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EDITORIAL:

We rejoice that an increasing number of letters coming to the Editor are addressed "You cur" and its variations. A spiritual teacher is known by his enemies, for in the degree that his own development of Truth is pure, it acts as an opposite polarity to the error in the mass mind. Thus do spiritual leaders bear the sins of the world—they polarize the error by the Truth which they attain. Freud has pointed out that although he has written on a number of deep philosophic aspects of life, only his writings on sex have generally stirred people up, revealing to him the weak point in those people who so vigorously take issue with him. We love our enemies, whatever names you call us, and we rejoice that we can reveal your own weakness to you, for revelation precedes the overcoming of it.

The blind lead the blind when teachers declare that living a spiritual life is easy, prosperous, etc. Young men are going to have to learn that it takes more courage to stand for Principle than it does to fight an enemy on the battleground. We were well acquainted with the condition of Conscientious Objectors retained in Military Camps in the last war, and we dare say that the present group of Objectors will meet with much the same response from their fellow militarists. Young men are going to have to learn patience, forbearance of less developed thought directed towards them, and the courage to stand for Principle regardless of taunts and other error ideas of their soldier brethren. It takes a stronger character to love the enemy than it does to fight him--which is why so many erstwhile "Truth" students are all for the fight. We know whereof we speak: many people of little vision cannot see the universal scope of our work for the highest manifestation of Love and Harmony. But Ye Editor is a Pisces-Cancer and will perhaps hang on thru many "you curs"

Every once in a while we break down and confess our age or something else very personal; just now we admit shamelessly and openly to being a "gold-digger", defined as a person who counts the cost of things and gets the best value possible, and wherever possible.

For several years we have agonized over the fact that we get so many Christmas cards (many from people who do not know us well enough to spell the name correctly!) and when we estimate the cost of these hundreds of cards, it runs well into a few hundred dollars. What couldn't we do with the magazine with a few hundred dollars!

We have, on occasion, sent Christmas greetings back to acquaintances who have hindered in large or small ways, (or with petty talk), feeling that a conventional greeting hardly paid for the year's unkindness. This year, we urgently request that you do not send us cards, but send the cost in stamps, which will be used to send sample copies to new friends.

We believe we are like a famous teacher in a Western University who was taken to task by the Board of Directors about his failure to speak to his students. He explained that every time he remembered the name of a student he forgot the name of a rare fish, and as they had hired his services as the outstanding authority on rare fish, they let the freshmen go on their way, unrecognized. Increasingly we have only one joy in life--to spread the Truth through the magazine, and if you will all unite with us to help reach hundreds of people that maybe do not even now know about us, we'll be so happy that we'll purr!

An eminent psychologist has recently declared that a manuscript, The Psychology of War and Peace, which we hope to issue soon is the best material he has ever seen on the subject. We believe it could be a power in this chaotic world; we cannot see that our efforts are altogether so small as to be of little or no value. In this connection, one of the powers in a Central European country today was a peasant who came to study with us for a year. We could get out an edition of the booklet with \$100.00 for paper. Will one individual help, or will several contribute?--time and chaos does not wait,--we must do ALL we can.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WAR HYSTERIA

Marie Harlowe

The cost of war is staggering, but far greater than the cost of bloodshed, of horror and suffering, is the diversion of human energy to destructive ends, the psychological release of the baser motives of life.

Communism passionately insists that wars are entirely economic, but this is not altogether true. No one can deny that economic factors are important in international relationships, but other strong elements are also involved in the issue. Only a nation with a strong selfishly nationalistic psychology can be brought into war.

There has always been something traditionally military about patriotism, for patriotism is basically socialized hatred. Nationalistic politics come to be embroidered with the lowest form of patriotic sentiments—the hatred of other people. Goethe pointed out that national hatreds are always strongest among peoples of the lower degrees of culture who cannot easily recognize the value of culture in others.

Aside from the misdirected energy of the soldier into destruction instead of construction, the military mind is trained in habits of mechanical obedience with reason and will, moral judgment and conscience, alike at the will of his superiors where he cannot develop normally as an individual. Military minds are notoriously conservative, for they are trained to react in certain predetermined ways.

The military training of the mind produces Sadism, developed through violence and arbitrary self-assertion. Military training is notorious for its stimulation of sexual passion, which produces Narcissism. The slogan, "Our country, right or wrong" is purely narcissistic.

The urge for power is perhaps the greatest basic cause of war. This desire is deeply rooted in humanity. The legend of Faust deals with a man who would trade his soul for a life of unlimited power. The youth of a land, who are always eager for the adventures of war, are not yet

developed to see philosophically that mere physical self-assertion is not a true and complete expression of individual power. In war, mental discipline disappears (and with it moral values) as the threat of punishment is removed, and the primitive barbarity and urge for personal power is revealed.

Theodore Roosevelt believed that the real and ultimate cause of war was Fear, although he admitted there were also other motives at work. The emotions of fear and pain constitute the basis of self-preservation but when fear is widely engendered by a constant mass suggestion or propaganda, the fear becomes hysteria and panic--war.

There is, for instance, the basic desire to escape from life and its routine monotony which leads many youths off to war. An interesting relation exists between this escape from reality and suicide, particularly since the suicide rate for the army is higher even in peace times than any other group or profession. One of the fundamentals of war is not, as popularly believed, self-sacrifice, but in reality it is the willingness to die which is the basis of both suicide and murder.

War, robbed of its glamor, is plain murder. Psychologically, many men are competent to murder under certain circumstances; war removes the barriers of discipline and produces those circumstances.

The real cause of war lies, therefore, in the evil force of accumulated thoughts of greed, hate and lust. The real loss in war lies, not alone the destroyed bodies but the ruined minds and characters. The loss of human lives is comparatively small to this loss of moral and cultural standards; as moral standards and habits are lowered the whole momentum of social progress is lessened.

As war is the extension of certain characteristics in the individual nature, war in the end will be eradicated from the world as it is removed first from the consciousness of the individual.

The propaganda or lies of war must be neutralized by the propaganda or truth of peace, such is mob psychology. And much of this neutralizing effect may be attained by silent mental, or telepathic methods. History text-books glorifying war must be revised. The stupidity of the

glorification of soldier-murders in war thru monuments and memorials must be attacked. The countless associations of service to man of wider scope than the nationalistic state must be stressed. The psychology of war preparedness, itself a delusion, must be eradicated from the individual consciousness, for the mind is creative and must be kept free of the picture of war. It must be taught that the courage of war is a misuse of a virtue, - that courage is futile unless it is used to a worthy end. Courage must be recognized as a necessity of pacifism; heroism must be shown in other phases of life, where it abounds, than war.

War is recognized by Psychology as a form of social behavior dealing with the lowest animal passion in man which is, under certain conditions psychologically satisfying, but socially harmful. Peace is recognized as an *unrealized* (as yet) harmony of life. The foes of war must, therefore, provide psychological compensations in peace to offset those offered by war. The pattern of peace-time life must be enriched. A comradeship of peace must replace that offered by war conditions. Thrills and melodrama must be injected into life to replace the flags and uniform of war. Peace must promise the gratifications of human desires as war has done.

Pacifists recognize that the only real safety from war is to develop the world over a spiritual and ethical force which will place war outside the conventions of decent society. They recognize that the quickening of moral standards will awaken the people of the world to a social conscience which recognizes its duties to its fellowmen. William James spoke of a "moral equivalent of war", an organized movement to worthier ends than war in which the energy of youth would not be exploited in war, but would be used to perpetuate the ideals of loyalty and courage without bloodshed, in which civic passion would not be less romantic or heroic than warfare.

"My peace I give unto you, - not as the world gives peace."

Not a peace through armed preparedness, royal alliances, treaties, the realization of a socialistic state, but thru the demonstration of love, the cohesive element of the universe, in a unified mind, telepathically united.

THE OCCULTIST LOOKS AT WAR

A. A. Voyz

The modern occultist, who evaluates the progression in both the esoteric and exoteric realms of thought and action, is in a favored position to treat of War and its implications. Being neither a crass materialist or an etherial idealist, he is free from their one-sidedness, their fanaticism.

With the materialist scientist he appreciates the compelling influence today, of conditions (social, political, economic) on man's ideas, purposes and actions. With the idealist he recognizes the evidence of the growing hegemony of consciousness.

The materialist affirms the fact that man in the mass confronted by War will, all else to one side, participate as a combatant. The modern occultist realizes that man of today will and does fight with the intent and desire to win even if it costs the lives of unnumbered human beings, not excluding himself.

The idealist, gripped by the force of subjectivism, is horrified at the mere thought of spilled blood. When war comes he is impelled, and does, cry out against it. He assumes the role of spokesman for The Absolute and thunders, "Thou shalt not kill! Thou shalt not kill!"

But despite the citation of Biblical text, as history too well proves, war is not stopped, not even slowed down.

The modern occultist is inclined to agree with the materialist that admonitions, appeals to reason, emotion or prayers to the "All Mighty", or to any aspect of consciousness, is powerless to stop the avalanche of war once it is underway.

However, possessing as he does, a truer understanding of man and the world, the modern occultist is not content to accept, without significant reservation, the materialist viewpoint.

The modern occultist, by an exhaustive search of the experiences of man, knows that the gauge of mass action is the number of specific faculties possessed and used and

the degree of consciousness (or awareness if you prefer) reached by the generality of mankind.

He knows that at present (1940) the psyche of man is a mixture of simple consciousness (akin to the consciousness displayed by animals) and self-consciousness (the distinctly homo-sapiens consciousness) with in some individuals at rare intervals a glimpse or premonition of a higher consciousness.

The tendency, or predisposition, to fight is recognized as concomitant with simple consciousness. The struggle for survival in animaldom and lower forms of life is accepted without question. It is raised by certain Evolutionists to the level of a natural law. Survival of the fittest still rings in our ears.

The passing from the animal state to the human state, from simple consciousness to self-consciousness has, as we all know, not eliminated recourse to physical force. It has, however, necessitated the existence of a mental element--a reason for fighting.

Only those advanced individuals, supermen some would call them, who have been "illuminated", who have had a flash of a higher consciousness (universal, cosmic consciousness it has been termed) are, as their lives bear witness, estopped from acts of physical violence.

NOTE: The following individuals are recognized by the new awareness:

Moses	Paul	Francis Bacon	Gardiner
Gideon	Plotinus	Behmen	Blake
Isaiah	Mohammed	Pascal	Balzac
Gautama	Roger Bacon	Spinoza	Whitman
Socrates	Dante	Mme. Guyon	Carpenter
Jesus	Las Casas	Swedenborg	Bucke

And in our day Albert Einstein shows by his philosophical writing that he has at least an intellectual awareness of this matter.

We do not, as was just mentioned, condemn animals for fighting. We in the self-conscious state have, however, reached the point where we condemn an individual for resolving his quarrels with his fellow-man by employing physical violence. But we have not quite reached the level of development where we condemn the appeal to arms of Na-

tions or Peoples to protect their "honor" and "integrity", or "acquire a place in the sun". In fact, many people excuse physical force when used by an individual to save his life or protect the life or honor of a loved one (the "right of self-protection" and the "unwritten law.")

We have even reached the point where we exempt from actual fighting "conscientious objectors" to war.

The modern occultist, on the basis of the history of mankind and the fact of the evolution of consciousness, foresees the day when man living in a different society, working in a different economic system, and possessing a higher consciousness will have relegated to the museum of antiquities all implements of War.

We have outgrown Cannibalism--we will outgrow War!

SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

Gertha Joel

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

- Gen. 8:22.

Across the sea the nations are in deadly conflict locked;
The sky is fierce with battle till the very deep is rocked;
The javelins of the air rain down in fire.

The scream of tortured innocents sears through scream of
shell,
As refugees stream homelessly from the blackened burning
hell,
While war's great conflagration rises higher.

Yet above the wrathful Babel on Europe's bloody plains,
Above the red confusion, yea, above the fiery rains
There marches still the starry hosts of peace.

The earth is in her orbit; the promised soil and seed
And sun and rain and harvest, day and night, fulfill her
need:
The ever-circling seasons shall not cease.

WAR AND MEAT EATING

John L. Metzger

More than 25 years ago a visit to the Chicago Stock Yards, if so it be called properly, decided the issue of meat eating with me. The cries of terror of the poor beasts, led to slaughter, made me conclude that those engaged in that work of destruction would just as readily handle their own kind in like manner if not restricted by society and its law. In fact, living off of force and violence, what could one expect, otherwise? Yes, the thought came to me, if I was willing to live off of *their* use of force and violence, did I not participate in the cruelty and destruction which was their profession and occupation? And, did not I encourage it, and encourage them, likewise, in so doing?

Living in a supposed Christian society, educated to accept both as a civic and religious obligation the command, "Thou shalt not kill," I finally determined that some one deliberately misled people to believe that this command related solely to dealing with mankind. Then, seeking further, the more I confined my thought to strict interpretation, the more certain I became that there was another command laboring under a like handicap,—"Thou shalt not commit adultery." And as soon as the former limitation had been removed I found that "thou shalt not kill" meant "*thou shalt not kill any living thing*", and that "thou shalt not commit adultery" meant "thou shalt not commit adultery by attempting to mix or harmonize the good and the bad." With this enlightenment I could at once understand the plight of governments and religions, as they are today, standing on the brink of ruin.

Being a supposed Christian, I resorted, of course, to the Bible, though knowing that Jews and most so-called Christians were meat eaters, and enjoyed it as no other people do. This fact did not disconcert me, for long before I had found out that professing and preaching were not the same as acting and living. But, with Genesis as the beginning of things, in the Bible, it seemed

to me that the key to the Bible must be found there. And there is where I sought.

In my reading I came to Chapter 9 and found it said, "And the *fear* of you and the *dread* of you, shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air and upon all wherewith the earth teemeth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; INTO YOUR HANDS ARE THEY DELIVERED." What a message! What import! Otherwise was this fear and dread to be a premonition of what would befall them, at the hands of man? Fear presupposes a consciousness of danger; dread presupposes enmity backed by force and violence. What, then, is indicated here? The explanation follows at once. "Every moving thing that liveth shall be food (meat is a forgery, as any Jew will admit) for you; as the green herb have I given you all. Only flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, SHALL YE NOT EAT." And why, we may ask.

The answer appears at once, for it continues, "And surely your blood of your lives, will I require; AT THE HAND OF EVERY BEAST WILL HE require it." Now, then, why at the hand of every beast, will He require it? Is it not because man *living off of the flesh of the beast, with the blood thereof, which is the life thereof*, has become by assimilation, in body and nature, beastly?

Thus we see, that as a result of living off of the flesh with the blood thereof, which is the life thereof, of the beast, instead of the green herb, man not only assimilated the nature of the beast, but also partook of the nature of force and violence, by living thereof, and becoming beastly, or without conscience, he became imbued with the state by means of which man "fell" from the lofty estate assigned to him by the Creator. Otherwise, here we have reason to be proud of Thomas Paine who explains this to us, when he charges, "governments based on force and violence are beastly governments. They have but one purpose, to unmake man." Such governments dethrone man; they depose God, by degrading His creation, - Man created in His Image and Likeness. Yet, because of their denseness the meat eaters, professing Christians though they be, submit to such authority as divinely instituted, while at the same time quoting Bible authority

predicting the downfall of these governments to which they have sworn fealty, and willing service, even to warring on their fellowman.

Wherefore for my part, as a contribution to man, I willingly surrender the appetite of living off of the flesh, with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, of the beast. For I desire to enoble man, and see him once more "*expressed*" in the Image and likeness of God. And thereby I offer thanks for the enjoyment, the pleasure, and the happiness I have reaped thru understanding, "to remember the covenant between God and every living creature, of all flesh, which is upon the earth for perpetual generations." Remembering this, I shall not at least encourage any one in the work of destruction either of any creature or any man.

CONSCRIPTION 1940

Liboria Romano

Go, mothers, break your hearts against the bars
And feed them to the vultures...
Oh, world gone mad with hate and greed;
Oh, sinful lustful breed,
Slaves of old dead cultures.
No more are the skies filled with stars;
Hear the deafening drone of guns...
I stand at the foot of the shore
Aware of all the mothers whose sons have gone before.
No more wrack your bodies to bear sons;
Go break your hearts against the bars
And feed them to the vultures...

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CITY OF SYBIL

Juanita de Arana

"The secret of Spain is the secret of the Qaballah," he told me. In the round, white marble room of the Alcazar he told me. Then glancing through the arabesque window upon the Plaza Trifuno, he continued, "There, away toward the Guadalquivir bridge, see the little patch flowered today with poppies? There, on that spot, long ago a sybil appeared to Julius Caesar and described to him the deathless destiny of Spain. For her he named this city *Sevilla, City of Sybil*, forever undying.

"But that is not all. See, across the square, the Arab-wrought Giralda tower, rising as on wings of illusion above the swoon and famine of earth? Does Christendom know the secret of its twenty-two bells, cast in Caliph days by Moorish hands"? Then he told the Qaballistic story of Spain, of Sevilla the beautiful.

Had less wisdomed mathematician, than he who invented algebra, placed fewer or more than twenty-two bells in Giralda's belfry, the history of Spain would have been different. But twenty-two is completion. Twenty-two is the vibration of God, called *en-sof*, without end, first of the first, and oldest of the oldest!

Yet more than this the Qaballist knew. He knew that some day the Christians to the north would rise to reconquer meridional Spain and drive the heritors of Araby forever from its borders. So with the numerical law he predetermined the immortality of his race in that country. He created the four with the addition of the two Arab digits of twenty-two. In the esoteric tongue the four is love. Therein lies the secret of secrets: the heritors of Araby *loved* Spain.

The Catholic prince, Alfonso, loved Spain too. From youth upward he had been told of the perdition of his country by the infidels of the south, who established the teachings and language of Arabia wherever they governed. Year after year, he had thrilled to see one Mohammedan enclave after another conquered by his king and father,

Fernando III, whom the Church of Rome has canonized a saint for such crusading exploits.

The day Alfonso had been armed a knight at the royal monastery, he had resolved to achieve some signal victory of valor and bethought him of the one remaining Islamic enclave in Spain--Andalucia, whose capitol was the fabulous Sevilla, a city wealthy beyond imagining, beautiful beyond the beauty of earth, and emporium of Mohammedism in Europe. This queen of Morisma should belong to a "Holy Catholic Spain", he vowed. In that iron day knighthood was more than the proud circumstance of chivalry--knighthood was nationalism.

"My father," the prince beseeched the king Fernando, "I have sworn on your sainted sword to wage battle on the infidel King Axataf of Sevilla. I beg you as monarch of Christian Spain to send proclamation of war to him."

The sovereign assented.

The Queen Juanita, his mother, who was present spoke, "And if you win this victory, Alfonso, it will be a Cadmean one. The laws of the Qaballah have pre-arranged the spiritual immortality of Morisma in Andalucia. The Christian lacks the numeration to countermand these laws."

"And wherewith lies this deficiency of Christian numeration?"

"The only system of numeration known to the Christian student is that circle of calculation known as the khair. The Qaballist knows that after the khair come many other circles of calculation each corresponding to a higher plane of evaluation. The Qaballist can count the utmost grains of soil unto the finest dust, the every star seen or unseen in the heavens at night, all the sands of the desert and all the ocean drops; but beyond all else the Qaballist owns the calculus by which the gods compute the circulars of eternity. With this latter computation he determined the future of Spain." (From *Hispano-Arabian Cabala* by *Moses de Leon, 12th Century*)

"Senora mi madre, you blaspheme. I beg that you do not advise me," was the only reply.

The prince neither loved nor hated his mother; rather he feared her--feared her secret wisdom learned of Moorish tutors at the Castilian court. Always she had re-

minded him of those enigmatic Trianera witches whom one saw in gypsy town close by Sevilla. She had never been mated to his conventionally Catholic father whose thought and language Alfonso understood. The prince had often known her to remark:

"I am a Catholic because I was born so--because Catholicism is the tradition of my race--but my intuition belongs to a theology that is older, of which the occultism of today is only the tawdry fringe."

The seige of Sevilla was a crusade to Moslems no less than to Christians. On one side of the Plaza Triunfo the Alcazar was fortified down to the shores of the Guadalquivir, farther along in the river itself, the Golden Tower, that lighthouse of so many centuries, was garrisoned from basement to turret, that the beseigers might be attacked by both land and water.

On the third day of May towards the hour of noon in the year 1245 the devotees of Islam crowded the tops of walls, towers, and houses to watch the beginning of the conflict. They saw Alfonso's men-of-war sail bravely up the river and cast anchor inside the dangered area of the Golden Tower.

From the middle tier of the lighthouse giant engines, the like of which Christians had never seen, commenced to discharge successively flaming pots of Greek fire and death-dealing stones, while from its uppermost balcony rained showers of iron from catapult and cross bows worked with cranks. After one day of warfare the ranks of the enemy were sadly depleted.

The tempest of war lasted thruout eighteen months. During all this period of peril and Christian loss the Queen Juanita sat serene and knowing inside the ship's state room. She knew that soon now, very soon, her son would come to seek her secret counsel. When the water-clock told the first afternoon hour on the twenty-third day of November, 1246, he came.

"Senora, mi madre, you who hold the keys to forbidden mysteries! Death is upon us! Tell me," he demanded in desperation, "Tell me if your Qaballah names this war's triumph for Christendom or for Morisma!"

"The Qaballah names victory for none who engage in

war, Alfonso, mio. Defeat shall come alike to Moslem and to Christian. Both must learn that war is futile. Because the Moslem has, in this case, been the most ingenious in fashioning artillery of physical destruction he has decreed for himself physical defeat. You, Alfonso, shall be defeated too, tho not in the same way. According to the reckonings of earth you shall win this victory."

"Then tell me how--tell me how--Cadmean though it be!"

"Break the bridge of boats that connects Sevilla by river with Triana. It is from there that reinforcement comes to your foe. Once that is disrupted your troops will invest the city.

"Only remember one thing: when you storm Sevilla city take care you protect the Giralda Tower."

"The Giralda Tower?"

"The Giralda Tower is the beauteous minaret that rises above the mosque on the north side of the Plaza Triunfo. Protect it well for it hides the Sybil's secret."

"And where in Giralda lies this secret?"

"In the twenty-two bells."

Triana then, as now, was the gypsy capital of Spain, only in that quaint day a little bridge of boats chained together with heavy chains of iron connected it across the river with Sevilla. Alfonso went back upon deck and scrutinized the unseemly workmanship of this bridge through his mariner's glass. He saw a furtive band of gypsy folk bearing weighty cargos across the boat walk to Sevilla's farthest gate.

A moment later the prince's man-of-war was directed unerringly into the center of the boat bridge. The crash resounded from shore to shore. The chains snapped. The boats were crushed, shattered, and flung far apart. Scores of Moslems, seeing this dismemberment, and knowing all to be lost, flung themselves into the river rather than yield in slavery to Christians.

The setting sun struck the Golden Tower, reflecting rays of fuchsine hue across the Plaza Triunfo, and resting on the Giralda minaret, lighted its delicately stained shaft with the pale tints of an Elysian sorrow. Alfonso entered the square at that moment.

"Sevilla de mi alma," he breathed beholding such un-

earthly enchantment. "Let the Giralda bells be rung!"

Like all others, who before or since, have heard the twenty-two chromatic tones he knew, in that unforgettable moment, that in their music alone lay the Sybil's secret.

Later, in the surrendered palace of the Alcazar, he with his father negotiated the peace terms with the erstwhile sovereign of Andalusia, king Axataf. The latter pleaded with his conquerors.

"Tar me and burn me a torch to light your victory celebration in this palace garden that I have known and loved, but do not exile me;—rather I would die a thousand deaths than bid farewell to Sevilla--Sevilla my first love, my only love, my one unchanging love...

"Spain must be purged of the Semitic race, and all unbelievers," decreed Alfonso. "There is no condition other than exile."

The unhappy Moslem made no reply for a time, then again made request, "Grant the consolation of knowing that some loved part of Morisma shall perish with me then--grant me permission to destroy the Giralda."

"I see no reason--" King Fernando was beginning, when the prince sprang to his feet declaring,

"Let one tile from Giralda's structure be removed, O Axataf, and every street in Sevilla shall flow red with Moslem blood! Destroy Giralda, never!"

Some weeks later, the prince decided to honor the Queen Juanita by consulting her in regard to a phenomenon that disturbed him.

"Senora mi madre, Sevilla is haunted--haunted by this Axataf and by the whole of his infidel race. Although every Moor not retained in slavery has been exiled to Africa, every landmark christened and every mosque purified with Solemn High Mass and relics of the saints placed therein to make of it a church of Christian sanctity, all of this has availed naught. The Moor, the heritor of Araby, is everywhere present in spirit. Sevilla is haunted.

"King Axataf himself is daily heard sobbing on the little hill to the east where he paused to look back upon Sevilla the day he went into exile. You know he fell there in grief on beholding for the last time the city he loved. It is said he wept so bitterly that the earth whereon

he fell cannot eject his sobs in a thousand years. The peasants thereabout have come to call the hill "El suspiro del Moro." But this is not all. Everywhere in Sevilla the Moor stalks about disembodied. In the mosque beneath Giralda minaret that the archbishop consecrated a cathedral one seems to hear Islam's chant above the intonation of the Mass..."

"I told you long ago, Alfonso, "Queen Juanita spoke at last," that the victory of Sevilla would be for you a Cadmean one. The Qaballah has arranged that in Sevilla, in Andulucia, the Moor shall forever sigh thru the saint."

"What the Christians do not know is that each soul lives where his consciousness lives. The Moor shall always live in Spain. The Moor is a part of Spain. You who thought to exile Axataf have in truth exiled yourself." The Queen's eyes were veiled in an oriental mystery as she continued. "In a future incarnation on this earth you, Alfonso, shall be born into exile--into a land that is the reverse of the Spain your soul shall love then as now- a land whose people are materialistic, mercenary--whose very air is poison to one who has known and loved Andulucia. You shall know the desperation and helpless agony of exile."

So it is, the Qaballist may state future truths as past events, since in reality past, present and future do not exist. All three are chimera in a state of constant flux known as eternity. Time only seems real because of its very un-reality.

In the round, white, marble room of the Alcazar, the narrator concluded the story. I understood all at last, understood the karmic cause of the life I had just completed in the land I had not loved. My medieval debt was paid at last.

I spoke to the other, "I know that you are disembodied even as I, but on earth who were you?"

"I? I was Axataf."

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C. Leon de Aryan

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When I was initiated in the Mazdazan order under the rites which are known to the Christian world as the Last Communion, I took the bread and said the following formula: May this bread turn into flesh of my flesh, willing to sacrifice itself rather than murder others that the Will of Our Father prevail in earth as it is in heaven. And when I placed the goblet of fruit juice to my lips I promised: That this nectar turn into the very essence of my blood, ready to be shed for the sins of the world rather than rebel against the Will of Our Father and may patience permeate every cell of my body that I may see the Glory of God triumphant.

Because I live up to my part of the sacred covenant God lives up to His part of it. On the very day when the U.S. declared war in 1917 I was working in a shipyard in Seattle. A crane caught me from behind and was crushing me. I was bent over an iron plate which was going to cut me in two. But I remembered that I had work yet to do here so I asked myself how it could be possible to have to die before my work was done. That broke my mental terror which had paralyzed my vocal cords. Suddenly I heard myself scream an unearthly sort of yell. It was so eerie and so piercing it penetrated the terrific noise of a rivetting shipward at work. The operator of the crane reversed and they picked me up and carried me to the hospital. I was crippled, three vertebrae were broken. I never knew that war was declared, but you see my vow to rather give up my life than take another life worked automatically and was protecting me from being mixed up in the war. After I was able to walk again, I went into Oregon and drove an eight horse team riding on a steel blade following wheat fields. I am not afraid of death or any man, as long as I keep my part of the covenant. Nobody can monkey with divine law and get away with it. I shall stay here to do my work and prove to myself and

to others that the law of God is immutable and nobody can abrogate and interfere with eternal design without paying to the last farthing.

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THE REJOICING OF GOD - SAGITTARIUS
From *The Equinox*, 1910

I rejoice, yea, I shout with gladness! till all my laughter, like enchanted waters, is blown as an iris-web of bubbles from the lips of the deep, in the Glory and Splendor of Thy Name.

I rejoice, yea, I shout with gladness! till the mad swords of my music smite the hills, and rend the amethyst limbs of Night from the white embrace of Day, at the Glory and Splendor of Thy Name.

I rejoice, yea, I shout with gladness! till my frenzied words rush through the souls of men, like a blood-red bull through a white herd of terror-stricken kine, at the Glory and Splendor of Thy Name.

I rejoice, yea, I shout with gladness! till I tangle the black tresses of the storm, and lash the tempest into a green foam of twining basilisks in the Glory and Splendor of Thy Name.

I rejoice, yea, I shout with gladness! till the wild thunder of my praise breaketh down, as a satyr doth a babe, the nine and ninety gates of Thy Power, in the Glory and Splendor of Thy Name.

(Next Month - The Humiliation of God - Capricorn)

EFFA DANELSON SPEAKS

Reprinted from *The Occult Digest*, February 1932

Man was not given to the world to war over its possessions. Man was given to the world to till the soil and care for all the creatures therein. Man was given the power to think, reason and create. Man has been untrue to his stewardship thru each succeeding generation until his posterity has become lost in the wilderness of uncertainty.

Leaders of Truth! Once again, UNITE! Unite in common cause. Set your feet on the path leading to the One Goal! Forget all else. Let Unity be your battle cry and your marching song.

BOOK REVIEWS

BOOK OF REVELATION AND THE WORLD CRISIS, by Corinne Dunkle, mimeographed, 25¢, I and II, *New Age Press*. The prophecies of a year or two ago given by this writer having failed to materialize as scheduled, we examine the present with tongue in cheek. She enthuses about the place of the "democratic" countries--England, France, etc. And "democratic" England has just jailed Nehru in India for four years for making a speech, not of sedition, but of PEACE. Funny democracies these writers discuss! Seems that John's Revelation is now concerned with the present war, exactly, but it seems to come to memory that the same argument was used in the last World War with the Kaiser. The U.S. is to have a heavy karmic debt for the sale of liquor. The whole is tinged with Tibetan psychism.

JAPAN'S DUAL RULERSHIP, by Theodore Heline
New Age Press, Los Angeles, paper 35¢

In discussing the cherry blossoms and iron attitudes of Japan--Libra and Aries, the author looks for the merging of Japan, Libra, and England, Aries. Seems his eye-sight is failing these days.

GERMANY, by Theodore Heline, *New Age Press*, paper 35¢
The regenerated egos of ancient Rome now live in Britain, but they have lost their cruelty and now manifest the true humanitarianism"-like starving 800,000 women and children in the German blockade of 1918! All the dark forces of the universe are focalized in Hitler, the ascetic vegetarian! The author admits that the Jews have come to an advantageous position by resorting to questionable practices, but the world sympathizes with them! Thousands of Jews are going to be baptized into the Christian faith, and all will be well! (With their fingers crossed?-Ed.)

GREAT BRITAIN, by Theodore Heline, *New Age Press* 35¢
Judah is to be back in its homeland, blossoming and prospering--but Tel-Aviv has just been bombed! A good many people are going to disagree with the author's statement that "our ruling ideology is one with Britain"--see above concerning Nehru, among other points of disagreement.

BOOK REVIEWS - Continued

RUSSIA, by Theodore Heline, paper *New Age Press* 35¢
Methinks the author has been reading some folders from the Russian booth at the World's Fair in New York. Gog and Magog of the Old testament and Christ of the New are somehow fighting over Russia.

COMPLETE BACKGAMMON, by Walter L. Richard
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The ancient game of Backgammon is here shown in its mathematical fundamentals; interesting material on luck vs. skill, chances and odds, etc. are given. If he sets aside intuition, he balances with a fund of exact knowledge. But has our world come to such a state that even our games are as complicated as this?

ADVERSE ASPECTS OF ASTROLOGY, by Frank Halbert
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Thus, Lockyer, writing of eclipses and the ignorance displayed by some of the Oriental nations in regard thereto, states that "the Hindoos, when they see the black disc of our satellite advancing over the sun, believe that the jaws of a dragen are gradually eating it up." From which it is obvious that Mr. Lockyer knew not that an eclipse of the sun can only take place at one of the moon's nodes, the one ascending being that point where it passes the plane of the earth's orbit from south to north, known as *Caput Draconis*, or the Dragen's Head, else he had not been so immature in decrying that what he had not the capacity to discern. And so the untutored(?) Hindoo superstition resolves itself into the recognition of an astronomical fact, besides which the fatuity of a Lockyer does not readily commend itself.

- John Hazelrig, *Metaphysical Astrology*

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