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THE MODERN ALCHEMIST

Marie Harlowe

I am the Spirit, I live to destroy;
'Tis my task, and 'tis right, for being, -all being
Is worthy of nought but unbeing again;
'Twere far better therefore that nothing had been.
Mephistopheles - Faust

Many people associate the idea of Alchemy with long ages past, forgetting that magical processes go on in many phases of life, -as for instance, the Catholic Mass is a work of ceremonial magic and the Eucharist is a most thorough magical process. Ceremonial magic has for its object the identification of the individual with God; even fairy tales of dismemberment and revivification contain the allegory of man "reborn".

Ancient alchemists were not concerned with the manufacture of precious metals, but of refining the individual man to a spiritual point allowing his merging with the Divine. Today, whoever is remoulding his being into more perfect forms is an Alchemist, tho today as in the past, the more basic methods of accomplishing this are generally secret.

Alchemy declares that man shall create a new self without the aid of parents, and the Egyptian myth of Osiris and Isis, brother and sister who fell violently in love within their mother's womb and copulated and produced born children of the unborn refers to this magical process of spiritual birth.

All Alchemy, both ancient and modern, took place in the crucible of the Mind. One of their axioms was that "conception takes place in the union of three" (the three natures in man combine in the process). Occultly, the Mother is the primal substance on which Mind-Energy, the Father, works to produce the Form. Paracelsus said, "whoever wishes to make gold must first have gold". Man makes himself a new man on the foundation of the old man as he carries out the painful duty of killing in a mystical

death to egotism, a certain part of himself.

It is a strange and interesting fact that the same symbol is used for both Alchemy and Psychoanalysis, the modern science of introspection. The "universal medicine" of Alchemy which had the power of making sick (base metals) well (precious metals) is the result of alchemical processes of restoring the perfectly equilibrated forces of life.

In all ways, the Alchemist attempts nothing out of its nature, but seeks only to bring about the manifestation of life exactly according to Divine Law. Alchemical processes are, therefore, natural processes, and the more one learns, through Science, for instance, of natural laws, the greater will be his power in the magical field. Thus when homunculi are created they are always outside the law of human form and are either giants or dwarfs.

All actual processes are combustion processes. The heating process is necessary to all life, a process which takes place as man's consciousness is activated or quickened. One of the alchemical axioms deals with applying the fire of the soul to the intellect.

In the physical plane, the Water of Life (*Aqua Vitae*) is the nutritive liquids of the seminal fluid and the amniotic liquor in which the foetus floats, but the *Aqua Vitae* is a stream of electronic thought-energy which crystallizes into formed substance. Would-be Alchemists who mingle the sap of trees and the blood of man, who work with the substances of urine, semen, spittle and blood have thus but the weak "letter of the law".

Before man can practice Alchemy and Magic he need not withdraw from the world, but from the enslavement of it, and he must first undergo a strict moral training. The ancient Mysteries prepared man's vehicle by this discipline and training to be able to hold and handle the greater forces thus generated within him.

*Any religion, sect or creed which
opposes an investigation, openly
manifests its own error.*

- Andrew Jackson Davis

RED MAGIC

A. A. Voyz

It has been written: "There are Black Magic, White Magic and Red Magic; and Adeptship is that mediumship where the individual has climbed those glorious heights of understanding and knowledge of handling and rightfully using them all. A true seer is not only a clairvoyant and clairaudient medium but very much more." (*The Hidden Way Across the Threshold - V. C. Street*)

Know also that it has been written: "All three of the great secret orders of the East advise and instruct their Pilgrims in Red Magic, and assure them that it is one of the true paths to Divine Wisdom when it is performed unselfishly, and that at proper times and certain stages of growth there is an unfoldment and converting of lower natures into higher paths in which every child of Light should perform his duty to the afflicted." (*The Hidden Way Across the Threshold*)

Mark well the statement: "Red Magic... is one of the true paths to Divine Wisdom". But doubly heed the condition: "when it is performed unselfishly". Let no person who has about him the taint of selfishness work Red Magic. Nay, even speak of it!

Read what has been written concerning this true path to Divine Wisdom! "What is the practice of Red Magic? You have it typified in the form of the ancient philosophers, in their sayings, yea, even in the life of the Nazarene himself". Mark well the statement, "yea, even in the life of the Nazarene himself".

Read on-- "And when you read of the exercise of the power of Red Magic, it is here you are enabled to form some idea of the 'blood theory'. All your healing mediums are Red Magicians, so were the healing mediums of ancient Greece and Rome. They were practicers of the art of Red Magic. This has ever a beneficial influence upon the race, manifesting itself in deeds of kindness and devotion, and in securing the good of others". (*The Hidden Way Across the Threshold*)

So it has been written! Note the following points:
Red Magic is

- 1- Inculcated by "all three of the Great secret Orders of the East"
- 2- It is one of the True Paths to Divine Wisdom
- 3- It must be performed unselfishly
- 4- All healing mediums are Red Magicians (whether they know it or not)
- 5- Red Magic has ever a beneficial influence on the race, manifesting in deeds of kindness and devotion, and in securing the good of others".

The relationship between Black, Red and White Magic has been explained as follows: "The Black Magician who attempts to kill, destroy, or injure another person by the anger and intensity of his hatred *in union with certain forces*, projects towards that person a certain energy which may kill or injure not only that one individual but those who are brought in the person's immediate surroundings, by the simple intensity of the force he has created and focalized. If it was not sufficiently strong to cling to and affect the object to whom it was sent, or if the person to whom it was sent to injure knows anything of these lower natural laws, he can ward off the energy, and as all forces work in spirals, it will surely return and react on the originator who collected and started it. Those who employ such powers for the purpose of evil and wrong are known and called Brothers of the Black Shadow, or in France, Black Magicians, in the same sense as those who employ their spiritual forces, concentration and powers, to heal the sick and comfort the living, dealing with mortals in this physical body are termed Red Magicians, while those who reach the realms of Prophecy and True Seership, doing good for the mere sake of doing good, without money and without price, are called White Magicians, Brothers of the Golden Dawn, and Dwellers in the Golden Shadow". (*The Hidden Way Across the Threshold*)

So ends the writing. The Truth has been written for all to see. Red Magicians are healers of the physical ills of mankind. They employ spiritual forces to that end. They have ever been and ever will be Benefactors of the human race.

It is evident from the Gospels that the leading character, named therein Jesus, was a Red Magician, a practiser of Red Magic, a healer.

"And Jesus travelled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people." (St. Matt. 4:23)

The Rosicrucians were and are Red Magicians and practisers of Red Magic.

In the Fama Fraternitatis it is written of the agreement between the eight Brethren, "Their agreement was this. First, that none of them should profess any other thing than to cure the sick and that gratis". (*Real History of the Rosicrucians - Arthur Edward Waite*)

Paracelsus, the healer of the sick was a Red Magician. So was Cagliostro.

When Golden Rosicrucianism appeared it was reaffirmed that the first duty of a true Rosicrucian was "To alleviate suffering and to cure the sick without accepting any remuneration". (*Some Rosicrucian Keys to the Secret Symbols - Franz Hartmann*)

It must not be forgotten that the monogram or jewel of the Frater R.C. is a RED Rose on a Cross.

Lest there be some doubt as to the meaning of the color RED, remember that among the Egyptians it was the "color of the good genii" and represented "virility". To the East Indian it is the "color of Vishnu" and stood for human love. The early Persians also recognized red as the emblem of "love". For the Mohammedan it stood for "spiritual beauty". The Grecians used the color red as the emblem of the "Spartans who were courageous unto death". For the Romans it was the "Emblem of Bacchus, god of vigor and wine, attribute of Pollox as immortality". In both early Christian and modern form, Red signifies "Divine zeal-creative force" and "Love of God". (*Important Symbols - Adelaide S. Hall*)

The significance and true meaning of the color RED is found in the writings of the Alchemist. It has been written: "Red and white, man and woman" (male and female activity). (*Problems of Mysticism and Its Symbolism - Dr. Herbert Selberer*)

"The red man and the white woman, called also red lions and white lilies and many other names, are united and cooked together in a vessel, the philosophical Egg." "The red substance is the philosopher's stone, called also our king, red lion, grand elixir, etc." "In the stage of projection the red tincture is symbolized as a pelican." (*Problems of Mysticism and Its Symbolism*)

But as it is not necessary to go further into these mysteries, let us consider the meaning of the three colors **BLACK, WHITE** and **RED**. It has been written; "The black corresponds to introversion and to the first (mystical) death, the white to the "new earth", to freedom or innocence, red to love which completes the work". (*Problems of Mysticism and Its Symbolism*)

It must be remembered that the philosopher's stone, the *red* stone, is the basis of the universal medicine. The Occultist knows that the Alchemists were Red Magicians.

All should approach with the greatest respect the subject of Red Magic and its exponents, the Red Magicians, men who devote their lives to the healing of the sick and treading of a true path to Divine Wisdom. It is a branch of the Great Work, however, that has not received or desired widespread publicity. Its votaries work in **SILENCE**. Who **DARES** say he knows them?

In the past, and in our own day, there are individuals who attempt to distort the **TRUTH** for the sake of material consideration. (Let them not soil with their dirty fingers the pages whereon are writ the works of the Red Magicians! Let them not confuse and confound what has been written concerning the Red Magician with any exoteric political party or exoteric philosophical doctrine.)

The **RED** Magicians, the healers of the sick, have prior claim to the designation **RED** howsoever used.

The black magic of old is still black magic today. The white magic of old is still white magic today. And the red magic of old is still the red magic of today. The color designation does not change. Red Magic was, is, and always will be one of the True paths to Divine Wisdom when it is performed unselfishly, with love. To imagine that there can be Black Red Magic is as paradoxical as **BLACK WHITE** magic. Red Magic was, is, and always will be "a beneficial

influence upon the race, manifesting itself in deeds of kindness and devotion, and in securing the good of others".

Let this suffice, my brother. As ye praise Jesus, praise RED MAGIC! As ye respect the Rosicrucians, respect RED MAGICIANS! Know the truth; it will make you free.

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Plenty of people wish well to any good cause, but very few care to exert themselves to help it, and still fewer will risk anything in its support. "Some one ought to do it, but why should I?" is the ever reechoed phrase of weak-kneed amiability. "Some one ought to do it, so why not I?" is the cry of some earnest servant of man, eagerly forward springing to face some perilous duty. Between these two sentences lie whole centuries of moral evolution.

- *Annie Besant*

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FIRE SIGN

Merle Perry

"Born in a fire sign," Gypsy said,
"Fire in the body smoldering red,
Fire in the brain leaping yellow,
But never fire that is peaceful, mellow.
Fire in the spirit, blue beseeching,
Blue fire, white fire, reaching...reaching..."

*Oh Gypsy, yes I know, I know;
And jubilant flame to the pyre when I go.*

METAPHYSICAL DYNAMITE

Arthur Foster

Do not attempt to dabble in Occultism unless you really want the Truth, and are willing to pay for it; and are willing to assume whatever responsibility may be involved in the possession of it:and until you realize to some extent what is likely to be the nature of the Truth, and of the price, and of the obligation. And do not seek for the Truth unless you are prepared for the shock of discovering that in the Realm of Metaphysics the Truth is frequently the opposite of what is commonly supposed, taught and accepted, and that raw meat is not for babies.

The decision is entirely up to YOU. Nobody will give you good advice in the matter. The Ignorant are unable to give you anything but bad advice, but the Initiated are too wise to do anything but quote this law;

'Take what you want and pay the price'

Therefore do not attempt to lay hold of this Two-edged Sword until you have given long and serious consideration to the following facts:

1- That the instant you take your initial step in this direction a door will close quietly yet firmly behind you, and you will find yourself in a Realm quite new and strange to you, from which there is no escape, and from which there is no turning back.

2- That one of the greatest obstacles on the very threshold of realization and attainment is Prejudice; that the Truth comes not only out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, but frequently emanates from the lips of fools, idiots and criminals; that the worst men often give the best advice.

3- That the Aspirant is frequently deceived by his own idealism, optimism and enthusiasm as much as by his fear, prejudice, ignorance and possible cynicism.

4- That the pure in heart are blessed not only for their sexual abstinence but also for their clear-headedness, common sense and complete lack of pretentiousness,

hypocrisy and dissimulation.

5- That while it may be advisable for the student to abstain from the use of meat, alcohol and tobacco at a certain stage in his ongoing, it is well for him to note that there are many other sins than the eating of meat, the drinking of alcohol and the smoking of tobacco; that people who do not eat meat or drink alcohol are frequently gluttonous and sensual; that the continual nibbling of candy, for instance, is a sort of "refined sensuality", and that sensuality is not spirituality, no matter how "refined" it may appear to be.

6- That the greatest of sins are hatred and cruelty, and that the self-righteous and abstemious are frequently very cruel and intolerant; that cruelty is mental as well as physical; that indifference and neglect and deception are pronounced forms of cruelty; and that some men and women who do not touch meat, alcohol or tobacco are far more cruel than those who do.

7- That a man does not amount to much as long as he merely reads, listens, talks, attends lectures and classes, and writes about the Truth; that it is necessary for him to learn to DO something, preferably with his hands; that self-righteousness, sanctimoniousness, specious Theology, long-winded Philosophy and Intellectual Gymnastics have nothing whatever to do with spiritual realization and attainment.

8- That all would-be reformers are tarred with the same stick; that nobody can reform anybody but himself; that every man has enough to attend to his own business; and that you have no right to attempt to interfere with the will of another, *even for the other fellow's own good.*

9- That one should never believe anything that he hears or reads unless it is in accord with his own experience, instinct, reason and intuition; and that this caution is more necessary in the realm of Metaphysics than in any other direction.

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If I quake, what matters it what I quake at?

- Emerson

From the Chapter Known as
THE AFFIRMATION OF GOD - ARIES
from *The Equinox*, 1910

O Thou snow-clad volcan of scarlet fire, Thou flame-created pillar of fury. Yea, as I approach Thee, Thou departest from me like unto a wisp of smoke blown forth from the window of my house.

O Thou burning tempest of blinding sand, Thou whirl-wind from the depths of darkness!

O Thou crowned giant among great giants, Thou crimson-sworded soldier of war! Yea, as I battle with Thee, Thou masterest me as a lion that slayeth a babe that is cradled in the lilies.

O Thou depths of the Inconceivable, Thou cryptic, unutterable God. Yea, as I behold Thee, mine understanding is but as the glimpse of a rainbow through a storm of blinding snow.

O Thou Empress of Light and of Darkness, Thou pourer-forth of the stars of Night! Yea, as I gaze upon Thy countenance, mine eyes are as the eyes of a blind man smitten by a torch of living fire.

O Thou crimson gladness of the midnight, Thou flamingo North of brooding light!

(Next Month - The Renunciation of God - Taurus)

DAILY FORECAST

Margaret Hardman Theiss

Oh! "Saturday, Sunday: adverse".

(I'm reading from my horoscope).

"Monday and Tuesday"?--worse and worse;

They offer not a grain of hope.

Wednesday and Thursday are a mint

For letters, travel and finance,

Yet neither irksome day shows glint

Of that loved star that shows romance.

Then, "Friday: Venus lights the way"!

How could astrology foreknow

(We only made the date today)

That Friday night I'll have a beau?

SPIRITUALIST MEDIUMSHIP - A DESTRUCTIVE METHOD OF SPIRITUAL APPROACH

Adolph B. Krafft

What is Spiritualist Mediumship? Is it a divinely authorized and morally permitted, spiritually up-building and constructive method of gaining connection with the inhabitants of the astral world?

Before this question can be answered with complete fairness and convincing, scientifically-founded truthfulness, we must return to first principles. We must in this case borrow our teaching from certain age-old, but completely verified researches into this very field of human practice, which has today assumed such an unwarranted and dangerous amount of our activities of what these deluded and ignorant participants of this pernicious practice have been made to believe is "real religion".

An answer to the question, "What is Spiritualist Mediumship?" is only tantamount to the question, "What is Hypnotism?"

Hypnotism is a free-willed domination and control of the soul and all the inner soul faculties of a helpless hypnotic subject, by a fleshly, living operator, called a Hypnotist, who has learned the satanical art of thus gaining absolute control over the soul faculties of his subject at his will and pleasure, and for the time being, putting completely aside the individual will and self-determination of his subject, as well as the operation of his normal senses, who is during the period of this performance placed in the position of a completely will-less spiritual slave whose mind and body are no longer his own, but are subject only to the commands of his controlling Hypnotist.

Spiritualist Mediumship is exactly identical with Hypnosis, in all essential points, with the one exception that Hypnotism is brought about by a fleshly, living hypnotic operator, while Mediumship is brought about by spiritual operators, on the astral side of life, but by the same spiritually destructive method of self-debasement.

There is a divinely ordained law of nature, which has supplied each normal living human being with a protective coat of mail, in the form of a fleshly, physical body. When this body is normal and healthy, and filled with vital magnetism, the denizens of the lower spirit world, which hover close to the earth plane are powerless to attack and harm it, but let this life-sustaining vital magnetism be withdrawn or driven out, and all the satanical forces of the lower astral world may gain free access to this inner sanctuary of a living person.

Now, when the sitters in a dark room are arranged in a circle and spiritually interlocked, with the spirit-controls standing behind them, invisible to the fleshly eyes of the participants, spiritual magnetism is directed into the brain and the nervous systems of the sitters. As a result, the weaker ones are affected first, and will be the first ones to yield to this "spiritual developing process". The concentrated magnetism of all the spirit controls is then directed to that one whose vital powers have broken down, and the full force of their astral magnetism is concentrated upon this one victim, until he or she drops down as lifeless. In this condition, the individual soul of the victim has been temporarily driven out of the body. The spirit of one of the "controls" then takes possession of the vacated body of the victim, and speaks, acts and deports himself exactly as spiritualist mediums are commonly known to do. Please understand this, the so-called spiritualist medium does not then talk and act from the source of his own normal intelligence, but is acted upon by the will of the controlling spirit, whoever that spirit might be. The victim is merely used as a lifeless pawn in a chess game, and its body is used by some unknown and invisible spirit person on the astral side, and compelled to reiterate any words and sentences which it may be made to utter, by the will and direction of the astral control.

If you who read this, could see with your inner, spiritual vision and witness just WHO is often standing behind these poor, ignorant and deluded fleshly subjects who seek "spiritual development" by this dark room seance method, **YOU WOULD OFTEN BE APPALLED!** You would see faces re-

mind you of the physiognomical expression of hardened criminals. In other cases you would see facial expressions of pure religious fanatics, or again, of typical drunkards. From such as these, the sitters in the dark room seance circle may obtain "messages" purporting to be from some famous person, or some beloved friend of the sitter. If the sitter happened to be religiously inclined, he might obtain a personal message from Jesus Christ, John the Baptist, or any one of the many Biblical characters who was a favorite of the sitter. To the penetrating view of the opened spiritual senses, the person of Jesus Christ may then often be seen to exhibit the characteristic features of a hardened, bleary-eyed drunkard, and John the Baptist might masquerade over the form of an ex-gangster who is seeking by this means to again get into conscious touch with his old earth life.

It was stated before in a previous issue of this magazine that certain spirit prophecies relating to the war had turned out to be erroneous and false. Instead of giving open consideration to this most important warning, the Editor received letters of criticism in answer to her honest and open statements, which were only intended to purify and clarify our present-day knowledge of spiritual laws and processes. Those who understand the exact process by which such and similar "spiritual prophecies" are given to credulous and untaught ones in the flesh will immediately understand the reason WHY such supposed "divine prophecies" need not come true any more than a similar prophecy given by a fleshly living human being.

Let us suppose a company of people are assembled in a room behind closed doors. In an adjoining room, there is also a company of people, but these latter have quietly sneaked in, unobserved and unknown, and are besides, invisible to those in the first room. Would any person in the first room freely and voluntarily surrender himself with body and soul to any individual in the second room? Would not this be even worse than the idea of a Dr. Faust selling himself with soul and body to Mephistopheles, whom he sees plainly before him, and whose character he well knows? It is true, the deluded sitter in the seance

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A QUESTION WE HEAR DAILY

*from Psychic Power, January 1924, Edited by
Effa E. Danelson*

Question: Why are there no more men sent direct from God to rule the world?

Answer: There are plenty of such self-appointed men in our day but because of the advancement of the human race through scientific discoveries and successful inventions, they are not accepted. The world today has a leader and a Savior in every well-meaning and intellectual citizen and when one arises out of obscurity, declaring himself or herself to be especially appointed, they are not accepted without reservation; and when the question becomes too serious and they meet with opposition they flee into exile, leaving their misguided followers to perish. The 19th century had many of these self-deluded men and women. The 20th century, as it advances, will bring so many discoveries that all men and women will be saviors, for man will be the maker of his own destiny.

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A TRIBUTE

Dedicated to our loved editor-Effa Danelson

Reggy Page

*She who walked the path so close to God-
Had outgrown the path of earth we trod!
We alone, those she has left behind
Shall in memory thus a solace find
As we carry on the work undone-
This great work of Truth by her begun-
For quite well we know that she will guide
Our humble work from the other side.*

WHAT ARE THE CHRISTIAN DEVILS?

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Borny Helmos Reddy

The word "devil" has been bandied about, both within and without the church for ages, yet many there be who do not have a clear conception of the real meaning of the term. In the mind of the layman fallen angels, familiar spirits, demons, devils and Satan are far too often considered as referring to one and the same thing, thanks to the teachings they have received from the church.

For over a thousand years the clergy have fired their heaviest artillery in the general direction of where they supposed their devil to be, but so far have somehow managed to miss him completely. Well does the clergy know that just one center shot and all would be out of a job, and then there would be no further use of the church or its clergy.

This idealistic "heaven on earth" will arise as soon as the people realize that Jesus, the Master, is here, NOW, waiting for any or all who really desire to contact him, and who look for him in the right place, - within and not without. The teaching of the church that "Jesus is coming" instead of being here, leaves a comfortable niche for this mythical devil. Our problem is to discover who or what this devil really is.

"The *devil* is the patron saint of our Theological Christianity, and it is too late at this day for us to expect the Christian clergy to undo and amend their work. They have too much at stake". And again we find, "...the priesthood, who are practically aware of the existence of that magical and spiritual phenomena, and believe in them while dreading their consequences, try to attribute the whole to the agency of the devil. Is not the worship of saints and angels now, in all respects, the same that the worship of demons was in former times? The name only is different; the thing is identically the same... Almost the whole of Paganism is converted and applied to popery."

- *Ists Unveiled*

The serpent has been recognized for ages as the symbol for wisdom, hence its appearance in the allegory of the Garden of Eden. Through the advancing years the devil has been a mighty valuable adjunct to the church as a bogeyman with which to bring home the financial bacon. It is well known that in the past the organized church has always fought every advance in art or science. For the church to say that anything was "the works of the devil" was, in the past, sufficient to cause the people to flee from anything new. There is hardly anything now in use by civilized man that has not, at one time or another, been anathematized by the church. Galileo and his telescope, the art of printing, Harvey and the circulation of blood in the human body, geometry, geology, the use of table knives and forks, the fanning mill for separating grain from the chaff, the use of ether as an aid to childbirth, the anti-slavery movement, the steamboat, the mining of coal, the drilling of oil wells, and a host of other things, have progressed against the determined opposition of the church.

When oil was first discovered and the drilling of oil wells began, some preachers bitterly opposed the work and declared that God had made the earth and put the coal there in, in order to burn the earth at the proper time. They also declared that the oil had been placed therein as kindling, but that the devil had set man to remove the oil so that God's plan might be defeated. Very much more might be adduced to demonstrate the reactionary attitude of the church and clergy, for such evidence may be found on every hand. Today all this seems silly in the extreme, but nevertheless, the church solemnly promulgated such statements as valid arguments and fought every advance with all the means within her power.

The celebrated authority, Max Muller says, "The Aryan nations had no devil. Pluto, though of sombre character, was a very respectable personage. Loke, the Scandinavian, though a mischievous person, was not a fiend. The Satan of the Old Testament, the Diabolus or Devil of the Gospels and Apostolic epistles, were but the antagonistic principle in matter, necessarily incident to it, but not wicked in the moral sense of the term."

Plutarch testifies in his Isis and Osiris that the

Egyptians far from worshipping the Devil, they despised more than they dreaded Typhon. Thus even at that remote age we see the ancients already too enlightened to believe in a personal devil. Again we quote: "It became the turn of Christianity to inherit the degrading superstition about devils invested with pestilential and murderous powers. The Gnostics were the earliest Christians with anything like a regular theological system, and it is only too evident that it was Jesus who was made to fit their theology as their Christos. In their eyes the Serpent was the logos-Christos, the incarnation of Divine Wisdom. Of all the various religions of antiquity there never was one which believed more in a *personal devil* than the liberal Christians of the Nineteenth century".

With the above as a back-ground let us see if we can find anything about the devil in the Orthodox Bible. When one investigates the meaning in the original of the words rendered into *devil*, one finds the following information readily obtainable from any analytical Concordance, usually available in any Public Library.

1- *sair* (Hebrew) meaning hairy one, goat, kid, but rendered into *devil* in Lev. 17:17; 2 Chron. 11:15.

2- *shed* (Hebrew) meaning spoiler, destroyer, but rendered into *devil* in Deut. 32:17; Psa. 106:37.

3- *daimonion* (Greek) meaning daimon, demon, shade but rendered 58 times into *devil* (see Concordance).

4- *daimon* (Greek) meaning a deified spirit, but rendered into *devil* and *devils* in Matt. 8:31; Mark 5:12; Luke 8:29; Rev. 16:14. 18:2.

5- *devil* 35 times (see Concordance).

6- *daimonizomai* (Greek) meaning to be demonized, or to be possessed of a demon. Rendered into *devil* in Matt. 9:32. 12:22. Mark 5:15, 16, 18; into *vexed with a devil* in Matt. 15:22; *hath a devil* in John 10:21; *devilish* in Jas. 3:15; *possessed of the devils* in Matt. 8:33. Luke 8:36; *possessed with devils* in Matt. 4:24. 8:16, 28, 33. Mark 1:32.

In all, a total of 117 times yet, as will be noticed, from the meaning of the words in the original, in no single case does the original possess the sinister significance attributed to it by the teachings of the church.

In Lev.17:17, as noted before, *devil* is really hairy one; ordinarily a goat, but rendered into satyr in Isa.13:21.34:14; and satyr merely means a woodland deity in Greek Mythology. Verily, the working of the minds of the orthodox translators is beyond understanding. In the final analysis, when *devil* is used in the New Testament the real meaning is demon, as is shown elsewhere, and demon is merely the spirit of a departed human being.

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circle is often made to believe he is in personal connection with some very high and exalted spirit from an advanced sphere, but where is the proof of this? Cannot any intelligent and clever thief or gangster speak with the words of a saint?

Another question: Why is it that these spirit controls always manifest their presence through spoken words, and never show themselves, in their true astral form? They could, if they desired to do so, open the visions of the sitters. Every honest and intelligent reader who has followed the course of this article will immediately understand the answer. What then, is Spiritualist Mediumship? It is nothing more or less than Spiritual Hypnotism, and this has been termed **A SPIRITUAL CRIME!**

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Then there suddenly floated into my mind, though I was in a fully awake conscious state and not using the faculty of imagination, the picture of a butler's pantry. It was so vivid that I did not forget it entirely.

Two summers later I returned home to St. Louis with my cousin (my home was then in Central Illinois) and at dinner that evening Aunt Martha sat at the head of the table with the children, five of them grown up. I was seated fourth on the left side. They were a jolly family, especially Uncle Nelson who was then Chief of the Fire Department of St. Louis. They had a custom of passing along any request Aunt Martha might make for something she might need from the kitchen. I did not know about this custom, so when Aunt Martha asked for a large table spoon of Ella, she tapped her brother next with a spoon and told him to get it: in turn he tapped his brother next with a spoon and told him to get it and this I thought was discourtesy to their mother so I got to my feet and said, "I'll get the spoon for Aunt Martha". They were somewhat taken back but by the time they recovered I was in the kitchen.

There was my butler's pantry! I walked straight to the right drawer that held the spoons and brought one back. One whole end and a half of two sides were fully built into cupboards and drawers, from the ceiling to the floor, but as I came back they exclaimed, "How did you know where to find the spoons?" I said, "I could go straight to anything which you might ask". Then I saw it would be a mistake to say anything about how I knew, but this experience has since been repeated many times.

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