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Dictation of Manoletto

Dr. Mystery



WHEN you have reached a condition which is a blank wall to the intellect, which the intelligence is incapable of penetrating or of transcending, when it becomes necessary to feel your way instead of seeing and knowing your way, it is just here where the word "*Remember*" could be of great benefit. To be able to "become a member again" or "*Remember*" yourself to the Source of all the intelligence you have ever had, of all of the knowing you have ever possessed, to "*Remember*" yourself; to connect yourself to the Source of all wisdom you ever hope to have, to "*Remember,*" to reconnect yourself up with your Source, is the Attitude of Mind which if attained will readily bring you into, Re-at-one-ment. Consciousness of this At-one-ment to a larger wisdom, a larger knowing and perceiving, will penetrate out into possibilities, down into Causes, and relate your potential consciousness(which partakes of the wisdom of God) and you to the Key. This explanation, revelation, and inspiration will carry you forth with a Faith sublime, cause you to

leap off into this pathless Ocean, (this Source of all that ever is to be yours in conscious possession), with Trust and Faith, which gives security, as it were, out into your own, and when you feel most helpless, most limited, you are in deed nearest to greatest power, *if* you do not recede, *if* you do not enter into the confusion which so often accompanies the consciousness that the Intellect cannot transcend the situation or can not penetrate and win the explanation of it. If, just here, you would "Remember" that Intellect has brought you just as far as you can come, and that now, something that also contains Intellect, but which is far greater than Intellect, which is the Potentail In-dwelling of Wisdom with all of its Art of knowing, of Consciousness which sees above, beneath, around and through the condition, which feels an awareness of its all-ness, of its expression which gives to you the individual, the rudder by which you can direct your self to your own chosen harbor of peace, whereby you can win a height beyond which you have never before transcended. This place is a vital place, and a privileged place, if, your Attitude of Mind toward it be vital and worthy, if at this point, when you have done the best with what you know, you take your stand, heroic, expectant, as one who knows you have come thus far, to the very portals, and now await the opening of these portals to reveal to you THAT something beyond, something better,

something larger that you have yet won. At this point we emphasize this lesson upon Faith, this lesson upon "*Remembrance*" of all Divine Nature, with all of the qualities, all of the Attributes of GOD himself in part, if you "*Remember*" that all you have from infancy drawn by your reaching out, by feeling for, you have drawn your next step to you, you have drawn your next vision to you, you have drawn your next orbit, you have won so far as you have come, by this process. But, you have a habit, perhaps, of thinking that you have been able to win, what the brain has been able to register, is all that you yet have perfect Faith in. Here is the weakness of the finite being who forgets, that the finite is contained within the Infinite, and he at the very moment that he is recognizing himself as a finite being, is yet an embryonic Infinite Being of Wisdom and Love and Power.

When he identifies himself with this All, then all of his limiting thoughts of himself cease, and he learns that he is all that he ever hopes to be and that at any moment he can lift his mind to any point in his on going or any goal that he can definitely conceive with earnestness of desire, and it is fulfilled (filled full). It depends upon him whether he sees his goal and whether it is practical or not.

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Plain living and high thinking will secure health for most of us.

A Changing Religion

In A Changing World

Marie Harlowe Pulley

If religious movements are to be judged by the men they make, they must also be considered in the light of those upon whom they and their methods fail to have influence. A recent survey of church membership and attendance reveals the increasingly prevalent fact that churchmanship is not essential to Christian living, for as in Biblical times, a wicked city was to be saved if only ten righteous men—in or out of the church organization of the day, could be found in it as a heaven. Although hearts cannot be counted as heads can, and no complete census can therefore ever be made of all Christians, a recent magazine survey of church-goers reveals that 64 percent of people in this country are non-attendants, or casual attendants of churches. Of the remaining 36 percent a large percentage (not defined) are considered as nominal, inactive members.

A story is told of a small child earnestly putting grotesque marks on paper. His mother inquired what he was drawing, and he replied, "A picture of God". "Oh, no," replied the mother "that isn't a picture of

God. "Did you ever see God?" asked the child.

Pilate of old asked, "What is Truth?" and did not stay to hear the answer. Today people are questioning, "What is God?" but they go away declaring "there is no God" without waiting for the answer. A woman once came to a metaphysical practitioner for help of mental type, but declared that she did not want to hear anything spiritual, anything about a God in whom she did not believe.

The healer questioned her as to what kind of a God she did not believe in, and astounded the woman by telling her that neither did she believe in that God of wrath and vengeance. The woman knew no other God; her life was confused because her thoughts of God were confused. Her conception of the universe had changed, but she knew no other conception of God.

Atheists are persons who have merely outgrown an old idea of God and religion, and who have not as yet been given a new idea about them. Psychology says that agnosticism is merely a refuge from both dogmatism and doubt, and it reveals agnosticism as a suspended judgment,—a defense or escape mechanism of an inferiority complex. Theism, says psychology, is founded on a sense of inferiority and guilt. At one time when men were less educated than all men are generally now, it was a mark of individual enlightenment to be iconoclastic, free-thinking. Today, with

the greatest scientists in our laboratories teaching of the Great Plan evidenced by their discoveries, the atheist is but a big frog in a little puddle who does not realize that bigger puddles have been, and are being built. Today the public lags behind Science, which once held a purely mechanistic idea of the universe, and holds to ideas already discarded by Science.

Frost, Compton, Jeans, Einstein, and others in the scientific field are more godly-minded than most laymen. Edison and Steinmetz both predicted that the next great period of discovery would be in the field of invisible forces operating in the minds of men. Great scientists have come to realize that in ages of research no one has found a material view of the universe which indicates in the slightest degree the origin within material limitations of the universe. The Nebular Hypothesis only pushes the Cause further back and explains nothing. True, sincere scientists today know much of God-power in the Universe and are awed by Infinity. Huxley, an avowed agnostic said, "looking in most rigidly scientific—myriads of worlds—intelligence as much greater than man's as his is of the black beetle's—reaching something indistinguishable from omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience."

There are, of course, three kinds of scientists, besides those religiously inclined, including the laymen

in scientific thought. There are those who crucify the true spirit of wisdom by their intellectuality—"with all his lore a fool no wiser than before." They do not realize that man does not reach Heaven by thought alone. The one who knows the most is not always the wisest, for many intellectual giants are found in Life's failures. There are those diletante scientists, the ultra-conservative who disregards the accumulation of thought throughout the age. Then there are those scientific laymen who are as dogmatic and orthodox in their worship of Science as ever man was in religious worship. The authority of Science is substituted in their minds for the authority of religion, neither of which may have been firmly grounded in reality. The scientific books of ten years ago are today considered obsolete, as will those of today ten years hence. By relegating religion to the limbo of superstition, supplanting their beliefs with scientific facts, they point out that Science is interested in causes, but they miss the fact that Science has often omitted the First and chief Cause. They cannot see that while Science has mapped out a course of Life's journey, it has offered no motives for making the journey, and charts no destination.

Herbert Spencer in his "First Principles" warned man that in his putting aside his childish thought of God that he must avoid the erroneous assumption that the choice is between personality and something

lower than personality; whereas the choice is between personality and something higher."

So many so-called atheists reject not Theism, God, but Deism, and for that matter, many churches do not teach a deistic conception of a personal God. And so-called advanced thinkers may be surprised how far behind the times they really are. Atheism was noted in the Vedic hymns of most ancient India. Shaw points out that most ideas are but revivals of previous ideas, changed to suit changed times. Even as far back as the Periclean age, scientists disputed about everything, even the possibility of never reaching any complete truth about anything.

Mankind has ever confused ideas about a thing with the thing itself. Men war over opinions, not Truth. Men have killed each other over the Trinity which neither side understood. The Greeks condemned Socrates to death in the name of their gods. The Jews condemned Jesus in the same manner in the name of their god, Jehovah. The heroic victims of the Inquisition and those butchered at St. Bartholomew in Paris were done so at the orders of Pope Gregory. Mahomet with his "Holy Wars" almost exterminated a good portion of the earth's population, as likewise Ghengis Khan and the Tamerlane. But it must be remembered that, especially in modern times, if religion causes wars, Science makes them appalling in destructiveness, for aggression, exploitation

and sabotage have always been bed-fellows with Science, as applied to war.

Obviously an old conception of God is of no more use to modern man than old conception of the earth as being flat. Religion had its inception in the days of barbarism when man was incapable of even knowing his own body, nor the earth and the heavens. Ideas satisfactory to the semi-barbarous Hebrews of thousands of years ago are certainly inadequate in modern times. New interpretation of the universe in terms of newly discovered facts must obviously include a new interpretation of God, and an adjustment of religious thinking to the enlarged knowledge of the modern world.

Scientific discoveries have entirely altered the general picture of the universe and man's position in that universe. No longer can man believe in a God whose sole business is concerned with saving a few souls, the products of religious training and belief. Modern science has not supplanted God, but it has undeniably rendered obsolete and unnecessary many of the uses people once made of God. Increased knowledge is shedding new light on mankind, and while it is certainly modifying the terms of religion, the fact that its essence remains always the same must not be overlooked; for the battle of Science versus Religion has in reality been Science versus Theology, or the crystallized definition of religious terms.

It was no poetic fancy which prompted Tennyson to declare that God was "closer is he than breathing, nearer than hands and feet". The religious description of this all-pervading, all-permeating energy was "in whom we live and move and have our being,"—"one God and father in all, who is above all, and through all and in all". The religionist has declared that no man has ever seen God. Ether is a substance so delicate that it is invisible or imperceptible. God is the force or power of Edison and Steinmetz, operating in the minds of man, and "the Kingdom of God within man" is only now, and in this light, fully explained. Man has thought of himself as a body possessing a mind: in reality Universal Mind possesses the body of man, using it as a channel of the universal expression.

A new scientific conception reveals that all things come from the ether. In Italy and Germany certain scientists have obtained carbohydrates from the air. The religionist has long been singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." God is not a person who decides individual fates arbitrarily, but a Divine Substance out of which all things are made, or created by the individual through his power of creative thought. "And without Him was not anything made that was made." Modern science declares that matter is only a phenomena of force or energy. Energy and matter are the same, differently polarized and utilized

To the religionist this has long been accepted, for he believes that spirit (energy) and matter are the same. The Fall of Man as symbolized in the Scripture is only the process by which the invisible energy is transformed into physical matter.

Another new fact pertinent to a better understanding of God is that there are no limitations or bounds to the universe, or to people. It is nothing more than colossal conceit to suppose that man's present development is the acme of creation and achievement. Many forms of life are invisible, and only at a comparatively recent date did mankind know that they existed at all, as for instance in the deep sea. If evolution of the past is a fact, evolution in the future is also to be reckoned as of profound significance.

Science has changed its belief of a dead, inanimate physical world to one of intense activity in immergent evolution, and it will yet proclaim the existence of the immortal spirit, for Science already comprehends that matter is indestructible. There are things which are, and things which are not yet, and the utterances of leading scientists distinctly indicates that they are interested in the "not yet".

God is not lost in the immensity of modern space, though some may cry "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have layed him." A consideration of distance, no matter how gigantic, only makes more apparent the unity and conformity

of the whole. God cannot be lost, nor destroyed. As in Germany, or anywhere else, the name of God may be erased from all the books, but the reality, the energy, the force which is God is still in the universe.

When man comes to a personal realization of the God-within, he wants to serve that God, and travelling the Path of Perfection is always quickest through action and service. Knowledge is less potent, and the Path of Devotion is farthest from God, who is Activity.

The worker, not the dreamer, is nearest to God. God is Life, Life is Motion, Motion is Activity, and Activity is God. Matter is the farthest from God because it is less volatile, less active; Spirit is all-activity. Longfellow's inspiring poem, "The Church Universal" contains these words:

"Her priests are all God's faithful sons
To serve the world raised up;
The pure in heart her baptized ones;
Love, her communion cup."

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There is no danger that dauntless courage cannot conquer. There is no trial that spotless purity cannot pass through. There is no difficulty that strong intellect cannot surmount. For those who win onwards, there is reward past all telling; the power to bless and save humanity.

Progression

When we come upon this earthplane
To gather knowledge for the soul,
We pass thru all experiences
With Life Eternal, for our goal.

We all find in this expression,
Hope and Faith, and Love;
And we know not retrogression,
For man' progress aims above.

But the things we find of value
Are not measured from a scale.
Each one in his own way
Gathers knowledge not for sale.

Each one takes within his soul
The things he needs to know;
Each one reaps the harvest
From the seeds which he does sow.

Each of these great lessons
Is information for our files;
All are turned to our account
In checking up our trials.

And when we feel the battle won,
And turn toward our home;
'Tis then we see the great result
Of what our lives have done.

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Unnecessary Noise

Norman M. Douglas

While a number of leading cities have proven the major part of car horn RACKET to be unnecessary—and have begun to penalize the NOISE-MAKERS, what have we done? (Verily, forgive us if we indulge in just a little of what we gathered for this writing:) “What is that terrible honking of car horns after midnight?” A neighbor asks. “I’m from the East—am working for the Douglas Aircraft. I moved out in this district to escape night-noise; but this is terrible—and I can’t get another place.”

The noise in mention comes from drive-in stands where Impatience “HONKS!” for service. Recently, at one a. m., while we stopped at a drive-in near Wilshire, two cars “HONKED” for service! At this hour the air is clear and sound waves carry far. Had the cars—with their constant HONK! HONK! contained brute bipeds of prehistroic days, these might have instinctively felt that the hurrying waiters were doing their best to timely serve all patrons. Yet here was todays youth—with more opportunities for culture than any preceding generation, sounding car horns at hurrying waiters, after one a. m. and in a supposedly re-

stricted district.

While money is needed for the care of our shell-shocked NOISE-CRAZED, why not fine the noise makers—(as are many of the eastern cities?) Surely those affording to sip cocktails until near midnight and (with nerves pickled to sound-immunity, and who disturb the peace enroute home, should be made to take a major part in caring for the NOISE-CRAZED!

As for having to tolerate such: (we repeat), many leading cities of the East have proven the greater part of today's noise to be purely UNNECESSARY!—while fines imposed upon the “noise makers”—and especially the careless “horn-honker”—have lessened taxes and added greatly to the city's treasury! In proof we have a number of clippings such as the following—and this is as far back as July 6, 1941. “Philadelphia (U. P.) 7-6-41. AUTO HORN SILENCE PROVED PRACTICAL: It's against the law for motorists to blow their automobile horns unnecessarily in Philadelphia, and police indicate they aren't going to accept excuses. In connection with the city's newly adopted anti-noise ordinance, a special patrol car was driven 2100 miles throughout the streets without once using its horn!”

While the foregoing proves that most of today's noise is unnecessary and especially the honking of car horns—and that such can be easily and timely eliminated, here in Los Angeles we find the car horn used

for anything from the honking of "greetings" to "service" and "command"! Even now, with rationed gas and tires, a popular hobby with high school boys is the "car trumpet" for the Jallopy!

"I've got three horns on the old bus now"—boasts a neighbor. "Listen to the trumpet I give them when I'm in a hurry!" And with nerves as dense as those of Old Centrosaurus, he blasts a demonstration of car horn number three. We spare you what his wife does with this horn when she is in a hurry—or when she trumpets "hello" to friends—or, in visiting and shopping, leaves Junior in the car to play with all three trumpets!

Mary and Joe have trained their dog to "paw" the car horn. Mary says "We think its cute for Rex to "honk" the horn for us when we are visiting and he is tired waiting—we think it's so cute". Yet because of high taxes and the just demand of such for upkeep on institutions housing the noise-crazed, Mary and Joe avoid buying local property.

As we write, Mrs. King, calling for Mrs. Cohn, trumpets her arrival with "horn number three!" Now Mrs. Cohn is yelling from the balcony "Oi-kay!— be right down!" But whether Mrs. King is impatient or just breaking in a new car trumpet, we spare you, for she continues with this ungodly racket until her friend appears on the porch. Verily, when one lone, time killing person—or the average Mrs. E. Z. Lei-

sure—is permitted to *hourly* disturb this or that district with such UNNECESSARY NOISE, 'tis no wonder little can be done to silence some of the volume tolerated daily throughout the city. In truth, while taking note for this writing, we grew weary of cases wherein women motorists leisurely curb their car and come near to raising the concrete with their prolonged "HONKING" for a horn-trained clerk to bring out "service"—a package of cigaretts, a magazine or candy bar.

Hardly a neighborhood is free from a Jones that rides to work with Smith. Smith calls about 4 a. m. and although Jones knows when to be ready—and is always on time—Smith arrives at this early hour with "HONK! HONK! HONK!" until Jones is noised out and yells, "Be right out!" And yet this fails to stop Smith from arousing the neighbor with continued "HONKING" for Jones. Neighbors that work nights or late shifts, complain about being awakened at such an hour—yet have done nothing about a disturbance that dates back to the days when Smith's car horn was one of the early "bulb-honkers."

Verily, only yesterday—in downtown Los Angeles, after a fire had caused a short traffic delay, while firemen hurriedly reeled the hose and worked to clear away the debris, lines of impatient motorists tried to "HONK" the fire truck off the street. Also, here in this city—and almost hourly, schools, offices,

libraries and hospitals are disturbed by lines of thoughtless and impatient motorists that—held for a few minutes at railroad crossings, HONK and SIREN collectively at freight trains. The only answer to their loud defiance being the rumbling echo of the passing boxcars.

(To be Continued)

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CHEMISTRY AND PHYSIOLOGY are the two great magicians of the future who are destined to open the eyes of mankind to the great physical truths. With every day, the identity between the animal and physical man, between the plant and man, and even between the reptile and its nest, the rock, and man—is more and more clearly known. The physical and chemical constituents of all being found to be identical, chemical science may well say that there is no difference between the matter which composes the ox and that which forms man. But the Occult doctrine is far more explicit. It says: "Not only the chemical compounds are the same, but the same infinitesimal INVISIBLE LIVES compose the atoms of the bodies of the mountain and the daisy, of man and the ant, of the elephant, and of the tree which shelters him from the sun, each particle—whether you call it organic or inorganic."

Absolvo Te

The sin of you I now do take away
As outer petals from a withering rose.
Nor death, decay, nor malice shall endure
When this - the cool sweet wind of mercy - blows.

An Understanding, greater than the great,
Eons beyond your sad and finite eye,
Harkens at last unto your harmony
And re-affirms its oath: "You need not die!"

Death is a charm, and an empty dream
And as the curling, browning petals fall
To pre-destined merger with the dusts of time,
Absolvo te the ultimate Truth of All.

A. H.

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Tomorrow

Shall a day come whose eve will say I've gone,
Never to return to work again
Amid the petty trials—the noisome throng
That every day with which we do contend.

Permanently departed, tell not me,
Other ships strike rock amid life's storms
Port for repairs, again to break the sea,
And cargo-laden sail some early morn.

I shall not lay upon the lap of earth
Cast from her seat forlorn,
Nor yet grow weary or discouraged be
Although the days and hours may seen long.

With time for rest I may grow strong and well,
In other fields some task may yet perform,
Whichever way the wind doth blow for me,
I know my ship shall still sail on and on.

Margaret Blaine

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The Prayer of The Mystic

Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept my gifts this day for truth's sweet sake.
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
Nor any world famed sacrifice to make.
But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small;
But only Thou, sweet Lord, canst understand
How, when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.
Hidden therein, Thy searching eye canst see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight,
Fond hopes, longings infinite.
It hath been wet with tears and dimmed with sighs
Till strength and love and beauty it hath none.
Now take, O father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so in Thy sweet will,

That e'ven if in some desperate hour
My cry prevail and Thou give back my gift,
It may have been so changed, so purified,
So fair have grown, So one with Thee.
So filled with peace divine, I may not know it
As my own but gaining back my gift,
May find it Thine.

From Occult Digest—January

Code of Living

1. Ignorance is the supreme sin.
2. Self-development is the only honor.
3. Acquisition of money is the major futility.
4. Satisfaction begins only in unselfish effort.
5. The Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule
are the greatest laws.
6. The body is a sacred temple.
7. Co-operation is the dynamo of man's destiny.
8. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever,"
9. The rights of all supersede all rights.
10. Every task has the vision of service.

P. Casper Harvey in—Friendly Circle

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Now is the time when the country needs men whose vision is clear, whose lives are clean, who dare to do right because it is right, whose enlistment is for moral and spiritual upbuilding in human character.

—Scottish Rite Sun

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