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EDITORIAL:

We use the swastika symbol because its Sanskrit meaning --*su asti*, is "it is well", and because it is the constellation of the Southern Cross, visible (in tropical countries) at the time of renewal of all nature.

Hereafter we will have no definite publication date except that we will be issued within the month. We are moving Heaven and Earth and a corner of Hell to get the unusual in occult material, and it is obviously of a type that can well be studied for weeks, --at least until the next issue is out; we are not issuing the sort of material which stirs one up to a frenzy to know what Lady Vere de Vere's lover is going to do about it in the next issue! We must publish some of our important booklets, --and the Editor cannot keep up the killing task of a scheduled publication date, until we receive more co-operation and help.

For years now Truth students have been declaring that God is the Father of all, and all people are his perfect children, brothers all. One little whiff of propaganda and "God's perfect children" become demons and devils.

There is a Divine Plan in the universe, though the present chaos belies it somewhat. Mankind is tending to Universal Brotherhood, but before this can be accomplished, men everywhere must give up their limitations of nationalistic feelings. And real freedom must prevail, not the declared freedom of so-called Democracies such as France and England, under whose control millions of colonists have no power to speak for themselves. The basis, aside from their own karma throughout the ages, of the present Jewish disintegration is their crystallization into racial forms which are not compatible with the new fluidic merge of all peoples into a consciousness of Oneness. By the

same token, the highly separative consciousnesses of European nations are being disintegrated--by force if not willingly and in truth.

As occultists, we do not "take sides" in *any* controversy, seeing the Divine Plan working to break down the old that the new might arise in all its glory. We do not condemn any individual, least of all Hitler, for being a karmic agent. We need street-cleaners and undertakers and surgeons to cut away and clean out the old that a healthy new life may be manifested; we need them on international scales when nations need "cleaning up".

As occultists, we do not allow ourselves to get on an emotional jag thinking about the innocent people killed in wars, for we know that by the karmic law, none are innocent; children come into the world with hatreds held for long series of lives. We know that the karmic law does not permit anything to happen to any person, except that person deserves just that.

We are living in a new age, and life must be placed upon new patterns. It is an age of freedom, and its attendant responsibility of individuals. No longer can we tolerate such bondage as the imperialism of Great Britain. Every nation, as every individual, has a work to do in the world, and only so long as they do that, they are blessed. Doubtless the part of the Divine Plan for Britain has been the colonization of the world; but nothing in the Divine Plan has given them the power to own and control those colonists afterwards. Not only India and the other colonies are soon to be free to express their own individuality, but the whole IDEA of such government will be destroyed. British imperialistic power will be destroyed,--perhaps before this gets into print. All of Europe will be united in a United States of Europe, and in 1942, the year of the Revolution in the United States of America, will come the war of a united Europe against Russia. And years after that, the war with the Orient. Verily, sweeping the world clean takes a long while! Yea, and "Strife is the father of all things."

SECRET KNOWLEDGE AND THE SUPERMAN

Marie Harlowe

The whole drift of my education goes to persuade me that the world of our present consciousness is only one out of many worlds of consciousness that exist, and that those other worlds must contain experiences which have a meaning for our life also. - Prof. James

Solomon became famous, perhaps less by seeking understanding, than by, in that seeking, the attainment of hidden knowledge, of which the wise men of all ages have been aware. Rending the painted veil of life, the wise men have always attained to a knowledge unknown to the profane.

The idea of a knowledge surpassing that of ordinary humanity, inaccessible, in fact, to ordinary people, has persisted throughout all history. Symbolism has always held and transmitted this hidden knowledge; likewise, ordinary words known to all have been used for the same purpose. Only in the last century has some of the hidden knowledge reposing in Tibet come to Western light; as yet, the knowledge hidden in remote and inaccessible mountains of Africa is yet to be revealed.

Job recognized that there was more to the Divine Nature than appeared, - he questioned, "Canst thou, by searching, find out God?"

Occultly, the New Testament is recognized as an introduction to a certain secret wisdom. "Only those who have ears can hear". "It is given to you (a few esoteric pupils) to know the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given." "Throw not your pearls before swine lest they turn and rend you." "Knock and it shall be opened to you". "Not all who say, Lord, Lord, shall be saved."

The Gospels do not necessarily describe historical events, but depict a certain drama of the Mysteries. The Garden of Eden depicted a certain culture and civilization reached by men of antiquity. The Great Flood, also, is an allegory of the destruction and passing of a highly cul-

tured people. Aladdin's lamp, the Golden Fleece with its treasures guarded by monsters, the Search of the Holy Grail all relate man's arduous search for the hidden knowledge, the "philosopher's stone" of alchemy.

With this age-long interest of man in a hidden knowledge of life, there has also persisted in parallel the idea of the Messiah, the Superman. Modern sociology does not think ahead to a new type, but in our very midst there is a new type of man being formed. Naturally the idea of an inner group contradicts modern sociological theory of the structure of human society. Nietzsche, more of a prophet than he is sometimes recognized said, "I am of today and heretofore, but something is in me that is of the morrow and of the days following and the hereafter."

In the true religious sense there is no religion without a conception of a superman; strangely enough, the idea of the superman has never existed apart from a conception of a Higher Consciousness, which through its cosmic consciousness, regulates and controls human affairs.

Though the masses of mankind are deeply rooted in a crystallized routine life, man is pre-eminently a transitional form of life. And in the Great Laboratory of Life, many experiments are found to be failures. The Biblical parable of the Sower suggests a change of life cycles, the destruction of the unworthy material.

Doubtless much of the world's chaos is due to the present absence of the philosophy of the superman governing his less qualified brothers. Surprising as it may at first seem, all brilliant periods of history have been those in which a definite order of caste prevailed.

Today there is a growing tendency to degeneration, with an ever-increasing number of criminals, suicides, prostitutes and weaklings cultivated by modern relief and dole methods,--who,--not capable of sustained and persistent effort and work; who, having little or no initiative, must obey the will of the Dictator.

Participation in the ancient Mysteries, which revealed the Hidden Knowledge to those qualified, was denied to criminals and those weaklings in whose lives continuous calamities manifested, for certain knowledge, by its inherent power, would destroy unprepared masses. A per-

fect religion could not serve an imperfectly evolved man, a fact recognized by Hinduism which reveals God only in proportion to the ability of the worshipper to accept. "Straight is the gate, and narrow the way, and few there be who find it."

A new category of men, with new standards and values, not merely, however, new or higher zoological types, is coming into manifestation. Beings, "whose eyes are darkened by scarcely any lust", will come to reconstruct society from higher levels.

They are those who are ever watchful for active work "in the vineyard", they who, "putting their hand to the plow (of opposition) turn not back"; they whose emotions and feelings exceed those of ordinary men; they who, in a conservation of energy, keep silent and do not reveal their activities except to those of their own level; they of whom it was said, *He thinks in secret and it comes to pass—Environment is but his looking-glass.*

The Bible, in revealing the hidden knowledge, does not teach that all men should "resist not evil", "turn the other cheek", being a good Samaritan, a good neighbor. These were rules of discipline for the disciples (students of the hidden wisdom) only.

The infant does not "see"—he only looks, attaching no meaning to his impressions. Most of mankind "sees" in the same limited manner, but by a shifting of the center of gravity, from an outer to an inner mind, man may think in new and unaccustomed directions on new planes. (*Cogitatio* is more than mere intellectual understanding). In this broadening of the capacity for psychologically changing the form of perception, man may attain to such knowledge as he never knew before existed. Hegel's philosophy of direct knowledge, through spiritual vision, is only now becoming thoroughly appreciated.

Galileo, Newton, Mayer, and a host of scientific minds have by intuition and not by defined experiments, brought much of hidden knowledge into the world, suggesting to Science today the usefulness of intuition as a working hypothesis in its field. There are as yet unnumbered problems of life which Science has made no attempt to solve, but if it is ever to do so, it must come to a mystical

perception, a new method to it, a going forth (as science should do) in new directions.

A poet has said delicately and without fully appraising man of the tremendous power of ideas, "thoughts are things". Moses could not see God in the burning bush--"no man can look upon God's face and live". The ancient Mysteries were so constituted as to protect man from the invisible force of wisdom by preparing man by a gradual change to hold the force as it was revealed. Some are now ready for a revelation of the Hidden Knowledge, and some are not, as we see in the Biblical parable of the wedding guests--some who were invited came not, and the feast had to be offered those on the highways and by-ways, those who by practical service had made themselves ready to receive.

ASTROLOGER

Alfred I. Tooke

He charts each sphere upon its nightly course,
True to a moment in a million years,
Each whirling planet punctually appears,
Hurled by an unimaginable force.
Constantly studying to seek the source
Of their control; as his mind harks, he hears
No false note in these inter-cosmic gears.
Thus comes a truth that logic can endorse:

There is one law for all created things,
Which, in appointed cycles, come and go,
And in this law, man's destiny is held;
From out this law, all good, all evil springs.
Solving it, man all knowledge shall know;
Destiny with desire he then may weld.

*The greatest happiness in the world is
to make others happy; the next greatest
is to make them think.*

- Luther Burbank

"AS ABOVE, SO BELOW"

A. A. Voyz

We, the Living, are actualizing a phase of the Universal Process. The nature of the phase we are objectifying can be understood by employing the Master Key to the Universal Process. The Master Key to the Universal Process is Astrology.

The position of the planets and stars tells us what is in harmony with the Universal Process. The individual horoscope is the script of the part we are to play on the existing stage of the Universal Process. If we understand our part we are intelligent actors; if we do not comprehend our part, we must perforce play it unconsciously.

Not all the parts are of a sweet, gentle character--some must play the role of Mars. As the planets are often in unharmonious aspect, so on earth some of us must inflict pain and some be victims of violence. We must remember that the course of the Universal Process includes periods of peace as well as epochs of war and revolution.

The Universal Process as it unfolds, has need of those just first born and those that have been reborn countless times. It is not for us to disparage the part that any individual has to actualize.--it is for us to recognize its necessity, its significance.

It is well to remember that the indestructible I, that at present has its abode in the physical body, cannot be injured by any external physical force. The "slurs and arrows of an outrageous fortune" are for us to understand, to appreciate their necessity. The windfalls and catastrophes of our life on earth, the good and bad fortune of our lives, these are the factors that we must master--it is for us to adapt ourselves to the Cosmic Plan, to understand it.

When one has faced all the trials of human existence, and from each experience extricated the lesson for us that it holds, then and then only, can we feel that our stay on this planet is finished, that we are fitted to take up our task on a different planet with consequent

different planetary influence and destiny.

We must not allow our good fortune to blind our eyes to the problems that beset those undergoing a period of bad fortune. It is not for us to judge, but rather to understand; when we understand, we are in a position to help.

As long as we are Earth-bound, we must concern ourselves with the Universal Process for the Earth.

Let no one imagine that he is consciously fulfilling the Universal Process who refuses to concern himself with the work and problems of his fellowmen (such a one has many earth lives to live before he is ready to leave this planet!)

The militant atheist of today was undoubtedly the lonely seeker after God of yesterday who withdrew from the world that he, and he alone, might perfect his relations with God. The world of today is what the Universal Process intends it should be. It is for us to embrace it and understand its necessity, not to withdraw to some secret silent retreat and meditate on the concerns of men long dead.

The search for the meaning and significance of our Today is the only true task of those whose destiny calls them to philosophize. In order to understand "Today", it is helpful to know how others understood their "Today" (our Yesterday). But we must not forget that their solutions cannot be our solutions. Only we can solve our problems--must solve our problems.

The Occultism of Today must be based on the materials in existence today, -otherwise it is only superstition. The very essence of Occultism is the knowledge of what is possible and necessary at any given stage of the Universal Process.

Knowledge of what is possible and necessary is to be had through the art, philosophy and science of Astrology.

When the Vernal Equinox was in Taurus, it was fitting that men should worship the Bull; when in Aries, the Ram, and now while in Pisces, Christ, the Fishes. Tomorrow, when the Vernal Equinox passes into Aquarius, the Brotherhood of Man shall be man's fitting concern of adoration.

A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Arthur Foster

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS it becomes evident to a sufficient number of the citizens of a Republic that Democracy, planned and established by Human Reason, is not functioning efficiently, it becomes advisable for the citizens of that Republic to consider whether Democracy in its present form is practicable, and, if it is finally concluded that it is not practicable, to consider what form of Government is best suited to supersede the Democratic Form; and to consider the form into which Democracy is most likely to degenerate if the destructive tendencies which invariably develop in Democracies are allowed to persist.

THEREFORE,
WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF EVIDENT:

1- That men are *not* created equal, that they do not remain equal, and that they cannot be made equal, in character, understanding, ability, energy, love, interest or ambition.

2- That therefore there is equal privilege among men, but not equal opportunity, and that this is a distinction with a very great difference.

3- That the promulgators and signers of the original Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution of the United States of America were obviously fully cognizant of the above mentioned distinction and difference, as indicated by the provisions of those documents.

4- That a very high percentage of men and women are self-centered, cruel, vain, superstitious, prejudiced, vulgar, stupid, irresponsible, illiterate, ignorant and unevolved; and that in a Democracy this unevolved Majority attempts to rule, and tries to thwart the will and high purpose and right action of the True Intelligencia, the True Aristocracy (the intelligent, responsible, evolved Minority) with havoc as a result, because the relatively lower entities can never understand, successfully control, rule or guide the relatively higher ones under any possible system which this Ignorant Majority, this Collective Mediocrity, may

try to set up and perpetuate.

5- That this Ignorant Majority fears what it does not understand, hates what it fears, persecutes what it hates, and, sooner or later, attempts to frustrate or kill what it hates.

6- That Democracy has a tendency to degenerate into Bureaucracy, Class Legislation, Political, Social and Industrial Disorder, Chaos and the Dark; and that such tendency is now visible in the United States of America.

7- That the establishment and maintenance of a True Democracy requires recognition of certain biological, historical and psychological factors on the part of a sufficient number of the citizens of such a democracy, and realization of the fact that eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty.

8- That there is a true, correct, *natural* Governmental Order (unseen and unknown by the many but not unknown to the few) which stands back of all apparent and arbitrarily set up forms of government, which if permitted to function fully and freely will lead us to fountains of living water.

9- That this biologically and psychologically *correct* form of government is in the nature of a true intellectual and spiritual Hierarchy.

10- That the men and women who constitute this true Aristocracy are the correct and true leaders and guiders and rulers of the people, regardless of race, creed, sex, caste or color, and regardless of all political, religious or racial prejudice; and that they are eager and able to guide Mankind into the True Path of Initiation and Evolution whenever the citizens of a Republic become sufficiently intelligent, educated and amenable to recognize and accept such guidance and government.

11- That growth by apostollic succession, not in a theological sense but in the truest possible scientific sense, is a Universal Law, and that it is the *only* way by which growth ever takes place. (The relatively lower organism or entity advancing and developing through association with and polarization to the relatively higher one.)

12- That this True Aristocracy, this Intellectual and Spiritual Hierarchy, must not be confused with the ignorant, pretentious, predatory, irresponsible, pseudo-"aristocracy"

which selfishly, impudently yells, "The public be damned", nor with a false degenerate "royalty" which when told that the populace had no bread contemptuously and impotently screamed. "Let them eat cake", nor with the sanctimonious, hypocritical reformers who want to reform everybody but themselves, nor with the inexperienced, unsophisticated, academically educated political meddlers, with their specious impractical theories, amateur economics and altruistic ignorance.

13- That unless the True Aristocracy of the Heart and Mind and Spirit, regardless of all racial antipathy, political preference, religious prejudice, or any other comparatively superficial consideration, quickly and firmly, and effectively, asserts itself; and unless the Collective Mediocrity quickly recognizes and accepts such guidance and government with trust and obedience, this Great Democracy known as the United States of America is certain to decline into either Communism (which involves the ignorant and ineffectual rule of the proletariat) or into Fascism, which means military and militant Dictatorship, the end of Liberty, and the end of Democracy in the United States of America.

THEREFORE,

We who know the Truth and significance of these things do hereby affirm--

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from the fallacious, destructive ideas herein criticized and condemned (with charity toward all and with malice toward none) and with faith in the Correct Order implicit of Government herein described and approved, and with complete trust in the True Aristocracy which is able to consciously and effectively participate in the administration of a True Democracy, we now consecrate our power and understanding to the task of disseminating these truths. To this Great Work we this day pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

If we are not able to understand what lies ahead, then nothing is understood.

- Jung

GOD AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Edmund K. Goldsborough

The fact that God was not mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, or of our Constitution, was doubtless due to the fact that the founders of our Republic realized that religious conceptions are forever subject to change and as minds broaden, conceptions do likewise.

Not so long ago, people regarded God as a revengeful Being who consigned the wicked to eternal flames. This hideous idea has largely been supplanted by the idea of a God of Love, while many modern thinkers conceive God to be an infinite energy, a constructive, impersonal power "which moves to Good".

Orthodox Christian organizations--both Catholic and Protestant--actually enslaved the minds of men with antiquated theories, long considered obsolete. The great Galileo met stubborn resistance from Priests and deluded people when his astronomical revelations, which are now universally accepted, upset the false theology so prevalent at that period. And the philosopher Spinoza was mentally crucified when he taught broader and more beautiful conceptions of God and the Universe.

Our forefathers acted wisely in not including God in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. After all, who but the most ignorant would want a medieval God in those great documents? People will, of course, continue to disagree on the nature of God and it is a great privilege to reside in a country where one can follow the dictates of his own conscience and believe or disbelieve in Deity as he sees fit. If this were not true, agnostics as well as many progressives would be occupying cells.

One thing seems certain: The finite mind of man can never grasp the Infinite; we approach immeasurable Being in a multiplicity and variety of ways. What brings solace to one may not appeal in the least to another. Hence, it is futile and fatuous to imagine that any single interpretation of Truth will gain universal acceptance. Inasmuch as the Christian church was originally estab-

lished to promote peace, it would seem the time has certainly arrived for Christian organizations to make a concerted effort to check war, establish good will in a tempestuous world and begin beating swords of hatred into plowshares of service.

In the late war which was fought to make the world safe for Democracy (and made it unsafe for everybody) we witnessed a score of so-called Christian nations battling in a manner which would have shamed jungle cats. And for what?

Today we find a thoroughly uncivilized globe bloodily boiling again while Christian churches remain passive having adopted a "do-nothing" policy. Let's make our religion workable. Christian bodies one and all can do a mighty work in promoting Spiritual Independence. But it seems utterly vain to continue to prate of peace from the pulpits when so-called Christian nations are again preparing for battle. When will we discontinue crucifying the Christ?

Thomas Hardy truly wrote:

*'Peace on earth' was said. We sing it
And pay a million priests to bring it.
After 2000 years of mass
We've got as far as poison gas.*

As twenty centuries of "mass" have failed utterly to eliminate "massacre" it would appear that religious men and women should meet shoulder to shoulder on the fields of life to use more practical means to eliminate human slaughter and establish permanent peace.

The people do not want war and spiritual leaders should do their part in ridding the country of those politicians and greedy commercial interests that selfishly seek to foment conflict. What modern government recalls the Christly command: "Love thy neighbor as thyself", or the gentle Gautama's admonition to "protect with undying love" those deluded ones that have "done us wrong".

As there is no liberty for man but in the order which results from the true and the good, one may say that the conquest of liberty is the great work of the human soul.

- *Eliphaz Levi*

AMERICAN ALCHEMY

Or
Will Liberty Succeed in America?

Wendell W. Wright

And lo, there was taken a place wherein existed all necessities of mankind. All of these were brought together for one thing and that is the supreme alchemical experiment of the Gods. This gigantic test tube has been named by man, "America". Its base chemicals consist of the fertility of its farmlands and the roughness of its towering mountains; the spacial width of rolling plains; the wealth of its mineral bearing ores; the grandeur of its forest-covered woodlands and the restlessness of the blue waters which lap at its sand-strewn shores.

Now into this natural test tube has been poured the clear chemical called religious freedom, so sought by our Pilgrim forefathers; the brown liquid of the sturdy Dutch settlers' endeavors; the passionate, rose colored powders of the French inspiration together with the vivid red solution of Irish temperament. All of these were stirred and mixed well. Then was added a dash of Asiatic ancestral love, a part of the golden Spanish culture and a few drops of Scottish thriftiness. In fact, into this tube has been poured all of the modern attributes of man to mingle with every lavish gift that nature could conjure. So was conceived the magical brew contained in America to be heated by the dynamic fires of time and confined to bubble and boil within the walls of the static, spacial coverings of the tube. Yes, it is an alchemical experiment of the Gods in an endeavor to produce that magic elixir for which so long men have searched, the elixir called "Liberty". Liberty in the fullest sense of the word, Liberty for every individual human being forming the atoms of the chemicals which seethe, bubble, foam and froth excited by the reaction to spiritual laws affected by this test. Liberty which means the conquering of man's many delusions, that of death, that of personal gain and aggrandizement in all selfish forms and limitation and fear of all types.

Now that we know the means and reasons, we ask will this experiment meet with success? Will America proceed as the announcer of real liberty and total freedom for all mankind--or is it to fail as an experiment like so many past nations have?

To these questions there is one great answer: the fact that this experiment and all others have been conducted under the supervision of the Most High and greatest of exalted Beings, because of this reason, there can be no failure, either past or present. If there seems to be reverses, marring and blotting upon the chart of the Creator's achievements, it is because we are but small atoms composing the materials which are being used in this magnificent plan; we are too close and too much a part of the ingredients used to judge whether conditions warrant success or not.

Only when we withdraw ourselves and look down upon this history-making event from spiritual heights can we see the true signficance and alignment of the many seeming errors. From this height we recognize this is really the first time the attempt has been made to actually produce Liberty.

Never before in modern history have conditions permitted people as a whole to have such a clear conception of their immediate problems. Never has the confinement of intolerance been so shattered or the shackles of superstition so loosened as we find them in America at the present. For the first time the average man can really grasp the fact that he is just as important, as Precious in the Great Plan, as his wealthier brother. The rich are learning that money and personal assets are but mere baubles without the wisdom to guide their usage for the co-operation of all. Never before have men been so demanding in their religious life of a practical religion.

Now it is highly obvious that success depends directly upon the intelligence of the racial mind and therefore upon the development and education of every individual. Only education and development will produce the pure essence of the God-like spirit, Liberty, in mankind. Therefore, concentrated upon this brew are great actuating rays and vibration waves from the surrounding astral laboratory, and spurred under their impelling urge, America has made great technological and industrial advancement.

The individual human atoms are now being subjected to the greatest of strain. All of the black and beastly parts of human consciousness are rising, like vaporish mists before the dawn, to take modern form. One of the most malignant and apparent being the psychology of modern advertisements designed to sell the public soul destructive and mind-wrecking merchandise. This type of advertisement smacks of the black arts of the past ages.

Insanity is increasing at an alarming rate. Only those of the most sturdy philosophy are armored to withstand the heated stress of modern existence. Only those who have learned to look within for their guidance and to think for themselves, using and developing their spiritual powers and their knowledge of metaphysical laws, will survive. It is from these that true liberty for mankind shall issue.

The many who are, as yet, unequipped to meet these severe qualifications will break and dissolve, only to re-manifest in the glorious tomorrow better equipped to taste the wondrous elixir being prepared for mankind in America today.

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VOLTAIRE

Lillian Savoie Hahn

We see you now, in retrospect, a flame
Ascendent on the murky, midnight skies
Of ignorance and intrigue. In the name
Of reason, armored in cynic's guise,
You warred against the follies of the wise.
"A government by popular consent"--
"Truth bears no party's name", your battle cries.
Your weapons, slender phamplets which you sent
By tens of thousands, slyly to torment
The narrow thinkers of a twilight age
With cauterizing ironies that lent
Their fiery shafts to every printed page.
Above your tomb, the ashes resting there
Need but these simple words, "Here lies Voltaire".

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Francis L. Fugate

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It was one of those hot, sticky, sleepless nights. Twice I went to bed, and twice I got up. I wooed sleep by pacing the floor, staring at the ceiling, counting sheep, and innumerable equally futile devices. Finally I took a copy of the *Rubaiyat* to bed, and lay there musing on the wisdom of old Khayyam, after the manner of Lord only knows how many restless souls before me...

And finally I drifted into sleep--if sleep you can truly call it. In reality, or to be more specific, out of reality, I was made the unwilling spectator of a scene that I can not forget. It was as if I were an actor in the little drama that took place before me, and yet high up somewhere looking down upon it--watching Time in its flight.

A dream--and yet I will swear that I was never asleep. I was reading the *Rubaiyat*, and suddenly the page seemed to cloud and fade, and then open before me...

*Alike for those who for TODAY prepare
And those that after a TOMORROW stare,
A Muezzin from the Tower of Darkness cries
'Fools! your Reward is neither Here nor there'.*

A soul was wending its way upward when it chanced upon an Eagle soaring languidly far above the earth.

"Ah, Eagle, and what are you doing at this tremendous height?"

"Just looking down upon the world." The Eagle's tone implied supreme self-satisfaction and permanent contentment. "Look at those men--the fools!" he continued. "Look at that one who is running. He must hurry, while I am free to swoop and dive at my leisure. But what are *you* doing here?" His tone intimated that the Soul was intruding upon a private domain--a sacred sanctuary.

"I am leaving the earth." There was a touch of regret in the Soul's voice.

"Are you not glad?"

"No--" The Soul's answer was abrupt, as though un-

finished.

"And why not? The earth is full of foolish people". The Eagle croaked an ugly laugh. "They even want to fly! Why, only a moment ago a man looked up to me and watched me for awhile; then he jumped off a cliff". The Eagle croaked again, and continued in a victorious tone. "But *he* couldn't fly. He broke his neck on the rocks below."

The Soul winced.

"That was my body," he complained.

"And your body wanted to fly?" The Eagle laughed only with his piercing eyes now, and showed the power of his strong wings by swiftly zooming upward. "So your body asked me--*me*--how to fly! Ha ha! Didn't I say men were fools?"

"No, Eagle, I was praying to God. My body was looking to a height far beyond yours."

"And so God granted you power to fly?" There was a note of awe in the Eagle's voice.

"No, Eagle, I wasn't praying that He let me fly--I was praying not to be condemned to Hell."

"Why?"

"Because I had sinned."

"What was your sin?"

"I lived apart from my Body--I dreamed and watched the world go by. When I awakened I could not live with my body, and my body could not live with me."

"So you prayed to God to let you fly?"

"No, I prayed to God to forgive me, and that I might go to Heaven".

"And He did?"

"I know not, Eagle".

"Are you going to Heaven?"

"No."

"Then are you going to Hell?"

"No, I-I-" The Soul's voice broke. "I am condemned to hover half-way between Heaven and Earth."

"Is there no remission for you?" The Eagle was apparently touched by the Soul's grief.

"Yes. If I can lead one erring soul to Right, I shall be freed."

The Eagle thought for a moment, poised almost motionless.

This was going to be quite simple. The punishment had seemed drastic, but now it was almost humorous. The sky literally abounded with gullible and erring souls.

"Yes, Eagle," continued the Soul. "You have a soul."

How did one address another soul? Had he ever been notified of the disparity of his life? If so, he had not heard.

"I would hate to be damned to Eternity." The Eagle was musing.

This was easy--souls came up to one and asked to be saved.

"Yes, think of having to soar interminably between Heaven and Earth!"

"I was thinking of being condemned to live on the earth with men...but I and my soul live very amicably."

The Eagle soared higher, higher, until even the Soul could not see him.

*I sent my Soul through the Invisible,
Some letter of that After-life to spell;
And by and by my soul return'd to me,
And answered 'I myself am Heav'n and Hell'.*

And I came back to reality with that quatrain ringing through my brain, and staring at me off the printed page. The room was stifling and strange. It seemed as if I had been far away--gone for an Eternity of Time--yet, by the clock on my dresser it was only a few seconds out of an interminable sleepless night.

RESTORATION

Flozari Rockwood

Though immortality is not a dream,
And life is classed as but an atom here;
Beyond this cosmic realm vague planets seem
To be a part of blackened stratosphere.
To dust our mortal clay shall always turn.
But mind can never be imprisoned thus,
While urges spin and bodies slowly burn,
The spirit joins its pristine nucleus.

From the Chapter Known as
THE GLORIFICATION OF GOD - LEO

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O Glory be to Thee, O God, my God, for I behold Thee in the Lion Rampant in the dawn; Thou hast crushed with Thy paw the crouching lioness of Night, so that she may roar forth the Glory of Thy Name.

O Glory be to Thee, O God, my God, for I behold Thee in the gilded rout of dancing-girls; Thou hast garlanded their naked middle with fragrant flowers, so that they may pace forth the glory of Thy Name.

O Glory be to Thee, O God, my God, for I behold Thee in the riotous joy of the storm; Thou hast shaken the gold-dust from the tresses of the hills, so that they may chant forth the Glory of Thy Name.

O Glory be to Thee, O God, my God, for I behold Thee in the smoke-veil'd fire of the mountains; Thou hast inflamed them as lions that scent a fallow deer, so that they may rage forth the Glory of Thy Name.

O Glory be to Thee, O God, my God, for I behold Thee in the countenance of my darling; Thou hast unclothed her of white lilies and crimson roses, so that she may blush forth the Glory of Thy Name.

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If hanging does not kill the man what protection does the church and government give the people from the hanged man? If the Occultists are right and the hanged man is not killed, has not the government created a menace, rather than destroyed one? If the hanged man still lives, although robbed of his physical body, he must be in a conscious state of being or he could not be punished, prayed for, saved or communicated with after death. That part which is supposed to be killed when hanged, grimaces at the hangman, slips from the noose and walks away a free man. What then, has it availed the State to hang in effigy, a body that does not contain the man. What does the State really hang? A bundle of nerves that played a false game of life with the man whose name it bore. What then did the State kill? The Scientist will tell us that the State destroyed a group of cells assembled together to obey the will of man until a stronger force scattered them.

If the Theosophists are right in their delineations and reincarnation be true, are not the States and Countries whose laws demand a life for a life, contributing criminals for future generations? Would it not be far better to build schools than jails? Give enlightenment to youth and the hangman's rope will be unnecessary.

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