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Stars of the Zodiac.

LEO.

Leo, the Lion, is a constellation which boasts of some very bright stars. Regulus is brightest of all and occupies a position at the western limit of the group. Then following easterly nearly thirty degrees we find the well known Denebola, second magnitude and situated at the opposite extreme from Regulus. Following northerly from Regulus we find a semi-circle of stars which, with Regulus in the "handle," form the famous "sickle." During the month of May the stars of Leo will be nearly overhead at eight or nine o'clock in the evening. However, to fix the constellation more firmly in the mind of the student I will say that the moon will pass through this group upon the evenings of May 10th and 11th. The planet Jupiter is now among the stars of Leo, and upon the evenings of the 9th and 10th the moon and Jupiter will be seen very near each other. The actual conjunction taking place at 2.42 p. m., May 10th, at which time Jupiter will be a little more than three degrees north of the moon. Immediately west of Leo we find the stars of Cancer and the Lynx; Hydra and the Crater are south; Virgo is east and Leo Minor is north.

—When an enemy reproaches us, let us look on him as an impartial relator of our faults; for he will tell us truer than our fondest friend will, and we may forgive his anger while we make use of the plainness of his declamation.—
I. O. T. B.

The Fall of Man.

(As considered from its Occult or true standpoint.)

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(Conclusion) *

"He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." We now hear the Divine voice calling in the garden; note that it speaks to Adam or the body or sensual nature. "Where art thou Adam?" Showing that although the sin originated with the soul, yet the body is the ultimate offender. Adam replies that he was "naked" and "afraid" and so "hid himself." Then the next question, "Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?" From a mystical standpoint the Tree of Knowledge represents *illusion*, and by the partaking of the fruit thereof the soul discovers that that which *seemed* to be substance real and true, is but a shadow, a cheat and a lie. Its "nakedness" or "illusion" is at once apparent. The Divine voice heard in the garden is the spirit or God nature in man, which *should* govern the soul. When the soul tempted by the illusions of sense yields to its blandishments it at once becomes the *slave* to the body and not the *master*. The Divine voice, or spirit, is then heard and the soul is "ashamed," and with the body offers excuses. Again we will turn to the allegory in Genesis, and the penalties. Note the difference between the penalty of Adam and that of Eve. The penalty of Adam tells of the hardships and sorrows of the body in this, the fallen, condition and states positively, "dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." What better proof is needed of the instability and perishable nature of this *shadow*, called substance? And now to Eve the penalty reads: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee;" which taken in its mystical interpretation means that the soul having ceased to polarize to the Divine spirit becomes subservient to the body and is ruled by it. Chained to a

shadow called flesh and bone ; forced to obey a will that is forever erring ; its aspirations brought forth in agony of desire, only to feel the "bruise" on the heel by the serpent of sense, whose fiery sting blasts and withers the hopes and longings for the higher and Divine life. What a sad and pitiful condition was that of unhappy man, at the moment of his Fall. Precipitated from a grand and sublime height of purity and sinless perfection, into a region of poverty, destitution, suffering and affliction. Thus has it ever been, thus will it ever be, until the coming of that period, when the soul shall dominate the body, at the will of the spirit.

We have then learned from our study of the Biblical account of the Fall of Man, that the man, Adam, is the body or human mind ; that Eve, or the woman, is the soul ; that the Divine voice is the God nature ; that the Tree of Life is the Divine Gnosis or true inner knowledge ; that the Tree of Knowledge is phantasy or illusion ; that the Serpent is the lower sense or human will and that the *sin* is the idolatrous worshipping of the *shadow*, and the ignoring of the *substance*. Thus we see that the Fall is *not* the result of a specific act of a certain number of individuals, at some remote time in a certain locality, but it *is* the *gradual tendency of the soul toward matter and its final slavery to sense*, that constitutes the Fall.

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How it pulses, throbs and flashes, in the earth and sky
and air.

But we rush so blindly through it, that we cannot even see,
What a world of wealth and wisdom waits for us to set
it free.

Free to fill our deadened senses with a thrill of keen delight,

And to lead our darkened vision into fields of purer light.
We are blinded to the beauties that are nearest to our eyes
And we miss the dearest treasures, reaching out for
higher prize.

—Belle Taylor.

—I find it impossible to carry out my first ideas regarding a list of members of the W. G. B. In order to do it as I had planned there must be considerable clerical work and more expenditure for postage and stationery than I anticipated. Therefore a membership fee would have to be fixed at once in order to make the idea a success. I had about decided to ask a small amount from each member for this purpose when a very decided "NO" came from the Invisible ! Then an explanation was given something like this: The Brotherhood is entirely a *spiritual order*. It works in the *silence*. There must be no material principles connected with it. No rules, no by-laws, no temples made with hands, no organization whatever, except the simple records in the hands of the founder. Further it was suggested that the Brotherhood is slowly but surely building

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