

15c a copy

\$1.50 a year

*The*  
**OCCULT PRESS REVIEW**

FIAT LUX

A Monthly Publication Devoted To Higher Thought In All Its Phases

*"Occultism bespeaks the search for God, the Great Cause back of all Nature.  
It embraces a knowledge of the finer natural forces not generally  
perceptible to the outer five senses of man."*

Vol. II

July, 1923

No. 6

**INITIATION**

BY

*FRATER ACHAD*

CONCENTRATION and MEDITATION

BY

*STUART ARMOUR*

PUBLISHED BY



Box 1240, Station C, Los Angeles, California

## BOOKS ON PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

### The Survival of Man

By Sir Oliver Lodge

A Study in Human Personality

"The entire literature of psychical research perhaps contains no single book that is so richly freighted with significance as THE SURVIVAL OF MAN, combining as it does both the eminent truths of science and a deep and sympathetic interpretation of the infinite possibilities of the spiritual development of humanity."—Springfield Republican.

New and Enlarged Edition with New Preface  
Octavo, Net, \$3.00. Postage 15c

### Raymond: Or Life and Death

By Sir Oliver Lodge

With Examples of the Evidence for the Survival of Memory and Affection After Death.

Probably no other volume on man's immortality has created such a profound sensation.

"Sir Oliver Lodge is one of the greatest scientists in the world, and this is new and remarkable evidence of continued existence."—Boston Post.

Net, \$2.50. Postage, 15c.

### Man Is a Spirit

By J. Arthur Hill

A Collection of Spontaneous Cases of Dream, Vision and Ecstasy.

These "documents in evidence" furnish what seems to be unquestionable evidence of survival after death. "Exhibits that spirit of gentle, expanding assent to the things of faith which is one of the rare and rich flowers of our rationalizing age, where the intellect is in a new and wonderful freedom to believe, or not to believe."

Net, \$2.00. Postage, 15c.

### The New Revelation

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

"As a statement of the position of the present day spiritualist and as an epitome of the movement it is beyond praise."—Chicago Daily News.  
"His wonderful ability to write brings to Spiritualism a champion worthy of the armor."

Net, \$1.00. Postage 10c.

#### OTHER BOOKS BY SIR CONAN DOYLE

Coming of the Fairies, Net \$2.50; postage 15c.  
An American Adventure, Net \$1.50; postage 12c.

Wanderings of a Spiritualist, Net \$2.50; postage 15c.

The Case for Spirit Photography, Net \$1.50; postage 12c.

### The Life Beyond the Veil

By G. Vale Owen

With a Foreword by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

These books contain the most complete and illuminating record of spirit messages yet made public. They were received by a clergyman of the Church of England, a disbeliever in psychic research before these messages came through to him.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his foreword, writes as follows:

"World-wide publicity is now being given to that revelation of the after-life which of all others one would have selected to place before the public—the purest, the highest, the most complete, the most exalted in its source. And is this revelation subversive of all beliefs? A thousand times NO. It broadens them; defines them; it beautifies them; it fills in the empty voids which have bewildered us, it is infinitely reassuring and illuminating.

These four books contain the messages complete. They have created a sensation in England among people of every religion.

In four volumes. Each net, \$2.50. Add 15c per volume for postage.

### The Vital Message

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

"Conan Doyle has studied psychic phenomena for years. After long investigation he published his confession of faith, THE NEW REVELATION. He now adds fresh material and argument in THE VITAL MESSAGE, of the survival of personality and of communication between the 'further shore' and this."—New York Sun and Herald.

Net \$1.25. Postage 12c.

### Christopher

By Sir Oliver Lodge

A Study in Unrecognized Human Faculty

"There is strength and comfort in these pages and inspiration in the revelation of how a great sorrow has been surmounted."—New York Sun.  
"A life history better adapted to re-enforcing the view that 'death does not end all,' could not be conceived."—Boston Herald.

Octavo, Net, \$2.50. Postage, 15c.

### Psychical Investigations

By J. Arthur Hill

A comprehensive and judicial study of psychic phenomena. That treatment of the relation of psychic investigation to religion is particularly illuminating and helpful.

"I commend this work as an authoritative addition to the proofs of super-normal human faculty and incidentally to the evidence for survival of personality beyond bodily death."—Sir Oliver Lodge.

Net, \$2.50. Postage, 15c.

Address all orders to

NEW ERA PRESS

Box 1240, Station C

Los Angeles, Cal.

# The Occult Press Review

—FIAT LUX—

A Monthly Publication Devoted to Higher Thought in all Its Phases

Published at Los Angeles, U. S. A., by New Era Press  
Box 1240 Station C.

Edited by

R. Caswell Werner

and

Henry Christeen Warnack

VOL. II

JULY, 1923

NO. 6

## Table of Contents

Copyright 1923 by New Era Press

CONCENTRATION AND MEDITATION, <i>By Stuart Armour</i> .....	95
FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ASTROLOGY	
SUCCESS THROUGH APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY, <i>By Wm. J. Bryan, M. D.</i> .....	98
STEPS TO MASTERY, <i>By Henry Christeen Warnack</i> .....	99
BE ABOVE BAD TEMPER	
THE TAROT OF THE YEAR, VI, <i>By William Millard Barker</i> .....	100
INITIATION, <i>By Frater Achad</i> .....	101
PART I	
ELEMENTARY PSYCHOLOGY, VII, <i>By Clarence H. Foster</i> .....	105
MR. SINNETT'S POSTHUMOUS BOOK (and other Recent Books).....	106
FROM THE INNER CIRCLE.....	108
TALKS WITH ASPIRANTS	
PERIODICAL LITERATURE.....	110
PROPHETIC DREAMS, <i>By Edith H. L. T. Phillips</i> .....	117
THE ASTROLOGICAL FORUM.....	121

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$1.50; Foreign \$2.00; single copies, 15 cents.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS. Both old and new address must be given. Subscribers should notify us promptly of any change as it takes two weeks to make any changes in the mailing lists.

CONTRIBUTORS are especially requested to put their names and address, *legibly written*, on all manuscripts submitted. No manuscripts returned unless accompanied by postage. Not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts.

ADDRESS all communications, and make all checks, drafts, money orders payable to NEW ERA PRESS.

Entered as Second-Class Matter, February 6, 1923, at the Post Office at Los Angeles, California, Under the Act of March 3, 1879.

THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW has no official connection with any particular sect, cult, philosophy or school of thought. It is not conducted for the propagation of any special teaching. The editors do not therefore necessarily endorse any idea, statement or teaching appearing in their columns. To the contrary, in many cases they actually disagree, but as the magazine is conducted for the specific purpose of discovering, or re-discovering, and developing ideas pertaining to the New Era, and to facilitate the wide dissemination of the truths thereof, and to place them without bias before their readers; and it is their distinct province therefore to publish such articles from the leaders of thought and action in their respective lines, that may in any way be considered worthy. They endeavor also, wherever possible, to obtain and publish the views of the proponents of all sides of a question. It is distinctly up to the reader to think and decide for himself.

# PERSONAL

Here is an important proposition in which you have all to gain and nothing to lose so give it your earnest consideration.

The subscription price to the popular and progressive magazine, the "Astrological Bulletin" is \$2.00 yearly. To those who subscribe NOW I will give my personal service, WITHOUT extra charge, that is to say, I will personally answer any important question that you may want answered from an Astrological standpoint when you send in for one year's subscription.

My experience of over 25 years is at your service and I will give my time and my astrological opinion on any question which may be perplexing you. I may mention that the only other way to have a question answered in this manner is through a horoscope, the price of which is \$10.00.

This service is in ADDITION to the TWO PREMIUMS regularly given, besides this you may also become a member of our "Helping Hand" ministrations—through which we have already helped many to health, success and better conditions generally.

You wonder how I can give you all this for \$2.00! My personal attention, the magazine for one year, two premiums, healing treatments and lessons covering a period of four months. It is true that I will not make any money on this, but I will make new FRIENDS, will have accomplished more good in the world, will have helped a fellow being; and that is my ideal, my life work—THAT counts more than dollars.

If you want my help—my assistance—the benefit of my experience—send your order NOW. If you are eagerly seeking new light and the power which comes from knowledge, then you are one I am anxiously waiting to help, and you can be helped. I feel sure that you will be delighted with what you receive through this offer—money back promptly if not.

Write your question plainly briefly. State your birth place, year, month, date and time of day born. Special notice: also state the DATE and TIME OF DAY in which you write the question. If you are using "Daylight Saving Time" be sure and say so.

The only stipulation I make is that you subscribe NOW, immediately; also that you will tell your friends about all this just as soon as you realize its value—the good news must be spread. The "Helping Hand" letters are sent to you one each week for four months.

Yours sincerely,  
LLEWELLYN GEORGE,

Llewellyn College of Astrology and Publishing Co.

Box 1368

Los Angeles, Cal.

Send for a sample copy of our magazine, "The Astrological Bulletin," our descriptive catalogue of Astrological Books, and "Helping Hand" offer, FREE.

# The Occult Press Review

*"Occultism bespeaks the search for God, the Great Cause back of all Nature.  
It embraces a knowledge of the finer natural forces not generally  
perceptible to the outer five senses of man."*

Vol. II

July, 1923

No. 6

## Concentration and Meditation

From the Standpoint of Astrology

By STUART ARMOUR

### PART I

The various religions of mankind mostly justify their existence by promises of happiness and wisdom fulfilled beyond the grave because they have no knowledge NOW to be put to the test, but from very ancient times down even to the present day there have always been a small number of men in each generation who have told us of a heaven-state of mind, a superconsciousness gained while still in the mortal body of which the wisdom and happiness thereof are beyond the feeble power of words to describe.

The Yogi adept, Pagan philosopher, Christian mystic, and Mohammedan Sufi, all concur in the possibility of the attainment of a higher state of consciousness by the practice of meditation. When men of diverse races and religions who have never had mental contact with each other agree thus in a matter of human psychology, it is safe to assume that they are describing a truth of tremendous importance to mankind, especially when we consider that they are not explaining any abstract theory but are recounting actual personal experiences of their own. They are also in unanimous agreement that concentration, or thought control, is the preliminary training absolutely necessary before mediation can be entered upon. To attempt mediation, or as some modern cults term it, "going into the Silence," without the essential thought control by practice of concentration is much the same as if one sought to be an electrical engineer without first acquiring the necessary knowledge of electricity, and just about as dangerous.

To make the practice of "going into

the Silence" of benefit to the student he must first learn to control his thoughts, or else he will find himself having this experience described by H. Emile Cady. "Many who earnestly try to get still and wait upon God have found that the moment they sit down and close their eyes, the thoughts, instead of being concentrated, are filled with every sort of vain imagination. The most trivial things, from the fixing of a shoe-string to the gossipy conversation of a week ago, will chase each other in rapid succession through the mind, and at the end of an hour they have gained nothing. This is to them discouraging. This is but the natural result of trying not to think at all. Nature abhors a vacuum, and if you make (or try to) your mind a vacuum, the thought images of others which fill the atmosphere about you will rush in to fill it, leaving you as far away from the consciousness of the Divine Presence as ever." This author then advises the use of prayer to concentrate the mind. But to many the idea of prayer is distasteful and in many cases leads to a mere pattering of words and not mind concentration at all. In training for concentration it is better to rely on yourself and not depend on some outside power. This acquiring mental control is not at all easy and only comes to those who are willing to devote a certain time each day to its practice. A modern mystic "A. E." thus describes his experience: "Day after day" at times where none might interfere, and where none through love or other cause were allowed to interfere, I set myself to attain mastery over the will. I would choose

some mental object, an abstraction of form, and strive to hold my mind fixed on it in unwavering concentration, so that not for a moment, not for an instant, would the concentration slacken. It is an exercise this, a training for higher adventures of the soul. It is no light labor. The ploughman's cleaving the furrows is easier by far. Five minutes of this effort will at first leave us trembling as at the close of a laborious day. It is then we realize how little of life has been our own, and how much a response to sensation, a drifting on the tide of desire. The rumor of revolt, the spirit would escape its thralldom, runs through the body. Empires do not send legions so swiftly to frustrate revolt as all that is mortal in us hurries along nerve, artery, and every highway of the body to beset the soul. The beautiful face of one we love, more alluring than life, glows before us to enchant us from our task. Old sins, enmities, vanities and desires, beleaguer and beseech us. If we do not heed them then they change, they seem to be with us, they open up vistas of all we and they will do, when this new power we strive for is attained. If we are tempted down that vista we find with shame after an hour of vain musing that we were lured away, had deserted our task and forgotten that stern fixity of the will we set out to achieve."

Enough has been set out to give the student an idea of the difficulties encountered in trying to gain mind control. The testimony of all those who have practiced concentration is in substantial agreement with what I have quoted above.

The question may arise, what mental object is it necessary to concentrate on to gain this mind control? That does not much matter as long as one actually concentrates on it. One teacher advises the mental image of a luminous deep blue disc encircled by rings of yellow, orange and red. She says: "Close your eyes, and fix your mental gaze upon the disc. It is a great help to mental control, and you will soon see the glowing colors so plainly that you will not need to imagine them." Some recommend a natural object such as a flower, a shell, etc., but the choice may be safely left to the student for he will natur-

ally seek some mental image that comes to him and which he finds is most easily held in mental vision.

In learning concentration regularity should be observed in practice. That is, it should be practiced at the same hours every day. The best time is early in the morning at sunrise before breakfast. If time can be spared, again at sunset before the evening meal. Never within two hours after eating. Conform as far as possible to a vegetarian diet and be moderate in amount you eat. In practicing sit erect with the spinal column free, holding the three parts—the chest, neck, and head—in a straight line. Let the whole weight of the body be supported by the ribs, and then you have an easy natural posture, with the spine straight. Close your eyes and always practice alone.

The reader may here think, "From what is already explained this concentration seems to be very hard and trying work at first, and what is the use of it all and what has all this to do with astrology? It is hard and trying work but do you know of anything in this world, dear reader, which is worth our effort does not require hard and trying work, or discipline of some kind or other? The use of it and its relation to astrology I will explain as I proceed.

A well known teacher has declared, "Concentration is the bridge which spans the gulf between the visible, physical world and the wonderful invisible one of Nature's finer forces. It is the first step in consciously exercising the subconscious mind—the immediate vehicle of the soul's expression. Only by concentration can we quiet the kaleidoscopic fitting of idle thoughts through the conscious mind. Through their train of upheaving emotions they are constantly beating upon Nature's harmonious vibrations and throwing them into waves of discord. The moment we arrest, through concentration, the energy—wasting activities of the senses, which furnish much of this mental hash, we bring our minds under control of our souls and give our real selves a chance to live and develop the powers which lie latent in every human being, awaiting only recognition and the stimulus of use or exercise to be evolved. The need for the silent period

of concentration is the need for meditation, that men may learn to know their spiritual selves, and gain the peace and strength which can be found in no other way. The man of meditation is the man of poise who meets life's perplexities with the confidence drawn from this unfailing source. In the rush and turmoil of life this noblest part of being lies latent when not denied. The progress of the race during centuries has been vastly retarded by the mistaken attitude towards the soul. It has been treated as a mysterious something, quite apart from practical affairs, which must be 'saved' for the future life; forgetful—yea, or the most part ignorant!—that it is ever and always the immanent present which demands the exercise of the soul. By the conquest of self in that exercise—and the first enemy is selfishness—the soul saves itself and grows to immortal stature."

There is no hard and fast line between concentration and meditation for as one practices concentration gaining thought control one imperceptibly glides into the practice of meditation. To quote again from "A. E.", "But the ancients who taught us to gain this intensity (concentration) taught it but as a preliminary to a meditation which would not waver and be full of power. The meditation they urged on us has been explained as 'the inexpressible yearning of the inner man to go out into the infinite.' But that Infinite we would enter is living. It is the ultimate being of us. Meditation is a fiery brooding on that majestic Self. We imagine ourselves into Its vastness. We conceive ourselves as mirroring Its infinitudes, as moving in all things, as living in all beings, in earth, water, air, fire, æther. We try to know as It knows, to live as It lives, to be compassionate as It is compassionate. We equal ourselves to It that we may understand It and become It. We do not kneel to it as slaves, but as Children of the King we lift ourselves up to that Glory, and affirm to ourselves that we are what we imagine. 'What a man thinks, that he is: that is the old secret,' said the wise. We have imagined ourselves into this pitiful dream of life. By imagination and will we re-enter true being, becoming that we conceive of. On that path of fiery

brooding I entered. At first all was stupor. I felt as one who steps out of day into the colorless night of a cavern, and that was because I had suddenly reversed the habitual motions of life. We live normally seeing through the eyes, hearing through the ears, stirred by the senses, moved by bodily powers, and receiving only such spiritual knowledge as may pass through a momentary purity of our being. On the mystic path we create our own light, and at first we struggle blind and baffled, seeing nothing, unable to think, unable to imagine. We seem deserted by dream, vision of inspiration, and our meditation barren altogether. But let us persist through weeks or months, and sooner or later that stupor disappears. Our faculties readjust themselves, and do the work we will them to do. Never did they do their work so well. The dark caverns of the brain begin to grow luminous. We are creating our own light. By heat of will and aspiration we are transmuting what is gross in the subtle æthers through which the mind works. As the dark bar of metal begins to glow, at first redly, and then at white heat, or as ice melts and is alternately fluid, vapor, gas, and at last a radiant energy, so do these æthers become purified and alchemically changed into luminous essences, and they make a new vesture for the soul, and link us to mid-world or heavenward where they too have their true home. How quick the mind is now! How vivid is the imagination! We are lifted above the tumult of the body. The heat of the blood disappears below us. We draw nigher to ourselves. The heart longs for the hour of meditation and hurries to it; and, when it comes, we rise within ourselves as a diver too long under seas rises to breathe the air, to see the light. We have invoked the God and we are answered according to old promise. As our aspiration so is our inspiration. We imagine It as Love and what a love enfolds us. We conceive of It as Might and we take power from that Majesty. We dream of It as Beauty and the Magician of the Beautiful appears everywhere at Its miraculous art, and the multitudinous lovely creatures of Its thoughts are busy moulding nature and life in their image, and all are hurrying

ing, hurrying to the Golden World. This vision brings its own proof to the spirit, but words cannot declare or explain it. We must go back to lower levels and turn to that which has form from that which is bodiless."

"A. E." in his description of what he calls, "The Many-Colored Land," a plane which he attained by his meditations, tells us, "Normally we close our eyes on a cloudy gloom through which vague forms struggle sometimes into definiteness. But the luminous quality gradually became normal in me, and at times in meditation there broke in on me an almost intolerable lustre of light, pure and shining faces, dazzling processions of figures, most ancient, ancient places and peoples, and landscapes lovely as the lost Eden."

This many-colored land is similarly described by many investigators. Ella Adelia Fletcher in "The Law of the Rhythmic Breath," says, "Those who have once seen the wonderful play of light and color within realize forever and aye that there is a realm where there is no light, and a light that pene-

The second article in the series, "Concentration and Meditation," will appear in the August number. Order your copy now.

trates the densest matter—the light that never was on sea or land."

I might state here the "A. E." from whose "Candle of Vision" I have quoted so much, is George Russell, the Irish poet and artist, and now a Senator of the Irish Free State. In case some of my readers may think because he is a poet he is an impractical sort of person, I will add that on the contrary his constructive work in regard to co-operation as applied to dairy farming in Ireland has proved him to be one of the most practical of persons.

Now, if beautiful light and pictures were all the results concentration and meditation could produce, the hard mental discipline necessary would hardly be worth while.

In Part II of this article I propose to show the great usefulness of the practice of meditation in the every day business life, and further, that if there is such a thing in this mundane life as escaping the evil influence of planetary combinations, or modifying these evils, it is through meditation.

## Success Through Applied Psychology

By WM. J. BRYAN, M. D.,

*Author of two new books on Spiritualism.*

The reality of being, of living and moving in our mortal sphere of personal activity, impresses me with the fact that one need not grow old in wisdom, spirituality and evolutionary unfoldment while advancing in years.

One does not really grow old, except when he ceases to advance in the knowledge and wisdom that is so close, always. But old age, in the true meaning, can be deferred, by keeping warm the fire of ambition and spiritual endeavor. So we repeat—age does not depend wholly on years.

In the spirit-world, where time is reckoned in a different way, there seems to be *no undue haste* to perform any duty, but all is centered in the desire to do the duties in a *thorough* manner, because there is no limit to time in life eternal—and all progress is obtained

by a service to others that is unselfish, beneficial and spiritually advantageous.

We sometimes think that *the way to achieve success* is to plod along, unceasingly striving to render a loving service to all others, and thus do something that is of *permanent* value.

Why run from place to place in quest of happiness—when it is a tangible factor in our daily life, *here and now*, by applying the first principle of psychology, which is *unselfish consideration of others*, in every way that is good, true and lovely.

So we apply the teachings of advanced psychology by starting to do *the right thing*, in the right place, *here and now* and not wander away in search of something, like money and pleasure—which are elusive and full of temptations that lure to discomfiture and chaos.



# STEPS TO MASTERY

By HENRY CHRISTEEN WARNACK

## VII. BE ABOVE BAD TEMPER

If we desire personalities of force and fineness, we must be above anger and malice. No other emotions so poison the sweet springs of Being. They are part of that low fabric of passion which seeks to establish feeling above reason and to make us dependent upon the senses for our expression of life. They are the utterances of folly, if for no other reason than that the incidents inspiring them belong entirely to the temporal and are without concern except to the physical man. They belong to the surface and not to the depths of existence. Their appeal is to the lowest and not to the highest within us. They are breeders of sorrow.

Anger and malice are deadly liars. They pretend to strike at an enemy. In reality they strike at those who harbor them. They never avenge us on another, but unfailingly they strike ourselves to the heart. They stand as a cloud between our souls and the light. They fill us with bitterness and discontent. They even corrode the blood and are expressed in physical pain, as well as in many unsuspected forms of mental anguish. Such a price they make us pay for just the poor chance of hurting another and then they cheat us of that. Of all manner of illusions which float a needless film between man and that high consciousness which should be his goal, none have such a foothold as these enemies of love.

If anger and malice really hurt anybody besides ourselves, what a sad confession it is to make, and how humiliating that we would willingly bend those fine energies which we possess to the undoing of another. To think that we who glimpse the glad shores of immortal Being should be so disturbed by some triviality, some mere incident, some awkwardness of another's personality, as to give way to the weakness and the insanity of anger. You cannot dispute that anger is insanity. It is violent and virulent inharmony. It is always unreasonable. It is always coarse.

When we consider that only coarse natures seek personal vindication and

that only those persons who are without a high order of mentality and without the refinement and sensibility make a practice of yielding to gusts of anger, we ought to free ourselves from the mischief which such false emotions bring. Rest securely in this knowledge, and it will never fail you; no person ever attempted to do you an injustice who did not act from spiritual blindness, because those who stand in the clear light of Understanding are incapable of grossness, meanness or selfishness. When a man knows the Law he will never infringe, because he knows the penalty. Even if the penalty did not exist, the Knowing would never trespass, because the reward of Right Action is too precious to be put aside. No man who has tasted the fruits of righteousness will ever consciously and deliberately sacrifice his eternal gain for some momentary bauble. Not one who has set his feet upon paths of Peace will ever enter into strife for any seeming advantage to be gained from contention. If then our brother strikes at us through his ignorance, shall we descend to the same low level and match his folly? Shall we go down into the mire to fight him with his weapons of uncleanness? Shall we give blow for blow and unkindness for unkindness? In so doing we confess ourselves to be engulfed by the same darkness which overshadows him. We are as one who is blind, in conflict with another who is blind. We make it impossible for ourselves to gain the true supremacy of Reason. Anger is like a blow, it strikes only the body. It is like murder, which kills only the flesh. That which aroused our indignation is not chastised and it is not slain. Therefore, are we mocked by our passions. They have enmeshed us in illusion, and through them flesh has triumphed over spirit. By our weakness we are a little further from that expression of Life which the Individual is meant to be. Anger casts us down and malice chains us in the pit. Anger dethrones us and malice will

(Continued on Page 123)

# THE TAROT OF THE YEAR

By WILLIAM MILLARD BARBER

## PART VI.

The method of determining the Birth-Card requires only the *day* of the year to be known; the year is a complete cycle, and every cycle is similar to every other cycle of like duration. Therefore the values of the year are an index to the character, the personality, the career, the probability of success or failure and the relationships to others of every individual when his place in the CYCLE OF THE YEAR is established.

The original method of finding the Birth-Card was long and difficult and while it shows the principles involved in the science very clearly, it has been discarded in this outline for the greater simplicity and accuracy of the shorter method.

Having been given a birth-day first determine the Tarot power of that day and the month in which it occurs.

TABLE V  
TAROT POWER OF THE MONTH

January .....	52.	July .....	40.
February .....	50.	August .....	38.
March .....	48.	September .....	36.
April .....	46.	October .....	34.
May .....	44.	November .....	32.
June .....	42.	December .....	30.

It will be seen at a glance in the above table that the Tarot Power of the month decreases two for every completed month. It is therefore very simple to figure this if you have forgotten the table by subtracting two from the Tarot Power of the Year, 52, for every completed month. To illustrate this a date must be selected, say July 4th.

July is the 7th month, therefore 6 complete months precede it, and are valued at 2 each, making 12 to be sub-

tracted from 52 the Tarot Power of the Year, and a remainder of 40 results. 40 is the Tarot Power of July; but the Tarot Power of the Day must be obtained as well, and this is done by subtracting from 40, the Power of July, the number of complete days that the date, in this instance 3, has progressed into the month, realizinz (3 from 40) 37 as the Tarot Power of the date given.

*July 4th.*

52 Tarot Power of the Year.

12 2 for each complete month subtracted gives

40 the Tarot Power of July. Completed days of month, 3, subtracted is

3

37 the Tarot Power of July 4th.

Now that this value is established it becomes necessary to apply it to the Minor Tarot, the Deck of Playing Cards, the Lesser of the Books of Thoth; and it is done in the following way:

Subtract as many *complete* suits (13 cards to a suit) from the Tarot Power (37) as possible. Beginning with the first suit; Hearts, 13 from 37 leaves 24; next suit, Clubs, 13 from 24 leaves 11. Eleven cards are then counted into the 3rd suit, Diamonds, beginning with the Ace (the 1) and ending at the 11th

card which is the Jack of Diamonds, the Birth-Card of any one born upon the 4th of July. Remember that the Card Suits run in this order; Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, Spades.

This process will enable the student to find the birth card of anyone whose birthday in the year he knows. It should be recalled that for a woman the Queen of the suit into which her Birth-Card falls is her Personal Card, and that for a man the King of the Suit of

(Continued on Page 123)

# Initiation

By FRATER ACHAD

Being the first of a series of two articles which will constitute the opening chapters of the book "THE ALPHA AND OMEGA OF INITIATION," to be issued early in the Fall.

The point has been raised as to just what the word "Initiation" has come to mean in the mind of the present-day seeker after truth. By the latter I mean, of course, the un-initiate properly speaking, since once Initiation has been consciously experienced, little doubt remains as to its nature.

But there are different degrees of Initiation and there are many who, having experienced some form or degree of it, still fail to understand, or even begin to grasp, what the higher meaning of the word implies. In one sense the different kinds of Initiation represent the different Degrees or Grades since the word itself means a Beginning.

The important thing is to realize that we must be prepared to begin all over again, many times; for every Step is both a Birth and a Death.

Here we have one of the great keys to the study of the subject. One man may feel that he has undergone initiation, many have actually passed through some ceremony called by that name, while another, a little further advanced perhaps, may realize that his Brother is deceiving himself in the thought that he has thereby become an Initiate. Probably what he most needs is to make a fresh start, to begin again, before he can advance farther. Conversely, as long as he is under the illusion that he has reached a certain Degree—perhaps the last degree he is just as much blind-folded and unable to see the Way as he was, when, as an aspirant to the First Degree, he was "duly and truly prepared" and led by the hand of another, whose presence he felt but whom he may never have seen, out of the darkness of the beginning into the glimmering light of the first stage towards Mastery.

But was he *duly and truly prepared*? That is a point needing further consideration.

The subject just entered upon is one that will require a great deal of elucidation in order to deal with it fully. All that can be hoped for in this brief essay is a slight outline and a few hints that may lead the true seeker to further discoveries, and I trust, some actual ex-

periences of his own. But as long as it has the effect of removing a few of the veils which hide man from the Light, it will have fulfilled its purpose.

It should first be understood that there are ceremonies of initiation which fail to Initiate. This accounts for much of the confusion in the minds of some people. There are also experiences of a highly illuminating and informing nature, that are not strictly speaking to be considered as Initiatory in character. Many people, who have experienced quite interesting and important psychic and even higher states, make the mistake of supposing that this confers some Degree of Initiation. This is perhaps a greater cause of confusion, since it is of a more subtle nature and not so obvious as the former case.

The fact that the people were not *duly and truly prepared* either by their Initiators or by themselves, probably accounts for the majority of the failures above mentioned.

Again, an Order whose business it is to initiate people into the Mysteries, may succeed in doing so for a time, the Ritual itself being good, yet fail later on, owing to the True Current from the Higher Powers being definitely withdrawn. Here we should pause and thoughtfully give heed.

On the other hand, a person having no conscious knowledge that he is linked to any Order, may receive experiences of a distinctly Initiatory character, and thereby discover that for many years he has been linked to a Chain, the invisible bonds of which have drawn him into the true Fellowship in a subtle and most remarkable manner. Such a one most probably devoted all his attention to *proper preparation* in order that he might become fit for service, while seeking no reward for himself, and thus found, without conscious effort, that the Crown has been awarded to him.

But, after all, Initiation is a Beginning, and he will do well if he mistakes it not for the End, thus cutting himself off from true Advancement.

It may be well if we confine our attention to more concrete instances. Let us

first glance at some of the outer forms connected with the subject.

Initiation is properly associated with some kind of Order or Brotherhood. We find around us many Fraternal Societies which, holding some "secret knowledge" in common, purport to initiate those who are candidates for admission into their midst. The real bond of such societies is based upon the idea that any *special experience held in common with others*, but not discussed with those outside that limited circle, has the tendency to form a definite tie which holds the Society together.

In a larger sense the common ties of Brotherhood, caused by the Special Experiences in which all humanity, and even the lower animals share, forms the basis for true Societies of this sort. Birth, Life and Death are experiences through which we all must pass, whether we will or not, and they form fitting Subjects for the first Three Degrees of any Order.

Sometimes this basis is plain in the Rituals, sometimes they bear little trace of these fundamental ideas.

But there are experiences of which Man is capable, of which the animals and lower types of human beings are not, and these naturally and necessarily form the basis of Higher Degrees which tend to hold together for common purposes those who have already had such experiences, and those to whom they are possible of transmission. These, however, after a certain stage, are found to deal with the Mysteries of Birth, Life and Death in some higher or wider sense and form. The Link between these Grades is, or should be, some knowledge of God, and of the True Name of God, whereby Man may learn his right relation with the Great Initiator, the *Beginning* of all Things.

Direct *experience* of God is not shared by all humanity, but it forms the closest tie and Bond of Brotherhood among those who have attained to it. It is an experience that cannot be transmitted unless the candidate is *Truly and Duly Prepared*, and not alone the Candidate, but the Officers of the Lodge; for they must be Open Channels of the True Light.

That is why some exterior organizations have become little more than a farce, for even if they purport to deal with the Mysteries of Birth, Life and

Death, how can they *Initiate* into these *Mysteries* if they know nothing of their *Beginnings*?

I do not wish to discount the possible value of external Societies, but merely to point out that in most instances their work is Symbolical only, and represents but the Veil of true initiation.

Many of my readers may have passed through some such outer show of Initiation. Few will have grasped the inner meaning of that through which they passed. Many earnest seekers may have travelled this way with a true desire for the Light, some, will undoubtedly have experienced a certain disappointment.

Many have been asked the question "From whence came you?" and have been taught to make a glib reply. But, my reader, let me ask again "*From whence came you?*" Can you reply without prompting? If not you had better seek Initiation in the BEGINNING, and having found the Source from whence you came, make a fresh start as a real Initiate, with true Initiative. But when you come back to this old Lodge—the World—you are very likely to *meet with resistance* though you may afterwards gain admission if you can display the true tokens and pronounce the True Word.

It is difficult to see this world in true perspective, such is the weakness of our sight, and such the complexity of the structure. But the Plan is still on the Trestle-board of the Great Architect, the Initiate has studied it, at least the particular part of it which it is his duty to carry out, and having seen that Plan, he is able to consciously cooperate towards the completion of this House not made with hands, to build a Living Temple of his own Body that shall be like unto the Plan of that Greater Temple the Body of Humanity.

But, you may tell me, the Word has been Lost. To which I can only reply: The Word has not been lost except to those who are willing to accept a substitute. But most people are only too willing to accept a substitute, any substitute, so long as they themselves can avoid the penalty. How many of you believing the Master to possess the True Word would be prepared to receive the blow from a "Real Maul" instead of a substituted one? But you cannot avoid the "True Maul" by such

a simple device, Death comes to all who have not wrested from Him the True Word whereby we triumph over Him.

What is the True Word? Obviously I should not tell you, even if I knew. But I will tell you this that Initiation will bring you at least the INITIAL letter of the True Word of your Own Being. The Other may be the Initial Word of the Great Book, and your Word may be but one of the Words therein, but for YOU it is of vital importance, for it is the Word whereby you may triumph over Death. Only the true Master of the Lodge knows it, only He can whisper it in your ear, and engrave it on the White Stone. No other may know it but yourself, for it is the One Secret of Your Being. Every Brother's Word is different, but the knowledge of It will enable him to discover many points of fellowship, hitherto undreamed of.

Enough of reference to this aspect of the subject, for few Masters there be who can transmit the right Word to the right Candidate, therefore Initiation is not to be obtained in every Lodge.

The fact that there is an exterior Order still preserving and using the original Word of the "Third Degree" in its general sense, does not matter very much in the present instance; for those who seek admission must be prepared to meet with resistance. This they may not like, little realizing that only through the opposition of forces is the structure held together.

Now a few words may be said on the subject of Orders or Societies purporting to confer Higher Degrees.

There are Higher Degrees, but generally speaking it is the lower ones, the mysteries of Birth, Life, and Death that the Candidate most needs to understand. Without a proper Foundation the Temple will not long stand. It is not very wise to look upon the "House not made with hands" as composed of "hot air"; although there is something to be said for those who remark that the Word must have been the result of the Divine Breath. But don't breath a word of it unless you are quite sure what you are talking about. The Fourth Power of the Sphinx is Silence.

Now to direct our attention to a more serious manifestation of the Great Order, still working in the Outer. Somewhere we may read:

In the Name of the Initiator, Amen.

1. In the beginning was Initiation. The flesh profiteth nothing; the mind profiteth nothing; that which is unknown to you and above these, while firmly based upon their equilibrium, giveth life.

2. In all systems of religion is to be found a system of Initiation, which may be defined as the process by which a man comes to learn that unknown Crown.

3. Though none can communicate the knowledge or the power to achieve this, which we may call the Great Work, it is yet possible for initiates to guide others.

4. Every man must overcome his own obstacles, expose his own illusions. Yet others may assist him to do both, and they may enable him altogether to avoid many of the false paths, leading no whither, which tempt the weary feet of the uninitiated pilgrim. They can further insure that he is duly tried and tested, for there are many who think themselves to be Masters who have not even begun to tread the Way of Service that leads thereto.

5. Now the Great Work is one, and the Initiation is one, and the Reward is one, however diverse are the symbols wherein the unutterable is clothed.

And again, in another place:

0. Learn first—Oh thou who aspirest unto our ancient Order!—that Equilibrium is the basis of the Work. If thou thyself hast not a sure foundation, whereon wilt thou stand to direct the forces of Nature?

1. Know then, that as man is born into this world amidst the Darkness of Matter, and the strife of contending forces; so must his first endeavour be to seek the Light through their reconciliation.

2. Thou then, who hast trials and troubles, rejoice because of them, for in them is Strength, and by their means is a pathway opened unto that Light.

Here we get a glimpse of the symbolic meaning of the darkness and the trials and troubles of the "lodge room," but how many of us appreciate the value of the trials and troubles of this World Lodge, in which we are all being Initiated by the Great Hierarchy? Or,

shall I say, Duly and Truly Prepared for Initiation? Our Record is pretty carefully looked up, and not unless we are worthy and well qualified, do we consciously enter the Great Lodge, much less advance, or obtain the power to raise the fallen; be it ourself or another.

Few even realize the existence of the Great Hierarchy, Who, having a full Knowledge of the World Order, and of the Higher Orders, consciously order the world aright.

Few even take into consideration the "Circumambulation" of this Planet as it is rushed blindly on in its course round the sun, one of the Greater Lights of the Lodge; and how He in turn with all His Officers, wheels in Grand and Wider Circles round the Centre upon which we have been taught to seek it.

Day by day men are born, live and die, unconscious of the movements of the great Lodge. Thinking, perhaps, that they are standing still, when all is change which is Life, while they alone remain stagnant, which is death.

Few indeed consider the possibility of a *dimension* at *right-angles* to every known dimension of space, and beyond that others, to infinity.

Few indeed think of two infinities, the Infinitely Small, as well as the In-

finitely Great; and aiming at the *former* the infinitely minute and un-extended Point of Light at the Centre of their own Being (which Centre is everywhere since the Circumference is nowhere) take the advice of our Ancient Brethren who plainly told us to "Seek it on the Centre."

Few realize that Life is the substance of Light, and that the Great Light is to be found inherent in the Substance, Spirit in Matter, ever united in the bond of Love. Few realize that the Spirit is of its own nature free, and will lead us (invisibly) out of the Darkness into the Light.

Few realize that that silly old friend who has often given us good advice in a joking way, without intruding himself on us too much, never interfering with our true will, but whom we rather despise on account of his age and shabby appearance, may perhaps be the Tyler of the Great Lodge; quite able to admit us as soon as we are duly and truly prepared to meet with a little resistance for our own true good. Fewer still realize that the old fellow is probably a Past-Master of the Game of Life, one who even prefers to sit outside the door enjoying the fun of watching those who are covered with decorations, yet still seeking INITIATION.

*To be Concluded.*

The second installment of this illuminating treatise on "Initiation" will appear in the August number. Those not regular subscribers should place their orders in advance to insure receiving a copy. The August number will also contain an interesting announcement in regard to Frater Achad and his work.

## IN ANOTHER WORLD--LOVE

BY NELL KERFOOT

As in other days I often drift to a Land of Promise

Where in silent communion I greet you beyond the mists  
Tho' in another world, apart from Earth's kin,  
Your soul I find as a part of the soul within.

Do you remember as in a dream

Those heavenly beauties of another world seen?  
Let us go again where time is all the same.

My heart grows homesick; it throbs with pain.....  
You write to me of twilight; stars at midnight;  
Surely you remember the scene.

'Twas in another world my Love; a world glorious, serene.

*Truth is idea identical with being.*

—ELIPHAS LEVI

# ELEMENTARY PSYCHOLOGY

By CLARENCE H. FOSTER

## Point Seven

1. We consciously receive impressions, give attention to thoughts or ideas vibrating within us, and direct the expression of ideas in action, speech, etc. When we think of self, it is at first of the conscious self. The "I" of us seems to be centered in that spot within the head where pictures and ideas vibrate before our attention. That "I" seems to "possess" a body and means of action or expression.

2. The truth is that that which seems to be the "I" of us, is but the point where ideas and thoughts vibrate before our consciousness.

3. A great ice-berg floats in the sea. It is visible because a part of it protrudes above the water. Yet you would hardly assume that the portion visible to you included the entire mass. The major portion of it lies, invisible, beneath the surface. The submerged portion sustains, and carries about with it, the smaller point above the water. Even so is the deeper phase of mind the sole support and guiding influence directing the conscious thought.

4. Again, one might think of the mind, conscious and subconscious, as though a small portion of it were above the level of a table, but the major portion beneath. And that the portion beneath directed all moves and actions above.

5. There are various ways of approaching consideration of the Subconscious. There are those who will teach you that it is an entitized personality center which has certain fixed impressions regarding everything of life. Others will explain that the "Unconscious" is an aggregation of wishes or unfilled desires. Others in turn will teach you that the unknown self is but a city of individual dwellers, Centers of Ideation, a multitude of little people, imbued with all kinds of Ideas seeking expression.

6. All of these three are equally correct, and are seen in different stages of unfoldment. But first must come the picture of the Subconscious Mind as easily grasped by the beginner.

7. Imagine then, that the true self,

the deeper Subconscious Self, is an individual thinking person. To do this clearly at first you must imagine some location away from that which you commonly regard as the "thinking" center. It matters not where you may imagine the location of the Subconscious. Perhaps you may imagine it in the base of the brain, or in the solar plexus. Locate its house anywhere you like, at this time, just so you select a tangible point.

8. Realize that this Subconscious Self is dominated by three basic impulses to protect, to express, and to reproduce itself. We will dissect this further in another number.

9. Realize that the Subconscious Self, while the most powerful force in your life, has no reasoning power or judgement of any kind. And that whatever impressions it has ever received have been accepted by it as truth.

10. And that any statement which had not the slightest grain of truth or sense in it, if given often enough to the Subconscious Self, would be accepted by it as absolute fact, and that it would act forevermore in conformity with this impression.

11. Then realize that throughout the life the Subconscious Mind has received countless impressions of a negative, untrue, or unsound nature. And as you come to know how the Subconscious Mind attracts and molds every phase of the outer life, you realize the effect the negative and unsound impressions may have.

12. For everything which reaches the Subconscious Mind unquestioned, it accepts as logical and absolute fact. And one learns to "alter" its views by giving it, endlessly, a series of sound and constructive impressions.

### TYPES

People of all walks and stages of life may be classified in varying degrees according to their possibilities for inner unfoldment. And for those who so see life, this same classification will show the "age" of the traveler.

And understand always, that a person's outer knowledge, education and position do not indicate in the slightest degree the depth of the soul. The most superficial person,

(Continued on Page 119)

## SOME RECENT BOOKS

### MR. SINNETT'S POSTHUMOUS BOOK

History is being written at an astonishing rate in The Theosophical Society these days, and in a not less astonishing manner. The students who are interested in historical studies will have their hands full when they begin to compare the records left by Col. Olcott, by Countess Wachtmeister, by Edward Maitland, by Franz Hartmann, and others of the early days of the Society. A history has been published during the last two years in the magazine "Theosophy," but it cannot be said to be entirely free from bias, and the refusal in a recent instance to publish letters of Mr. Judge that did not agree with the general argument of the history rather inclines the reader to doubt—though what or whom may be a question. Mrs. Cleather, who has been one of the most devoted of Madam Blavatsky's pupils, has published two works, "H. P. Blavatsky: A Great Betrayal," and "H. P. Blavatsky: Her Life and Work for Humanity." Now comes a volume in a wholly different strain, from the late Mr. A. P. Sinnett, vice-president of the Society, entitled "The Early Days of Theosophy in Europe." It is written in Mr. Sinnett's well-known easy and distinguished style, and is to be regarded, perhaps, as a tribute to the late Mrs. Sinnett, author of "The Purpose of Theosophy," as much as anything. At least it is pleasant to think of the book as having been written for the purpose of emphasizing Mrs. Sinnett's services. Mr. Sinnett has already made us acquainted with his claim to having been the real founder of the Theosophical Movement (Preface, "Collected Fruits of Occult Teaching"), and he urges this in the present volume. "The story I have had to tell will show how we together—my wife and I—had the privilege of launching the theosophical movement in Europe, for nothing done before 1883 bore any promise of permanent vitality." Another reference on page 86 says, "all through the spring of 1886 my wife and I continued to keep the Society alive."

Madam Blavatsky is discredited constantly in these pages, though some notable admissions are made. "The person needed to be personally acquainted with some of the Masters in order to be a link between them and the outer world. He or she had to be possessed of psychic faculties that would keep him or her in touch with the Masters wherever he or she might be in the outer world. And absolute loyalty to the Divine Hierarchy was a *sine qua non*. Furthermore, the person required must have powers, as well as faculty, that would meet the emergencies foreseen. To find all these qualifications united was no easy task. I have learned in later years that a search all over the world failed to find them combined in any

Ego willing to undertake the task—except in the case of the Ego known to us as Madam Blavatsky." Mr. Sinnett discounts this tribute by accusing her of "deplorable blundering" (page 72) and "simple cheating" (page 67). He also accuses her of ignorance of the teachings, although he admits "she picked it up as the letters from the Masters addressed to me passed through her hands and was able to expand it a good deal in the light of her general occult knowledge."

His relations with the Masters were not confined to Madam Blavatsky, he alleges. He admits having resorted to "other channels." When at first he had protested at what he disliked—"I did so in the letter addressed to the Master K. H. (which of course had to pass through Madame Blavatsky's hands) and I got back an answer which later experience makes me now feel pretty sure was Madame's own composition." This doubt scarcely accords with "absolute loyalty to the Divine Hierarchy," and we need not be surprised to hear that he sought other channels of communication. This was after the publication of the Secret Doctrine, and he states (page 93)—"at this period and for many later years we were enjoying opportunities of frequent conversation with the Master K.H. in a way carefully concealed from Madame Blavatsky's knowledge, as well on the higher plane by the Master's arrangements as on the lower by our own scrupulous secrecy on the subject. We had been told if she came to know of our private privilege in her occult powers would enable her to interfere in a way which would imperil its continuance." Again on page 110 he states—"During the period of Mrs. Besant's residence with her—the last two years of her life—neither my wife nor I saw anything of her. We were in close with the Master K. H. himself by our own private arrangements and, as I have already explained, were emphatically warned by him to guard them from any possible interference by Madam Blavatsky." One has to choose therefore between Madam Blavatsky and Mr. Sinnett's communications through a medium unnamed. One cannot help wondering was it Mr. Leadbeater.

Mr. Sinnett also takes credit for having introduced to the Society, in addition to Mr. Leadbeater, Miss Francesca Arundale, Mabel Collins and many other prominent members, and Mrs. Besant, "long before becoming acquainted with Madam Blavatsky," acknowledged that "into the darkness shot a ray of light" for her from Mr. Sinnett's "Occult World." Mr. Jinarajadasa was brought to England when Mr. Sinnett hired Mr. Leadbeater in 1889 to be a tutor to his son, and through Mr. Sinnett's friends



"Raja" was educated in England and so "regarded the notion of going back to live the ordinary native life in Ceylon with unconquerable reluctance," though in this, Mr. Sinnett observes, "in my belief he failed to carry out the astral plan the Master had in view." His treatment of "the Landbeater scandal" will be somewhat disconcerting to that gentleman's friends, but the book is very frank in its iconoclasm and neither Col. Olcott nor Madame Blavatsky are spared. Mr. Judge's name is not mentioned except as editor of The Path.

For the student it will be interesting to note how Mr. Sinnett explains his difference with Madame Blavatsky on the teaching about Mars and Mercury. "Privately," he states, "the Master assured us that I had not made any 'mistake' in the matter dealt with, and although the attack directed against me was annoying, we must be content with knowing that we were really in the right. Thus while sorely tempted to create an open scandal by disclosing the true facts about the alleged letter as given in the 'Secret Doctrine,' I did not do so, and even now am passing lightly over the details of the episode." He waited till Madame Blavatsky was dead, he explains, before making his statement.

The book makes it clear that Mr. Sinnett never accepted Madame Blavatsky's work or word in good faith; that he sought out another channel by which to reach the Masters who had been introduced to him through her; and that these Masters betrayed her to him, as he alleges, and taught him a different science and philosophy than they had been teaching and continued to teach her. It appears clear that the medium through which Mr. Sinnett received this different teaching must be credited with the difference, and as we have no evidence given as to the medium except the reference to "a very efficient channel of communication," the doubt that attaches to all mediumistic teaching reinforces the doubt that arises to begin with about a direct contradiction of The Secret Doctrine and a violation of the principle of analogy which is offered as a fundamental guide in its study.

These considerations are not personal and should not be regarded from any personal standpoint. They touch the history of a great movement and the principles involved in a great reformation of religious thought. They must be studied from a level far above the clash and bitterness of personal feeling. Death has removed many of the chief actors in the story, and death in a little while shall have removed all of us from this plane, and left our deeds to be estimated by those who may follow. Our successors will probably know better than we the truth of matters that perplex many among us, and they not the least earnest. But they will know certainly what we have done to be worthy of the professions we make and the stand we take in relation to the highest teachings and the loftiest ideals that have made the Theosophical Movement a power on earth. We shall not be judged

by the Leaders we follow, but by the record we have left in our own words and actions. And beyond that the Great Law will follow us through life and death to the uttermost limit of our thought. All these who have spoken to us have done as they deemed wise. It is for us to search our hearts and choose that Path that leads to the Master, who is only to be met when we have made ourselves worthy to stand before Him.

—A. E. S. S. in *The Canadian Theosophist*.

[Editor's Note: In granting us permission to reprint the above, Mr. Smythe writes: "I have a note from Mr. Jinarajadasa, however, which should accompany it, in which he states that Mr. Leadbeater and he arrived in London in December, 1889, and at that time Mr. Sinnett 'claimed to be receiving communications from the Master K. H. through an Irish lady who was very well known to all who formed the inner circle of the London Lodge at the time.' I have printed this, saying also that we would like to know the name of the Irish lady who was able to convince so many that the Master's teaching through H. P. B. about Mercury and Mars in the Secret Doctrine was wrong."]

**The Chalice of Ecstasy, Being the Inmost Secret of PARZIVAL.** By a Companion of the Holy Grail (Frater Achad). 82 pp. Cloth. Price \$2.00. Yogi Publication Society, Chicago.

To the sincere student of Spiritual Science as well as to the lay lover of Wagner's Music Dramas, the symbolic interpretation of PARZIVAL, given by Frater Achad, will prove of great interest and value. A Qabilist of note, he brings to the work a thorough understanding of the subject and we find it very full and complete in its mystical renderings, spreading new and satisfactory light upon portions of the Great Drama perhaps more or less mysterious in character.

The search for the HOLY GRAIL is at all times a synonym for Spiritual Attainment, and the purity and intensity of purpose of the Aspirant who thus sets forth upon the Holy Quest and who finally wins and dons the robes of the "Stainless Knight," through his own self-effort achieving self-redemption, is nowhere better illustrated than in the sublime story of PARZIVAL, the "Pure Fool."

We are, therefore, much indebted to Frater Achad for his mystical interpretation—remarkable for its beauty, clarity and concise form,—of the Great Love-Quest therein depicted, and we recommend it alike to the student and to the lover of literature.

K. H. P.

**Directing the Imagination for Success.** By Benjamin Johnson. 50 pp. Brown Castilian. Price \$1.00, including Chevreul mentality test, consisting of Chart, Bob and Cord. Purdy Publishing Co., Chicago.

This little volume outlines a method of consciously directing the imagination along

(Continued on Page 116)

## FROM THE INNER CIRCLE

### Talks With Aspirants

We seek not at this time to present to you intellectual concepts nor philosophical systems; with these the world is filled and they are easily available by the student who desires knowledge of this character. We seek rather to instil the incentive to self-effort on the part of the disciple to work upon his three-fold body, to make of his personality a VIBRANT instrument to respond clearly and accurately to the heart stimuli applied in the intensification of his vibratory rate. It is not intellectual response which makes the Initiate but heart and soul response to the Christic stimulus and the consequent high endeavor for spiritual development.

Knowledge is the science of the material world and pertains especially to the personality; it is acquired through the avenues of the lower mental faculties and is to be inbuilt into the mental body as *concrete knowledge*: knowledge is also conveyed to the student in the Hall of Learning although he may as yet be unable to bring this fact through to his physical brain consciousness. The large development of the concrete mind preponderates in present day unfoldment, and with this branch of training at this time we have little to do; it takes a secondary position. Rather must the disciple turn his attention to the details of his actual life, of LIVING, for thus is the Heart Force generated rather than in and through intellectual systems, although it must be remembered that intellectual systems often form a basic foundation obtainable in no other way than by their study.

Bringing to life and action in a practical way, the Christic Force within the organism, means treading the Path of Actual Discipleship leading to the Path of Higher Initiation. The Christic disciple upon the LOVE line of development, learns to think and to live in terms of Consciousness—of Soul-life—of Brotherhood, leading in his interior development to true Mental and Intuitive Psychism, vitalized by the Buddhic Fire and functioning in gradually increasing strength upon Intuitional levels. Into his body are poured the spiritual Force currents which vivify the centers of contact, a dynamic spiritual

stimulation, through which process as the disciple increasingly responds, comes the expansion of consciousness.

The disciple upon the Love-Compassion Path possesses the intuitive understanding of Initiation and its meaning, not so well understood by the disciple on other lines. To continue our line of thought, then: Wisdom is the science of the spiritual world, of the spiritual line of evolution, as distinguished from Knowledge, the science of the material line. Knowledge may be the possession of the personality without the admixture of LOVE: Wisdom is gained *only* through the admixture—the *infusion*—of Love in true balance, and therefore is spiritual in quality, properly the possession of the Higher Self who injects it into the personality according to the possibility of the latter to receive and assimilate it. Knowledge and Discrimination are to be gained on the lower mental levels, built into the Egoic Body, vitified therein by the Buddhic Love-Fire currents, and the quality of Wisdom results. Knowledge therefore, is objective and separative; (note the separative systems of Science, Philosophy and Religion of the present day.) Wisdom is subjective and Synthetic, seeking to unite all differentiated aspects of truth and of consciousness into a true Spiritual ONENESS.

We may see therefore, the tremendous world need of a humanity poised and stabilized in its emotional body; a true equilibrium established which may enable it to serve as an accurate reflecting instrument of the Buddhic soul-consciousness, under the control of the Higher Self. The disciple would do well to ponder these matters sufficiently to build them as living truths into his personal structure, thereby assisting in the transmutation of the lower nature into the Higher, blending the lower self with the Christic Self.

---

A Flame to burn purely must be fed with fuel that is pure: A Light to be a beacon of Truth must burn pure oil: the Sword of Spiritual forging must cleave in twain the veils of darkness; a Torch to flare clearly and highly and

not become extinguished, must burn in a pure and uncontaminated atmospheric current.

Of what use is a flame extinguished? a Light gone out? an Altar of the Great Temple defiled? Great issues are at stake: Only through strict observance of the Principles above outlined can Justice be made manifest and the battle truly won. Upon you all individually depends the collective strength which WE may use to draw upon—if sufficiently generated.

Swerve not! Swerve not! Through the fire, through deep waters, through abyssmal blackness, yea, through crucifixion if need be and as mayhap—MUST be—follow the Pure Light that has been given and win your soul alive—the Soul Immortal of the race—shining and unclouded. All else sinks into nothingness and will be swallowed in the Light.

This constitutes Discipleship in its entirety, for the above direction in its whole analysis includes all others: Its direct application reaches to all planes and spheres. Only through such depths of experience is the true Lodge Path found. Within your soul answer these questions:

Are you strong and firm enough to stand upon the Principle of Righteousness (RIGHT-USE-NESS), excluding all side issues?

Are you PURE enough to stand upon the Principle of PURITY in all its holiness?

Are you GREAT enough to hold within your being all other human beings in true Compassion? Compassion which is strength, not weakness; which if necessary, would nerve you to such action as is symbolized by the true surgeon who uses a *clean, sharp, strong knife* to make a clean incision to sepa-

rate from an organism, a festering ulcer which is slowly poisoning that organism with its putrid action and threatens entire absorption into slime with disintegration of the whole body?

Are you LOYAL enough to stand upon that Principle of LOYALTY which IS Loyalty to the High Self of Principle that is the true essence of Light? Choosing this in preference to the lesser loyalty to personality which partakes of semi-vision only?

Are you true enough to the Principle of TRUTH to stand unmoved when the very heavens seem to swirl and rock about you, shooting forth their darts of lightning, the forked tongues of slander, hate and envy?

Can you work as with Ambition, yet desiring naught?

Can you stand CLEAN and in so doing, perform your individual duty to the Lodge and to the race in transmuting all uncleanness?

Can you be obedient to the Principle of OBEDIENCE? Obedience to the Light, the Living Christ?

This constitutes Discipleship: And as you strive toward such a life, be assured that every effort on your part if rightly generated, calls for its corresponding entitized effort on the spiritual plane and its strength is thereby doubled. No such effort goes unnoticed. WE hear and know—in true accordance with the Law.

Therefore, FEAR NOT! Hold high the Light that it may cast its beams on all alike and if thereby they shall see, thereat rejoice; even that it may cast its beams unto uttermost darkness; without YOUR help—the individual help of each aspiring soul—this cannot be done. Reflect ME and do My Will—the Will of Him that sent Me unto YOU to whom I come.

—Written down by Katharine Hillwood Poor

Further "Talks with Aspirants," will appear in this department of THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW in following numbers.

The load thou hast laid on the heart of a friend will God transfer to thine own heart. Heavy as it now presses on the heart of thy friend, heavier will it press on thine own heart in the days to come.—Selected.

## Periodical Literature

The Book Department of **THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW** will be glad to furnish its readers with single copies of, or handle their yearly subscription to, any periodical mentioned in the following columns, at publishers' regular prices.

### Astrology, Numerology, Color Vibration, Cryptology

"A Fixed Government Dollar" is discussed in *Prophecy* (Manchester, N. H.), for June-July. There is an attempt to answer the question, "What is Faith?" from the standpoint of the religion of the Stars; and also articles on "Health," "Limitations of Thought," and "Prophecy and Healing." The department, "Astro-Mathematics," continues the explanation of sidereal time, with formulæ for corrections, etc. There are the usual other departments, tables, calendars and mundane delineations which go to make this periodical very useful to the student as well as to the practitioner.

"Who was Mirlam?" asks Catherine Howard Thompson in the title of the opening article in *The American Astrological Student and Adept* (Marshall, Minn.), for May, and proceeds to throw much light on the mystical passage from the book of Exodus having to do with Miriam the Prophetess, sister of Aaron, by means of astrological correspondences. The article is worthy of serious study by students of mysticism and mythology, as well as of astrology. In his article on "The Progressed Moon," Stuart Armour contributes much to modern research, by advancing a new rule in figuring the dates on which progressed Lunar aspects fall due. This has to do with the element of the Sidereal Day which the writer points out is the true celestial day and not the arbitrary 24-hour day adopted by man for his own convenience. "The Sailing of Columbus," is discussed astrologically by Dr. C. G. B. de Lourenze. Editor Macaulay continues his "Simple Lessons in Astrology," and there are the usual tables of daily indications, etc.

In "The Astral Ray Department," of *Rays from the Rose Cross* (Oceanside, Cal.) for June "What Will Become of Our Moon?" by Roland D. Johnson, is a scientific discussion of the probabilities in the light of occult prophecy, showing the effects that would result from the disintegration of the Moon and the distribution of its substance upon the surface of the earth. This is very interesting in the light of occult prophecies that this will sometime take place. "The Children of Gemini" describes the characteristics of children born during the passage of the Sun through the sign Gemini during this particular year.

"Trained Reason vs. Emotionalism," is the title of Lesson No. 5 of Ruby Remont's course in Graphology in *The Aquarian Age* (Santa Barbara, Cal.), for May-June.

*Coffman's Decanate Message* (Los Angeles Cal.) is the title of a sizable monthly folder, which contains delineations of the characteristics of the various decanates, and a series of lessons in "Simplex Astrology." Nos. 5 and 6 of Vol. 1, for May and June respectively, have reached the review desk.

*The Astrological Bulletin* (Los Angeles) for the current quarter, July-Aug.-Sept., has reached us too late for inclusion of full review in this issue. Complete review therefore will appear in our next number, as a cursory glance through its pages indicates there are a number of special articles as well as its invaluable regular features of daily calendar of planetary influences, and tables of aspects and other configurations of the planets.

### Alchemy, Hermetic Philosophy, Esoterism, Mysticism, Rosicrucianism

The second large number of *Mercury* (New York), in its new quarterly form was issued in June. It is an excellent number, and our chief regret is that we must wait till September before receiving the next copy of this interesting magazine. "The Rationale of Rosicrucianism," by Dr. George Winslow Plummer, is substantially a reprint from the "Trestle Board" of San Francisco. It purports to deal with the question "What is the legitimate Rosicrucian Order?" It is suggested that this depends upon which of the so-called Rosicrucian Colleges can claim a charter or dispensation from some "Grand Body" of competent jurisdiction, empowering it to work. The article, while remarking that in many respects Rosicrucianism and Freemasonry are analogous, points out that whereas the latter is admittedly "speculative" the former is decidedly "operative." Mention is made of several bodies in the United States "whose origin entitles them

to some consideration" but, of course, in conformity with R. C. ethics no indication is given of the True one which never appears under the designation "Rosicrucian," it being an "Inner Order" only attainable after the outer barriers have been passed. The distinction between any branch of the R. C. Fraternity and the 18th Degree of the Scottish Rite is very plainly stated.

"Autosuggestion," or Emile Coue's Method in the Light of Esoteric Science, by "Peregrinus" (of Philadelphia, not Switzerland), points out that although "Coue-ing will probably be a short-lived fad only," yet the method merits full attention of every sincere seeker after truth. He gives Dr. Coue's own definition of some terms, such as "suggestion" and "auto-suggestion," and says the results may be even of wider value than Coue promises. He also promises us more in the next issue.

"Esoteric Masonry," a study of the E. A.

Degree, is the first of a series of articles by H. V. A. Parsell. This is really quite an interesting and well expressed interpretation of the "esoteric" meaning of the 1st Degree. One might almost suspect that the author is a member of an Order of which craft-Masonry as usually understood, is but an outer or "exoteric" expression. He might have pointed out to advantage that before the candidate is brought to Light he should have circumambulated nine times to represent his journey with the Moon, after which his journey with the Sun may be said to commence. Instead he mentions three peregrinations, symbolizing the passage of the Ego through the Third, Second and First Heavens. This idea of the soul coming into incarnation does not properly apply to the 1st Degree, which primarily deals with Birth. It applies to a little known Degree, which may be called "0" or Zero.

"Making the Grade" is the title of an editorial by Khel. "Time Flies," he remarks; we also regret that "space is limited."

"Egyptian Art and Occultism," by H. V. A. Parsell, talks of "Ravisht Tombs" in a ravishing manner, but overdoes it a little. The "political mosquito" seems a more likely explanation in regard to Lord Carnavon.

"The Perpetual Festival Calendar" for July, August and September will again prove of service to Occultism, Rosicrucians, Hermetists, and Freemasons who desire to commemorate the important dates connected with their schools of thought. In the last issue a similar calendar appeared for the months of April, May and June. With true universal spirit we started to commemorate every festival in the April list, until we came to the Death of Ibn Tufail, which is said to have occurred on April 31. Somehow we failed to find time for this important feast and Buddha's Birthday was upon us before we knew it.

We congratulate Soror H. C. Folkening on her position as "High Priestess" of the new "Rosencreutz" College at Indianapolis.

This issue also contains articles entitled "Ganymede of Jupiter," by C. N. Holmes, "Earth's Nervous System" Number 9, dealing with America's active Volcano, Mount Lassen.—"The Ænigma de Nomine Virgins," is a Cabalistic puzzle re-solved.—"Studies in Hermetic Philosophy," The Sacramental System, Number 8, Healing, Inspiration, and Liberation, is written with Dr. Plummer's usual clarity of perception.

"Confusion in the Craft" by S. M. X contains much of value. We quote two statements with which we entirely agree: "This Country is crowded with so-called occult schools, which are to about 95 per cent simply irregular, irresponsible affairs, with no authority back of them and no guarantee that what they teach has any permanent merit. The proof that this is true is shown by the fact that the students of these schools are continually changing and seeking new fields of study" . . . "Spiritual philosophy cannot be understood, absorbed and assimilated by mere reading; it requires

study."

In "The Consciousness Celestial," by Charles Hubbard, he tells us that "The complete consciousness of the Celestial Plane is that of Bliss and wonderful Peace. Its attainment is the goal of every true individual." We are, however, inclined to think that even so, there is "something more beyond." The Great Work does not end with the Solve, but implies Coagula.

In "Man the Microcosm," by Franz Hartmann, we find an excellent piece of advice: "Fill yourselves with the wine of love and feed upon the feast of the celestial manna prepared for you."

We are to be congratulated that in this instance there is no prohibition on the higher planes, and that no attempt has so far been made to confiscate the "wine" stored up for our return voyage.

Aleph

"The Power of Silence," is a brief but extremely valuable article, appearing in the *Herald of Light* (Arroyo Grande, Cal.) for May. "A Living Cup," "Service," "The Word Embodied," "The Noon Communion," and "The Spirit of Guidance," are among the titles of other articles, paragraphs and departments, in addition to which there are some valuable 'Excerpts from Temple Teachings.'

"Qualifications for Admission Into the Mysteries," by Edna Wadsworth Moody, is a reprint of a very valuable chapter from that author's book, "We Are Here—Why?" in *The Aquarian Age* (Santa Barbara, Cal.) for May-June.

The Editor's Notes of the Month in the *Occult Review* (London) for May, are devoted to a very sane discussion of A. P. Sinnett's recent book, *The Early Days of Theosophy in Europe*. "A Case of Spirit Identity," by Stuart Armour, is an interesting article detailing a series of experiences of high evidential value in which a case of spirit identity was established and where the usual hypothesis of some phase of telepathy has utterly no basis for admission. "A Master of Magic," by H. Stanley Redgrove, is a fitting tribute to the great French occultist, Eliphas Levi. "Comte de Saint-Germain as a Historical Personality," by Arthur Edward Waite, will be found of interest by all students of occult and mystic tradition. J. E. Ellam contributes a brief article on "Buddhist Symbolism."

*The Kalpaka*, "India's only Psychic and Spiritual Review" (Tinnevely, India) for May contains the first installment of a very interesting biographical article on "Swami Vivekananda, and His Role in Modern Life," contributed by A. Srinivasachari. "Self-Realization," is the subject of P. S. Acharya's fourth installment of "The Way of Mystic Wisdom." Dr. Sheldon Leavitt's "Personal Magnetism," is continued, as is also K. K. Gongulee's "The True Post-Vedic Philosophy," and the novel series, "Tripura Rahasya, or A Practical Study in Consciousness," by V. R. Subrahmaniam. There are several other interesting articles,

**FREE** A Self-Healing Lesson, entitled "Just How to Heal Yourself and Cure Others," which formerly sold for 50c. J. Albin Johnson, Escanaba, Mich., says, "It is worth many dollars to any one in bad health." A postal card brings it.

The Gore Book Co., Box 74-C., Ruskin, Florida

and a department or two.

"The Spiritual Life of Paradox," is an illuminating article by the Editor of *The Esoterist* (Washington, D. C.) in the issue of May 11. "If Origin, then Destiny," is the leading article for May 25. There are also several poems, and topics arranged for meditation.

In the Editorial Department of *Rays from the Rose Cross* (Oceanside, Cal.) for June, "The Eighteenth Amendment Goes Marching On," "The European Situation," and "Coue," are among the subjects discussed. "The Gospel of Gladness," by Max Heindel, is the fourth installment of the series entitled "Mystic Light on the World War." It describes how emotional effects of the war may be minimized. "Character, As Shown By Number Vibration," by C. H. Stiles, is devoted to a general discussion of number of vibration. "The Lost Keys of Masonry," by Manly P. Hall, is a continuation of a series, the current topic being "The Entered Apprentice." "Elementary Psychology," is a continuation of Clarence H. Foster's popular series. Ethne Rayden's allegory, "In Quest of Wisdom," is concluded. "Undercurrents," is an occult story contributed by Agnes and Katherine James.

"Life and Death," is one of the subjects treated in *The Message* (Life Study Club, 5219 Satsuma Ave., Eagle Rock City, Cal.) for June. There is also an interesting statement regarding the work and the aims of the Life Study Club. *The Message* is sent to all who request it.

"Creation and Evolution," is the subject

of the current month's lesson issued by The Order of Christian Mystics (San Francisco).

"The Master and Swan," by Thai Vishiva is a beautiful mystical story of allegorical type, embodying a fragment of truth, which appears in *Boston Ideas* (Boston, Mass.) in the issue for May 19.

Preliminary announcement of the contents of the number of *The Temple Artisan* (Halcyon, Cal.) bespeaks a number of unusual interest. "In the Silence," an Instruction from Master Hilarian, deals with the transmutation of forces from the lower to the higher. "The Sixth Breath" is the current title of the Open Series of Temple Teachings, and indicates how the personality is developed as the result of energies flowing from Inner Universal Breath, as part of the Great Breath. An excellent presentation of "The Seven Principals" is supplied by Ernest Harrison. The dangers of psychism are very strikingly set out in "A Confession of an Illusion" made by R. A. Berrenberg. An interesting story by Florence G. McFarlane will be found in the Temple Builders' Department. A noteworthy feature of the issue is a full page illustration of the Blue Star Memorial Temple, with a description of its symbolism—its triangular shape and other structural forms, as well as the numerical values entering into it, marking it as a strikingly interesting edifice. In addition to this structural fundamental symbolism, many of the fundamentals of the Ancient Wisdom and Science Religion are pointed out by the interior and exterior decorations.

## Ethics, Philosophy, Scriptural Review

We have just purchased a copy of the May-June issue of *The Divine Life* (Chicago)—A Monthly Mirror of the Soul of Celestia Root Lang. This is a particularly attractive number quite suitable for light summer reading. Its handsome gray colored cover is occultly significant of its key-note. However, nearly half of the current number is devoted to the Comic Section; the article by "Will Rainbow," complaining of the Poor we have always with us, is quite the funniest we have seen for months. But life's too short for us to be always chasing Rainbows; though we think, under the circumstances, "he" might have let Auld Lang Syne.—

*The Devourer of the Unfit.*

*The Bible Review* (Applegate, Cal.), for April-May contains a reprint of Bible Reviews, by H. E. Butler, from *The Esoteric*, of 1892. There are also reprints of "The Seven Creative Principles," and "From the Human to the Divine." "The Knowledge of God," "The Redemption of the Body," "The

Completeness of Christianity," "Words of Comfort," and "How Old Art Thou?" are among the original contributions.

*Broadcast* (Los Angeles), for April-May, opens with "A Cure for Crime," by the Foot-hill Philosopher. "What Flowers Symbolize," is perhaps the most distinctive article of the issue. "Laotze and the Message of the King," is brief but interesting. "Self-Control," and "Immortality," are continued from the preceding issue. There is also the continuation of the reprint of the *Bhagavad Gita*. One of the Will Levington Comfort Letters is reprinted, and there are numerous poems.

"The Springtime of God," are some words of Abdul Baha, printed in *Reality* (New York), for May. "Baha'o'llah—The Glory of God," is contributed by Shahnaz Waite; "Constructive Thoughts on Universal Love," by Mirza Ahmad Sohrab; "Perfective Laws of Personal Development," by Luella F. Phelan; and "The Modern Christian and His Universe," by Rev. Henry Kendall Booth.

## AN ASTROLOGICAL ROMANCE

A short love story illustrating the benefit of Astrology in choosing a life partner, or the secret of happy marriage. Only 15 cents by mail. Subscribe for *The American Astrological Student and Adept*. A monthly magazine devoted to the science of Astrology, only \$1.00 a year.

**The American Astrological Student-Adept**  
Marshall, Minnesota

### Applied Psychology, Psychoanalysis, Advanced Thought, Business Philosophy, Mental Science, Christian and Divine Healing

"Why We Have a Magazine," is told in a very convincing manner by J. Edward Smith in the third quarterly number of *The World Helpers' Magazine* (North Windham, Me.) "A Little Journey Into Success, Happiness and Everything Else," is contributed by Agnes Mae Glasgow. Under the title of "A Good Morning, Dear," Arthur Needles offers a contrast in morning thoughts. "Man's Destination" is described by William Huff. "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," and "A Lesson From the Night," are contributed by Louise M. Volker. "Spiritualism and Physicalism," is from the pen of Charles H. Newhard. There are several noteworthy contributions from the pen of the editor, Edith Moore; and there are numerous shorter paragraphs and poems. The idea being exemplified by Edith Moore and her work, is one of which the movement is badly in need in these times of chaotic conditions; and it is one that is worthy of encouragement in every way.

"The Spiritual Significance of Money," by Eugene Del Mar, is one of the leading articles in *The Business Philosopher* (Memphis, Tenn.) for May. "All Things Are Possible," is contributed by Henry Victor Morgan. "There Is Always Room at the Top," is the title of this month's Little Journey into Success, by Agnes Mae Glasgow. Orison Swett Marden tells what "The Salary Not in Your Pay Envelope," is. Charles Clinton Hanson's department, "The Principle of Service Viewed from Many Angles," is always worth while. Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the current issue is the beginning installment of Luella F. Phelan's series on "Numerology—the Science of Letters and Numbers." There are many other features, specific mention of which is precluded by limitation of space.

"The Truth That Makes You Free," begins a noteworthy series of articles by Judge Daniel A. Simmons, founder of the Realization system of Practical Psychology, in *The Golden Rule Magazine* (Chicago), for May. The initial article of another important series is Dr. Joseph Perry Green's "The Psychology of Business Success. There are other contributions from the pens of Christian D. Larson, Dr. Wm. A. McKeever, James Samuel Knox, Eugene Del Mar, Claude Wm.

Chamberlain, Frederick K. Davis, Agnes Mae Glasgow, Charles B. McFerrin, and other prominent writers.

"The Christ-Mark of Brotherhood," by Katharine Hillwood Poor, is one of the most notable contributions appearing in any magazine for the month. It may be found in *Power* (Denver, Colo.) for May. "On the Way to Emmaus," Charles Edgar Prather; "The Majesty of Work," Elsie Gibbs; "Taking the Psychological Inventory," Will H. Baugh; "The Law of Supply," Prof. James Payne, are but few of other valuable articles in this number.

"To Err is Human: To Forgive, Divine," is the title selected by George B. Brownell in the opening articles in *The Aquarian Age* (Santa Barbara, Cal.) for May-June. "The Golden Age," is another articles by the same writer. "The Darkest Hour of the Night," is the title of Agnes Mae Glasgow's Little Journey into Success story; "A Mother's Blessing" is from the pen of Adelaide Gaffney. Other articles in this number are noted under their proper classification headings.

Horatio W. Dresser contributes "Instantaneous Healing," as the opening articles in *Unity* (Kansas City, Mo.) for May. "The High Watch," "What Are You Putting Into Ife," "True Giving," "The Practice of Divine Healing," are among other articles. E. V. Ingraham's "Creation and Re-Creation," is continued.

*The Master Mind* (Los Angeles) opens with "How to Conquer Fear," a most important instruction, by Annie Rix Millitz. "Francis of Assisi," is the continuation of the biography of the great mystic, by Richard Whitwell. There are the usual departments and features pertaining particularly to the Home of Truth work.

"Right Place," is No. 6 of Miss Nybloc's talks, appearing in *Forerunner of the Light* (New York), for April 28. The issue for May 5 contains "Mr. Rawson's Farewell," upon the occasion of his return to England at the completion of his recent successful American tour. "Waste of Time," Miss Nybloc's Talk No. 7, is in the issue for May 19. In addition each number contains many shorter articles and many departments, including "Questions and Answers," and formulæ for spiritual healing.

## THE AQUARIAN AGE

A monthly magazine devoted to the Christ Teaching of Love and Service, Divine Healing; and the unfolding of your Latent Soul Powers. It is bringing illumination to hundreds of souls here and abroad, and helping them to manifest greater HEALTH, HARMONY and DIVINE PROSPERITY on all planes of Being. If you want to make your life richer and a greater blessing to others send ten cents for a sample copy of The Aquarian Age and our booklet, "Divine Healing." Free literature gladly sent on request.

A daily treatment for health, prosperity and unfoldment with four Lessons in Truth (one sent weekly) for only one dollar per month. Terms for Special Treatments on request.

**The Aquarian Ministry**  
(Dept. W) Santa Barbara, Cal.

"Yogi's Use of the So-Called Subconscious Mind," is an unusually interesting discussion in the department, "Signs of the Times," in *Active Service* (London, Eng.) for April 21. A talk between a Chela and his Guru is given in "A Seeming Paradox," in the number for April 28. "The Value of Staying Judgment," is one of the feature articles for May 5, while that of May 12 contains the notes of lecture on "The End of the World," delivered in Paris by Dr. Jean Nussbaum. In addition to these, "Gertrude M. Bradley's serial, "The Herb Gatherer," is continued throughout, and there are several important departments with which readers of this periodical are already familiar.

"The Healing of Consciousness," by Dr. Andrew J. Hornung, is one of the feature articles in the April 28 issue of *Boston Ideas* (Boston). In the New Thought Column, the same writer discusses the "Richness of Divine Love." "The Principles of New Thought," by Dr. John Squires, is continued from the preceding issue. In the same column in the issue for May 19, his subjects are, "Use Yourself," and "Occult Research,"

and that in the issue for May 26 is "Fear." There is a very newsy article in the latter issue by Dr. Guy Bogart, entitled "Service."

Among the contents of June *Nautilus* (Holyoke, Mass.) are these: "The Test of Our Courage," by Orison Swett Marden; "Your Chance is Coming: Get Ready for It!" by Ellen Frances Gilbert; "False Pride is the Prophet of Your Ideal of Attainment," by Brown Landone; "Mental Hygiene," by Claude William Chamberlain; "Capitalizing: The Mess of Pottage that Costs a Birth Right," by Rev. George C. Golden; and "Emilie Coue and His Methods," as seen by Cloude William Chamberlain. Elizabeth Towne's Editorials include a series on Coue and his teachings; "The Picture of Universal Brotherhood"; and "The Savage Stage from 8 to 12," while William E. Towne's Views and Reviews include: "To Increase Your Production Through Auto-Suggestion"; "The Blessing of Persistency"; "Emphasizing Non-Essentials Produces Unhappiness and Failure"; and "A Man Who Used What He Had."

## Electronic Science, Health, Dietics, Rational Living

In its May number we find *The Vegetarian Magazine* (Juliaetta, Idaho), substantially enlarged, that issue appearing with 32 pages. "The Inside Bath," continues Sander I. Christensen's series on "Vita (Life)," the current one being Letter No. 5. "Wheat for Health and Strength," "Raw Foods," "Value of Rice Bran," "Progress of the Movement," are but a few of the titles of its many and valuable articles. There are numerous shorter articles, interesting correspondence anent the vegetarian movement.

In the "Nutrition and Health Department," of *Rays from the Rose Cross* (Oceanside, Cal.) for June, the leading article is "Spiritual Healing," by Edna D. Eastman, describing a personal experience in connec-

tion with this subject. Vegetarian recipes and menus are also given in this department.

"What You Do When You Vaccinate," in *The Scientific Naturopath* (Hartford, Conn.), for May-June, is an article that we wish we could be given a wider and more general circulation. "Just How to Concentrate," by Fred W. Tilney appears in the department devoted to Psychological Development, as also does Lesson II of Dr. J. C. F. Grumbine's "The Mind, Its Senses and Faculties—Their Connection With Divinity." There are some interesting articles on The New Science of Healing, The Natureopathic Bill, and other topics, lack of space forbidding a more detailed mention. There is a department of valuable recipes in connection with diet.

## Spiritualism

"How the Plymouth Church Came Into Spiritualism," is the opening article by Dr. B. F. Austin in *Reason* (Los Angeles) for May-June-July. P. A. Jensen contributes an interesting article entitled "Medical Discoveries of Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis." "The Strange Psychic Phenomena Preceding and After the Departure of Mrs. Mary G.

McVickers," will be found of unusual interest by those who lean to the phenomena side of the cult. "Reincarnation a Myth," is the rather dogmatic title of an article by Cora Van Tessel; while under the "Department of Theosophy" the editor publishes another angle of the question in an article by L. W. Rogers under the title, "Reincarnation and



## WONDERFUL PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES of Los Angeles Mediums

a 40 pp. book with 8 portraits in which seven Los Angeles mediums relate their marvelous experiences demonstrating SOUL FLIGHT, SPIRIT HEALING, PROPHECY, VISION, PROPHETIC DREAMS, REMARKABLE MESSAGES wondrously fulfilled, and other strange phases of BORDERLAND EXPERIENCES.

**Marvel of Cheapness—25c post paid**  
**SEND FOR FREE LIST OF OUR OCCULT BOOKS**

## REASON QUARTERLY

Edited by REV. B. F. Austin, M.A., D.D., Ex-President  
Alma College, Canada

"REASON" published 20 years, an acknowledged leader in Spiritualism, Advanced Thought, Health and Healing, etc.

100 pp. - 25c

Those ordering PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES may ask for free sample copy of REASON

**The Austin Publishing Company**  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Karma." "The Soul Voice and its Power," is by F. H. W. Clark; "Strange Feats of Mediums Baffle Scientific Inquiry," is interesting from the phenomenal viewpoint; "Modern Spiritualism," by Richard A. Bush, is reprinted from *Kalpaka*; "The Most Miraculous Dream on Record," "Coueism Amended," "With Victor Hugo in a Seance," are some interesting titles. There is also a shorthand report of an inspirational lecture by Dr. A. J. Worthington through the mediumship of Mrs. Mary Miller; and an open letter from Dr. B. F. Austin to the Orthodox Clergy.

"Life is a Mirror," is attributed to the posthumous authorship of Vivekananda, through the mediumship of the Rev. Myrtle I. Hoagland, in *The Inner Circle* (Los An-

geles for May. "Renunciation" is from the same source. "God-Led Leaders," is from the pen of Elizabeth D. Preston. "Climbing the Ladder of Praise," "The Path to Power," and "The Word that Wins," are titles of other articles.

"Christ is Coming," is the title of current number of the series of "A Message from Roosevelt," appearing in *The Aquarian Age* (Santa Barbara, Cal) for May-June.

"Phyctic Phenomena Worth While," is a valuable series by Ida Lewis Bentley, which is accurately described by its appropriate title, beginning in the May 19 issue of *Boston Ideas* (Boston, Mass.) The Dictograph Corner, devoted to the inspirational writings of Harrie Vernetta Rhodes, is a regular feature of this valuable periodical.

## Theosophy

*The Messenger* (Chicago) for May prints a discussion of "The Abrams Method," by L. W. Rogers. *The Messenger* is the official organ of the American Section, and is in the main devoted to articles and notes pertaining to the official business of the Section.

The March issue of *The Canadian Theosophist* (Toronto) leads out with a very sensible editorial comment on the attempt to stimulate a wider interest and study of "The Secret Doctrine," which is being discouraged in certain quarters by the absurd cry of "dogma." "The Work and Aims of a Theosophical Lodge," from the pen of Zahaz D. Rudhyar, is well worth reading. "Chelaship," is the reprint of one of the "Letters That Have Helped Me."

"Occult Science and Peace," from the pen of Dr. Weller Van Hook appears in *Theosophy Today* (New Orleans, La.) for May. "What Is 'The Coming'?" is reprinted from *Herald of the Star*. "After Death," by Ella

Wheeler Wilcox, is from a lecture given in London in 1918. There are also extracts from "The Doctrine of the Heart," and "Work of the Masters." "Harnessing the Life Energy," is from the pen of E. K. Goldsborough.

In the "Theosophical Column" of *Boston Ideas* (Boston, Mass.) for April 28, Grace Evelyn Brown writes of the symbolical correspondences in some of the Old Testament books; in the issue of May 19, "The Ark of the Covenant" is treated, while "Solomon's Temple," is the subject for May 28.

In *The Beacon* (New York), for May, "The Seven Keys," by Dr. Jacob Bonggren, presents a study in Symbology and Correspondence. The first installment of some extracts from the address of H. S. Olcott, then President of the T. S., delivered at the Third International Congress of the European Sections of the T. S., are reprinted from *The Theosophist* for August, 1906. There are

**BOSTON IDEAS****The Nation's Weekly Newspaper**

CONTAINS ESSENTIAL NEWS OF IMPORTANT WORLD-DOINGS,

BOTH SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL

SPECIAL ARTICLES BY STRONG WRITERS: ON OCCULTISM, NEW

THOUGHT, THEOSOPHY, SPIRITUALISM, AND ALL

PROGRESSIVE WORLD-WORK

**The Idea Publishing Company**

603 Massachusetts Ave.,

Boston, Mass.

**RIGHT THINKING BRINGS BIG SUCCESS  
WRONG THINKING LEADS TO FAILURE**

You can learn how. **IT'S THE POWER OF MIND.** I teach you. Send 25c, 1 or 2 cent stamps for literature. Mrs. Agnes Mae Glasgow is the oldest, longest time teacher of Mental Science in the country.

**AGNES MAE GLASGOW**

160 Claremont Avenue

NEW YORK CITY

**READ.** Transcendent Science or the Science of Self-Knowledge (leather) complete on Applied and Spiritual or Mystic Psychology, \$3.00. The Doctrine and Practice of Yoga or Higher Yoga Development, \$5.00. Egyptian Occultism, Persian Magic and Influence at a distance, \$5.00. Blue or Purple Yogi crystals, in two sizes, \$3.00 and \$6.00. Send stamp for complete lists of psychological incenses, perfumes, parchment papers, sanctuary lights, crystals, books, courses, etc., INDIA 1240 HOME AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS.

also two pages of "Hints for Students," and also No. XIV of the eighteen outline lessons on *The Bhagavad Gita*, prepared by Alice A. Bailey.

**Some Recent Books**

(Continued from Page 107)

the right lines by a system of daily suggestions for improvement morally, mentally, physically and financially. In short, it is a treatise on auto-suggestion, shorn of everything but essentials; and demonstrates the necessity for harnessing the imagination and consciously directing it for one's own good.

There are rules for testing the imagination; for using the will and imagination; instructions for properly directing the imagination, and an outline for daily performance. There is also a chapter devoted to directions for an interesting experiment with thought waves, and with the book is furnished a chart and also a bob and cord for carrying out this experiment.

C. G. H.

**Pesky Problems for Positive Preachers.** By James MacGregor Beatty. Torch Press, 245 N. Hope St., Los Angeles.

This is a handsomely bound volume of some 130 pages in which the author has arranged not only many instances of supernatural communication which are of evidential value in establishing the genuineness of such phenomena, but includes some incidents in his relations with the orthodox

clergy, and he also marshals in clear and logical manner many arguments in defense of the belief held by the Spiritualistic School.

The book is in part a defense of Spiritualism against attacks made in pulpit by ministers of the church, and in many cases where rejoinder has been made by Mr. Beatty, several instances of which are recounted in the volume, the behavior of the clergymen reflects little credit to them. The bigotry manifested by some of them is surprising even to one whose past experiences would not lead him to look for tolerance from them.

The author states at the outset that his desire to bring before his readers the facts that are set forth, is not alone for the purpose of producing evidence of the sad lack of real knowledge regarding the subject of continuity of life, nor by reason of the positive positions taken by most of the clergymen upon a subject (by their own admission), entirely unknown to them, for genuine knowledge is unobtainable from them; but especially for the purpose of proving, if possible, that there is no death, and to show that life beyond so-called "death" is absolutely a scientifically proven fact. He adds the sound statement that this, however, can only be actually proven individually by research and study, the same as one would prove any other scientific subject.

His thesis is arranged in the following order:

**WITHIN REACH OF ALL  
HEALTH, SUCCESS, TRIUMPH IN AFFAIRS COURSE**

It will get you there, it will keep you there.

One Dollar Monthly

EDITH MOORE, NORTH WINDHAM, MAINE

**THE WORLD HELPERS MAGAZINE**

It will bring you health and lead you to success; 25 cents  
single copy, post paid  
NORTH WINDHAM, MAINE

**Edith Hubbell Leffingwell Torrence Phillips Prayer**

Prayer written for daily use that covers every condition in life, that NEVER FAILS TO BRING RESULTS. This prayer has been written by inspiration by EDITH HUBBELL LEFFINGWELL TORRENCE PHILLIPS, who vibrates with DIVINITY FORCES ONLY. It has been used and TESTED by her many patients all over the world. A few more copies will be mailed anywhere in the U. S. for \$0.50 enclosed with stamped and self-addressed envelope—for a limited time only.

Will magnetize it, which will make it doubly effective, for \$1 extra.

ADDRESS: PHILLIPS, 19 ABBOTTSFORD R'D.,

Brookline, Mass.

There is Life After Death.  
The Dead Do Communicate.  
Where Is Heaven?  
Hell Fire is Not Literal.  
Spiritualism is Not of the Devil.  
Let there be Light.

This book is well described, in a nutshell, by its title.  
C. M. G.

**GEO. GOODE**

Exam Office

843 So. GRAND AVE. LOS ANGELES' CAL

## Prophetic Dreams

BY EDITH HUBBELL LEFFINGWELL TORRENCE PHILLIPS,

Prophecy stands on its merits. It needs no affirmation to those who have it, but to the many who have it not, this article is dedicated.

I am going to give my own personal experience covering a period of many years with dreams. I have had them since a child of three years of age. My Mother and grandparents had them before me; as did my long line of Christian ancestry. They all had dreams and knew how to interpret them. It has been my pleasure to read many that they had interpreted and written to the various members of their families as warnings; for in those earlier days dreams meant so much to them that each was trying to learn of each other what their dreams really meant and no

thought was ever entertained as to their being false. The main thing uppermost in their minds was, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

I never remember the time when I didn't have dreams. When I was a child of five or six, I used to tell them to my Spiritual mother, and ask her what they meant. She used to interpret them very well, and took lots of time in explaining them to me.

I found them very instructive. If my mother did not know what my dream meant, my grandmothers did, and one of them would teach me astrology and read clairvoyantly for me, so by the time I was twenty-two, I was quite well educated along esoteric lines. I was receiving prophecy so often that I was

not only able to understand the future of my family, but would see some things for others. It was so nice to know the most important things, and just what the result of their happening would be, what the other person would or would not do, and the inevitable result. Then came a period in my life that I met people that paid no attention to their dreams, in fact scoffed at the idea of dreams meaning anything. While that experience hurt me, for by that time my dreams were a part of my life to such an extent, that I could not bear to hear them spoken slightly of, and often I would seek my chamber and give vent to tears. That was good; for the scoffing and ridiculing of the Bible aroused a feeling within me of investigation secretly. I was going to find out for myself if I had been mistaken all these years in following my prophecy.

As "necessity is the mother of invention," I resolved to keep books with my prophecy. I would write it all in a book with my best pen and ink, and know for my self without trusting to memory, whether I was right in trusting the Father I had been brought up to love and depend upon, over and above all earthly conditions, and if I were wrong, such a method would prove it. So I adopted the habit of placing a tablet and pencil on my bed where I could conveniently reach it every night before I retired, and each night I would write as many dreams as I received on this tablet. I never had a light in my room, so my writing was all done in the dark. In the morning I would often be much surprised after reading what I had written during the night, for we do not always remember our dream of the night before, or that we had a dream if we do not write it when we get it. The handwriting was not like my own, and I would never know that I wrote it. Many of my dreams I could not understand very well, but I carefully and with great pains copied them exactly as I saw them, with pen and ink in a large record book, such as is used in bookkeeping with no money columns in, only the date line. I dated each vision, and kept them in perfect order, till I could get some one who was more Spirit-

ually developed along dream lines than I was, to interpret them for me. I got many dreams each night, and would copy them each day. In a short time I was led to a man from Boston who interpreted dreams in public, and who was a Christian and very truthful and conscientious. I went to him and I was amazed at the real meanings of some of my dreams. That made me more eager to learn Spirit language and its interpretation, and I learned to interpret my own dreams and those of others, and now I cannot bear to lose a single word or symbol, for one symbol often means a whole day's happening. After I had learned to interpret, I began to watch my dreams to see if I had interpreted them correctly, and when they began to prove true, I would write all about the happening with its day, date and time of day under the vision that prophesied it, in red ink, and I found after reviewing my prophecy after several weeks with its proofs, that every living thing on this earth plane is wonderfully planned by the Father, and that these events are brought about by the Spirit-world according to His plan for each particular life according to the time it was born and the ancestry it came from.

If everybody would only write their dreams, and investigate the truth of them, they will bear investigation; there would be no imagined falsity to write about. I have not only kept books with the Spirit world, but have investigated the question of dreams, Spirit return, astrology, and I can truthfully say that they are true. That the Spirit world is an evolved state of this world. That there is no death. That the vocabulary of the Spirit-world is larger and more complete than the largest of Webster's dictionaries. The subject of Spiritualism is so vast that we can never understand the fulness of the Spirit. To have true prophecy we must vibrate with the Father and not trust to all Spirits, for not all Spirits are truthful any more than all people are that inhabit this earth.

"To thine own self be true . . .  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

*Go back to Mother Nature, for lying on her bosom, you will be guided on the proper way.*

—LAO TZE.

## Elementary Psychology

Continued from page 105

utterly unrefined and uneducated, absolutely without virtue, behind prison bars, may veil the deepest of souls.

But one may not know what another's possibilities are, and may develop this observation, until he can tell just how far another will penetrate the veils within the lifetime.

The terms sometimes used, "Sensitives" and "Non-Sensitives," will serve as well as any others.

The absolute Sensitive is the deepest traveler. Such a one reacts more keenly to the experiences of life. He carries heavier burdens because he "feels" them more. He loves more intensely and sins more deeply. He participates in, and takes life's lessons in the greatest degree. He feels more keenly all vibrations around him.

The genius and the neurotic, those with intensity, constructive or destructive, are always of the absolute Sensitives. No person could ever penetrate the depths of psychology or metaphysics except the Sensitive. The possibilities of inner and subjective unfoldment and understanding are always with the Sensitives. This does not mean that the Sensitive is most blessed, for he or she *always* has the hardest road.

The absolute Non-Sensitive is a materialist. He sees life from the standpoint of feet and inches. He uses his "reason," he works hard, he clings to money as most worth while, he seeks a religion or creed where all will be thought out for him in simple terms. He is skeptical, pitiless, and yet utterly stable. He would poorly serve as a teacher, except in materialistic lines, yet he fills many other places most successfully.

The absolute Sensitive may, for a time, show and have all of the characteristics of the Non-Sensitive, but he is simply passing through this stage, even as the race does in its evolution, and in time will pass on through and beyond it. Neither type is superior, they are just different. About 20% of the mass are absolute and intense Sensitives, about 20% are utter Non-Sensitives, and the remaining 60% grade between the two extremes.

They may be externally determined by one indication, the eyes.

The absolute Sensitive always has either brown eyes, large baby-blue eyes, or large grey-blue eyes. The absolute Non-Sensitive invariably has small, hard, cold, blue eyes.

The brown eyed, or large baby-blue eyed Sensitive is of the emotional type, an excellent psychologist or healer by nature, likewise sometimes the greatest sufferer from internal conflicts. The large grey blue eyes belong to the Metaphysical Philosopher, a placid type when compared with the brown eyed person. This metaphysical type is as deep as the more emotional Sensitive, but is less apt to fulfill his destiny in perversions, or as an erratic genius.

The Non-Sensitive is content with objective possessions and attainments; the Sen-

sitive seeks inner unfoldment, and invariably has throughout the life of an inner aching void which nothing but inner unfoldment can dissolve.

The Sensitives will always be responsive to your work and teachings. You should never make any effort to heal the Non-Sensitives except with pills, diet, etc., which they can believe are real, nor to teach them except in terms of money and measures.

(To be Continued)

### ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH LIFE?

Read the most beneficial book that will help you become successful. "Astrological Indications For Your Own Horoscope." Including the favorable time when to transact your important affairs through life, your characteristics, etc. Right at your feet lies a secret that will make you famous. I have assisted professors and many prominent people. I get ten dollars in advance for private instructions. You can acquire the same knowledge by sending \$2 to

TRIX DEVOS

4320 Elm Street Milwaukee, Wis.

### THE ROSICRUCIAN COSMO-CONCEPTION CHRISTIANITY FROM THE OCCULT STANDPOINT

By Max Heindel

A Modern Initiate who expounds the Religion of the Coming Aquarian Age for the Enlightenment of all Discerning People

### GIVING THE WESTERN WISDOM TEACHING FOR WESTERN PEOPLE and

A Complete Exposition of the Conditions and Laws Obtaining Upon the Superphysical Planes, Whither We Proceed After Death

616 Pages—Cloth Bound, \$2.00, post free.

THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP  
P. O. Box 27 Oceanside, California

### Q. B. L., or

### "THE BRIDE'S RECEPTION"

By Frater Achad

A Short, Qabalistic Treatise on the Nature and Use of The Tree of Life.

A special Limited Edition of 250 Copies, signed by the Author, is being issued for Students of The Qabalah. Of special interest to Members of the A. A. A., G.D., R.R. et A.C., etc. The clearest treatise ever written. Contains 4 Colored Plates, and about 20 Diagrams, also SPECIAL APPENDIX showing for the first time how the Thirty-two Paths may be perfectly brought into line with ASTROLOGY and THE TAROT, thus REPLACING the FORMATIVE POWER upon HIS THONE.

Subscribers' Price, Ten Dollars a Copy.

NEW ERA PRESS

Box 1240, Station C Los Angeles, CAL

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE in SPREADING THE LIGHT!

---

The Occult Press Review has demonstrated that there is a niche for it to fill, that there is a *real* need for it.

---

The Occult Press Review is *established*. It needs capital *only* to develop its possibilities.

---

It has no need to worry that the capital will not be forthcoming for that is already being *demonstrated*. It is offering YOU this opportunity to participate in its Work!

---

It is offering YOU the opportunity to join others, among them its founders, in making it a *real* power for the enlightenment and spiritual development of all who are hungering and seeking for Truth!

---

And in doing this you are at the same time making a profitable investment, for it is a splendid business proposition and will eventually pay large dividends.

---

In order that all may have this opportunity, participation under this offer is limited to amounts of one hundred dollars for each subscriber.

---

And in order that those not ready to subscribe the larger amount, may also participate, the shares are being offered in units of one dollar.

---

Write today for fuller particulars.

---

NEW ERA PRESS  
Box 1240, Station C, Los Angeles, Cal.

Kindly mention OCCULT PRESS REVIEW when writing advertisers.

# Astrological Forum

New York, June 26, 1923.

To the Astrological Editor:

During the month of June, the transiting Mars through the zodiacal sign Cancer has left its mark upon New York City. It is generally conceded by astrological authorities that New York is under the dominion of the sign Cancer. In accordance with the "Doctrine of Signatures" New York geographically agrees to the signature of Cancer, for it is an island entirely surrounded by water. In the opinion of the writer, the sign Cancer should also exert some influence over all harbors bordering salt water.

Within one week, from June 18th to 25th inclusive, in New York City a number of large fires each incurring losses between sums of \$200,000 and \$500,000 have been recorded. One of these, on the 25th, included the destruction of a steamship pier wherefrom fire spread to a steamship and tug boat. A \$200,000 fire to a barge loaded with hay, etc., occurred in New York harbor.

On the 25th also, at about 2:00 p. m., daylight saving time, in Brooklyn, an elevated train jumped the track and fell from the elevated structure to the street causing deaths of eight passengers and injuries to about 80 others.

As Mars will be transiting through the sign Leo from July 16th to August 30th inclusive it is suggested that students carefully observe its effects upon those cities which are listed under the sign Leo. Among these are Philadelphia, Newport, R. I., Atlantic City, N. J., Chicago, Ill. (?), and seashore resorts generally. This sign also rules the New York Stock Market, and it may be interesting therefore to note what effects the conjunction of Mars and Neptune in Leo may have upon that centre about August 11th.

From July 10th to August 3rd the transit of the benefic Venus through Cancer should favor New York City and seaport cities generally. Jupiter now posited in Scorpio until November 25th presages expansion for New Orleans and cities ruled by that sign. It should inspire confidence of prosperity to all places so designated.

There is an astrological rule to the effect that when Jupiter, during summer months, tenants the explosive sign Scorpio the intensity of thunder storms is increased.

Boston, Mass., was founded on September 17, 1630 (N. S.) and the longitudinal position of the Sun at such time would be 24 Virgo. It is noteworthy to mention that Mars will transit this point about October 7-8th and that Uranus will be in opposition thereto during the spring of 1925, hence indicating evolutionary changes both in its industrial and administrative governmental affairs during the latter period.

Dhanas.

## Questions

Question No. 3.

To the Astrological Editor:

Will some astrological student be kind enough to elucidate, in your astrological department, the formula for computing geocentric positions of planets from the heliocentric longitudinal positions as calculated in the *Nautical Almanac*?

G. M.

Question No. 4.

To the Editor, Astrological Question Box:

How are talent, tact, intuition, genius, and inspiration judged from the horoscope?

John G.

Question No. 5.

To the Editor, Astrological Question Box:

In directing planets to the ascendant should one regard the actual degree occupying the progressed ascendant as calculating according to the tables of houses for the desired latitude, or should one consider the oblique ascension of the ascendant—computed by adding 90 degrees to the R. A. of Midheaven? This subject has led to an interesting discussion between some fellow students, and expressed opinions by some of your astrological readers would be very much appreciated.

A. S., New York.

To the Editor, Astrological Department:

May we suggest that students, as a means of stimulating greater interest in this department of your magazine, submit data of astrological interest bearing upon horoscope data of famous people, the foundation of important American cities, interesting horoscopes for medical study, horary data, etc. Concerning foundation of a city, the date of such event might be sufficient for thereby could be determined the position of the Sun at such time, and this would no doubt indicate a sensitive point for use in future prognosis, in accordance with transits at any time. Saturn, Mars or Uranus afflict-

## YOU CAN GAIN Health—Wealth—Happiness—Peace Poise and Power

Attain Your Rightful Heritage of Physical Well-Being and Greater Achievement by Overcoming Mental and Physical Disease

**ARE YOU** master of your physical and mental self?

**DO YOU** know how to cure yourself and others of functional disease?

**HAVE YOU** the secret of correct thinking?

**IF NOT** this priceless knowledge is now given you for the first time in an interesting, scientific and thoroughly practical course of ten lessons in the Art of Healing, as practiced in India and other Oriental countries.

No Sanscrit terms or abstruse propounding of "airy" metaphysical theories to confuse the student.

Every phase of the instruction is so simply and specifically explained that any one can readily understand and master the principles involved.

### OCCULT AND DRUGLESS THERAPEUTICS

By **YACKI RAIZIZUN, Ph. D.**

Hindu Philosopher, Lecturer, Healer and Teacher

Founder and Head of the Occult Research Society, chartered by the State of Illinois.

In these lessons, which are the result of his life experience and practice, and his years of travel and study in India and other parts of the Orient, Dr. Raizizun not only instructs you in every phase of Occult Therapeutics, but also gives you in clear, concise form the basic principles of true Right Thinking and Right Living.

#### WHAT THIS INSTRUCTION HAS DONE FOR OTHERS

Dr. Raizizun, during the six years he has been in America, has practically demonstrated the wonderful value of his teachings by the healing of hundreds of disease afflicted people, without the use of any drug or mechanical device.

Read the following testimonials and commendation of his work and you will be better able to judge just what his course in "OCCULT AND DRUGLESS THERAPEUTICS" will mean to you.

#### CURED OF WEARING GLASSES AFTER 20 YEARS

"When I went to Dr. Yacki Raizizun in June, 1921, I was on the verge of a complete breakdown and was unable to do my housework without having to lie down every little while. I had suffered with extremely severe headaches all my life and had worn glasses for twenty years—could not go without them for a day without experiencing such terrible sick headaches that I would be forced to go to bed.

"After Dr. Raizizun had given me treatments my headaches were entirely cured and I was able to lay aside my glasses and have never had them on since. My health was completely restored and I looked so well that some of my friends scarcely knew me when they met me on the street."

*(The above statement is an excerpt from a letter received May 3, 1922, from Mrs. T. Lewis, 11012 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.)*

WRITE TODAY FOR CIRCULAR

**Dr. Yacki Raizizun**

Rm. 415, 800 N. Clark St.,

Chicago, Ill.

*Kindly mention OCCULT PRESS REVIEW when writing advertisers.*



ing such point in the horoscope of any city is quite sure to bring about important events. We hope, shortly, to submit some information of this kind that may prove of value to students. Let's go.

Mack.

Will some of our readers throw light on the foregoing problems?—Editor.

### Steps to Mastery

(Continued from Page 99)

not let us rise. Anger is weakness and malice confirms us in our folly. Anger brews a bitter poison and malice presses the cup to our lips until we have drained it to the dregs.

Beloved, we are not hurt by the ignorance of another, but only by the manner in which we treat ourselves in the face of another's blindness. Establish yourself in Love and in Truth and the attitude of others can make no difference to the Real You. Keep sweet and be very still. In the end you shall sit at your enemy's table and his meats shall make you strong.

(To be Continued)

(Mr. Warnack's "Steps to Mastery" began in THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW for September, 1922. Back numbers, while they last, may be obtained from the Circulation Department.)

### The Tarot of the Year

(Continued from Page 100)

his Birth-Card is the Personal Card. Further, that the Jack of the Birth-Card Suit is, for a man, the Mental Card. Woman is believed to be compensated for the absence of the Mental Abstractive Faculty by a high development of Intuition (Inner Teaching).

The next installment of this series will give the Life Chart in full and from that all relationships of the individual to Nature and to people may be accurately determined.

(To be continued)

(The complete exposition of "The Tarot of the Year," began in THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW for December, 1922. Back numbers, while they last, may be obtained from the Circulation Department.)

### GAZING CRYSTALS

CLEAR, SMOOTH AND FINELY POLISHED—BEST MADE IN AMERICA

2½ inch Diameter.....\$3.00

3¼ inch Diameter..... 5.00

4 inch Dia., Wt. about 4 Lbs. 9.00

Shipping charges paid anywhere in U. S.

ROBT. G. KEMPLE

1046 Virginia Avenue, Fairmont, West Va.

### LIFE

IN ITS FULNESS

OR

ABUNDANCE HERE AND NOW

This book, fundamental, concise and explicit, contains the wisdom-secrets, ideas and helps; the Truths, Laws and Principles of Psychology, Metaphysics and the higher Spiritual Life. It teaches the art and practice of conscious, subconscious and superconscious coordination.

Fills a Great Need and Will Reach Those Who Cannot Attend Lectures and Classes.

130 LARGE PAGES handsomely stamped, large paper cover, \$1.00. Post free.

SPECIAL OFFER! With one year's subscription to The OCCULT PRESS REVIEW, \$2.25.

Address all orders to

**NEW ERA PRESS**

Box 1240 Station C Los Angeles, Cal.



Self-Development

### Correspondence Courses

RIGHT TRAINING—READ IT!

You owe it to yourself to make the most out of your life, to develop your higher faculties and powers and to fit yourself for greater usefulness in the world. This can be done most effectively through a systematic course of Right Training with individual guidance and teaching.

The reading of carefully chosen books is good when you have nothing better at hand, especially the reading of books along the line of your special study, but due to the fact that books are not systematically graded to suit individual needs they can show you only so far along the Path and then drop you to your own investigation.

A Systematic course in Right Training, such as that given by The Esoteric Brotherhood, takes you upward in a unified and orderly manner and you are always learning new and higher truths.

Separate Courses on individual subjects are available to those who do not care to take up our regular Corresponding Membership Courses. Courses on The Will, The Nervous Energy, Healing, Magnetism as a Curative Agent, are but a few of those available in our curriculum.

Write for detailed information, free literature and ask for free samples of THE ESOTERIST. Enclose 25c if you desire copy of THE WAY, 20 pages, including two poems.

Address

**THE ESOTERIC BROTHERHOOD**  
1314 L St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

## TWO NEW BOOKS BY FRATER ACHAD

### Crystal Vision through Crystal Gazing

This book heralds a New Era in Crystal Gazing, which is not surprising when we remember that it is a product of the New Aeon, written by one of its foremost exponents.

Frater Achad's Work has hitherto been devoted to a limited circle of Initiates; this is the first time a book from his pen has appeared in a popular form at a popular price.

There has been little original thought devoted to Crystal Gazing since the Sixteenth Century, and the Occult Public will welcome this new stepping-stone from Crystal Gazing to Crystal Vision. It is full of Practical Instruction for the beginner as well as for those more advanced on the Occult and Mystic Path.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS POST FREE

### The Chalice of Ecstasy

This is a real gem of Thought; the title alone gives us that pure and holy thrill which heralds the appearance of a Great Light.

For the first time we are shown the true meaning of Wagner's Immortal Drama and the stages of Initiation through which Parzival had to pass in order to attain the grade of Master of the Temple.

The Qabalistic Mysteries are amazing and hitherto quite undreamed of. Certainly they have never before been disclosed.

The Mystic will find food for Meditation, the Occultist active Inspiration, and the Qabalist delightful new problems, through this Draught from the Chalice of Ecstasy.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS POST FREE

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all Students of the Hidden Wisdom

JUST PUBLISHED—A New Book on the Holy Qabalah—

**Q. B. L.**

or

### THE BRIDE'S RECEPTION

An Important New Contribution to the Science and Art of the Holy Qabalah, by  
FRATER ACHAD

For the first time, under the new dispensation, it has become possible to give to the outer world a clear outline of the main principles and correspondences of this system in such a form that it may be readily understood by all. The Historical background has been made subservient to the PRESENT USE of this most valuable Means of Classification whereby Balance and Equilibrium on all Planes may be Attained.

The book contains 4 Coloured Plates and many diagrams, beside a Large Folding Plate which may be opened out so as to be available for use while tracing out the Correspondences and studying the text. No pains and expense have been spared to make this work the most useful and valuable of its kind. It is well printed on excellent paper and beautifully bound in keeping with the sacred nature of the work. A facsimile of the Official Seal of the Author is embossed in gold on the cover.

Special Limited Subscription Edition of 250 copies, numbered and signed by the Author. Remaining copies may still be obtained at the original subscription price of TEN DOLLARS A COPY.

SEND CASH WITH ORDER TO

**NEW ERA PRESS**

Box 1240, Station "C"

Los Angeles, Cal.

*Kindly mention OCCULT PRESS REVIEW when writing advertisers.*

"THE more than ordinary interest displayed by all classes of people in the recent discoveries connected with the opening of the Tomb of King Tutankhamen, indicates what might be termed an Egyptian Revival.

"This to some may appear quite unaccountable; in fact, one of the popular writers in the daily papers has questioned just why the public should show such great interest in this particular discovery, while many similar ones have created little or no stir at all.

"There may be a very deep underlying reason for this, and in order, if possible, to discover the hidden causes it will be necessary for us to survey the Egyptian Current of Thought from the earliest times to the present day. . . .

"One of my aims . . . has been to show that this is the Aeon of the Foundation of the Kingdom upon Earth, characterized by the incarnation of God in the Heart of every man, woman and child."—*The Egyptian Revival*.

# The Egyptian Revival



Frater Achad

## CONTENTS

### Preface

- I. Light on the Egyptian Revival.
- II. Essence of the Practical Qabalah.
- III. More Light on the Tarot Trumps.
- IV. The Sun, the Devil and the Redeemer.
- V. The Mystery of Babylon and the Beast.
- VI. Further Light on the Tree of Life.
- VII. The Law of Thelema.
- VIII. The Tradition of the Golden Age.

Edition limited to 1001 copies, numbered and signed by the Author.

Size 6"x9". Antique laid paper.

Beautifully bound in keeping with the Egyptian character of the work.

Price Five Dollars, Post Free.

Send Cash with Order.

NEW ERA PRESS

Box 1240, Station C

Los Angeles, Cal.



## WORTH WHILE BOOKS

### The Message of the Stars

By Max Heindel and Augusta Foss Heindel

This book gives a complete system of reading the horoscope for character and the various fortunes of life. The progressed horoscope, and the art of prediction are fully dealt with. An exposition of Medical Astrology and a system of diagnosing disease from the horoscope, used for many years by the authors in their extensive and successful practice, are included. Illustrated by 36 example horoscopes.

A new index has been added to both Natal and Medical Astrology.

This book is the classic of modern Astrology. 708 Pages. Cloth. \$3.50 Postpaid.

### A Dweller on Two Planets

By Phylas The Thibetan

Who was a resident of Atlantis, the lost continent, and whose inhabitants were more advanced in all sciences and inventions than any other race of people. It is a book which every investigator, every inventor, every student of the Occult and Unseen, every preacher, in fact, every man or woman interested in learning true wisdom, must read in order to gain a proper perception of The One Great Law of the Universe. This Book gives truths that cannot be found in print otherwise.

Contains much invaluable information about the lost continent of Atlantis, as well as many prophecies for the future of our planet.

423 Pages, Cloth, illus. Price \$5.00 Post Free.

### Letters on Occult Meditation

By Alice A. Bailey

A treatise showing the rationale of meditation, its aim, its method, its effects,—including chapters on:

Points considered when assigning Occult Meditation.

The use of the Sacred Word in Meditation.

The use of form in Meditation.

The use of Color and Sound.

Access to the Masters via Meditation.

Future Schools of Meditation.

The book points the way to those who aspire to realization, mastery for service, and power through meditation. It discusses basic principles; it indicates wise practices for spiritual unfoldment; it predicts with a wealth of prophetic detail the coming of great spiritual influences during this century, and outlines the respective nature and locations of the occult schools to be established in the future, with their curriculum and personnel.

378 Pages including charts. Price \$4.00. Postage 20 cents.

### The Shadow of the Astral

A MYSTIC NARRATIVE

By Louis Plante

Contains a Vital Message for Humanity

A book that should be carefully studied by every student of Christian Mysticism. The foot-steps along the Path are clearly pointed out. Truths are conveyed by this narrative which are not susceptible of discernment by the illative or intellectual faculty when presented in the ordinary discursive manner.

300 Pages, Handsomely Bound in Blue Cloth. Stamped in Gold. Price \$2.00 Post Free.

### Gleanings of a Mystic

By Max Heindel

This book is devoted to practical mysticism, bringing out a vast array of new information and fine points never before presented in this form. The information contained in this book will be of immense value to the student and aspirant, enabling them to make swifter progress in both their spiritual and material development. 196 Pages. Cloth Bound. \$2.00 Postfree.

### Initiation, Human and Solar

By Alice A. Bailey

An unique, frank and comprehensive discussion of this most important and mysterious subject. Chapters include:

The Participants in the Mysteries.

The Two Revelations.

The Roods of Initiations.

The Administration of the Oath.

The Seven Paths.

The relation of man to the world of divine Beings Who people the Universe.

The organization and duties of the divine Hierarchy.

The way of attainment for man by contact with the force of the Planetary Hierarchy, and by graded expansions of consciousness, culminating in a series of initiatory ceremonies.

The specific nature of these rites of Initiation, the contacts made, the obligations assumed, the revelations received, the powers conferred, the Divine Beings Who participate at each Initiation, and the fact that the Hierarchy, both in its organization and ritual, is the prototype of Masonic and certain other secret fraternal bodies, are set forth and published with a definiteness and detail never before permitted, nor hitherto available, even for study among occult students and esoteric bodies.

The reason for this new disclosure, and the special opportunities for human attainment which the next decades afford are also indicated.

248 Pages including charts. Price \$3.50. Postage, 15 cents.

### An Ideal Birthday Gift

#### LIFE'S NEW PSALM

By Henry Christeen Warnack

Handsomely bound in copper colored Castilian (alligator finish), printed on heavy antique, India tinted book paper. Each packed in an individual mailing envelope of stout structure, and attractively printed. They will be furnished in quantities at the following prices:

Two for \$1.10; three for \$1.60; four for \$2.00; six for \$2.90  
One dozen for Five Dollars. Prices for larger quantities on application

Single copies—sixty cents postpaid

Address All Orders to

**NEW ERA PRESS**

Box 1240, Station C, Los Angeles, Cal.