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This is written, not in ink, but with the blood of my heart. If you cannot read it in kindness, at least withhold your condemnation. I have been the most independent person in the world; I could always do things for myself, from childhood. I never wanted anyone to give me anything. Last year, when we needed to locate ourselves permanently in a move, I offered special discounts, etc. for the co-operation of renewal subscriptions, for if the majority had renewed at one time, regardless of expiration date due, we could have had a working fund to have arranged this necessity. Few so co-operated, though they have since renewed. I have discussed ways and means with dozens of our friends and subscribers for our getting a permanent home which we so much need, but nothing practical has been evolved.

I now put all my pride and freedom of spirit in my pocket and ask you humbly to do something for our work, for the establishment of permanent quarters. If ALL would do a little, it could be done. What will YOU do? Our present building is in the hands of the Bankrupt Court, and we can secure it for one-third its value for the payment of back taxes, etc. if we do it promptly.

Last year twenty metaphysical and occult journals closed up for want of assistance. I do not say, except in some few cases, that our publication is so far superior to theirs that we continue on our way. I say humbly, "There but for the grace of God go I." I have not been rested after our last move, and there are now feathers in my hair. I know that I cannot keep going, working 16 hours most days as I do, for long. The thought of having to move again is always accompanied with the thought of "why bother to lighten the consciousness of the ungrateful?"

My mother clothes me, a student feeds me, and I need nothing else in this world except to keep the Work alive. But I cannot do it alone--there are a few basic necessities like a simple, but permanent home, needed. Will you help me? I cannot go on alone.

Miss N. has started our Building Fund with a "seed" of money. She will share the privilege of adding to it with one and all. What is to be done should be done in the near future.

THE HOROSCOPE OF JESUS

The Stars Sang on the First Christmas Night

Marie Harlowe

The astrological symbol of Jesus' birth, life and activities shows that the progress of the soul is vitally connected with the Zodiac. Some metaphysical connection exists between the Soul and the stellar constellations, with the consequent influence of the stars upon the Soul.

See how great a firmament Accompanies a star, And how many stars And a firmament, Accompany a man.

Dr. Edwin B. Frost, famous blind astronomer, urges the study of the stars as an aid to a higher spiritual outlook. He said, "I am unable to escape the conviction that a supreme reason prescribes the laws of the universe."

The horoscope of Jesus proves that he was no myth, but was in reality an historical figure. The historicized version, with its messianic legend foreign to the real narrative, fails otherwise to give the mystical drama as it is expressed in a natural phenomena.

The birth of Jesus parallels the Winter Solstice, a time of year when the cosmic Christ is born into the earth. Under the oblique ray of the sun at the Winter Solstice, "when the sun moves northward," spiritual activity is more powerful than at any other time of year for the purification of the masses of mankind, whereas at the Summer Solstice, the perpendicular ray reaches the zenith of physical activity among the masses.

All are familiar with the details of his birth-the Star, the Shepherds, the Manger, the Wise Men bearing gifts, and a little later, the Massacre of the children by Herod, and the Flight into Egypt.

Stellar records of this time were remarkably accurate. The Jewish historian, Josephus, states that Herod died shortly after an eclipse of the moon five days after the

death of his son previous to the Passover; this fixes the Herod's death in the spring of 4 B.C. Reckoning from conception of John, the Baptist, the Annunciation and Conception of Mary took place April 15,7 B.C. Like the Egyptian God, Osiris, Jesus was a premature child.

The Sun had passed its meridian in Capricorn. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars were in conjunction in Pisces, with Jupiter at its nearest point to earth.

From time immemorial astrologers have recognized the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn as an influence heralding the establishment of new institutions, particularly religious, and the birth of the instigator of such. November 662 B.C. when Saturn and Jupiter were in conjunction in the fire sign of Sagittarius, Zoroaster, the fire-worshipper, was born. In October 563 B.C. when Saturn and Jupiter were in conjunction in Taurus, Buddha, teacher of the practical, common-sense, was born. In June 384 B.C. when Saturn and Jupiter were in conjunction in Gemini Aristotle was born. In 570 A.D. when Saturn and Jupiter were in conjunction in Libra, Mahomet was born. Again, in 1821, when Saturn and Jupiter were conjunct in Aries, Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, was born. (These planets were conjunct in Taurus this year.)

Saturn and Jupiter were in conjunction in Pisces in 7 B.C. (which was prior to the death of Herod.)

With Jupiter and Saturn so near, the two planets might have looked like one luminous star, but The Star stood near the path of the Sun in the region of the fixed stars. The new-born King was laid in the manger, as there was no room in the inn, literally no position in the Zediac, for the Star.

Kepler, one of the world's greatest astronomers, ebserved a new star in 1604 which was not within our solar system, but manifested in the region of the fixed stars. It stood near the path of the sun, as if heralding that astrological wonder, the approaching conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Figuring backwards some sixteen hundred years, Kepler discovered the same constellation in Pisces in the Roman year 747, the year of Jesus' birth.

However, only one star was mentioned, and Jupiter and

Saturn were in vespertine configuration with the Sunbeing "evening stars", and could not have been seen in the morning. Venus, a "morning star" was in exact trine aspect to the conjoined Saturn and Jupiter in Pisces, reaching her greatest elongation and maximum brilliancy on December 26, 7 B.C., and was probably the star of Bethlehem. John of Patmos declared in the mouth of Deity, "I am the morning star." (Sirius, one of the brightest stars, appears every year at Christmas time.)

The moon entered Pisces on December 25, 7 B.C. and was in conjunction with Saturn and Jupiter on the 26th. Although Uranus was unknown at the time, it was in Pices, conjunct the moon, closely sextile to the Sun, indicating a miracle worker (Uranus) who would alleviate human suffering (Pisces).

Mercury was sextile to Saturn and Jupiter, revealing the nature of Jesus' message to the world. The mob violence and death thru treachery is shown by Mars quartile aspect to Neptune from Cadent Houses, and is confirmed by the progressed horoscope. (We will give the progressed horoscope of Jesus, showing the basis of the Crucifixion in some future Easter issue of the magazine.) Incidentally, the most ardent Christians are found with a dominant Piscean influence, and those with Mars in Pisces as for instance, Renan, attack and oppose Christianity.

Virgo was on the Ascendant at Jesus birth, at 10:20 p.m. December 25, 7 B.C. - "born of the Virgin".

The dragon of the skies, Ophiuchus, rises above the horizion at this time, presenting Herod seeking the life of the young King. But Aries, the Lamb, sinks below the horizon at the astronomical and geographical point of Egypt, which is the true Flight into Egypt. Herod, or Hercules, the Sun, in annual Zodical progress, before it reaches strength in Leo, the Lion, is obliged to kill the children of Bethlehem, the children, Gemini, the Twins. This is the Massacre of the Innocents. Jesus' Flight into Egypt occurred in February 6 B.C. less than two menths after his birth. Because of the proximity to the Western angle, Uranus is the most powerful planet in Jesus' horoscope. Conjoined to the moon sextite the sun, by direction seven weeks after birth, a change of location is shown.

Who were the Wise Men, and what interest did they have in the Nativity?

"And the star went before them and led them." What has been written of the Three Wise Men is likewise a prophecy for all men, for the events in the lives of men are often ordered by higher powers and directed thru the stars. In esoteric astrology, the three Magi, men learned in astrological and occult lore, are associated with three planets, Saturn, Jupiter and Pluto (Mars). Gold comes from Saturn-Aquarius polarized to Leo, the Sun(in alchemy, Wisdom). Frankincense is connected with Sagittarius, the eternal verity of the spiritual or higher mind. Myrrh (Pluto) is for death, which comes to all.

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This reference to the effect of eclipses upon the animal kingdom reminds us of a citation made by Paucer, in his Tractate of Astrological Predictions of a trio of dogs" who were whelped in the eclipse of the meen, and which, after they were grown up, fulfilled the signifance of the eclipse by their miserable death-one of them being torn asunder by hounds, another falling off from a high place, first broke his thigh, and the next time his neck; the third was burned."

Every monad in process of evolution, whether it belongs to the human, animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom is amenable to the one law. Therefore, an eclipse may impress its influence in any and every direction. Individuals are affected, disorganizations beset the classes, religious totter, dynasties fall, drought and pestilence bechance, earthquakes startle, and old ocean upheaves her tides--all in response to the note of discord set in motion by these abrupt changes in nature's polarity.

- John Hezelrig, Metaphysical Astrology

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Peace on earth (only) to men of GOOD WILL.
- The Bible

THE TRANSMUTATIONS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

A. A. Voyz

In the evolution of living erganisms life has passed through the stages of Plant, Animal, and has finally culminated in Man.

To the plant can be attributed a sort of "potential" consciousness. In the animal state consciousness of a simple order manifests itself. Finally man appeared possessing self consciousness. Not, of course, fully developed but rather capable of being developed.

Thus writers are in the habit of pointing out that the distinction between man and the animals is that animals possess simple consciousness whereas man has self consciousness. Thus the decisive factor in assessing the level of life is consciousness.

The difference between man and the animals, between mere simple and self consciousness, is qualitative. Self consciousness brings to light a new element, an element that is more than a mere intensification of simple consciousness. That new element has been variously called ego, I, self, soul, will, etc. However, the manifestation of this new element may be viewed as the result of the extension and dialectical development of simple consciousness.

It has been shown that the simple consciousness of the animals was developed by the antagonism between the forces that sustain and the forces that destroy life. This antagonism developed the senses of the animals (touch, smell, sight, hearing, etc.) The acuteness of the senses was a vital necessity for the survival of the organism in the absence of a controlling center (the new element possessed by man.)

In the human state an antagonism appears between the urges of the body (akin to the instincts of the animal) and the desires of the new controlling element -- ego, I, sell, will, etc. With the emergence of the awareness of self--the realization of the power to centrol the body--the senses lose some of their acuteness of the animal

state but are enhanced by being more "sensitive".

It will not be necessary, or is it altogether possible, to examine separately the simple consciousness displayed by animals. It is not necessary because, even today, Man still posseses a form of simple consciousness.

The consciousness of self that distinguishes man from the animals is an awareness that needs strengthening or developing if the gap between man and the animals is to be maintained and widened. Otherwise man will appear as an upright, walking, talking animal and hardly more.

The present state of mankind can be viewed as divided into three groups of individuals:

I. Individuals manifesting a simple consciousness akin to the animals with occasional flashes of self awareness. Predominantly concerned with the welfare of the physical body. This group will henceforth be designated as the Simple-over-Self Conscious Group.

II. Individuals manifesting a more sustained self consciousness and thereby necessarily a more restricted expression of simple consciousness. An evident conflict between the desires of the self and the urges of the body appears. Predominantly concerned with the antagonism between the body and the controlling element -- ego, I, self, soul, will, often indicated by the term Mind. This can be designated the Simple-versus-Self Consclous Group. III. Lastly, individuals striving and succeeding to produce a harmonized consciousness, a unified self-integrated personality. To this group comes flashes of what has been called Universal or Cosmic Consciousness. The battle between the arges of the body and the controlling element -- the mind, etc. is won by the latter. Predominately concerned with the new element -- mind, ego, I, self, soul, will, etc. This can be referred to as the Self-over-Simple Conscious Group.

Today it is apparent that a large percentage of mankind falls into Group I. The majority, practically the remainder, into Group II. Group III comprises the mere handful that remains.

The tendency and the desire to rise that characterizes man produces the fact that Group I, sometimes referred to as the "masses" look up to, imitate, and attempt to

enter group II, often called the "classes", or the "clite". Some of the more advanced members of Group II consciously strive by perfecting themselves to enter the ranks of Group III.

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Man will be seen no more as man, but only as God; the animal will be seen no more as an animal, but as God; even the tiger will no more be seen a tiger, but a manifestation of God.

THINKING ANIMALS

From The Encyclopedia of Occult Sciences (French)

It was in 1890 that the Berlin breeder Van Osten succeeded in making his horse Hans count by means of raps struck with his hoof. On the death of his master, Hans passed into the hands of the dealer Krall of Elberfeld, who already had two Arab stallions, Muhamed and Zarif. These three horses soon became famous. They not only carried out the first four rules, but were able even to extract square and cube roots.

Of course Krahll did everything necessary to avoid any unconscious movement. He gave his orders from behind a screen. Dr. Mackenzie even wrote a problem on a slate, placed it before the horse which was alone in its stable, and went with friends to holes covered with glass which had been made in the door. With its hoof the horse struck the number of raps required and gave the correct answer. (Annals of Psychic Sciences, 1912)

Problems were also put to this horse by telephone, some one standing by who did not know the particulars, but put down the reply, which was correct.

Better still, with the aid of a written alphabet, the Elberfeld trio were taught to read. And these astounding animals were able to express their thoughts! A picture was shown to Muhamed and he was asked, "What is it?" "Girl, "he replied without a mistake, having previously been taught to read this word and to know its meaning." Why is it a girl?" Reply, "She has long hair."

One day one of the horses refused to work. "Why?" Reply, "I am tired". These things seem impossible, or at the very least tricks. No. Maurice Maeterlinck, amazed, relates his visit to the Elberfeld horses in his UNKNOWN GUEST. Doctors Kramer, Ziegler, Sarasin and others, the great naturalist and philosopher Haeckel, the neurologist Edinger, the famous professor Ostwald of Berlin, Besredka of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, scores of others have acknowledged and assured that there was no trickery behind these astounding facts.

Rolf, a lost dog of no pedigree, found by Moekel, a Lawyer of Mannheim, learnt counting by listening to his mistress teaching her children. And Rolk, properly trained, also learnt with pleasure to speak by means of an appropriate alphabet. He died in 1919, leaving a puppy, Lola, who was just as remarkable.

Another prodigy is Senta, belonging to Miss Bockwold, who succeeds in multiplying 12 by 25,25 by 33, etc., knows how many hours there are in 480 minutes, how many days in 264 hours, therefore can not only divide, but work out little problems, who recognizes her photograph and says so, and takes part in conversation!

The cases we quote here are taken from an article by Mrs. Carita Borderiaux (in Revue Benjamin of Oct. 1924) who herself has a very well-knewn thinking dog, Zou, born on the 26th of January, 1921. We have ourselves seen Zou and have questioned him. He also knows the four rules of arithmetic, and counts the tens on one paw, the units on the other. In March, 1925, he knew his numbers up to 100, but since has gone no farther. He answers yes (3 raps) or no (2 raps) to questions, and his mistress has made an alphabet for him in wood, he speaks like Rolk, like Senta, and like Seppl on whom Dr. Ziegler wrote a long article in Psychica (15 Feb. 1925).

Considering these facts which their rarity does not invalidate, there is no doubt that dogs have a brain organized like ours, but uncultivated, and which, in default of education, gives proof but of natural intelligence. Many dogs might therefore develop their faculties. And not only dogs, but probably all vertebrates, but especially, of course, those which, through being tamed, have come nearer to our civilization. It would be interesting to try by selection and patient teaching to try and create an educated animal heredity. What results might we not achieve with our lower brethren (but no lower than cretins) and what fresh sources of intellectuality might we not discover!

For us Oscultists, thinking animals are but one more proof of the fact that there is no more essential difference between various brains than there is between atoms of matter. Everywhere there is Life and everywhere there is Thought, but rising from the imperceptible to the glorious fulfillment is the genius. Unity! Unity! This is the great word of ancient Wisdom, and it will become the great word of modern Knowledge.

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Behold the Yoke upon the neck of the Oxen. Is it not thereby that the Field shall be ploughed?

Three are the Beasts wherewith thou must plough the Field: the Unicorn, the Horse, and the Ox. And these shalt thou yoke in a triple yoke that is governed by one Whip.

Now these Beasts run wildly upon the earth and are not easily obedient to the Man.

The Unicern is Speech. Man, rule thy speech! Hew else shalt thou master the Son and answer the Magician at the Right Hand Gateway of the Crown?

The Horse is action. Man, rule thou thine action! How else shalt thou master the Father and answer the Fool at the Left Hand Gateway of the Crown?

The Ox is Thought. Man, rule thou thy thought! How else shalt thou master the Holy Spirit, and answer the High Priestess in the Middle Gateway of the Crown?

Thus bend thy self, and thou shalt be forever free!
- Aleister Crowley

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Alexander Dumas, in Mes Betes, tells of his cat, Mysouff, who accompanied him from his home in the Rue del'Quest every morning as far as the Rue de Vaugairard, and who awaited him there every evening--"The curious thing was that, on such days as some chance circumstance or casual invitation...kept me from dining at home, Mysouff, tho the door was opened for his exit as usual, positively refused to go out, and lay motionless on his cushion. It was quite different on days when I meant to return punetually. Then, if they forgot to open the door for him, Mysouff would scratch at it persistently with his claws."

WAS JESUS A MEDIUM?

Reprinted from The London Forum, September 1934 Rev. Walter Wynn

The question is a necessary one, because I have often heard it answered in the affirmative by many spiritualists. Their belief is not the result of irreverence or any desire to be blasphemous. It is the outcome of "reading" the New Testament with their eyes out as Carlyle would say.

Our first task is to define the word medium. It is one that can be used in many ways. A mean; something intervening; an agency; space, or the ether, in which the stars exist or move; the middle term of a syllogism--these are a few of the ways in which the term can be used appropriately, and they illustrate indirectly the spiritualistic sense in which it is popularly employed. When the manis-the-street, or anyone else, says, "He (or she) is a medium", he means that the person he refers to is one thru whom communications from the spirit world are conveyed. Was Jesus such a medium?

I have no such (psychic) faculty. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had not, but our researches for fifteen years -- and they were contemporaneous -- led us to the fixed conclusion that there is a Spirit World interpenetrating this material globe in a similar way to the passage of Ether through Matter. The Universe is a spiritual creation containing good and evil spirits, and also good and bad men and women. Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, St. Paul, St. Peter and St. John were good men, and mediums in the only sense that they were able to receive messages from the Other World. What is a medium? A recipient of messages from invisible beings. The word angel in the Bib e means only one thing: a messenger. These "ministering spirits are sent forth to do work for Christ. They were human beings before their survival of death. This is proved by the fact that they speak the same language of the inspired recipient. Read your Bible again with open eyes. Do not allow mere words to blind your vision to revealed facts.

Space does not permit me to support my contendings by hundreds of Biblical quotations, but I must call attention to three: the bodily preparations by Daniel to receive the Angel messages; the affirmation of David that he wrote his Psalms under the direct influence of the Spirit; and the methods adopted to convey to St. John, on Patmos, the message sent by Christ. Prophets prove by their mode of reception the divine inspiration of the messages; the remarkable fact is that in the life and sayings of Jesus there is not a trace of the same thing. He needed no medium to obtain information from the Other World. He gives no"inspirational address under control". He never goes into trance. No angel uses him. He was not even a Spirit Healer in the sense in which that term is employed in spiritualistic circles. In no sense was he a medium as we use the word today.

Jesus speaks direct on his own authority,"I say unto you." He seeks neither the word, advice, nor help of any angel. He is all-sufficient in himself ... He never makes inquiry about those who have "passed on." The death of John, the Baptist, leaves him quite calm: "Fear not him who can kill your body. Let us go and preach in the next village." Yet he knows all about the Other World. He has power over its inhabitants. "Know ye not that I could call twelve legions of angels?" He never seeks a human medium to find out anything or anybody in the Invisible. He did not allow anyone to use him to get a message from anyone there ... No spirit exterior to himself, or who ever existed outside himself, controlled him when he preached. He opened his mouth, and Eternal Truth flowed out of it as in a stream to quench our spiritual thirst. taught or aided him. When he healed the sick his mere word was enough. He knew whether someone in the distance had been made "immediately whole." He called for no assistance when he worked his many miracles.

The guilt of Jesus was in his claim, not that he was a medium, but the incarnated Image of God... To compare him with any modern medium is to touch the bottom of bathes.

SWALLOWS

Dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi

Signy Katharine Stoner

I became acquainted with a pair of swallows several summers ago when they chose to build their nest on the end of a cross-bar between two rafters in a low sloping shed attached to my kitchen. Hardly more than six feet in a straight line from my door and on a level with my head as I stand in the kitchen, these birds built their nest of mud, fitted the bottom with a sprig of small twigs, and lined the whole with chicken feathers.

They raised two families and as I watched, I marvelled at the homing instinct of these feathered guests, and at their instinctive friendship for humankind. It seemed that sensing their unself ishness to man--for insects they destroy are countless, hawking most of them on the wing, they take our friendship for granted.

The time came for the fledglings to try their wings. One by one they flew out, the parent birds devoting one day to each fledgling, until there were two left in the nest, eagerly waiting their turn to go.

Stepping out into the shed, they looked at me so brightly that I extended a hand in hope they would go adventuring. They surprised me and doubtless themselves by flying out the door! Instantly there was a commotion in the air-sharp staccato notes and swallows everywhere! I finally located one fledgling on a fence, and unable to locate the other one I went back in the house, convinced however that something was wrong.

Later I stepped outside again and excited swallows disappeared with sharp twitterings. Glancing about I saw two swallows circling some distance from the house. As I approached they rose higher and higher, ever circling in spiral fashion and with continuous twitterings. There seemed to be a purpose in their manouvering, as I watched it seemed to me I understood their actions. Carefully scanning the ground I picked a spot directly below the center of the continuous circle of those soaring birds, and there lay their exhausted fledgling.

I carried the fluttering ball of feathers back to the nest and left him. Immediately a succession of swallows flew in to look at what must have seemed a miracle to them. The next morning the last fledgling was gone.

One evening some time later the whole family flew in for a farewell party. Such a commotion! One of the younger birds-I like to think it was the last one to leave-remained on the cross-bar for the night. The next morning the swallows were gone, probably bound for South America.

Next Spring, as the lilac scents the air, I shall be looking for the return of my family of swallows.

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Not one of the great historical religious Masters was the true Messiah; because no man, however sublime may be his nature, can redeem mankind. There is no short-cut to heaven, for mankind will find deliverance only when it creates the power which can deliver it; and when it does so, then spontaneously will the Messianic Age be born. Of all these Masters, probably the sublimest was Gautama Buddha, because he refused to discuss the soul, the nature of God, and the joys of heaven. He said: Think rightly, act rightly, live rightly, and deliverance will be revealed to you. He did not say: Accept my thoughts, my words, my life, and salvation is yours. He spoke in parables and locked up the mysteries in his heart; for he understood the sublimity of the true Logos-the Unspoken Word.

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Pearl F. Brown

This story that I tell is all the more strange because I am a very practical person, and have never given thought to the unexplainable and mysterious. I don't believe in any kind of spiritualism; on the contrary, I am bitterly opposed to its phenomenal claims.

This peculiar experience would never have been mine if I had followed my hunch, or inner voice, as some people call it. But I am getting ahead of my story.

My twelve-year old son had a small morning paper route. He would go at three o'clock in the morning, take up his papers and deliver them. This necessitated his walking over a distance of many blocks.

We had recently bought a fairly good second-hand car, and the boy had learned to drive it. That was in the days when the authorities were not so strict about drivers' licenses. Boys just naturally like to experiment with cars; so it happened that my son and a neighbor about his age decided they would like to drive around in the car.

"Hey, Dave, "said my son's young friend, "get your folks to let you have the car tomorrow morning to deliver the papers, and I'll go with you and help carry them."

This suited Dave to a finish, so he came to me with his request.

"Say, Bob will go with me in the morning and help me deliver my papers if you'll let us have the car."

Now my hunch, my inner voice, or maybe just plain common sense, said NO. But I allowed myself to be persuaded against my better judgment; so the next morning the boys took the car.

It was winter time, and three o'clock came a long time before daylight. I was not awake when they left.

Then I had a dream; but it was no dream. I was standing on Alabama Street (the street where he always picked up his papers). I saw the boys drive to the corner where the paper were stacked, and pick them up; I saw them get back into the car, turn around and start up the street; I saw a man drive right toward them, on the wrong side of the street, and I saw the two cars collide head on. Fortunately, neither car was going fast, and the only damage was two badly battered motors.

Then I woke up. It was four o'clock. I knew what had happened. It was as clear as the I had been there in the flesh. I got up, dressed, waited for them to come in. At five o'clock they arrived. I told them in detail, all that happened, and the exact time. I never was able to quite understand how I had seen it all while I was at home.

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One day one of his friends met him in the rain, caressing a big dog which was jumping upon him and covering him horribly with mud. On being asked why he permitted the animal to thus dirty his clothes. Towianski (eminent Polish patriot and mystic) replied: "This dog, whom I am now meeting for the first time, has shown a great fellow-feeling for me, and a great joy in my recognition and acceptance of his greetings. Were I to drive him off, I should wound his feelings and do him a moral injury. It would be an offense not only to him, but to all the spirits of the other world who are on the same level with him. The damage which he does to my coat is as nothing in comparison with the wrong which I should inflict upon him, in case I were to remain indifferent to the manifestations of his friendship." - Prof. Lutoslawski

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EFFA DANELSON SPEAKS

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Christmas, the season of gift-giving--the Death and Birth of Time. We hail thee as the Great Humanitarian Day In thy great mission to humanity thou hast taught them to forgive. Thou hast taught them to laugh and be gay--to be unselfish in giving succor to the needy children of men. To many the day means much that is sad, but though their hearts are weary with the drudgery of Life they sing the song of Peace and Good Will.

Centuries of turmoil and bloodshed have aroused humanity at last to the meaning of the anthem, "Peace, Good Will toward men." Unity is the clarion call that will bring Peace thru Tolerance and recognition of the law of right giving. The eternal NOW is the open door--wait not for Tomorrow's promise; reap the golden harvest of Peace, ever abiding Peace, filling your universe with Love.

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We wish for you that your gift today be the pearl of great price, greater than all other gifts. The gift of wisdom, that you may discern that conquering victor of all enemies, that silent guest who sits with us in sorrow, who rejoices with us in our joys, who judges us by our victories over self and even guards our weak moments--your guest alone, the master of your Soul, who spoke you into being and who abideth in the silence of your daily meditations, always.

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What dynamic form of salutation can we use to bring our Greetings to you? How frail are words to serve so great a mission! Yet, in this sacred hour, my friends, time and distance are forgotten-and in the Spirit of understanding, our Souls exchange the Greeting of Glad Tidings and Peace to all the worlds.

We have grown literally afraid to be poor. We despise anyone who elects to be poor in order to simplify and save his inner life. If he does not join the general scramble and pant with the money-making street, we deem him spiritless and lacking in ambition. We have lost the power even of imagining what the ancient idealization of poverty could have meant: the liberation from material attachments, the unbribed soul, the manlier indifference, the paying our way by what we are or do and not by what we have, the right to fling away our life When we of the so-called better classes are scared as men were never scared in history at material ugliness and hardship; when we put off marriage until our house can be artistic and quake at the thought of having a child without a bankaccount ... it is time for thinking men to protest against so unmanly and irreligious a state of opinion.

It is true that so far as wealth gives time for ideal ends and exercise to ideal energies, wealth is better than poverty and ought to be chosen. But wealth does this in only a portion of actual cases. Elsewhere the desire to gain wealth and the fear to lose it are our chief breeders of cowardice and propagators of corruption. There are thousands of conjunctures in which a wealth-bound man must be a slave, whilst a man for whom poverty has no terrors becomes a free man. Think of the strength which personal indifference to poverty would give us if we were devoted to unpopular causes....

I recommend this matter to your serious pondering, for it is certain that the prevalent fear of poverty among the educated classes is the worst moral disease from which our civilization suffers.

- Prof. William James

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For the thou hast the wings of the Eagle, they are vain, except they be joined to the shoulders of the Bull.

- Aleister Crowley

THE HUMILIATION OF GOD - CAPRICORN From The Equinox, 1910

O my God, behold me fully and be merciful unto me, as I humble myself before Thee; for all my searching is as a bat that seeks some hellow might upon a sun-parched wilderness.

O my God, estreat me gently and be mereiful unto me as I humble myself before Thee; for all my toil is but as a threadless shuttle of steel thrust here and there in the black loom of night.

O my God, measure me rightly and be merciful unto me, as I humble myself before Thee, for all my praise is but as a single letter of lead lest in the gilded scriptures of the recks.

(Next Month - The Lamentation of God - Aquarius)

WHEN MOLLIE SNORES Charles S. Culver

I have a roly-pely dog, One with a pedigree; And when she's smoring, fast asleep, It's a cause of mirth to me.

I watch her as she's "sawing weed"
Asleep there on the cot.
She will hit a high erescende
And then she strikes a knot.

I chuckle as I watch her there As she in spirit soars, This brings me peace, and calm, and rest, When I hear Mollie's snores.

IN MY WORLD IS PEACE - Marie Harlows

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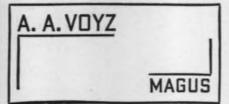
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