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Whom shall I fight and who shall be my enemy
When he is I and I am he?

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Let me receive communion with all men
Acknowledging our one and only soul!
Can God be God until we ourselves are whole?

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EDITORIAL

We have said in our 1941 PROPHECY that "Capitalism and the Christian Church will be destroyed...Fascism will spread under the cloak of Christianity. Capitalism will support the Christian church, and both go down together. Rome is making every effort at peace with Hitler, seeing in him a lesser evil than Communist atheism." That prophecy is beginning to come true. Dr. William H. Sewall of the Oklahoma A and M College has found in a survey of families in Oklahoma that while but 25% of the poorest families considered belong to the church, 80% of the richest families are church members. And at a recent National Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church held at St. Paul, it was declared "for a whole new economic order for the United States, to put an end to the old American rule of free enterprise and unchecked competition", a statement analogous to a fascist, corporative state.

On the Roll of Dishonor must now be placed the names of Romain Rolland, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Maude Royden and Sherwood Eddy. These upholders of Peace in times of Peace cannot hold to their basic ideals in times of the stress of war, and now admit that war may sometimes be necessary. Pacifism is deeper than time and place, and circumstances do not change the basic law of the Universe, "Thou shalt not kill!" Let not the small and unimportant individual consider his part as wholly ineffectual in the Peace effort. A tree can shelter a monarch. Such individuals can be a sane asylum in an insane world; Jehovah 'stayed his wrath' in a wicked city because of the ten righteous men therein, the leaven of power, for "they who are with us (Hosts of Peace) are more than they who are against us (hordes of warmongers)".

In the current issue of *The American Theosophist*, Sidney A. Cook, the President, states a continuous loss over the last 7 years of 13% in the Theosophical membership ranks, and questions why this should be. This reason is common knowledge to

those outside the Theosophical group who do not suffer with the spiritual snobbery and clannishness manifested by a majority of Theosophists. It is as difficult to find a Theosophical Lodge Room and meeting as it is to find the proverbial needle in the haystack. Although all other metaphysical groups plainly publicize the places of their meetings, the Theosophists refuse to give this information to any except the individual who writes concerning the meeting in his own location. We receive many inquiries for various types of study groups in the different localities in consequence of the general nature of the magazine, and are able to refer many students to Rosicrucian and other groups. We have brought this matter to the attention of the Theosophical headquarters, but they believe that anyone who is unwilling to write direct to them has only a passing interest. THAT is too much to expect of any beginning student! Incidentally, all groups exchange magazines with us, which are circulated among many students, except *The American Theosophist*, for which we pay.

There is a deep occult point involved in the Refugee Problem. A man does not have certain characteristics because he was born under certain planetary constellations; he is born under these conditions because he already has the characteristics which karmically bind him to a certain position in the world. The soul is attracted by correspondence to the condition. The old Occultists held that a man should never go farther afield than he could go on his own legs; the Brahmin who understands that he came to his birthplace for karmic lessons never leaves that place or that lesson. We do not escape our karma by going to another place, and this is why Jewish refugees are going to find great difficulties in this country in a mounting resentment at their taking jobs from Americans, etc. Jewish physicians are active in war-mongering in this country in spite of the fact that England needs many doctors badly-- Americans will fight and die and they will take the business while they are gone. Casonova in 1796 said of the French refugees, "I think them worthy of contempt. Instead of parading their pride and their disgrace before the eyes of foreign nations, they should have rallied round their king and either have saved the throne or died under its ruins".

CORRESPONDENCES

MENTAL CAUSE AND CURE OF DISEASE

Marie Harlowe

(From *Healing Lessons IV*)

The Law of Correspondences, under various names, underlies all mental-spiritual healing. The fundamental law of spiritual healing is "As a man thinketh, so is he". Since thought is the great molding, creating, forming force in the universe, a strong thought of perfect health will produce it, and conversely, the thought of ill-health produces that.

The term "correspondence" is compounded of the Latin words *cum* "with" and *respondere* "to answer", and means the fitting together of parts or character in a similarity or parallelism. The outer form is correlated to the inner thought, or the outer form is always that of the inner consciousness-- "As a man thinketh, so is he". Thus is there a correspondence, a condition or state of mutual adaptation of one to the other. The machine of the inventor is identical with his idea of it, which exists before the completed invention.

In mathematics also the law of correspondence exists, implying the existence of some relation between members of two groups or objects.

The doctrine of correspondences was one of the leading tenets of Swedenborg, for he stated a parallelism between the natural and spiritual realms of being, with every natural object corresponding to, or typifying some spiritual principle or truth. Emerson also dwelt at great length on this law of correspondences.

Metaphysical research has revealed that although thoughts are so complex as to make it difficult in diagnosis to arrive at every specific thought causing a disease, particularly since all people lack the vital life force, there is a definite relation between certain types of thought and certain types of disease. Sub-conscious errors work out in the body as disease, and investigation into the various kinds of error thinking reveals physical diseases. The "pure in heart" see God--Good; perfect thought produces perfect bodily health.

Beginning at the top of the head and descending downward through the body, we now consider the definite correspondence between certain thoughts and certain diseases, and in that diagnosis are enabled to work more quickly and specifically for the eradication of any disease.

Thinking too much negatively--worrying and fretting, causes congestion and pain in the head by pulling too much life force into this region. Eyes which behold evil get dimmed vision. Crying, because of the thought of grief behind it, weakens eyes. Astigmatism, and far-or-near-sightedness is caused by erroneous ideas. Cataracts are caused by an intense attention to material things. Cross-eyes are the outer manifestation of an inner mental cross-purpose in life.

Ears become deaf externally by correspondence with a disobedient, obstinate thought. Selfishness which is the root of stubbornness, shuts off the receptive faculty of the mind, which is represented by the ears. Deaf people are always selfishly self-opinionated .

By the same token that the eyes and ears represent the power of the mind to take in ideas, teeth typify the analyzing power of the mind .

Prolonged material thought produces baldness.

Outer weakness always indicates a corresponding inner weakness; and a weak voice indicates this more truly than anything else. All diseases of the throat--tonsillitis, diphtheria, and so on, are caused primarily by this inner thought of weakness. The thought of greed, material or otherwise, added to this fear and weakness produces the tenseness in the throat called goiter.

Colds accompany a belief or thought of fear and its allied negativeness and resistance. Hay fever comes from suppressing the life force within. The mental cause of catarrh and all mucous inflammations (also including hay fever) is found in the erroneous belief of impurity.

The real cause of tuberculosis is a subconscious fear of failure or defeat, augmented by some heart-breaking limitation or failure to achieve. In tuberculosis the vital tissues waste away as the mind wastes its divine substance in fear and worry. The hemorrhage of tuberculosis (as well as generally) is caused by this fear, expressed as fear of loss of life, greatly intensified. Pleurisy and pneumonia are caused by

compound thought of fear and worry which causes tuberculosis, and the thoughts of hate and self-pity.

The arms and hands express outwardly the inner power of work in the expression of giving and taking, and any physical disturbance in them indicates an attitude lacking in a true sense of life's give-and-take.

Pain in the region of the heart indicates an error thought in the affectional nature. Lack of love is the basic cause of all heart disturbances.

The stomach being so near the nerve center in the solar plexus, is quickly upset by mental disturbances by way of those nerves. Any too great activity, particularly mental, prior to, or immediately following eating will cause indigestion. Soul-hunger and not stomach-hunger is the basic cause of anaemic, starved people.

Constipation always accompanies a mental tension, often induced by purely selfish, grasping thought, and fear of lack is alone able to cause constipation. Although hemorrhoids have a direct connection with constipation, their cause is complicated by the addition of the error thoughts of resentment and general weakness. Bowel troubles aside from constipation, have a direct correspondence with some form of cruelty and inhumaneness.

Thoughts of grief and bitterness cause gallstones. Criticism and revenge will affect the liver.

Even as the kidneys themselves are a purifying agent within the body--so do they react by correspondence to thoughts of purity and strength. Bright's disease is a kidney disorder which always follows the crisis of financial worries and financial failures; worry is the chief element in its cause.

Diseases of the reproductive organs respond very quickly to spiritual treatments, for they are directly connected by correspondence with the flow of Divine Life within the body, and are but manifestations of the thoughts of limitation of this Life flow. The menstrual flow, whether in profusion or suppression, is a typical illustration of this fact, for it may easily be seen how resistance and condemnation of this action reacts in its error in pain and discomfort. A so-called "change of life" brings no discomfort if the thought is kept pure and true concerning the eternal, abiding uni-

versal Life flow. Venereal diseases readily respond to lifting thoughts above the power or reality of the error thinking which is called sex sensation. Epilepsy is definitely related to the sex function, and a purifying of the sub-conscious thought will cure it.

The knees correspond to humility--knees bow in prayer as a sign of humbleness before one's God. Pride and self-consciousness cause trouble in the knees.

The feet always correspond to the mental part of life or understanding which contacts material conditions. Fallen arches correspond to a negative state of mind which has forgotten the Source of its real undertaking of life. Corns, bunions and callouses correspond with hard, material thoughts

The nerves of the body have a definite connection with the mind action, and a condition of an unsteady mind will produce the same action (reaction) in the nerves. Anxiety and worry easily upset the mind, and thence the nerves. The spinal cord contains the chief nerve of the body, and reacts to correspondence as does the entire nervous system.

Insanity is a condition of mind where the mind force has been wrongfully developed and used. Obsessions, dual personalities and the like are all crystallizations of a perverted will. Paralysis indicates a lack of mind control, or self-mastery, and may be caused by either a perverted will or a dissipation of the vital life force within the body.

Apoplexy is a mental disease caused by anger and confusion of thought from which no calm, philosophical person has ever been known to suffer. Insomnia is also a mental disease caused by worried, anxious thoughts.

The blood stream, like the activity in the reproductive organs, is very closely and very vitally connected with the Divine Life flow within the body. A general cleansing and harmonizing of the inner thought will produce healthy blood. A hard, unforgiving state of mind will produce hardening of the arteries, and tension--too much head thinking, will produce high blood pressure. Uric acid in the blood which causes rheumatism is created by a critical, cynical state of mind, augmented by worry and fear. (Fear is the chief element in the cause of sciatica). Lumbago typifies a most negative condition.

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THE RETURN OF THE TRUE LIGHT FROM THE WEST

Max Freedom Long

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In the first article of this series was told the story of the builders of the Great Pyramid, how they knew and used the PERFECTED SCIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY, which we moderns have been able to discover but the ABCs. An account of the inclusion in the Great Pyramid of the prophecy of "The Return of the True Light from the West", was also given, and it was told how that "true light", or the ancient and perfected science, was belatedly re-discovered in Polynesia, whence it had been carried centuries ago by migrating Pyramid builders from Egypt.

The ten basic elements of the science, called *HUNA* ("The Secret") were listed, there being in the composition of man as a psychological being: One physical body during life; three separate and distinct spirits or conscious entities (tentatively set down as a subconscious, a conscious and a super-conscious entity; a voltage of vital force (*mana*) to be used by each of the spirits in man; and a "ghost body" (*aka*: "shadow body") in which each of the three entities lives both during and after death.

With this short review we are ready now to consider the three voltages of vital force of *mana*.

PRESENTATION UNIT NO.2.

In modern psychology we recognize vital electrical force, often calling it nervous energy because it seems to run along the nerves to carry impulses from one part to another. In recent years our scientists have been making a close study of this force which was known so long to the *kahunas* (Keepers of the Secret) in Egypt and later in Polynesia.

Drs. Loomis and Davis have picked up with electrodes the bodily electricity as well as that coming from the brain. Both voltages have been amplified and caused to make records on revolving charts. () The wave-like lines produced on the

charts are called "body waves" and "mind waves" according to the place where they are picked up by attached wire-ends.

For us the important part of this work is that two different frequencies or "voltages" of nervous force were found. This checks exactly with *Huna*, which holds that the subconscious entity used the low voltage or frequency, *mana*, and the conscious the higher, *manamana*. As the superconscious entity lives above the body most of the time it is quite natural for the investigators to fail to pick up the "wave", the highest voltage, *mana loa*.

THE USES OF *MANA* of the three voltages were far better understood by the *kahunas* than by our scientists and psychologists. Scientists tell us that the "body waves" are strongest when the body is moving, the "brain waves" when the mind is at work, although the latter do not entirely cease during sleep.

Psychologists tell us that nervous force is the "life" of body and mind. If it falls to a low level within us we become bodily or mentally ill.

In *Huna* the primary "magical" uses of the three voltages of *mana* are the USES IN THINKING. The subconscious entity does its remembering and its low form of animal-like reasoning with its "low *mana*". The conscious entity uses the "middle *mana*" for its human reasoning and for its "willing" or hypnotic control of the subconscious. The superconscious entity used the "high *mana*" in its form of mentation, which as we have seen, is that of remembering or reasoning.

This classification in itself is a great addition to modern Psychology, as is the fact of the three voltages. But that is only a beginning. The superconscious entity can use its high *mana* TO MAKE CHANGES IN PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE, IN HEAT, LIGHT AND SO ON. In due time we will consider most carefully the mechanism of this surprising use.

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As it is almost impossible to present further uses of *mana* without telling of the "wires" upon which it runs and the "storage battery" in which it is stored, let us pause to take up the matter of the "astral bodies" or *akas* which make three of the basic elements in *Huna*.

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PRESENTATION UNIT NO. 3.

The *KINO AKA* or "shadow body"(each entity has one of its own)has been recognized in Psychic Science for some years. It is unfortunate that the three bodies have been confused as ONE, the "etheric double".

Some years ago medical men performed the experiment of placing dying patients on scales. They made the unexplainable discovery that,at the moment of death,there was a bodily loss of weight averaging about two and one-half ounces. *Huna* explains this loss of weight by saying that at death the three spirits in their three shadow bodies leave the man--the resultant loss of weight being caused by the removal of the low and middle *akas*.

The *kahunas* called "matter" *mea*,which means"substance so thin and rare as to be intangible",as well as"dense substance". The three *akas* are made of this thin"etheric"substance. It is real and substantial but greatly"thinned out".

Science tells us that all matter is composed of electrons, they in turn being made up of combined positive and negative electrical units--the space between the revolving units being astronomical in relation to their size.

What Science does not know, and WHAT *HUNA* HAS TO TELL IT is that SOME GRADE OF CONSCIOUSNESS is the thing which holds the electrons together.

Mana of any voltage is a most flexible and obedient tool in the hands of the entity of consciousness using it. Entities of the superconscious level can form and reform electronic structures by an act of mentation.

But the two lower type entities of man are limited in ability. They cannot change "matter." However, they,and especially the subconscious entity (often under direction of the conscious) can use *mana* in remarkable ways.

Low *mana* comes from the foods,water and air we consume, the process being in charge of the low entity(under pattern-guidance of a "nature spirit" of the superconscious grade).

The low *mana* is stored in the low *aka* as in a storage battery, proof of which is to be found when"spirits"at a seance are able to use vital force to move tables or other objects--in the moving of which they have only their *aka* bodies and borrowed low *mana* with which to do the work.

From the observation we see that the low *aka*,when sufficiently filled with a charge of low *mana*, can be made

firm, even while remaining invisible, to move objects. This gives another of the surprising additions offered by *Huna* to help us understand ourselves. ("Death" changes us but little).

The low *aka* is densest of the three, it has the shape of the physical body, although it can change shape and size. It is in its low *aka*--which is a mould of the body it formerly owned. A superconscious entity is also at work at the seance. It uses high *mana* to thin out some of the substance of the body of the medium or sitters, thus getting "ectoplasm". This ectoplasm is used to fill the low *aka* of the spirit for whom a body is to be temporarily materialized. The mould thus filled, may be a shadowy outline, a semi-solid, or a solid body answering all medical tests for being "alive". (See Fodor's *Encyclopedia of Psychic Science* if unfamiliar with "materialization".)

In the above paragraph we set down the answer to a problem which has baffled investigators of psychic phenomena for years. We also begin to see how simply and understandingly *Huna* can explain difficult things in terms of the TEN ELEMENTS OF MAN.

The Great Pyramid was built by men and women who knew *Huna* and how to contact and work with the superconscious entity. Blocks of stone weighing up to twenty tons were cut to optical perfection by the use of high *mana* in the hands of the superconscious. The material of the blocks was thinned out, and transported to the pyramid structure, there being placed and condensed to the original solidity. This will explain in part why no record has been found of the quarrying or transportation or lifting of the blocks to make the pyramid. The *kahunas* of that far time allowed NO RECORD of their *Huna* or activities. But soon we too may be able to duplicate their performances. The True Light was prophesied for its "Return from the West" between the years 1936 and 1945. The last of the "lost sciences" is being recovered as a priceless heritage from the past.

(*) See files of the magazine LIFE and the issue of October 18, 1937, for a fine illustrated article on this branch of investigation.

(Continued Next Month)

AGE OF WOMAN

Jada May Swartz

Hail, Mary! Mother of God! The adoration of some one seeking Divine intercession from earthly woes from that one who is ever kind and loving. With God, the Father, the real granter of prayers, and the Son, the Intercessor, the logical one to whom the prayers should seem to be addressed; why are so many supplicating prayers wafted on the air to the Ever Blessed Virgin?

There appears to be something in all of us that instinctively worships the feminine. We are all born of a woman and in time of trouble it is good to revert to the pleasant warmth and protection we enjoyed as babies. Father may be more powerful, but the childish mind regards this power as more remote and cries to Ma, the nourisher.

Ma is the root of so many of the motherly and nurturing words. From ma to mare, the sea, the nurturer of all life; it is fitting that god women should be named Mary.

We find the first worship in the world directed toward the feminine forces in nature. The mystery, the allure of the virgin, the woman, the mother, gripped the primitive imagination and inspired an awe in him that was akin to the awe of the forces nature aroused in him.

All of the goddesses of the religions before the rise of Christianity displayed their unmistakable female nature quite openly and held their followers in devoted attention. Sometimes a male god, or First Principle, held the position as the first one, but somehow the female deities swayed and held the popular mind as the masculine deities were not able to.

The sacrifices to the female deities were pleasant; perfumes, flowers, jewels and in marked contrast to the later religion which cried, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin." Orgies of animal sacrifices were in order to appease the intolerant god. How beautiful is an old Babylonian prayer to Ishtar which calls to the Goddess of men and women, whose face none has ever seen yet her glance raises the dead, heals the sick and comforts the broken-hearted. All the qualities of later Saviours are attributed

to the feminine side of the Godhead element, hitherto unknown to religious feelings. Beside the revealed monotheistic nature of Judaism, we find God had become definitely masculine. God, who spoke out of whirlwinds, desert storms and other unusual phenomena of nature became a wild, jealous and exacting God and, indeed lacking in feminine attributes.

The people who accepted Jehovah worshipped and outwardly declared their faith in "Hear, O, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is One", but inwardly were loath to give up the familiar and kinder female deities and in some cases even those they had adopted from their pagan neighbors. Ashtoreth and Astarte are familiar names in the Bible and were foreign deities yet Jah, the Omnipotent, played difficulties in holding his own with these usurpers.

After the Israelites had ceased their wanderings it seemed a never-ending job to wean the people away from the seductive goddesses in the "groves and high places". The prophets and priests ranted to no apparent avail as the groves flourished and even kings set up images and worshipped them. It was the female worship which seemed the most persistent and hard to break. Marduk, Baal-Peor and other male deities were just as much in evidence with the neighboring peoples whom the Israelites contacted but they, the male foreign gods, were never the menace to the supremacy of Jehovah as the goddesses were.

The exhortation in Josh. 24:14, "Put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord", and the further remonstrance in Ezek. 20:7, "Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I AM the Lord your God", indicates how persistent, how and long-staying were the idols. And it was principally the feminine worship that the Israelites clung to.

She moved through all the ancient religions, Ishtar, Isis, Venus, Aphrodite and Diana. Curiously virgin yet productive. Isis and Diana, being Moon deities, the crescent moon with horns of power. Also crescent and horned is Venus, the planet and her deities, Ashtoreth, Aphrodite and Astarte. The dual nature of goddesses is often noted as Venus and Astarte are goddesses of love and war.

We find this exultant phrase in Isa.15:12, "How thou art fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning." Here is the other side of Venus, one of the favorite sons of God (later identified with Satan) who was so glorious he bowed down and worshipped himself and as Isaiah prophesies, his worship is ending. This is the hermaphroditic nature of Venus; love as the cool evening star and feminine in the morning, the bright, male and warlike Lucifer but withal the same god nature.

When Christianity became the popular religion, it incorporated the old feast days and the old personages under new names. Mary entering Christianity was the goddess it needed to make of it a popular religion of the masses. The feast day set aside in August for Diana was chosen as the time of the Assumption of the Virgin. The old astrological date for the entrance of the sun into the sign Virgo had been too long with the people to be discarded.

As we enter the new age, which is definitely a feminine age, will not the female side to worship be more manifest? I think so. Outwardly we see this in the over-exploitation of female charms, and as the world groans with the lack of spiritual comfort, will not the female principle hear these groans that reach to high heaven and answer with the coming spiritual age in the hands of the women? Will not God depart from the cold, masculine qualities of the past age, with its blood lust and saving grace by blood, and become once more the kind, the beautiful and the adored of color and life as the God force in nature, "is and was and is to come"?



BOOK REVIEWS

ORACLES OF NOSTRADAMUS, by Charles A. Ward

Charles Scribners Sons, New York

\$2.00

This was first published 50 years ago and has been out of print. A supplement adds those quatrains with direct bearing on contemporary events. An illuminating chapter on magic and astrology is also given. Literal translations from the French. By far the best of the Nostradamus works available.

SIDEREAL QUEEN

Juanita de Arana

(Continued from August)

Next morning Apollodorus accompanied his queen into the retirement of a subterranean city. One worthy messenger only was trusted with the secret of her whereabouts to bring her tidings of the outside world.

That subterranean city was located below the site of the Ptolemaic capital, and so arranged that it might be directly entered from the royal palace. Alone, the oblates of mystery schools vegetated there, oblates who never saw the outer world. Among them Cleopatra's secret would be safe.

Yet to her, the uninitiated, that nether kingdom was a horrescent place with avenues of menacing obelisks, mummies, and sarcophagi, punctuated by sinister forms of Anubis, walls of interminable hieroglyphics whose lost characters not even Apollodorus could metaphrase, no sky overhead but ceilings of immobile granite.

"Apollodorus, this place fills me with foreboding, whither-soever I turn figures of partridges stare at me with weird golden eyes as if their psychic gaze were stabbing through me to see beyond those things of which I dare not think. Everywhere hawk-faced deities with bodies of men extend their claws to seize me--this atmosphere of embalmer's naphtha and bitumen--ah, it is worse a thousand times than the miasmic death that hung three days ago over the waters of the Nile. Is there no place where I can escape this omnipresence of fatality? Everywhere in Egypt above and below the ground it permeates all one's breathing, all one's feeling! Ah, but there is escape, Greece!

"I shall join Marcus Antonious in Greece! Now that Actium's battle is lost, I can not longer remain in Egypt as queen, nor can he return to defeated Rome. Instead, we shall live in Greece. Beautiful Greece with her ivory gods, marble fountains of living water, her green laurel and fresh myrtle; a land of the living, not of the dead; no funereal symbols, nor mummies, nor death scales, no..."

The sound of one entering the subterranean passage interrupted Cleopatra's rhapsodizing. A figure whom she soon discerned to be that of her trusted harbinger came forward.

"Your Majesty," he salaamed, "I bring tidings concerning the Roman, Marcus An---"

"Concerning Marcus! But what has happened? Why does he not himself dispatch tidings? Speak, messenger!"

"Your Majesty, Marcus Antonious, arriving in Alexandria this morning and seeing this city's mourning for your death, hastened to your palace and, in grief, fell upon his sword."

"Death, Apollodorus," she wept, "always death."

"Ah, but he is not dead, Your Majesty, tho dying he is."

"Then take me to him quickly that I may yet speak to him."

Above, in a lounge room of the palace, Cleopatra came upon Marcus Antonious felled amid the leopard skins of her divan stabbed through with his own sword.

"Marcus! Marcus!", she sank in grieving beside him, "forgive me--forgive me for everything--for deserting you at Actium, for pretending death--everything--" she pressed his body close to her as if her arms might hold the life breath longer within him.

"Forget it, *Carissima mea*," he comforted, using his accustomed Latin term of endearment. "We must think only of you now. Octavian has arrived in Alexandria--" he paused, gasping in pain.

"Octavian! In Alexandria!" she exclaimed in fright.

"Then I can not escape."

"No, it's too late for escape. But go to him, *Carrissima*, as you came to me at Tarsus long ago and, it be you shall captivate him as you did me. Try Cleo--" He gasped again, and his head fell forward. Marcus Antonious, once ruler of half the Roman world, the lord and master of millions, before whom even the conscript fathers of the senate trembled, was dead.

All that remained for Cleopatra was to meet Octavian. That meeting was not a favorable one for her. Her charms proved insufficient to attract the phlegmatic nephew of Caesar. He accused her of being a witch who had befuddled the brains of his colleague, and informed her of his intention to bring trial against her on these grounds.

Completely defeated now she returned to the Ptolematic

palace of her ancestors and summoned Apollodorus to discourse upon the roof garden that overlooked the waters of the Nile.

"I chose this roof site," she explained, "because I desired to see the sunset on the Nile once more before I die".

"Your Majesty, think you this your last evening on earth? Explain the words you speak."

"Your prophecy has come true, Apollodorus," she replied, "I am going to die. Not even a sidereal queen is adequate to defeat destiny."

"Sidereal queen," mused Apollodorus, "truly, Your Majesty you have been a *sidereal* queen."

"You would acclaim me, Apollodorus. You, the ascetic one, would acclaim Cleopatra, the least chaste of all women?"

"Unknown to you, Your Majesty, your liberal life has inducted unwittingly a new epoch. You have freed Egypt from the dominance of the Race Spirit to which inbreeding has bound her. The time has come for our people to be individualized. Universalism must supercede nationalism, even as exogamy shall replace endogamy. You, Sidereal Queen, have been its initiator."

"Then it is fitting in your eyes, O wise magus, that I die now," she stated calmly, uncovering a reed-woven basket upon the low dais beside her.

Apollodorus watched her draw a living asp from beneath its fruit and touch its poison tongue to her breast.



EFFA DANELSON SPEAKS

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We must not judge the weak--'though we are strong. Today our sea is calm; we have not met the storm that wrecked our brother's barque. We must not judge the strength of any soul whose life has not been tried by rugged gale. We shall not judge, unless we too have erred the self-same way; suffered the pangs; been driven by the storms of ecstasy, grief or pain; travelled the road, loved and hated, labored and lost or won. We shall not judge, unless in judging, we confess our weakness. We must not judge--for when we do we cast our lot with those we judge!

NATURAL ASTROLOGY

A. A. Voyz

It is with a profound sense of the importance of the subject that these introductory statements concerning Natural Astrology are penned. Natural Astrology is a matter for serious consideration by all those who would know something besides other men's opinions. To know Natural Astrology it is necessary to go beyond the detailed text-book and key-word glossary. To be a real astrologer requires more than the ability to cast a horoscope, locate and define aspects--more than the talent to analyse and then synthesize the astrological factors of a nativity, ingress or election.

Has it ever occurred to you that one reason why Astrology has ceased to thrive is that Astrologers no longer scan the Heavens, but instead pore over a piece of paper on which a diagram and symbols have been inscribed?

As a preliminary to discovering if you possess genuine astrological genius, try this experiment: On some clear night when the Heavens are a mass of sparkling points, retire to some secluded place and reclining on your back, let the stars communicate their virtues unhindered. While in this condition, locate the constellations and signs of the Zodiac. Identify the visible planets. Fix a mental picture of the Heavens for a given moment and then watch the changes of the mid-heaven point. Watch the movement carefully. Let the whole scene imprint itself indelibly on your mind. Then go back to your study and draw up a chart for the moment you fixed your mental picture. When the chart is completed, see if you can superimpose it on the scene you have in mind. Remember you made the chart--the scene you witnessed is beyond your power to alter. The chart must agree with the heavens you saw, or the chart is faulty.

One point is certain: until you are thoroughly familiar with the constellations you will never be able to locate the exact degree posited by a planet. There are no lines drawn in the heavens marking the boundaries of the signs. For accuracy the planets must be viewed in relation to the Fixed Stars. Looking at the Heavens, this is natural. In making

a chart to put in the Fixed Stars seems unnecessary. Thus the Fixed Stars, so important to the ancient star-gazers, have been ignored by the modern chart-gazer.

The modern chart-gazer can make a mistake in drawing up his diagram and thus vitiate his interpretation. To the old star-gazer, relating the planets to the Fixed Stars, this was virtually impossible.

The knowledge of the star-gazers was acquired by long and patient scanning of the Heavens, and meditation upon the messages written there in point of light. Perforce the ancients studied at night. Our modern chart-gazers on the other hand can work day and night, primarily by day.

In the old days the method of instruction was from mouth to ear, today it is from printed page to the eye. Of old instruction was personal--today it is impersonal. Of old it was studded with specific examples; today it is reading of general principles. No wonder Astrology has ceased to be what it was!

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Although they are dissimilar in action, locomotor ataxia and obesity are two poles of the same root cause. On the one hand, locomotor ataxia is caused by thoughts of death and cessation, and obesity is concerned with a too great thought of expansion and increase. Obesity is an accumulation of flesh which corresponds with an acquisitive, accumulative type of thinking.

Space prohibits a more extensive discussion of the various diseases, and their mental causes and treatment, but it can easily be understood that an understanding of the correspondences between specific thoughts and specific diseases, and the consequent metaphysical treatment of definite denials and affirmations will produce healings by mental-spiritual means, *by correspondence with their mental causes.*

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Virgo, the 6th sign of the Zodiac, (earth, mutable) is the sign of the practical, material-minded physical plane activity and governs work and science. Persons born in this sign are practical, methodical and industrious in taste and habit. The mind of this native is analytical and discriminating. They are active both physically and mentally and are not easily contented; it seeks comfort and security but rarely enjoys either. (Virgo children are very mischievous). Being conservative in their opinions, they are seldom originators or creators. Virgo natives are students by nature and are great readers, and although they borrow and adapt knowledge more than originate it, they use the material cleverly. Men of Virgo lean more to intellectual pursuits than women of the sign who are usually most interested in dress, adornment and society, often becoming leaders in fashion. Both women and men dress well. They aspire to, and usually get the best things of life. They recover very quickly from loss and disappointment. Virgo natives are artistic, especially musical. They are fond of home and family. Their problems are chiefly of monetary nature.

The Virgo individual is physically thin and active, well-formed, average or slightly taller in height. The head is well-developed, the face is full with a broad forehead. The hair is usually (light) brown, eyes blue or brown.

People born in the first decanate of Virgo, the last 10 days of August, are predominantly calculating and mental. The governing star of this constellation is the speedy Arcturus, known as the runaway star. Mental activities of natives of this decanate must be properly harnessed for use.

Those born in the 2nd decanate of Virgo, (September 3 -13),are ruled by Saturn,and some of the finest,most thoro and practical natives are found here. They usually rise in life by their own efforts; many are scientists.

Those born in the 3rd decanate, or last 10 days of the sign,work best in the realm of service and a noble cause. They are usually less chaste than other Virgo natives.

Physically,the Virgo native is the freest from disease in the whole Zodiac, but they take more medicine for their imaginary ills than most of the other signs put together. Virgo governs the lower stomach and intestines, and hence assimilation and metabolism. Virgo natives are fond of eating, and are susceptible to ailments of the bowels,uterine and blood disorders,also throat and eye infections. Worry must be guarded against. Altho the Virgo native is not robust,he is strong and wiry and lives to a great age usually.

Natives of Virgo succeed in general commercial or mercantile work. The sign produces many successful business and professional men; many of the best lawyers, lecturers and teachers are born in this sign. Many artists,sculptors and musicians are also born in Virgo. Many Virgo natives become editors,and some of the fastest proof-readers are of this sign. Their analytical ability is often expressed in the work of book and dramatic critic. These natives excell in chemistry and dietetics.

Marital and business partnerships of Virgo natives are best with their own sign if both are of the same cultural development. Capricornians,(December 21 - January 20)make excellent partners for the Virgo native and Taurus(April 19 - May 20)also do well. A Pisces native meets the intellectual requirements of the Virgo native. Virgo natives are never happy united to persons born in fire or air signs.

The Virgo native is fickle and capricious in his love affairs, perhaps accentuated by the natural chastity of the individual. The greatest majority of unmarried people,both bachelors and spinsters,are born in Virgo. When their loving nature is controlled they are loyal and faithful to their mates.

In making a horoscope for any person, it is necessary to point out the fact that every sign has a positive and neg-

ative aspect, and to point out the negative elements so that they can be studiously avoided. Every fault and shortcoming can be eliminated in the cultivation of true, positive aspects. "The stars impel but they do not compel", and every situation and circumstance in life may be mastered and transmuted into a worthy factor in life.

Virgo natives have a number of serious faults on the negative side which must be overcome. Paradoxically, Virgo natives claim a great many faults, but generally refuse to see the ones which they actually have.

Their analytical turn of mind can degenerate into the merely critical. They must seek to learn to use their discrimination and powers of analysis to see the good in people, and to see that there are others as superior as themselves.

People born in Virgo sometimes let their great curiosity find expression in their interest in the affairs of others. With self-assumed knowledge they proceed to interfere in the lives of those about them. They attempt to make or break matrimonial alliances in a most dictatorial manner. The negative Virgo has ingenious ways, seemingly playful, of getting information from friends whose secrets they handle very carelessly. They will disparage and divulge another's weakness to gain their own popularity. In spite of their mercurial cunning and deceitfulness, their own confidence when once lost is seldom regained.

They are dogmatic in their opinions, and notional about their eating, being very "faddy" in matters of diet. Egoism augments their wholesale fault-finding. As they get older they become most disagreeably sharp-tongued. Sarcastic speech and moody pouting alternate if their dominating activity is thwarted.

Negative Virgo natives are fond of display and ceremony, and a weakness for wealth manifests as snobbery. Huge debts are sometimes incurred in an attempt to maintain a false position of wealth. At the same time these natives will be very servile and grovelling to people of high position or wealth.

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