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THE ALMIGHTY ORGANIZER

Thus saith the Father's voice in the soul of Man:

I Am the Almighty Organizer.

Nowhere is there lack of absence of My organizing power.

I Am the organizer of the Universe.

I Am the organizer of your physical temple.

I Am the creative Spirit which informs and organizes every atom within my boundless Universe.

Wherever I have anything to accomplish I organize atoms, forces, planets, suns, mortals, angels, or gods, to accomplish My purpose.

Whether in the minute form of an atom or in the immense form of a constellation of suns I Am equally able and potent as the All-Wise Organizer.

Whether in the small beginnings of the physical temple or in the complex organization of its many co-operating organs I Am the abiding and active Creator.

I Am the organizer of your physical temple and the abiding Intelligence which heals and perfects all its functions.

My organizing intelligence is not limited to this material Universe.

I have created a Spiritual Universe which is the dwelling place of all the Immortal Human Spirits that ever were born.

In the physical world I attract atoms together to form crystals, plants and animals. I draw minds of like motive and thought together to form societies and to fulfill social functions.

In the spiritual world I draw atoms of spiritual substance together to form the spirits of crystals, plants, and animals, and to build the structure of man's Spiritual habitations.

I attract Immortal human Spirits together to form societies which fulfill the educational and social functions of life in the spiritual world.

The benevolent intelligences in the spiritual world fulfill My will by organizing and exercising their wisdom and power for the welfare of all.

In My Infinite Mind all live, and move, and have their being, for all are My offspring.

—Dynamic Religion, by Walter DeVoe.

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PSYCHIC UNFOLDMENT

LESSON III

By

Royal Eugene Parks

In every issue of this magazine there will be published one of a series of lessons that will help those interested in Spiritualist Mediumship to unfold Psychic Powers, to understand the Philosophy of Spiritualism, and to learn the Mysteries of God.

To every Pupil beginning the study of Psychical Unfoldment:

Beloved Student:

These instructions are given to you because you are seeking the way to soul illumination and the Powers of God. Be Faithful in Heart, Search for the Laws of Life, with which knowledge you may acquire a life of Peace, Health, Wisdom and Love.

Enter into the study of Psychic Unfoldment with the feeling of earnestness and Faithful effort.. Keep the thought in mind that immortality is the greatest of Life's Questions, and therefore give all Studies pertaining to Immortality the most important place in your consciousness.

All these instructions should be sacred to the student, and are destined to be a light on the path of Eternal Happiness. Many Revelations will be unfolded unto you, but keep them as treasures to be guarded for there is danger in "casting pearls before swine."

Ponder much over every lesson. Keep silent as to the Revelations that will come to you. Love Humanity and your soul will unfold to miraculous powers, and you shall understand the Laws of God, which are natural laws.

It is always advisable for a student of Mediumship to keep a notebook of Psychic or Occult data; such as newspaper clippings or magazine articles of Spiritualistic interest, inspirations, experiments along Occult lines of study, reports of various "feelings" one has while sitting for development, etc. "Feelings, whether strange or clear, are traced to the intuitive, emotional nature, which correctly developed by unbiased reason and by testing and experimenting their validity, often develop Impressional Mediumship.

About nine-tenths of the Mental Mediums of today are Impressional Psychics. After all, what could be more real than our feelings, whether they arise in the heart or in the mind.

If one searches the hearts of men, he knows what is in their minds, regardless of whether that mind is being contacted in the flesh or in the spirit. So search the "feelings" that come to you, see if they tell you they come from the spirit or if it is revealed to you that you were just in a mental telepathic vibration with some one in the flesh.

In order to become a Master, one must have definite decisions toward which to aspire. One must have an Ideal of Mediumship or of any other study before he can come to the higher teachings of that wisdom. A perfect Ideal of Mediumship to keep before one's consciousness is Jesus of Nazareth, who definitely proved many phases of Mediumship as well as taught and told of many other gifts of the spirit.

Establish a goal in your mind—now! The ultimate goal of everyone will be perfect Happiness and the ultimate ideal, a perfect Life. What are your ideas of perfect happiness and a perfect life? By your strength of conception as to what these are, will be the strength of

your guiding influence in this life and the strength of your desire to reach that goal.

Perfect happiness is Heaven. Perfect lives are God-like lives, without fault or blemish. Strive toward your goal with love in your heart; aspire with sympathetic persistence to the heights of perfection. Have confidence in your abilities of spirituality and in your conception of Truth. This will inspire you with unlimited Faith.

One should be clothed with the Armour of God to develop the highest technique of Mediumship. In Ephesians, Chapter VI, verses 13 to 19 we find:

"Wherefore take unto you the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about you with Truth, and having the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel."

Clothed thus, there will be nothing to fear. Clothed thus, one may overcome any difficulty that may arise in the pathway of Mediumistic Unfoldment.

Mental power is the force that all great sages of all times have striven to develop. Great sacrifices are made daily

by earnest students of this Spiritual Science. Sacrifices made wilfully and sincerely just for the sake of doing good and of helping others. Noble sacrifices are never unrewarded.

The awaking of this new mental power is the feeling of beautiful glory and Divine Love being born into a world of opportunity and grandeur, where love may reign and live in eternal cycles of wisdom. With some, the awakening is slow; others, quite spontaneously, depending upon individual effort and upon the sensitivity of the psychic action of the mind to occult vibrations. Everything, both material and spiritual manifests its individuality and personality by the law of vibration. Strive to understand this law and you will be in possession of a priceless jewel of wisdom.

One way to become en rapport with another is to imagine you are him, and visualize yourself looking at life the same way he does—forget self—be him for the moment, and strange thoughts and ideas will float into your consciousness and you will know him as you know yourself. To do this successfully, you must be in sympathy with him. With this as with all other arts we might apply the phrase, "Practice makes perfect."

After this has been somewhat developed or mastered, think of a friend or a relative in Spirit and follow the same instructions and many impressions, visions or words will come into your consciousness from the communicating Spirit.

Students often ask if incense helps to raise the Spiritual vibration of the seance room or assists in the development of Psychic Powers.

If through stimulating the sense of smell with incense, calms your thoughts, clarifies your mind or assists in concentration, it is advisable to use it just before your hour of study begins.

To some, the burning of incense has

the occult meaning of the physical being purged with fire; matter being consumed by the fires of Justice, making the spiritual essence of the matter rise in ethereal smoke and the odor of flowers, the symbols of spiritual glory. The rising smoke of the incense also symbolizes ascending hope arising out of the conquered physical vibrations, to mingle and mix with Universal atmosphere; a spiritual essence freed from the bondage and limitations of the physical expression.

In Leviticus, Chapter XVI, verses 12 and 13 we find:

"And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil:

And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not."

Here we find reference to incense being used in the ceremony of the ancient priests on the Day of Atonement. The "mercy seat" was covered with incense on the Day of Atonement (which might be any day that one is repentant). The "mercy seat" is the lid of the ark of the covenant. Hence, the symbol involved is that of covering sins that one is repentant of,—"that is upon the testimony, that he die not." That is, to keep the purity of the conscience, that he may live in unity with the forces of God and not be earthbound, which is caused by desires that pertain to the earth or of the flesh.

According to the Mosaic law, the burning of incense was regarded as making prayers acceptable to God—the intercession of Christ.

In Revelations, Chapter 8, Verses 3 and 4, we read:

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers

of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."

The reference here is similar to the Mosaic symbol, that of making prayers acceptable to God.

If you are impressed to use incense, do so. However, the absence of it will not hinder Psychic progression.

BIBLE READING: Romans—Chapter 14

Definitions of words in this lesson that might not be clear to you:

1. Inspiration—the act of drawing into one's consciousness, creative influence; contacting great minds of sacred teachers or of the Holy Spirit; to imbue ideas of beauty from scenery, music etc.
2. Impression—an image in the mind caused by something external to it; or immediate effect produced upon the mind by a sensation or emotion.
3. Aspire—to seek after or desire with longing; yearn for that which is better or nobler; rise or ascend.
4. Ultimate—being the last; furthest; final.
5. Conception—act of conceiving in the mind or the power of creating in the mind.
6. En rapport—a French word pronounced ang rappor—in sympathy with; in tune with.

End of Lesson III

(Lesson IV follows in the October issue of this magazine)

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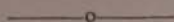
"Go thou thy way and I go mine,
 Apart yet not afar;
 Only a thin veil hangs between
 The pathways where we are.

I know not where thy road may lie,
 Or which way mine will be;
 If mine will lead through parching sands
 Or thine beside the sea.

Let God keep watch 'tween thee and me,
 So never fear;
 He holds thy hand, He claspeth mine,
 And keeps us near.

I seem sometimes to see thy face,
 But since this may not be,
 I'll leave thee to the care of Him
 Who cares for thee and me."

SILENT HEALING CENTER



If you are ill, physically, mentally or spiritually, send in your name and address to the Silent Healing Center, 2108 Irving Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill. You may enclose a free-will offering if you wish, for the upkeep of this Department and the distribution of Divine Healing literature.

Every week a group of people who are Spiritually minded and who try to lead the Christ-like life, and who are reputed to have the Gift of Divine Healing, meet at the home of the editor to pray for the sick and afflicted; to atone themselves and the ones who have sent in their names for Healing, to the Infinite Source of Life Energy, Power and Love.

We shall be glad to hear from those who have been helped or healed through the efforts of the Silent Healing Center. Your testimonials will be appreciated and they will be an encouragement to the Silent Healing Center.

Sincerely,

ROYAL E. PARKS

Organizer of Silent Healing Center.

NOTES ON HEALING

"And when ye pray, enter your closet and shut the door." The closet pertains to the Mental Self. Turn your thoughts within, close the Mind to all material conditions that are undesirable and hold in your consciousness the idea of the condition you are praying for or wish to be manifested in your spiritual and material self.

For your daily Healing thought, remember the words, "Seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you."

A prayer for Health and Happiness: I ask the Great Divine Spirit, Who is the Healer of all to give me Inspiration, Wisdom, Love and the Perfect Health that I desire. It can be done, It will be done, and in accordance with God's Omnipotent Laws, it mu t be done. Amen.

The light of Illumined Souls never goes out, but lights the way to God's great Hall of Learning. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed" Even if you have never been healed before or lack Faith, remember these words that they may encourage you. Look for Health, EXPECT Health and BELIEVE that perfect Health is for you, and it will be made manifest in you.

—Royal E. Parks.

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O Father, lead me steadily on,
 To do Thy Will, will earn my crown.
 Thy rod and staff, may comfort be,
 Elected Healing Power, that comes from
 thee. —Rudolph Merk

"The wise are few; for Wi dom seldom pleases, so that they are few who seek her. Wisdom will compel whoever entertains her to avoid all selfishness and escape from praise. But Wisdom seeks them who are worthy, discovering some here and there, unstupified and uncorrupted by the slime of can't, with whom thereafter it is a privilege to other men to tread the self-same earth, whether or not they know it."—Sayings of Tsiang Samdup.

THE ETERNAL NOW



EDITORIALS

 SPIRITUALISM vs
WITCHCRAFT

One must know the definition of witchcraft and the definition of Spiritualism to realize that the difference is the most distant that can be imagined. A difference that cannot be measured by such a rule as Reason alone, but coupled with Intuition, because they are as opposite as night and day, or daylight and darkness.

Spiritualism is a religion, a science, and a philosophy. A religion in the fact that it is a comforting belief in an all-powerful Divinity of God and of life after death; a science in the fact that existence after death is proven by Spiritual Phenomena; and a philosophy because it teaches wisdom that cannot be described by mere words — a wisdom that is INSPIRATION. Spiritualism has as its objective on earth the teaching of everyone to live a pure, Spiritual life, free from the bonds of superstition, false beliefs, enigmatical cult, etc.

Spiritualism teaches freedom of the Soul, a Soul that is not weighted down by superstition, but unbonded and free to receive the inspiration it should by mental and spiritual sensitiveness. The results of the study of Spiritualism is Progression — Physically, Mentally, and Morally. It teaches one the necessity of cleanliness and purity of body, mind and soul. The heights of inspiration is limitless to those who are spiritual enough to conquer the evils that are created by man; and the omnipotent power of spiritual Love is the reward of those who are faithful to the Laws of Life, which are God's Laws.

Witchcraft is a superstition, a false belief in the power of lifeless things. Its proponents all through the ages have brought misfortune, misunderstanding and evil to the minds of men. It is a belief in black magic that leads to the degradation of the Soul, mind and body. Witchcraft has as its objective, the satisfaction of revenge, lust, envy, greed, etc. Curses and evil thoughts are the outcome of this impure and ignorant belief. At its best, witchcraft is ignorance and the followers of black magic should be taught the comfort of love, unselfishness, and good will to mankind. The effect of witchcraft will be sorrow, depression, and grief unutterable.

Thus, one can see the vast difference between the two words. This ignorance of the evil of witchcraft is one of the battles that Spiritualism must conquer before there will be "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man". The battling ground for this war is the whole world and the numbers of the enemy are astounding but the victory will be on the side of the true, Spiritual Souls. "Their strength is the strength of ten because their hearts are pure." More than that, the strength of the pure of heart is immeasurable because the Power that created the Universe and Life is behind and with them.

 AN ECHOING THOUGHT

Many have witnessed the emotional scenes in the various plays of life, but the emotional sphere is one of the planes of progression. You are destined for a higher star in this Universe of Peace and Happiness. Earthly desires are vain and mortal—they will not last.

The desires for a Spiritual Life are eternal and will outlive this changing, mortal universe as it now is. The Spiritual Power you gain will depend upon your ability to conquer the emotions that restrain you to earthly things or desires. The key for the jewel house of Spiritual Power is a mentality that is capable of overcoming any emotion that base de-

sires or vanity or fear may bring upon you. A mentality with the knowledge of Spirit Power being the king to the subjects of the Emotional Life. And what is a mentality that has such capabilities? —The Omnipotent force of the Immortal Soul that knows or recognizes no obstacle—WILL.

MENTAL and SPIRITUAL ALCHEMY

Conquer all that you consider to be evil, and good health and happiness will share the throne of Love in your life. Doing this, disease, sorrow and fear as well as the darkness of ignorance will become void and will pass into oblivion.

God is within because God is Life; Life without sin. Sin not and Life will remain eternal. It is sin that produces the punishment of unhappiness, disease and a burning conscience.

Christ, the great forgiving Spirit of the Eternal God is within when one know that he is forgiven of the wrongs that he has committed. His conscience is freed from the chains of impurity. It is the Power of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit that makes one know and feel that his Soul is free and a love of all that is good enters his heart.—A loving of all humanity—the creation of God.

One must overcome evil thoughts as well as actions to arrive at the pathway of happiness. Helping others to conquer evil will strengthen one's own soul for harder trials that await. To overcome evil moods, passions and emotions are the most powerful enemies of Life.

Thoughts and action of Love will diffuse and disintegrate evil thoughts and deeds of others.

Love is the strongest ray of energy that the soul and mind are capable of producing. Good emotions of various vibrations are the next strongest rays of energy that one can willfully project

from his life and mind.

Brotherly love will conquer mighty wars. There is nothing that can withstand the Power of the Flaming Sword of Love. Use this sword in the battle of life as you meet the obstacles that bring you unhappiness, with confidence and eternal faith.

A WORD TO EXTREMISTS

The one who seeks the Middle Way must live an impersonal life, free from selfishness and base desires and with only ambition of Wisdom and Love in their being. It is said, "To him who seeks the Middle Way, the Middle Way will open. One step forward is enough." Not only will it bring about the necessary experiences in life that one should have for progression, but it is the most beautiful, loving, wise and most happy road of all.

—Royal E. Parks

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PROPHECIES

A prophet is one who speaks for and in behalf of another. The word "prophet" is nearly always used in connection with the message which purports to be from God; it is used concerning those persons whom God uses to speak His messages of Truth to His people.

Nothing makes this fact clearer than His prophecies which He is now unfolding to those who seek and love the Truth.

God sends messages by His servants or prophets to humanity in the degree of their receptivity, and He has recorded through His prophets for the benefit of those who come after the great Prophet, Christ. Only in due time could these messages come to light and by observing the signs of today we conclude that God's due time is now coming for many or them to be understood, that heretofore have been in the darkness, and is the

time to study Divine Prophecy.

"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the World." (Acts, 15:18) God knowing the end from the beginning, furnished prophetic testimony by which to Man now devoted to God, can be furnished with light that enables him to pursue a good and righteous work.

How shall we know that these prophecies are true? Because they meet the Divine test and the prophet speaks in the name of God. Many prophecies of today seem strange and almost incredible, but one should welcome new discoveries with reverence, for the true prophet of today is as great as of old. The prophets of God, foretell the Truth and true prophecies furnish foundation for Faith and confidence of all honest people.

Study and ponder, beloved, for the study of prophecy is God's word of Truth, which through a prophet will lead you to wisdom and boundless blessings and show you the way to Life Eternal.

I know that the Infinite Wisdom and Justice is now doing His perfect work in all those about me. I know that through His judgment all are being quickened to know what to do and how to do it well as well as being able to light the way for others to follow. A daily affirmation and prayer that will help you:

I give thanks that my prayers are answered now. In Truth, there is no time nor delay. Giving thanks, I enter into the consciousness wherein I perceive manifestation.

I am thankful for the manifestation of perfect health. I place myself in the attitude to receive more and more of that revivifying health. My health constantly increases because I continually increase in consciousness of health. In the hearing consciousness I am eternally healed. Amen.

The above affirmation and prayer, the process of realization takes place in one's

life, as he perceives Truth in it. Thus with prophecy, God brings the process of realization into action with every Truth in due time.

It has been prophesied that the Infinite Father gave to the world a Saviour, that whosoever would believe in Him would have everlasting life and who could erase the law of sin in the human consciousness. Is this prophecy true? Do you perceive Truth in this? If not, pray for enlightenment, that you may be able to perceive the difference between Prophets and false prophets of whom we are warned in the Scriptures.

—Ida Meyers, Springfield, Ill.

Missionary of Independent National Spiritualist Association.

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I have left a life of tinsel glitter,
Of mist illusionings, so tempting,
And have tested its wine and found it bitter.

Then I sailed an azure sea of love,
sensing

A longing sacrifice to live and grow better,

To make Life's light of Love burn brighter.

—Royal E. Parks.

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"When the Gods have use for us, they blindfold us, because if we should see and comprehend the outcome, we should grow so vain that not even the Gods could preserve us from destruction.

Vanity, self-righteousness and Sin, these are one, whose compliments are meekness, self-will and indifference.

Meekness is not modesty. Meekness is an insult to the soul. But out of modesty comes Wisdom, because in modesty the Gods can find expression.

The Wise Gods do not corrupt modesty with wealth or fame, but its reward is in well-doing and in a satisfying inner vision."

—Sayings of Tsiang Samdup.

Bodily Healing and the Atonement

Rev. Anna Haitz

Let us begin by asking a very important question. How did sickness enter this world?

Our answer is found in Romans 5: 12, "Wherefore, as by one man's sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Then physical death and all that produces it are the direct results of sin.

But how came man to sin? Read Genesis 2: 17, and Genesis 3: 1-19, you will find that it was Satan who caused our first parents to disobey God. Then Satan is the real originator of sin, sickness, and death.

Many deny this, and say that God himself is the cause of sickness and death because he said to Adam in Genesis 2: 17, "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die."

But who caused Adam and Eve to disobey God's command, and so bring sin, sickness and death into this world? Satan. Then Satan, and not God, is the real author of sin, sickness and death.

This explains why Christ said to the man whom he cured at the pool of Bethesda (John 5: 14,) "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." His sickness had come as the result of sin.

Yes, every sickness, disease, and deformity Christ cured while on earth, was the result of Satan's work, and it is the same today.

Yes, Satan is not only the originator of sickness and disease, but he is the propagator of the same means of these many evil spirits who obey his every command.

But, praise God, the power of evil cannot make everyone sick, or injure everyone in any way without God's permission. This is clearly taught us in the book of Job, 1: 2. Here Satan asks permission of God to treat Job harshly, and so cause Job to curse God. God grants this request, but says (Job, 1: 12), Behold, all that he hath is in my power only upon himself put not forth thine hand."

Praise God, the holy spirit is now constantly engaged "holding Satan back," from injuring the saints. God still gives Satan permission to afflict us just so far, and then the Holy Spirit says, Satan, you have gone far enough, and he holds him back.

Many splendid Bible teachers and preachers are today bitterly opposing all Evangelists and Healers who anoint with Oil, laying on with hands, and pray for the sick in public as Christ and his disciples used to do.

Christ preached and healed in public. See Matthew 8: 16, Matthew 9: 35, and Mark 1 and 2. All Christ's miracles were brought in public. Matthew 10: 6-8, Christ commanded, "The Seventy to preach and to heal in public." Luke 10: 1-12.

Peter and John healed in public. (Act 3: 6-12) Paul preached and healed in public. (Rom. 15: 18, 19) Can you find anything in the word forbidding men to preach and pray for the sick in public? No, then let us be careful how we criticize these servants of God. These servants of God are the most honored by the blessed Holy Spirit, because they are living nearest to the center of God's will and obeying his words. Remember it is written (Zech. 4: 6), "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

May the blessed words of truth bring sunshine into your heart, in the name of the Christ, our Saviour.

THOUGHT FORMS — Selected

"Thought Forms are built up of the material composing and manifesting the general characteristics of the creator, even to the auric color.

"A thought form is a manifestation of mental activity on the aural plane. It is formed in the following manner: a person manifests a strong desire, feeling, or idea, which is filled with the dynamic force of his will. This sets up a series of strong vibrations in the body of the aura, which gradually resolve themselves into a strong, whirling center of thought-force, involved in a mass of cohesive auric substance, and strongly charged with the power and prana of the person creating the form.

"Sometimes they survive for quite a while in the auric body and then gradually fade away. In other cases they survive and maintain an almost independent existence for some time, and exert a strong influence upon other persons coming in contact with the creator. Again they may be so strongly charged with prana, and so imbued with the mental force of the creator, that they will be thrown off and away from the aura, and travel in space till exhausted, the while exerting an influence upon the aura of other persons. A thought form is more than a strongly manifested thought; it is such a thought, surrounded by a body of ethereal substance, charged with prana, and carrying the life energy of its creator. It is a child of the mind of its creator, and acquires a portion of his life essence, which stays with it for a time.

"In extreme cases it becomes a semi-living elemental force, of short life. Its persistence is a similar phenomenon to the light that travels in space, long after the star which originated it has been destroyed; or the heat remaining in a room after the lamp or stove causing it has been removed. It is persistence of vibration. Thought forms differ in shape and appearance. The most common is like a series of tiny waves resembling the circles caused by dropping a pebble into a still

pond. Another is a rotating bit of cloud, sometimes whirling towards, and sometimes from a central point.

Another is like rings of ascending smoke from a cigar, spiral in its rotation. Others appear like phosphorescent rotating balls of cloudy substance. Sometimes it is a great slender jet, like steam from a teakettle; sometimes it shoots upward from some part of the room like clouds of smoke."

THIS PSYCHIC AGE!

Everywhere, in books, newspapers and magazines, we notice how the "psychic" fever is spreading. They "psychic" this and "psychic" that. Like a fine gossamer thread, the psychic influence runs through everything we touch—and why not? The mind in itself is a psychic ray, penetrating into every part and particle of our bodies. Hence the various forms of expression, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience. These faculties are dominated by the psychic rays of the super-conscious mind's eye.

Don't confound psychism with Spiritualism. Spiritualism is a religious organization of people who give and receive messages from those the world calls dead. Psychism relates to individuals who exercise their psychic faculties for the furtherance and demonstration of the occult law governing all manifestations of life which are not governed by the five physical senses. In psychism, religious forms or creeds or dogmas do not play any part.

Psychic revelations result from the simple process of flooding the mind's eye with pictures of symbols which are simultaneously registered on the mind's mirror and whose meaning is passed on, (first) to the intuitive brain center, (second) from there to the recording brain, and (finally) to the speech cylinder, where they become spoken words.

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ties in a normal way. All normal people
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ture through the natural development of
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—Effa Danelson

Of what good is it to live for self?—
Real satisfaction comes only from living
to help others. This is the Law and to
oppose it is to reap discord, sorrow and
suffering. One cannot have a higher
creed in life than, To desire to live to
serve Humanity.

—Royal E. Parks

"I have conversed with many priests;
and some were honest men, and some
were not, but three things none of them
could answer: if God is all-wise, what
does it matter if men are foolish? And
if they can imagine and define their God,
must he not be smaller than their imagi-
nations? Furthermore, if their God is
Omnipotent, why does he need priests
and ritual?"

"I have asked this of the priests, but
though they answered with a multitude of
words, their words were emptiness. If it
is true that a priest can pacify and coax
God, or by meditation can relieve an-
other from the consequences of his own
sin, why should anyone be troubled and
why do the priests not put an end for-
ever to all sin and suffering? If they
can, and do not, they are criminals. If
they cannot, but pretend they can, they
are liars. Nevertheless, there is a middle
judgment, and it seems to me that
SOME of them may be mistaken."

—Sayings of Tsiang Samdup

SOUNDLESS VOICES

By
Royal E. Parks

Time is slow, say those who go
The longest route to Happiness,
To that ancient city of which wise men
know.

" 'Tis a myth," says a voice, "That Eden
Metropolis."

To those who choose the longest route
Descend the valley of vain illusion
There they squander Life's treasures of
youth,
And some may say, "They've lost their
reason."

They are crazed by the wine of the
Tempter,
Shackled by the chains of glittering sin
'Til life is monotonous—hopeless, the
future.
"Void Happiness", whispered a voice
within!

The voice was ironical and madly
laughed,
Startled were those whose reason was
spent;
They groped in the dark, black revels of
Past,
Sensing the sorrow of sin.—But the
veil was rent!

Gradually their reason returns to
enlighten
The pathway before them, they know
The joy they've missed, Hope then
strengthens
Their Minds to battle the voices of Below.

Time sails swiftly, say those who see
The shortest route to Happiness—
To spheres of eternal life and beauty,
Where lives are blessed, living to bless.

But those who choose the shortest route
Must cross the sea of Love and Duty
A sea aflame with the glow of Truth
And a blue sky of Faith envelopes its
beauty.

They must sail the ship of Confidence,
With sails of unstinted Sacrifice

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 "Happiness", says the voice, "but what a
 price!"

The voice was soundless, that whisper
 within,
 That speaks so clear, tho' the storms of
 Life

Rage unmercifully with thunderous din,
 And pierces dark doubt like a powerful
 light.

But by whatever route to Happiness you
 choose,

Let it be by the one in which your
 conscience rejoices,
 For Earth-Life is not long and Evil you
 must refuse,

FOR GOD'S VOICE IS AMONG
 THOSE SOUNDLESS VOICES!

ODE TO MUSIC

Thou awe-inspiring, exalting Muse,
 Who thrills and rules Man's heart with
 joy,

Or awakens celestial thoughts of love;
 Verily, thou art a Godly passion.

Yet, strange eternal Deity,
 So thunderously powerful, or calm and
 serene,

Will Man e'er learn thy Truth of Being.
 Or dwell in his heart, a masked mystery?

—Royal E. Parks

REINCARNATION

There are many wondrous things
 That I should say to you—

It seems that Memory brings
 Visions of another life, yet new.

Landscapes and treasured hours
 Blend into phantasies grand,
 Of music of other years
 That belong to another land.

In mysterious ages gone
 When battles great were fought,
 Our friendship then begun—
 The web of Destiny wrought.

—Royal E. Parks

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Independent National Spiritualist Association was held at the Masonic Temple of Coldwater, Michigan, June 8, 9, and 10, 1934. It proved to be a step forward for the progression of Spiritualism! Rev. Amanda Flower, president of the Association, has worked very hard to make this organization grow to its present status. Its board members and co-workers show more than the average enthusiasm and co-operation toward its development.

Elbert Benjamine, president of the Church of Light of Los Angeles, California, is to be commended for the wonderful work of Truth he is promoting. Besides bringing Astrology to the foreground with religious fervor, he proves himself to be a great teacher of Mystic Symbolism.

Effa Danelson, editor of the Occult Digest, is steadily increasing the number of pages in her wonderful magazine. For many years she has labored incessantly for the cause of Truth without prejudice. Her work shines as a light that reaches the utmost corners of the earth. The circulation of her magazine is world-wide.

The 38th Annual Convention of the Maine State Spiritualist Association was held at Camp Etna, Maine, June 1, 2, 3.

The 14th Annual Convention of the Colorado State Spiritualist Association was held in Denver on June 1, 2 and 3.

The 30th Annual Convention of the Indiana State Spiritualist Association was held in Indianapolis, Ind. on June 3, 4 and 5.

The 37th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association was held in Dayton, Ohio, June 14, 15 and 16.

The 39th Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualist Association was held in Los Angeles, California, on June 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

The Annual Convention of the Washington State Spiritualist Association is to be held at Edgewood, Washington, on August 27, 28 and 29.

Correspondents in the field of Spiritualism, Astrology, Metaphysics, Numerology and Occultism are invited to send in their notes and notices of past events and future programs to appear in this column four weeks prior to date of publication. The dates of publication are January 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1.

LIFE EVERLASTING

There is no Death: The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for-ever-more.

There is no Death: An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread
He takes our best loved friends away
And then we call them dead.

But all around us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread
For all the boundless universe is Life
There are no dead.

—Lytton.

AN OCCULT STUDY PAGE

Occasionally, we will publish a page of questions and answers that have been submitted to the editor by our readers. The answers are not intended to be masterpieces of literature but merely a mellow gleam of light on the path of occult understanding.

1. What is Occultism?

Ans.: Occultism is the science of the secrets of Nature—physical, mental, psychic, and spiritual.

2. What is meant by the term "Yoga"?

Ans.: Yoga means the union of the lower self with the higher self by means of mental control.

3. What is meant by the term "Raja Yoga"?

Ans.: Raja Yoga is the science of conquering the internal nature of man for the purpose of realizing the Divinity within. Literally, royal yoga.

4. What is a "Yogi"?

Ans.: A Yogi is one who practices Yoga.

5. Can anyone become a Yogi?

Ans.: Swami Vivekananda, one of the greatest occult teachers who has ever visited America, tells us that anyone can become a Yogi in six months' time, providing they are willing to make the necessary sacrifices to become a Yogi.

6. What is meant by the term "Swami"?

Ans.: Swami is the title meaning "Master", or "Spiritual Teacher".

7. What is meant in the Yoga philosophy by the word "Karma"?

Ans.: Karma is the effects of Action—

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the Law of Cause and Effect in the Moral World.

8. What relation is Occultism to Spiritualism?

Ans.: Occultism as a practical science and knowledge proves part of the phenomena of Spiritualism and it in return proves part of the phenomena of Occultism.

9. What subjects are included in the study of Occultism?

Ans.: The subjects studied in Occultism include Psychic Science, Healing, Mysticism, Orientalism, Mental Telepathy, Numerology, Astrology, Symbolism and kindred subjects.

10. Is Occultism a religion?

Ans.: No, it is a philosophy and a science, but it strengthens one's belief in any religion which teaches of a higher law and the immortality of life after death.

11. Does Occultism reject the teachings of the Bible?

Ans.: No, it accepts and bases many of its principles on the Biblical teachings.

12. Is there one and only one method of Occult development?

Ans.: No, there are numerous methods of Occult development, but the goal and the light are the same, regardless of how one conquers the obstacles along the pathway of unfoldment.

13. Does Occultism teach Reincarnation?

Ans.: Occult students should study the theory of Reincarnation, altho' it neither accepts it or rejects it of an entirety.

14. Does Occultism recognize the Law of Karma?

Ans.: Yes — the Law of Cause and Effect.

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"The ways of the Gods are Natural, the ways of men, Unnatural. And there is nothing supernatural, except this: that if a man does a useless thing, none reproves him; if he does a harmful thing, few seek to restrain him, but if he seeks to imitate the Gods and encourage others, all those in authority accuse him of corruption. So it is more dangerous to teach Truth than to enter a powder magazine with a lighted torch."—From The Sayings of Tsiang Samdup.

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