subjected to ridicule and even whippings by those who should protect and aid the little ones in their development of their God-given gifts. Generally, psychics are outcasts from their own families who do not and will not understand. Truly it has been said: "Their theology stood between them and their God." Even Jesus the Master was not immune from this ostracism (Mark 3:21), for do we not read "And when his friends (or kinsmen) heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself." So psychics must be prepared to carry the heavy cross of criticism, family censure, social ostracism and downright ridicule, and must therefore look to the Higher Forces to carry them onward.

Not that I received such treatment from my parents—far from it—but let us go back to the beginning of my career when I was born with a silver veil, or at least, so I was told by those who should have known. Of course, I do not have any personal recollections of this particular event or of many others that followed. However, my mother told me about many incidents of which I shall mention several.

My mother told me that many times she heard me "fussing" and perhaps cry out, but being occupied at the moment could not come to me immediately. Perhaps a bit later she would come to me only to find me peacefully sleeping while my old-fashioned cradle was gently rocking back and forth. Occurrences such as these were many and would take place, not only in the dark, but in daylight as well, but as my mother did not understand the psychic phenomena, she was kept constantly in a terrified state of mind. Many years after, while attending a materializing circle, a Cherokee Indian Chief giving the name of Gray Feather, appeared and told me that he it was who had rocked my cradle and produced many other psychic manifestations which had so terrified my mother.

As might be expected, while growing older I was noticeably different from other children in the neighborhood—I was always saying queer things and giving little prophecies. As an illustration, one day there was a neighbor making an afternoon call on my mother. Another neighbor dropped in for a few minutes and after she had gone I said: "Oh, Mamma, Mrs. Smith is going to die before long!" My mother and the caller were horrified, and mother said: "What makes you say such a dreadful

thing? You don't know anything about it!" but, undaunted, I returned, "Yes, but I do. I saw the casket and smelled the flowers." In less than five months Mrs. Smith was laid away. My good old grandmother kept advising my mother not to whip me, but instead, to take notice and see whether my prophecies came to pass—and they did. In this connection I will say that unknown to any of her immediate family or neighbors, my grandmother was a psychic and was of the greatest assistance in my early development.

Grandmother always kept a pair of folding slates by her rocking chair in the living room; ostensibly for the use of making from time to time lists of things needed from the grocery, but in reality for the purpose of obtaining messages from her spirit friends through Independent Slate Writing. By the time I was three years old there was nothing hidden from me in the home. When Christmas presents were brought secretly into the house, I would tell my parents what they had brought for me and point out the place where they were hidden. I told them there was no Santa Claus, "because papa is Santa Claus." One can readily see why I was called "queer," later in life was called by many worse names.

With this brief outline of my life as a basis, I shall relate an incident that stands out prominently among my early psychic experiences. My grandmother had four daughters; one of them remained unmarried. This old maid Aunt, Cordelia, or Aunt Cord as I called her, was one of the hard-headed kind that always scoffed at anything and everything I told and never ceased making sarcastic remarks, such as: "The kid's crazy," or "The kid is seeing things!" Due to her own carelessness and complete disregard of ordinary prudent measures, my aunt contracted a severe cold which later developed into the dreaded "consumption." As the disease progressed my aunt never ceased to call me "crazy." Many, many times before she passed out my aunt would say: "Kid, you little fool, you're crazy, but if there's anything in this spirit return I'll sure come back to you!"

On the 18th of February my Aunt Cord passed out at a time when the weather was bitterly cold. As only my grandparents and this aunt remained at the old home, a site for the grave was chosen where, it was planned, the three were to be laid side by side. The grave was dug in a driving snowstorm, and due to the intense cold, which had persisted for some time, the ground was frozen almost the entire depth of the grave. The burial took place on the 20th day of February.

That night as the clock was striking the hour of twelve I was suddenly awakened out of a sound sleep by some-

thing, I knew not what. As I opened my eyes, there stood my aunt at the foot of my bed. Pointing her finger at me she said: "Kid, I'm back to tell you that I'm buried beside a lost grave, and mother and dad can't be laid beside me. Tell them I want to be moved from there"—and disappeared. I had been "seein' things" ever since I was able to remember and had grown more or less accustomed to the appearance of spirit forms, but here was my aunt with whom I had been intimately in touch for years; my feelings were indescribable and almost too much for me to bear. I remained awake until daylight.

Similar appearances took place night after night before I mentioned them to anyone. Finally I realized that something must be done, for, as my aunt was well known for her persistence and determination, I knew that she would keep right on appearing to me until she had accomplished her objective, so I told my mother. As we talked it all over, she thought best that I tell my grandmother, as she would understand. At once grandma knew it would be useless to tell grandfather, as he was just like my aunt; exceedingly hard-headed and stubborn. If once he said that he would NOT do a certain thing, it meant that he would NOT do it under any circumstances.

I was getting desperate. Grandmother and I talked over the matter many times and a number of times she mentioned it to grandfather as tactfully as she could, but he would neither do anything nor permit anyone else to even investigate. "The kid's crazy," was all he would say. In the meantime my aunt kept right on coming to me night after night at the striking of the hour of twelve, until I began to think that I was losing my mind. I was fast becoming a nervous wreck, so I decided that I myself must do something.

That night my aunt came to me at the usual time and once more told me: "Kid, I want to be moved and it must be done. I want to be moved over on that little knoll just across from where I am now!" Mustering up all my courage, as past experience had taught me that it was not very safe to talk back to my aunt, I told her: "Aunt Cord, I have done all that I can do. I have told mother and grandma and they can't get grandad to do a thing or let anyone else do anything." "Yes," she replied, "I know you have done all that you can do with dad. Tell ma to tell him once more, as I'll give him one more chance"—and faded from my sight. The next morning I again told grandma what my aunt had told me the night before, so grandma risked telling grandfather about it again, but

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THE DIAMOND UMBRELLA

By G. D. D.

WHEN carrying it, Norma Trent from the first had distinctly felt the assuring, sustaining quality or spirit of the umbrella, even before she had read that in the Far East an umbrella was a "symbol of distinction."

This highly prized umbrella had come into her possession in a normal way. One of her family had given her an umbrella with the handle of a bright blue—a shade more intense than "Madonna blue" and this color was a trying, even an offensive one to her. Without explaining why, she had asked if it would be all right for her to exchange this blue handled one for an umbrella with a handle of her own selection. This was promptly acceded to.

When a number of umbrellas had been laid upon the counter before her, Norma did not now see any she cared to possess and asked if there were no others she could look at. The saleswoman then brought forward an umbrella with its softly polished black handle delicately and artistically studded with small, sparkling stones resembling diamonds. Then Norma knew she had found something which she could treasure, that it was just what she wished for and could love to own. The saleswoman told her it was the only handle of the kind they had or had ever seen. There had been two of them but none of the saleswomen seemed to know or remember what had become of the other one. She did not think any of them had remembered to display this one until today.

Norma hugged the thought of her good fortune. The umbrella, of a good quality of black silk, was of a size that could be carried suitably in rain or sun. The handle was of softly polished black, set with well-cut little brilliants which she amusedly assured herself were really diamonds in disguise.

These stones were so smoothly and cleverly set into the wood of the handle, it was as if they belonged—were native there. And there they remained—safe and sparkling after years of use and wear. The effect, although unusual, was not gaudy but had elegance. If alone at night in the bright lights of the streets which made the stones sparkle more brilliantly she slipped a silk hood which she had made, over the handle to avoid its being conspicuous.

It was when she had the umbrella with her and carried it as one would a cane that she began to realize how safe and almost happy she felt, although happiness had not seemed to belong or to have come to her before. And it was since she had become possessed of this unusual umbrella that she felt the awareness of one walking beside and with her. Before she had concentrated her attention upon it, she thought she could even see the large, comfortable

man's shoes and hear the firm, masculine tread. Then, when she realized her impression and looked directly at these feet and shoes, there was only the sidewalk to be seen, although the reassuring impression remained—that a big, kind, friendly man walked beside her, even if she could not see him.

Although she marveled and felt the thrill and charm of them, she was always startled when the signals sounded, tapped musically on her prized lavender-lustre bowl or more sharply, on the sconce or wall. Even though they startled her, she was conscious of the impression of friendly assurance accompanying them and knew she would miss them if the signals did not come.

After the accident and Norma's severe injury, as she was being taken to the operating room of the hospital on a stretcher, carried by two men in white, through her excruciating pain she observed and wondered about the tall man in dark clothes who walked closely beside the stretcher all the way along the corridors to the operating room. When the men who had carried the stretcher had set it down and left the room, the kind, fatherly surgeon said comfortingly to her, "As long as it hurt you so intensely when others moved you on the stretcher we'll have you rest a few moments where you are. Then if you feel you can help yourself on to the table, just there next to you, it's all right to do so. Take it easy—everything will be all right."

As well as she could notice anything while in the agonizing, throbbing pain, Norma observed that the surgeon, some nurses and others all in white seemed to be in a group at her right, talking in low tones together. After a little time she noticed the operating table on her left, directly next to the stretcher on which she painfully lay. When she recalled that when moving her on the stretcher the men had seemed to take hold of her shoulders where it hurt most excruciatingly, she felt she must try to get there herself, even if so weak and hurting so anguishingly. So slowly and painfully she made the great effort; and at last, trembling and exhausted she crawled over to it and laid herself down on the operating table.

After an interval she opened her eyes and looked about her and again she saw the tall, broad-shouldered man. His dark clothes made him stand out amidst all the surrounding whiteness. He was looking directly at her and she thought, never before had she seen such tender kindness and compassion in anyone's eyes. This tall, striking-looking stranger who seemed a friend, looked his sympathy directly into her eyes, then silently turned and left the room.

Norma survived the operation. Next day when she had a little recovered her

composure and memory she told her nurse of this kind man who stood near the table before the operating preparations were begun and looked such pity and encouragement to her. This nurse had not come to the case until after the operation, which was performed at midnight. She seemed astonished and skeptical that a man in street clothes, uncovered by the protective white overall, would be permitted to be there. She was not there herself, but could not think it possible the man had been there. As her patient wished to know so that she could send him her appreciation of his sympathy, the nurse said she would inquire. First, though, she thought she needed to take her patient's temperature, which she proceeded to do.

As she had promised, the nurse inquired of the nurses in the room at the time of the operation, but not one of them or anyone in the hospital of whom Miss Eddy inquired had seen such a man. The nurses united in declaring it was absurd to suggest that a man in his street clothes, without the protective white overall, would be permitted in the operating room before or during a critical operation.

Norma grieved to lose touch with this new, kind friend whom she felt she needed. She tried to adjust herself to never seeing him again though, when after long weeks in the hospital and a second operation she was able to go home and walk out by herself, she was vividly aware again—although she could not see him, of the big, kind man who seemed always to walk beside her. Notwithstanding her loneliness to which she was somewhat accustomed, she felt cheered, comforted, when the awareness came to her attention.

It was months later before she heard him speak; and when he did, she did not realize there was no sound to her physical ears. And though it happened so unexpectedly, she heard him distinctly. It did not frighten her, but had a reassuring quality. One day she felt herself strongly impelled to walk into one of the unoccupied rooms of her home and sit there quietly. She wondered a little as she seated herself but felt no impatience or discomfort. Then soon, in that pleasant room, she heard said to her distinctly, but seemingly with great effort and force—"It's David!"

"David—David Allison?" thought startled Norma. Instantly into her memory came the remembrance of the fair, slim neighbor boy with whom she had played occasionally long years ago when both were children, although the boy was a few years older. Norma had not seen or even thought of him for many years, except perhaps to remember the few occasions in which, when

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THE POE

Memoir

by LILLIAN STICKNEY

(In memory of a neighbor's Life Veneer)

Aureolas should wreath her head,
In place of wreaths upon her bier,
She wore a smile o'er heart of lead,
That hid beneath a Life Veneer.

Aureolas should wreath her head,
A small tribute to one so dear,
Whate'er her lot, or hard her bed,
She was a Stoic, without fear.
In place of wreaths upon her bier,
A martyr's crown should be instead.
One never saw her shed a tear,
Though sacrifice and she were wed,
She wore a smile o'er heart of lead,
Rosemary, sprays of rue are here
To tell the secret of the dead,
That hid beneath a Life Veneer.

Aureolas should wreath her head,
In place of wreaths upon her bier,
She wore a smile o'er heart of lead,
That hid beneath a Life Veneer.

Burnt Incense

by GLADYS I. HAMILTON

II Kings: 17:11

We sell our souls for images; for tinsel
and for drink:

We worship gods of silver and of gold.

We rush headlong through life until
we reach the gaping brink,
Then stare down at the fragments
and the mold.

We sip the easy nectar, and we pay no
heed to law:

"Our necks are hard;" we build upon
the sand.

We wail in worldly blindness—we can
see no single flaw—

"Oh, why did God send down this
reprimand?"

It may be loss of money; or the death
of one we need;

Or reprimand because we disobeyed:
But if we turn our back upon debauchery
and greed,

Our faith will lead us safely, undis-
mayed.

Rebukes are but the danger signs we
find along our road;

For we must choose the high-path
or the dust.

We carry faith so lightly—but we
stumble with the load

Of man-made gods which crumble
into rust!

Interpretation

by MARGUERITE JANVRIN ADAMS

There is no need for words to spell
belief,
No need to bring the heart within our
reach;
The ear interprets though the lips are
silent
Beyond all human speech.

There is warm comfort in the core of
quiet;
Closeness awakens, oneness sets a seal
Upon this comradeship that words
might tangle,
When silences reveal.

The Inner Light

by E. G. STEGNER

The rose breathes forth its incense,
It permeates the air;
The soul send forth its beauty,
It vibrates everywhere.

The sun bursts forth in glory
And makes the whole world bright;
'Tis Christ that dwells within us
That gives us "inner sight."

The soul, in faith, that answers,
"Thy will, not mine, be done,"
Will rise to heights immortal
The victory, it has won.

From sense to soul toward glory
In Him will we abide;
The Christ within transcending
Becomes one glorified.

Freedom

by LENORE OAKLEIGH

From whence this new and happy
surge—

This joy beyond control;
This sense of being and Life; this urge
That wells within my soul?

All Nature has new joy and bliss
As slowly, I unfold:
The gentle breeze a lover's kiss,
The Sun, a ring of gold.

Rare flowers breathe the good and true:
Leaves murmur in delight
And reach up to a sky of blue:
Such is the power of Light.

When Beauty speaks, I give an ear
And laugh and stand alone:
My heart is free, I know no fear;
The earth, the sky, my home!

Frailties

by JACK GREENBERG

Who knows how long the course of
life should be?

Or by what gage its measurement
amass,

Ten thousand years tax a Sequoia tree
Less than one summer does a blade
of grass.

Man's yardstick is not right, is nicked
by flaws;

Nor can all things be meted by one
rule,

A wind's direction may be told by
straws,

But straws can't tell the onrush of
a fool.

One lives a hundred years, yet dies too
young;

Another dead at ten has over-stayed,
But even that depends on view or
tongue,

Since truth and error are both human
made

Because our rules are arbitrary things
Our aspirations move on bungled
wings.

Truth

by BETTSY DAVIS

Something whispers to my soul
Beseeching me to try and find
The wisdom lurking as a scent that's
left behind

Will tantalize and then demand a heavy
toll

From Fancy's portion of the mind.

Truth's the center of the bloom,
The flow'r held now, then thrown
away—

Though stamped upon, her pensive
scent will surely stray,

And thought ward waving as an airy
incense plume,

Will haunt the mind with a pure per-
fume.

Her petals fragile, yet so strong,
Will whisper of the unknown man,
His rights, his gifts, the things that
to him do belong.

Alas! he knows not years do never
make life's span:

He's ruled by errors of the throng!

Oh press this flower to your breast,
Or in your two hands hold her high!
And cherish her dearly as you would
an honored guest

Whose speech you may not fathom or
to her reply—

For in keeping Truth, you will be
bless'd!

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To a Pueblo Indian Chant by GRACE MEREDITH *In The World Observer*

From the below to the Above
My prayer flows—

The water moving the river
Ripples it to the tall grasses
Marking the banks, and it passes
On to the green leaves
Of the young grain,
And into the cottonwood trees;

My prayer flows through the low breeze,
That carries it high
To the brisk wind nearer the sky;

My prayer grows into the blue sky,
And it goes into the sun, and the sun
Makes it one with the Light,
And the Light is the Above, and the
Above
Is All;

My prayer flows
And the blessing will fall
On the below
From the Above.

Precaution! by PAUL JANS

'Tis better frowards, while preserved,
repent,
Than flicker out like lamps whose oil
is spent—
Or fare as one who, if they had their
pick,
Would try to be a lamp without a wick!

Driven

by BLANCHE HOWE SISLEY
Truth is an infinite system,
The birth of child never was;
Yet we go budding and breaking,
Searching for tangible love.

Crying aloud in the street
To liquid eyes like the sea,
"I know the way of your feet,
But for an instant own me."

Crying again ere the night,
"Let me go, let me go, let me go."
Crying for darkness in light
For the way is relentless and slow.

Jean Harlow by SALLY A. LEVICK

We remember her, breathlessly lovely,
Trailing pale chiffon upon a stair:
When the sky lent its sapphire blue to
her eyes
And the moon lent its platinum light
to her hair.

We remember a siren upon the screen—
A great artist playing her part;
And we know the wiles that she flaunt-
ed there
Were hiding a noble heart.

Brief are the hours of earth's rare,
fragile flowers,
So was her fragile beauty, unsur-
passed;
It blossomed for us here on earth
awhile,
But was too frail and beautiful to
last.

Still, we know she shall continue
To dwell in realms of Light;
The stars shall be her winding stair,
Moonbeams her garment bright.

I Am Mother God

by FREDA GUSKY

Once upon a time . . . I dreamed a
dream.
I dreamed that I was in Love.
The Love was so great that my heart
could not contain it all.
Soon it commenced to revolve—a world
within my body.
Then did I know . . . that . . .
I am MOTHER GOD.

Spoke the Voice of the Silence:
I will to be the sea . . . and . . .
I am the sea—still . . . reflective;
I will to be the waves of the sea . . .
and . . .
I am the waves—wildly dashing myself
upon the sands of eternity;
I will to be a tree . . . and . . .
I am a tree—proudly lifting up my
tendrils toward the Light;
I will to be the wind . . . and . . .
I am the wind—swishing drunkenly
through flexing boughs;
I will to be the rain . . . and . . .
I am the rain—spinning dizzily down
to earth;
I will to be the sunrise . . . and . . .
I am the sunrise—bursting into a fren-
zy of colored passion;

I will to be a mountain brook . . .
and . . .
I am a brook—madly tumbling down
o'er mountain rocks;
I will to be a rose . . . and . . .
I am a rose—bravely offering up my
spiral innocence to the heavens;
I will to be the Earth . . . and . . .
I am the Earth—pouring out my Love
that all within me and upon me
may have Life, and grow, and
multiply.
Then did I know . . . that . . .
Love is Life.
Then did I know . . . that . . .
I am MOTHER GOD.

I hovered o'er my Creation . . . form-
less . . . timeless . . .
BROODING . . . BROODING . . .
BROODING . . .
I floated o'er the waters of the deep
. . . formless . . . timeless . . .
BROODING . . . BROODING . . .
BROODING . . .
Ethereic waves of Love pulsed through
the universe, tuned to the beat of
my heart, which was the One
heart.

Beneath my bosom lay a valley, and
men, children of my Love, stum-
bled one over the other, in the fog.
They pushed forward—but not up-
ward.
Some sought me, and I was there, but
they knew me not.
How I yearned to ignite the fires with-
in their souls and draw them unto
me . . . for . . .
I am the Soul of All.
I am Love.
I am MOTHER GOD.

I winged my way across the heavens,
out-breathing the flames of Love.
And my breath was the Light and Life
of all below.
I wept, that men deny my existence,
or admitting it, they deny that . . .
I am the Source of Life . . . or recog-
nizing this, they deny that . . .
I am Consciousness—their conscious-
ness—in which they live, and
move, and have their being.
I am neither eagle, nor woman, nor
angel.
I am MOTHER GOD.
ONE WHO LOVES.

A VISION IN THE CLOUDS

A SYMBOL—WHAT IS THE MEANING?

By WALTER E. McBRIDE

ON JULY 8, 1936, about 4 P. M., a threatening cloud came up from the north. I came in from work and stopped between the barn and house to watch this cloud to see if it was safe to go back to work. Looking up at the cloud I first noticed three large twisted links connected like the Odd Fellows' badge. They were larger and whiter, like a mist against a darker background and lay north and south. While looking at them I noticed just north of them a pile of large, perfectly round balls stacked in a V shape like is often seen in courtyards where they have old canons. They were darker, against a light background. I looked all over the clouds to see if I could see any more smooth, round balls but could not see any more. They were perfectly smooth with no jagged edges. I counted them; there were thirty-six of them and this

is the thirty-sixth year of the century. I was not so sure of the interpretation. During that week there was signed in Europe some kind of a Peace Treaty by three nations. Whether it had reference to that I do not know. Since the Rebellion in Spain it may mean three nations involved in War during the year 1936. I have asked many if they saw the same but have found none who did so. I do not remember a time when I ever saw such a heavy cloud with so much noise and no rain. In August, 1936, while in a seance at Camp Chesterfield I asked one of my Spiritual Guides the meaning. The answer was, "It meant three Nations involved in War in 1936."

A Prophecy Given to Warren A. McBride in the Spring of 1934

The following occurred on the night before the United States was to vote

on whether this Nation would join the League of Nations. "I had just been reading the newspaper account of the vote to be taken the next day. I had put the paper aside and laid down on the bed to rest and was thinking of this vote and wondering if there would be enough fools to carry the vote for this Nation to join the League of Nations when I seemed to hear someone speaking to me; at least it was just as plain as if someone was speaking, though not the same but I do not know any other way to explain it. It said, 'The League of Nations will not carry in the United States. The Peace Parley will be a failure. In 1936 there will be another War. In 1944-45 there will be another World War.

"In 1965 there will be another World War, the worst in all history. It will

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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

By CHARITY WESTOVER

WHAT do we want? What is the world in general searching and clamoring for? Happiness? More than that. We may be happy for a short time, but it does not last. Are the Scriptures, religion and the churches satisfying the yearning, searching souls? Ascetics and many religious sects claim they are perfectly happy since they have found God, but one has only to look into their eyes, study the long drawn features for but a moment to decide if this be always true. Of course, there are exceptions. They may be happy in the thought that a life after death will bring them sublime bliss, everlasting happiness. We have no actual proof. Have faith? That is what millions of people for thousands of years have been doing. Is it any wonder, with so many different kinds of religions, the young people of today are of the "doubting Thomas" personality?

Most of the young people of this day and age have given up the idea that they may obtain happiness from the churches and the Scriptures. For generations back, this has been flaunted before their eyes, drilled into their brains until they have become accustomed to it. They repeat their little "Now I lay me's" and "Gentle Jesus meek and mild's" with no meaning whatever. To them it has become merely a form, a daily habit, handed down from their parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Not only are they disregarding these teachings, they are waving them aside, craving for something substantial which the ministers of today seem unable to supply. They

are trailing along, not in the same old paths their ancestors have trodden for so many long painful years, but tramping down the old superstitious ideas and blazing new trails. We may as well state these facts and take it straight from the shoulder.

"What the world is in need of is an old-fashioned revival!" Many of the ministers are preaching today and are sadly finding out such a thing is almost impossible. The entire world for the past fifty years has been gradually outgrowing the old-fashioned revival. Is it on account of the many new religions springing into existence?

Another thing, the world is becoming tired out and discouraged awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Many have given up hope, have changed and taken up one of the many newer religions. Octogenarians have been expecting Him from their infancy and still He does not come. Will He ever come, they are wondering! Surely, the world must be ripe for it now, with all this unrest and dissension. Or is the world ripe for something else—a great, new spiritual movement?

I wonder at times what really has caused these different ideas among the young people of today, as well as among some of the older ones in regard to religion. I believe for one thing it is because the young folks no longer take everything for granted as they did a few centuries back. If you tell a child now he must not do this or that, he demands to know why. One must explain—give reason. Years ago a child never dreamed of questioning his elders. Such a thing was considered very

rude and called for chastisement. He took it for granted that his parents must be right. So I do not believe for a moment it is because the young generation is wicked. It is only because their brains are developing more than the brains of their ancestors ever could and one must make allowance for this. After all, at the rate the world has been traveling for the past twenty-five years, the brain is bound to unfold and expand more readily than ever before. For this reason, one cannot take the young folks seriously when they "talk back" to their elders. Where a few centuries ago they were ruled with the rod, they must now be ruled with kindness and common sense. To be more explicit, one must be like a lawyer, consider each case with plenty of jurisprudence. Remember, the outcome of the coming generation depends on the development of the brains of the young people of today.

A new era is opening up. The young people of today are growing away from the old traditions and naturally, the brain is bound to develop and readily grasp the newer ideas. Why try to fight against it?

Too long have the brains of the young been ignorantly held back, dwarfed by the traditional steeped brains of their elders. From the beginning of the world, it was ordained that humanity must climb upward along the great intellectual spiral and if the brain of man had not been dwarfed by fear, tradition and superstition, we would have gone farther than we are today.

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A PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE

By HELEN H. BROWN

WHEN I first tried experiences on the Astral or Psychic plane it seemed hard to remember that I was not on the Physical plane. One night I decided I would sleep till 4 o'clock and would still have time for a trip into the Astral. It always seemed easy to relax and step out of my physical and stand in my Astral body, the physical body lying there as though some very nice bread dough was molded as my physi-

cal body. I always loved to return to my physical body whenever I made these trips. I was living in a farmhouse at this time which had formerly been an old toll gate but was now remodeled. I wanted to see what was going on. I went downstairs and saw an old, white bearded man at the head of a long table; others were also sitting around the table, one woman waiting on the table. It was their supper

hour and a lamp was in the center of the table. I later verified the fact that all these people formerly lived in this house and were now all passed away—(or were they?). After looking around and seeing nothing more exciting I decided to return to my body upstairs. In order to do this I had to pass through my husband's room; he was fast asleep. As I came to the top of
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TODAY AND TOMORROW

TODAY and tomorrow is as a day. We are on earth today and far, far from it tomorrow. That which caused us to be on earth also caused us to leave earth. Those who live on earth are blind. All that which is of earth is comparatively blind, and the majority of cases completely so. I came to earth as the result of a mandate. I lived on earth because it was the only thing I understood. That is now gone. The decrees of Fate and the acts of what you call God were sufficient to remove my personal and physical being from earth. I am happy that it is so, for where I now am, I can see, know and understand. My rise is rapid

in the extreme. The length of time that I shall remain where I am will be determined by my adaptability. I think that it will be long; I hope so, anyway. Those who are worried when on earth are the ones I assist in every way possible.

I believe that I shall be here long, very long. As the sunset and the sunrise follow each other, so will I come and go to and from earth. I am attempting now to assist two people I did the most wrong to when on earth. This is my happiness to do so and right gladly am I exercising every function which is given to exercise.

There will be many more, I am sure of this, and in happiness will it be received. I thank the God I knew nothing of and may you, Oh reader, when you peruse this short story, remember that the only reward for your good acts on earth is a pleasure and happiness which you reap here in doing for others, and you who read this would not know my name should you see it in print. Names here mean nothing, and now, Good-bye, and thank you for assisting in giving this to the public.

Sincerely yours,
Your Sister.

January, 1938.

ABOUT COINCIDENCE

By JOHN PANA-FERMOS

LIBERTY, HOW MANY CRIMES ARE COMMITTED IN THY NAME?" were the last and immortal words of the famous Madame Roland when she was guillotined in 1793, during the French Revolution.

May I paraphrase them and say, "COINCIDENCE, HOW MANY TRUTHS ARE DENIED IN THY NAME?"

During the forty-seven years of my study of dreams and their interpretations, hundreds of times I heard unbelievers, or rather PERSONS WHO DID NOT WANT, AT ANY COST, TO BELIEVE in facts as patent and clear as sunshine, attribute to "coincidence" the materialization of events prognosticated by dreams.

They were all stumped, however, when asked to explain the fact that there were hundreds, nay thousands, of such IDENTICAL COINCIDENCES.

A coincidence, by its nature is something out of the natural, that is to say an "exception." Exceptions, to be such and confirm the opposite rule must be very few. When exceptions become numerous, they become the rule. Therefore, when in hundreds or thou-

sands of cases the events which follow dreams conform to the prognostications, this conformity ceases to be an exception or "coincidence" and becomes a rule.

Sir Matt. Hale, Chief Justice of England, said: "The very occurrence and COINCIDENCE of so many evidences . . . carries great weight." And he was then referring to law cases in which the coincidences are comparatively extremely few.

Naturally we all know what a coincidence is. The word itself is merely descriptive of an accomplished fact, of an "effect." It is my contention that there is a "cause" to that effect. What this cause is I do not claim to know. It may be telepathy. I do not venture to affirm it. The fact is that it belongs to the domain of the occult.

Digressing from the subject of dreams, I have often wondered why we do not see a certain person or do not hear from or of him for months or years; we sometimes forget all about him and then, some day we remember him, to see him or hear from him soon after.

Why does a certain event, which has never happened before or has not happened for a long time, occur at the time when it is most opportune, most favorable or unfavorable to somebody, or when it has just been wished, hoped for or simply mentioned by somebody?

Why, sometimes, a chain of disconnected events results in a "certain" event which has particular value or consequences for somebody?

These are three examples out of a thousand of those happenings which we attribute to "coincidence" without giving a thought to the causes which have created this "coincidence."

However, the more we penetrate the unknown forces of nature the more we learn that everything in the universe is created by and subject to universal laws and rules, to immutable forces.

I therefore may conclude that the word "coincidence" has been coined to indicate a condition, a fact, an "effect" the causes of which "are still unknown to us" but immensely worth studying.

Profoundly interested in this phenomenon I will be glad to hear from the readers of this magazine.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By MARY WISE WATTS

I WAS suddenly wide awake and lay tense, my eyes straining the darkness in vain, trying to ascertain what had disturbed me. Another move at the foot of my bed and I smiled. Babe, my sixteen-year-old Persian cat that I so dearly loved had jumped on the foot of my bed and stood kneading the comfort as was his custom before lying down at my feet. Fearful lest I rouse my husband who did not share my love for pets, I carefully reached down to pat Babe, wondering as I did so who had let him out of the basement where I had put him some hours before. But

there was no cat when I felt for him. I realized now something was really the matter. Pulling on slippers, I grabbed a flashlight and flew down stairs. The cellar door was still shut. I descended the steps and hurried to Babe's bed where I had laid him early that evening; it was empty. I called, but there was no answering "meow," no furry body caressing my ankles, as was his custom when I called him.

I found him in front of the furnace. His lovely coat a mess of ashes from where he had rolled in his death throes. I picked up the limp body without an

apparent spark of life and holding him close started to cry heartbrokenly, for I had never had an animal so dear to me as he had been. "Babe, O Babe," I mourned over and over, as I fondled him in my arms.

Suddenly I felt a slight shiver pass over him and his eyes changed as he looked dazedly at me. In a moment or two he seemed to start breathing again and before long was very much himself again to my great delight.

I went back to bed knowing I had had another experience that I could not explain so all would understand, but true nevertheless.

The following story was received by Mr. Reddy:

Editor, THE OCCULT DIGEST: Since the appearance of my contribution, "Jesus Hid Himself," in the March OCCULT DIGEST, a friend wrote me as follows: "Back among the hills of Pennsylvania where I was born and brought up there was an old fellow who told queer stories about his grandfather who had been a pioneer and Indian fighter. Now this grandson, who did the telling, was far from being dumb. He had read law, was admitted to the bar and outside of being Justice of the Peace for about twenty years, made no practice of the profession but became quite well to do as a farmer

and lumberman. Now here is the story in brief: In one of the skirmishes with the Indians it was necessary to beat a retreat, for the Indians were superior in number and apparently as well armed.

"There was some tall running and this particular man ran right into a squad of Indians and suddenly found himself almost completely surrounded, but suddenly there was no man there. The Indians were mystified, ran around amongst trees and underbrush trying to find the man. But they did not find him. He lived to not only tell the tale to his sons and grandfolks, but later on assisted in translating numerous Indians to the Happy Hunting Ground."

"Now the strange part of it was that people would come for some distance to consult this man on matters of law and legal enterprise, but only a few listened while he told these stories of his grandfather, and especially the power to make himself unseen. At that time I could not swallow the story on account of having no experience in relation to it, but since that time, after discovering that I did not know what light was or why one kind of light could penetrate a substance that would repel and reflect other light, I am inclined to think that there is not so much of a miracle about it as a positive and definite effect from a specific cause."

Verily, truth is stranger than fiction.

STRANGE MYSTERIES

By ANNIE JAMES

ONE of the strangest mysteries I have ever witnessed, a phenomenon that defies explanation, is what is known locally as the "Brown Mountain Lights." In the mountain section of Western North Carolina alongside Brown Mountain these fantastic lights appear. Viewed from a strategic point these lights appear to be balls of fire or light seen through mist; they seem to bob up on the mountainside and dance along, darting hither and yon until they finally disappear. When the public began to hear of this enigma, scientists, reporters and experts from far and near came to study this strange and weird sight, only to go away baffled, with the riddle still unsolved.

Various theories have been advanced—when first told of these lights most folks says "jack-o-lanterns," others declare it to be reflections from lights of a distant city, phosphorus fires, minerals in the mountains, lights from cabins, or moonshiners, and many other theories hold sway, but one and all the above have been proved beyond doubt to be false. The legends about the lights grew until even the U. S. government sent experts to study this

puzzling mystery. After much study and consultation they decided the lights were caused by reflection from passing auto lights thrown upon the mountainside. But—this theory was quickly exploded by oldtimers who disclosed that the lights danced on the mountainside long before the advent of the automobile. Despite the many smart men who have tried to find some logical reason for it, the lights still march and dance along the mountain side at will, and we are still no surer of the origin.

Many legends have grown up around about Brown mountain; one is that about a mountaineer whose wife disappeared about sixty years ago, and neighbors believed that the husband had murdered her. Parties began searching the wild terrain and one night during the search weird lights flickered over the mountains. The people grew frightened, quit the search, and the story grew that her spirit came back to haunt the murderer; some thought the lights pointed to her body. At that time no trace of her could be found. The only clue was blood stains upon a stile, which her husband claimed came from an animal. The would-be

historians who tell this story say that years later her body was found, hidden away beneath a cliff.

There is an Indian legend that says the Brown mountain lights twinkled long before the advent of the white man in this country. In about the year 1300 A.D. a fierce and bloody battle between two rival Indian tribes occurred in and around the picturesque Linville Falls and the famous Linville Gorge. The mountain lights are supposed to be the spirits of the maidens seeking the braves who went out to battle and never returned. The Indians who remain to this day in western Carolina aver this to be the true version of the origin of this mystery.

Whatever is the true source of this mystery I am not prepared to say—even scientists who have made an especial study of the matter fail to agree. But I do say it is well worth a trip to view this fantasy. Down through the years the lights have twinkled at intervals, as they do today. It is in the springtime most people say is the best time to view them. Visitors from far and near go to nearby places for a glimpse of the famous "Brown Mountain Lights."



Elbert Benjamine

MAN COMES OF AGE

By ELBERT BENJAMINE

President of The Church of Light

TO PICTURE the eleventh sign of the zodiac, which in a natural birth-chart rules the house of friends, the ancients used the figure of a Man. This man, with his left or receptive hand, measures the influence of the Heavens by means of a 24-hour gauge; while his right, or executive hand, is engaged in pouring down upon the earth from an urn the flood of wisdom thus acquired. Because Aquarius expresses the highest type of intelligence developed on the earth, the Key-phrase of this section of the zodiac where the Sun may be found each year from January 20 to February 20 is, I Know.

It was long believed, and is now in process of being verified that when the Equinox—which is the pointer of the Great Cycle of 25, 868 years, just as the Sun is the pointer in the annual cycle of 365¼ days — should enter Aquarius, the sign of Knowledge, that the human race under that influence would make tremendous strides in science, in philosophy and in practical living. The Equinox moves backward through the circle of zodiacal constellations, not due to any movement of the Sun but due to a wobble of the earth which causes the pole of the equator to move in a small circle about the pole of the ecliptic.

The earth is known to have five major motions. It rotates on its axis, bringing night and day. It revolves in an annual orbit around the Sun, producing the seasons. The Sun, accompanied by the earth, is moving at the rate of twelve and one-half miles a second toward the dividing line between Hercules and Lyra. The fourth major motion is that of the whole Milky Way System, or galaxy, which is turning like a pinwheel, about its center in Sagittarius. By this motion the Sun and earth, traveling at the rate of 150 miles a second, takes 240 million years to complete one orbit about the galactic center. The rate of travel of the fifth major motion, by which the earth, Sun and all the billions of stars of the galactic system are carried along, is as yet unknown.

It will be seen that while the Sun, along with other suns, moves around a center in 240 million years, that this

has nothing to do with the precession of the equinoxes. The precession is caused by the pull of the Sun and Moon on the bulging equator of the earth, which is not in the same plane as that in which the members of our solar system perform their revolutions. The gyration of the earth's pole as the result of the pull on the equator causes the point where the Sun each year crosses the equator to move backward through the circle of stars.

Signs of the zodiac are always just 30 degrees in extent. The constellations which picture the signs may be more or less than 30 degrees in extent, Cancer, for instance, covering only about 15 degrees, while Virgo covers about 50 degrees. Furthermore, there being no exact record of the boundaries of these constellations; they are not well defined, but only approximate.

When, therefore, the Equinox is said to have backed into the sign Aquarius, that does not mean that it has moved back to a point where some of the stars in the constellation Aquarius are located; because no one knows within a degree or two what stars should be included in the outline of the constel-

lation. Instead it means that the Vernal Equinox has moved back 30 degrees from the correspondence of the First of Aries among the constellations; because the sign Pisces (not the constellation Pisces), through which it has moved, by its very definition of being a sign must contain 30 degrees along the ecliptic.

As the whole cycle by which the Equinox moves through the 12 signs takes 25,868 years, the date when the Equinox entered Aquarius by the back door and the Aquarian Age started could be determined precisely by adding one-twelfth of 25,868 years, or 2,156 years to the date when the First of Aries among the constellations coincided with the First of Aries among the signs.

Unfortunately, there is no undisputed record of the date when the First of Aries among the constellations thus coincided with the First of Aries among the zodiacal signs. We cannot, for this purpose, select the western boundary of the constellation Aries, because no one knows precisely where that boundary should be or whether the picture as it

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AQUARIUS



I Know



Haasan Osiris

WORLD OUTLOOK

August, 1938

THE New Moon occurring on the 27th of last month in the fiery, zodiacal sign of Leo is the significator for this Lunation. This sign is ruled by the Sun and is part ruler for August. Mars holds a prominent place in the sky influencing world events also.

America at this time is in the throes of a series of hot political confusions. There is much excitement and mud-slinging by opponents of the various political parties. Sharp criticism of the Administration's policies. The stock market will likely fluctuate wildly.

Elemental disturbances over various sections of the country reek a great deal of havoc. Hot and drying winds sweep the vast western states producing drought and dust storms. There will be many forest fires and much damage through incendiary sources. Heavy losses through storms, thunder showers, hail and earthquake shocks.

Many accidents occur each week over the land by railway and airship travel. Astounding news emanates from somewhere in the middle west and a serious crime takes place on the Pacific coast. Labor strikes and prison difficulties boom into the headlines often.

The rest of the world is also having trouble. There are great cleanups in various countries pertaining to gambling and speculative frauds.

An eminent scholar of athletics will gain some publicity in central Europe. England seems to maintain a very firm attitude concerning world trade. She seems to cement closer the friendship of her colonies.

Revolution is spreading in Mexico and South America experiences some unexpected political upheavals. Earth-

quakes annoy the southern half of Australia. There will be new gold strikes in various parts of the world.

It is a month of most unexpected excitement.

AUGUST, 1938

For the Zodiacal Signs

ARIES

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

The significating influences for August are very invigorating. Conditions continue good for you in the Aries family. Plenty of opportunity for travel and for making changes in your work that would benefit you. New friendships are formed in unexpected places. The mind is free, open, broad, original and witty.

TAURUS

(For those born between April 20-May 20)

August brings you Taureans much to be thankful for. There is quite a bit of excitement around you in all phases of your existence. New income or an increase in your present income. Offers to travel follow important news from a distance. The health seems to be good and your domestic life will contain some pleasures.

GEMINI

(For those born between May 21-June 21)

You are coming along nicely now and will experience many gains, favors and increases as this month progresses. Unusual or odd offers come from persons younger than yourself. Strange news from a distance and unexpected trips will be taken on the spur of the moment. Health looks much improved. Finances are good.

CANCER

(For those born between June 22-July 22)

The month is given over mostly to testing your abilities and patience.

Have courage to carry on your plans and promote your interests. Overcome a tendency to languidness and avoid becoming involved in the disputes of friends or relatives. Guard your health from nervousness. Take no unnecessary risks or chances.

LEO

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

Rather subtle influences predominate for you now and it is therefore necessary for you to be cautious in all dealings and to protect your pocket-book. Practice economy and tact. The health needs some attention but if you are careful there is nothing serious to worry about. It is best to postpone travel.

VIRGO

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

Some impositions annoy you and bring you an unsettled state of mind. You will be worried entirely too much about other people's affairs; do not try to live anyone else's life. Attend to your health and your finances. You will have plenty to do keeping your own affairs straight without worrying over others.

LIBRA

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

The month is like a full blown rose to you Librans who are in love. The month gives you new stimulus and interests in friendships and domestic affairs. You will perhaps undertake several new ideas for self promotion that will be successful. Some travel is shown through the month. A new friendship of importance.

SCORPIO

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

Nothing should interfere with your
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Personal Astrological Daily Guide

Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

AUGUST, 1938

- 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. 31		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.

BOOK REVIEWS

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What of the Future — (Continued from page 18)

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life now at the age of six years than the young people a few years back knew in their teens. There seems to be a development going on in the brain and it will not be retarded. One cannot put them aside because if you try it, they'll catch you in those "little white lies." They demand the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. If you won't give them that, they'll get it elsewhere.

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The Spiritual Significance — (Continued from page 10)

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Each of these in turn could be analyzed. The greatest symphonies have four movements. Turn to any art you wish and you will find that in its highest form it bears the insignia of the Divine in man.

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The Welding of the Forces — (Continued from page 13)

symbol is the BALANCE. When Man's mind has risen to the consciousness of the energies of this seal, he will be able to distinguish between pure intellect or the spiritual mind and the mind of material desire and psychic emotion, in other words he will recognize the difference between the mind that is lighted through Heavenly Wisdom and the mind which basks in the Darkness of Hades, the animal nature. This is an Air sign, ruled by the ANGEL HANAEL (which is only another name for VENUS). Libra is the seventh sign of the zodiac with a foundation of chrysolite, the sense of hearing enters this gateway. It belongs to the EQUILIBRIUM series through independence, policy and expiation.

The Pharyngeal Ganglia, or fourth seal, corresponds to the sign VIRGO. It controls the sense center which is known as the ADAM'S APPLE. It is the highest of the four sense centers which represent sex belonging to the sympathetic system. Psychic phenomenon originates here. Sex exists only in the physical and psychic worlds. This sign has been likened to Purgatory, for an individual born with the SUN in a certain degree of VIRGO and with a certain degree of Virgo on the ascendant, with aspects corresponding, is capable of falling into the depths of degradation, and from these depths, recognizing the Christ within and rising to heights of spirituality. Virgo is no half way sign for the initiate. This is an earth sign and its foundation is built of SARDIUS. Virgo is ruled by the mighty Angel Raphael. The sense of SIGHT has its entrance through this gateway. In the distant future we feel that astrologers will find that Virgo is ruled by VULCAN. This sign represents the *fourth ten years* of a human life; it is in these years in what is termed the change of life that man and woman alike throw off animal propensities and take on spiritual attributes, and we know that all that is base within one can be changed through reason to divine thought. Virgo belongs to the analytical series through achievement, experience and renunciation.

The Cavernous Ganglia, or fifth center, corresponds to the sign Cancer. This center is called the FRONTAL SINUS and when partially awakened unless we understand its spiritual nature we may be in grave danger, for if accompanied by terrific headaches, undoubtedly we would be told we had

SINUS trouble. Occultists know it for a spiritual vibration and the only cure without permanent harm is a balancing of the nerve forces. Cancer is a water sign and is ruled by the Angel Gabriel, the fourth sign of the zodiac, and its foundation is built of emerald. Astral light has its entrance through this GATEWAY. It belongs to the feeling series through moods, revelation and research.

Ida and Pingala start the process of awakening the spiritual faculties in the first seal. This awakens a portion of the lower centers of the brain, as Ida and Pingala contacts the different sense centers the vibratory rate is raised, and the centers partake of the energies of the different signs and planets. This fifth center is situated back of the nasal passages and when the vibratory rate reaches this point the fiery electric forces pour into the brain and form a positive and negative current, which radiates across the forehead or FRONTAL SINUS. This power feels like a band of steel around the head; anyone who has ever felt this power will know of what we are speaking.

The Sacral Ganglia, or sixth seal, personifies the regenerative force. It corresponds to the sign of CAPRICORN. It is the base of the CEREBRO-Spinal system and lies at the base of the spinal column. This is the starting point of the KUNDILINI, the serpent or the electric fire. When the sixth seal is opened the electric force starts to operate at the base of the spinal cord and proceeds along the spinal marrow, its passage through each sense center is like a violent shock or quickening sensation. This is due to the increased voltage. Capricorn is an earth sign and is ruled by the Angel Zepkiel, the tenth sign of the zodiac, with a foundation of CHRYSOPHASE. In this sign hearing has its gateway. It belongs to the utility series through organization, martyrdom and idealism.

The Conarium or PINEAL Body is the seventh seal. This body is small and gray and situated in the brain; it has no objective sight, but when its spiritual vision is restored by the rejuvenating force of the electric fire it becomes the organ of subjective view. This center corresponds to the sign of LEO, a fire sign ruled by the ANGEL MICHAEL. Leo is the fifth sign of the zodiac and has a foundation of Sardonyx. FAITH enters through this

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A Vision in the Clouds — (Continued from page 18)

be so devastating that it will almost depopulate the globe. After that a new form of government will take shape all over the globe and a permanent Peace will be for ages to come.'

"I did not know who was giving me this but I lay and listened to it. I was as wide awake as I ever was in my life. Since then I have told this to several young people, knowing I could not live to see it all come to pass and have asked them to remember it. Since that time my son, W. E. McBride, while in a spiritual seance with

Mrs. Burnside, a Trumpet medium of Kansas City, Mo., asked my brother, Marks McBride, if he knew who gave this to me. His answer was, 'Yes, I know; it was Brother George who gave it.' He asked how I got or heard it. He heard it as you people call it, Clairaudiently. I have lived to see the War spoken of in 1936—Italy and Ethiopia and the rebellion in Spain." Received by W. A. McBride, who passed to the next expression of Life in December, 1936. Contributed to The Occult Digest by his son.

The Fountain of Youth — (Continued from page 8)

becomes worse off than had he never been baptized with the Holy Fire, for now a new channel has been opened which makes the patient more vulnerable to less desirable agencies who with avidity enter and destroy all the mending performed by the healing atoms. Thus it is that spiritual healing is more efficacious than any other method when given to one who is truly penitent and readily manifests his appreciation of his indebtedness through prayer and thanksgiving.

But let us return to our thought forms. While one ponders over an idea, seeking a solution to a perplexing problem, the Ego continues to wind the ec-

toplasmatic thread increasing the potentiality of the super-induced current of static electricity, then the instant he focuses his thoughts elsewhere the current of electricity flowing through the core of the thought form transformer reverses its direction and a vacuum ensues. Since nature abhors a vacuum, ideas from outside agencies rush into the void and if the idea harmonizes or is of sufficient close vibration to register, the ego incorporates it with the analogous thought form. This is the modus operandi by which all perplexing problems are solved.

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A Psychic Experience — (Continued from page 19)

the stairs I was in his room and I could see he was asleep but two men were doing something to him and I knew he was not aware of what was going on. I felt I must let him know, that I must not leave the scene but my body was in the other room. I thought, well if I can move my esophagus I can awaken him; so standing in his room I reached along a line of light and wiggled my physical throat part. The noise I made was very audible to me in my psychic body—sounded like "glogs, Gloga!" Evidently one of the men came over to me and did something

I couldn't understand. Then I was suddenly swished back to my body; my husband was shaking me and he was frightened. He said, "What are you doing?" I said, "Only trying to wake you up." And he said, "Well, if you ever make that horrible noise again I'll spank you; you nearly scared me to death." So, knowing I had made a mistake somewhere I did no more Astral traveling for some time. I know now I should have wakened him physically, not psychically. I know it was a true psychic experience and what I saw were facts.

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SAGITTARIUS

(For those born between
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With very little to worry about now you really should experience many boosts in your plans and success in your efforts. The month tends to make you a little bit restless causing a desire for change and travel. This would be favorable at this time. General health conditions look very encouraging. Finances are improved.

CAPRICORN

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

The Sun must always rise after it has disappeared in the west. August is like a beautiful sunrise to you. You will come into brand new conditions and opportunities to improve yourself

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AQUARIUS

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

Would suggest that you be on your guard about your health: especially the region of the stomach and liver—attend to your elimination and avoid excessive sunburn. August brings some extra minor expenses that may be unwelcome or inconvenient but they are not serious. Avoid travel if possible. Prevent accidents.

PISCES

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

You will be entering a period of eight weeks now during which time you should be very cautious in regard to your honor and reputation. You are apt to do very uncouth or foolish things unthinkingly—be careful. Guard your health. Avoid speculation or investment. Prevent accidents in traffic. Rest. Relax.

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3. The inclusion of Astrology as one of the subjects taught in the public schools.

Omitting details, two essential steps in the program are:

A. To make the public conscious of the objectives sought and that those

astrologically minded are working vigorously to attain them.

B. To develop as wide a public confidence as possible in the great value of Astrology.

These attacks against Astrology by the pundits of scholasticism, invariably have been by those whose writings show they are totally ignorant of what Astrology is or what it teaches. And in the future every such published attack will be answered by a published reply in the various astrological and occult magazines. Furthermore, the periodicals thus wantonly and facetiously attacking Astrology, will be bombarded by letters and articles in refutation.

The COMMENTATOR, for instance, has received so many letters of objection to their attack, and articles in refutation of the one by Fred C. Kelly, that its Editorial Correspondence Department writes:

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Man Comes of Age — (Continued from page 21)

appears on the maps of today is of the same size and contour as it anciently was. Thus there is no precise astronomical observation by which can be determined when the Aquarian Age began.

It would appear, however, that the First of Aries among the constellations must lie very close to the most brilliant and conspicuous star in the constellation Aries. This star, Alpha Arietis, now has a Right Ascension of 2 hours, 3 minutes. That is, the Vernal Equinox has moved back not quite 31 degrees since it was on the meridian occupied by this bright star in the head of the Ram. Calculating at the rate of precession by Right Ascension, in 1881 the Vernal Equinox was just about 30 degrees along the ecliptic west of the meridian of Alpha Arietis, so that if this star be used as a starting point for the circle of constellations, the Equinox backed into Aquarius just about 1881.

In determining the time of the commencement of the Aquarian Age, as it is mere assumption that Alpha Arietis is the starting point in the circle of stars, we are faced with a problem similar to that of determining the hour of birth of a person when the precise time has not been recorded. It is essentially a problem of rectification, such as all astrologers are familiar with in their natal astrology practice.

Within the time limits which for other considerations seem reasonable, the most satisfactory method of rectifying a birth-chart is through the comparison of the events which have happened in the life with the positions found in the chart, and with the progressed aspects. And by the same token, rather than make calculations from Alpha Arietis, or from other equally uncertain starting points, it seems better to ascertain the commencement of the Aquarian Age from a consideration of events which clearly are not of the type which are characteristic of Pisces, through which for more than 2,000 years the Equinox moved by precession.

Aquarius is a scientific sign, and during the past 50 years science has made greater advances than during the 2,000 Piscean years. Its ruler, Uranus, governs invention, psychology, electricity and the study of the stars. It has been within the past 50 years that the world has adopted electricity as an important source of power, that inventions have revolutionized industry, that astronomy has extended its boundaries from our solar system to the measurement of stars and other universes, and that psychology has come to be recognized as a subject that should be taught in schools.

There is traditional basis also for considering that the Aquarian influence over world affairs started in 1881; but, as anyone familiar with Aquarius can hardly believe that present-day activities are actuated by the mere Belief of Pisces rather than by the Knowl-

edge of Aquarius, to present other evidence would be to use space that can better be utilized in pointing to the most important developments which, now we are in the Aquarian Age, shortly will be with us.

Because Religion forms the pattern of human conduct, its significance is even greater than that of the industrial and scientific advancement now to be seen under way. Science, which is classified information, gives power to accomplish. But whether that power will be used for the benefit of the race or will enable the few to subjugate and exploit the many, is a religious consideration. It depends upon the attitude toward life whether selfishness shall rule, or the humanitarian spirit which characterizes the finer side of Aquarius.

Whether we like it or not, now that the world has moved into the astral current of Aquarius, all institutions resting on a foundation of mere Belief will disintegrate. The orthodoxies of the Piscean Age are irrevocably doomed. Energy spent tearing them down is wasted, because their falsities already are disappearing, dissolving like the morning mists, faster than those who are enlightened can disseminate true Knowledge to take their place.

Not that the outworn beliefs will fail to go, but that they will be destroyed so fast that the populace will have no opportunity to find something more satisfactory to take their place, is the great danger of the present time. The Aquarian Age demands Knowledge. Yet the only knowledge accessible to many who forsake orthodoxy is that provided by material science and biased by materialistic philosophy. Such materialism, however intellectual it may be, failing to perceive the vital truths pertaining to other than the physical world, is no wider in its outlook than the orthodoxy it condemns. It provides knowledge, but that knowledge is so partial that it is applicable only to the plane of animal life, to the plane of get all you can and give as little as possible.

A religion to be adequate to meet the requirements of the Aquarian Age must be based on knowledge, not on belief; and that knowledge must be as inclusive as possible. It must embrace the facts of the physical plane, and also the facts of inner planes. It must provide for a plan of life that takes into consideration not merely the physical welfare of the individual, but also his spiritual advancement both here and on the planes of the future.

Whatever forces there are that have an influence on the life of man must be included as factors in the Aquarian Age philosophy. It must not only recognize that people do certain things, but also why they do them. Psychology helps to reveal this. And it must provide the knowledge by which character may be developed and the limitations

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The Welding of the Forces

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The Soul cries with Oliver Wendell Holmes:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul;
As the swift seasons roll;
Leave thy low vaulted past;
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast,
Till I at length am free,
Leaving my outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

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Dominion of Life

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given into their hands. The builder is he who carries forward from age to age the Torch of Knowledge and step by step, beating a path, building a highway into that Eternal City where men are men and Life is the most precious possession. Life's dominion today reaches forth into the great Central Light, bringing into unity and into a united progress the builders who have come to Earth in this decade of Time.

Ask yourself—Am I a builder? Search the record of your Life — you hold the key and no man has dominion over your Life. Study the Law of Cause and Effect and in studying it know you possess the *pearl* of greatest price. You came into being through the process of your own creative Law and you will continue the process of that being through all Time which is Eternity in daily living—not yesterday or tomorrow, but *today*. The harvest of yesterday is the hope of tomorrow.

Is the Soul? — (Continued from page 11)

The snares that destroy and degrade the Soul are the weeds, thistles and thorns recognized as evil, hateful, envious or lustful thoughts and actions.

To judge the condition of a man's Soul you have only to judge his character and personality. Personality comes nearer describing the Soul than any other human attribute.

The Soul is a perpetual fire that is aflame in the body of man. To transmute base metals into gold and silver does not mean the actual metals. It simply means that through the purifying fires of the Soul, the carnal self and evil thoughts are transmuted into thoughts and deeds of love and kindness.

The one Law of the Soul is: "Love thy fellow-man as thyself." Observing this one Law, all Laws are observed, and the building of the Soul is made possible.

Before man can expect development of Soul power, he must prove his worth by gaining complete mastery over his carnal being and evil thoughts.

The thoughts of the mind are man's most powerful medium for building the consciousness of the Soul. Through his thoughts man gains either Heaven or Hell. In the sense here used, Heaven and Hell are states of consciousness. Heaven being a consciousness of health, power, absolute peace and contentment. Hell is a consciousness of sickness, failure, despair and death.

The war between Heaven and Hell is simply the battle in the mind of man when once he determines to forsake the desires of the flesh. The pure thoughts and desires are in conflict with the evil and lustful, carnal thoughts. Once the battle is started, there is no turning back. It is a war to the death, and man becomes either a master over himself and his carnal desires, with power over all things on earth; or he becomes a slave to his own carnal and evil animal self, leading a life of selfishness and basking in the sun of false Gods that lead man to his own destruction.

Bringing the Soul into conscious activity is the purpose of man's sojourn on earth. It is a work not easily accomplished and not to be considered lightly. It is nevertheless a task each man must accomplish for himself and constitutes an achievement far greater and of much greater value than all the money and honors the world can offer.

Immortality can be obtained in no other way except through the awakening of the slumbering Soul. Immortality must be won while the Soul is in a human body. Faith alone, no matter how great, cannot bring the Soul into conscious activity. It is necessary that man live the life. Through his actions he must demonstrate his Faith, transmute the carnal desires into spiritual qualities, and little by little bring the

Soul into a state of conscious being so that ultimately it will be enveloped in a pillar of fire, recognized in occult literature as the Ineffable Light.

The law is very clear: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

The Secret Schools similarly instruct the Neophyte: "Live the life; learn to know the truth; think in harmony with the instructions inculcated; and all things shall be added unto you."

These are promises, not for some future state after the death of the body, but for here and now and during the present life experience.

Soul development may seem a very simple matter but it is not to be undertaken without serious consideration.

First of all, Soul development is not for weaklings. Man may be happily situated in all affairs of life, but the moment he definitely enters a course of training and development he immediately comes face to face with experiences that test his character and will-power to the utmost. Business, which formerly was successful, may suddenly take on the appearance of failure. The Neophyte is confronted with conditions and mental suffering which effectually forces him to rid himself of his pride, vanity, jealousy, hate and the hundred and one other carnal desires which have enjoyed existence and become a part of the animal man. The law however forbids man from casting out these evil desires. They must be transmuted, or burned up, and converted into Soul qualities. They are the dross and the weeds that furnish the fuel necessary in the building of Soul consciousness, and in maintaining the fire that will ultimately burn out all evil desires, all evil tendencies, all sickness and everything else of a negative nature.

Once man has definitely undertaken to bring his Soul into conscious activity, there is no turning back. The battle must continue until there is either victory or defeat. The terror on the threshold must be met and overcome.

Thus if man fails in his task or effort of subduing the carnal self, he must necessarily live out his life as a slave to the animal self, with no hope of achieving his objective during his present earth life.

But if man wins the battle, then indeed is there rejoicing. The Hierarchies, Saints, Angels, and even the Gods are ready to co-operate in making his every desire come true. He will have achieved Immortality for his Soul. He will have found the wisdom of Solomon, the peace that passeth understanding, and this can only come to man as a reward for having achieved Soul consciousness and won Immortality while still in a human body.

My Aunt Came Back — (Continued from page 14)

as usual—nothing was accomplished. That night my aunt again appeared and I told her what had transpired, to which she replied: "Yes, I know all about it. You have done all you can do with dad. I've given him his last chance and since he won't do anything about it, I'll have to take him out"—and vanished.

In a few days my grandfather was taken seriously ill and in twenty-six days he passed out on August twenty-sixth. When the men started to excavate for the grave, beside that of my aunt, they found an old rough box and coffin. There WAS a lost grave of which there was no record. Neither did any of the old residents have any knowledge of it. As the earth was

frozen so solidly at the time of my aunt's burial, although there were only several inches of earth between the rough box and the excavation, it did not cave in and the old grave was not discovered. As my aunt had indicated her preference for a certain place the grave was dug at the new site and my grandfather interred therein. That night my aunt again appeared and said: "Listen, kid! You've found that I have told you the truth, and that there is a lost grave there beside me. I'm satisfied with the new location and I know that I'll be moved before a great while," and disappeared for the last time. My aunt never came to me again.

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Immortality — (Continued from page 9)

grew out of the teachings of Christ. The Divine energy—existing in millions of personalities is here concentrated in the unique personality of Jesus who later took upon himself the deification of humanity. True Theosophy draws no line of creed, color or race. All the ancient wisdom is once again re-embodied in the teachings of this newer religion. Then too, religion and science are daily drawing closer and closer together. Gradually science is forced to accept the laws of nature as set forth by occultism as it discovers more and more proofs of them in scientific research.

If we turn to the teachings of Plato, Zoroaster, the Taoist Sages of China, the philosophers of India and those of our own time—men divided by epoch and civilization as well as race and temperament—we will find that they are all searching for an existence be-

yond the veil. These men are greater than any arguments they may use and although they cannot justify by logic all their findings their insight into the reality of things carries much weight. Then, too, the conclusions reached by psychology is so framed and the mind so constituted that man in his lowest estate, all the world over, gives evidence of possessing religious perceptions and emotions. In all poetry and literature, ancient and modern, is embodied the idea that there is a future life.

The most ancient secret of mankind is no nearer solution and cannot be justified by logic, yet hope and confidence has never faltered. The world to come may transcend time and space; instinct and tradition sustain the belief in a future existence. The present belongs to man, the future remains in the hands of God.

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of environment may be overcome. Such a religion is The Religion of the Stars.

All the facts that material science has to offer must fit snugly into this religion. Not that the unsubstantiated theories of materialists should be included; for fashions in scientific theories change as often as the styles in women's clothes. But those things which have amply been proved as a part of physical reality must not conflict with a true religion. If both religion and science be true any conflict between them is unthinkable.

But in addition to the fact accepted by the material minded there is a vast field of carefully verified truths relating to planetary influence, relating to the development and use of other than physical sense organs, relating to the conditions that are present after the dissolution of the human body, and having to do with the basic purpose of life itself. This information also, however wide and varied its character, and regardless of its conflict with preconceived ideas, must fit smoothly into The Religion of the Stars.

Aquarius being the sign of Knowledge, the Religion of the Aquarian Age

must include as wide a range of information as possible; and it must be organized into a single consistent and practicably applicable structure. As this is the sign pictured by the Man, it must provide man with the best possible method of meeting every contingency of life. There is a best way to act under every circumstance wherein man finds himself, and this religion should be so comprehensive and yet so explicit that those who follow it should have no difficulty in knowing what the best course of action is under the conditions that confront them at any particular time.

Because the knowledge of astrology is essential to such best action, and because astrological relations through their correspondences on earth and in the mind are the best guides to effective action, the Religion thus formulated should be called The Religion of the Stars. And as this religion is based on that wisdom which expressed the Aquarian spirit of altruism, the text associated with the constellation is: Do and Think Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do and Think Unto You.

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Spiritual Seeing

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lives are bound with the thongs of ancient religions—ancient customs and present-day fears. Oh, boundless ocean of Life, sweeping the shores of Time, gather the helpless into the great halls of learning that their bonds may be broken, that their ears may be unstopped and that the scales may fall from their eyes—that they may be free men and women, free from bondage, free from deafness, free from fear and be shorn of limitation and become leaders heralding the Gospel of Free Life, unbounded by superstition, unbounded by fear that they may free the world by speaking boldly these truths—truths that will set the prisoner free from limitation and endow them with full understanding of the comprehensive law governing all Life, governing all worlds. One Law—One Life—Freedom from limitation, freedom from an avenging God—freedom from a man made religion and its individual leaders of a limited faith.

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The Diamond Umbrella — (Continued from page 15)

in her early teens she had ridden horseback with him. It was of David on horseback that she could recall the most vivid memories.

To overcome his great handicap and enable him to be on more equal terms with other boys, his father had bought him a horse for a friend and constant companion. When David rode his horse, which he sat as if a part of the animal, so as one in movement and sympathy—he suffered no handicap. The cruel lameness from a severe injury in childhood which forced him to walk always with a crutch through all his life, even into his mature manhood when, Norma learned later, David had grown to be tall and splendidly developed, broad of shoulder and with a handsome head and features.

When she tried to recall all memories of David Allison, Norma could not remember that she had seen him since the last time they had ridden together. The day of the big wash-out on the country road they had come to and of which they had not known before. This, she remembered, had forced them to make a long detour to get home, which they did at an hour much later than her mother had said Norma might be gone—although before six. And so, after that their happy rides were forbidden her. She did not know if David cared. She never saw him again that she recalled, but she had cared and grieved at missing those pleasant, gay, care-free rides with David. The last glimpse—the last memory she had of seeing him was of him astride his own horse and leading her's down the shady driveway toward her father's picturesque, well-ordered stables, to put her horse into his stall. After all these intervening years she could still see the ease and grace with which he sat on his handsome horse. Already a splendidly manly fellow, but, she sadly thought, riding away from her. Then she remembered his eyes—those beautiful, dark eyes with the look of tragedy that was seldom absent from them.

When speaking with him Norma often wondered what had occasioned such an impression of tragedy in one so young; and then she realized—for a young man always to have to have a crutch to enable him to stand or walk was tragedy indeed. It seemed especially so for one so virile otherwise. She recalled also that more than once upon their rides when David had seemed to conquer his shy reticence she had seen a merry, teasing look in those handsome eyes.

When David had said to her in the quiet room—"It's David," Norma had felt surprise at the hope and comfort those two words had brought to her heart and life, even before he had said at a much later time when she was again sitting alone, "I am your mate.

You don't know about mates—true mates. I'll tell you when I can. I love you, Sweetheart. Death came to me a number of years ago; I had to learn how to come back." Norma felt rich and comforted—David was her mate—her "true mate." Even if she did "not yet know," she could imagine a true mate and he would, of course, be David.

Gradually as Norma learned to hold herself quiet and relaxed but closely attentive to listen, it seemed as if David also learned to control flying, vagrant thoughts and to concentrate his mental force in sending into her mind brief, vivid messages and teachings—an exceedingly difficult accomplishment. One day he said—"One's true mate is the most important, most precious possession a human being has in this life or life on the psychic planes; all the thoughts, hopes, dreams of love and happiness one can have are psychic memories of things as they really are when mates can be together after death. Everyone—man, woman or child, has his true mate, either here, living a life on earth or living on some psychic plane. Some, when they come into this earth life to experience and develop, may meet their mates and because of the bewilderment of this tempestuous earth—life experience, may meet but not recognize the mate. Others may experience a great attraction, but cannot believe it could be true that these separated beings belong to each other. It can and does happen that true mates meet and marry in this earth life and in the stress and strain of the situations and difficulties they have to experience on earth, thereby to grow strong and develop, they do not—cannot, in the turbulent earth life, realize the wonder and happiness of finding and having their mates, although they do have brief glimpses and realizations of the loveliness and comfort of it. That is, brief realization compared to the full realization and recognition in the life on the psychic plane."

On another day David said, "Life on earth as you are now experiencing it is but a part, but a most important part, of your whole life. The earth Life is for almost all people a test, a training, an opportunity to try and develop. There are exceptions—sometimes an entity, a soul was in earth life to sustain his or her mate who was or was to live and undergo a very taxing, straining experience through which he needs the co-operation, sustaining, sympathetic force of his or her mate and needs this mate to be on the same plane of existence as that on which he or she is living. A mate is a fundamental relationship of the human world; its tie and influence the most powerful; its love, tested in many incarnations and situations through the centuries, the truest. It is everlasting."

During one of these quiet and, Norma felt, precious talks with her, David said: "When you die, sweetheart, I will be there to meet and greet you. Thereafter we shall be together always—no more separation or starving for one's mate. It will be as in the song you used to sing so often—'you and I together, Love, all the way, all the way.

"We will be together not to play on harps but to do for others the things for which we are best fitted in sympathy and ability. Living on a psychic plane, no longer to be the round peg in a square hole as so often in one's earth life. It is all analagous to a large, intricately woven tapestry which is intended to be fine and beautiful in which all whose lives are near each other or with some connecting earth relationships, have, each one, his or her life threads to weave into his part of the design together with those near or related, in their portion of the tapestry of earth-life. One is helped to try and weave his life's demands truly and not to skew or pull his threads too tightly or break it off too soon thus marring the texture and disastrously affecting all life threads near or connected with his or hers.

"This is what earth life is, Sweetheart. You and I have lived and struggled together and apart until we have achieved the supreme privilege of living all our lives, experiences and endeavors, hereafter, together. We have all been taught and we realize that upon leaving this earth life, none of its so-called treasures—gold, jewels, land, properties, can be taken with us through death to Life in the psychic realms. We forget—have perhaps never comprehended that the faith, hope and charity or love we can learn and have felt on earth, can be taken with us—what we have learned and earned of them—forever."

Death came suddenly to Norma. One sunny morning she was walking along a city street. At the moment there were few pedestrians, although in the street, cars streamed swiftly and constantly past. A man, walking near and behind her heard her call out to the other side of the street apparently—for the moment empty—"I'm coming, David," and saw her with her hand outstretched and seemingly oblivious of all else, start to cross the street directly in the path of the swiftly moving cars.

When traffic was stopped and Norma was lifted to the sidewalk, all about her—her face, expression and her body seemed serene, as if uninjured. Her right hand was found clasped around an umbrella, the handle of which was studded with little, shining stones that sparkled like diamonds.



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