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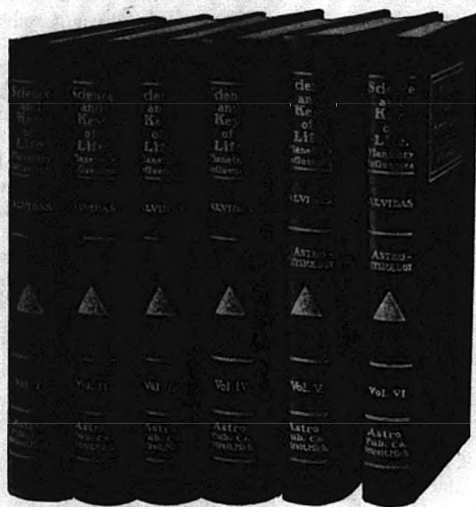
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" * * * The third face of Aries is a face of change and lively fancy. There is a love of fame and activity unrelenting, makes many changes in life."

From chapter two:

"When Saturn is posited in the first house the native is diplomatic, though very suspicious and distrustful. He is liable to be gloomy and retiring at times, and while he has many acquaintances he has few intimate friends. His friends are apt to be distant from his home; he makes their friendship through letters, writings, journeys and also through the father and elderly persons and those above him in the social scale of life.

The native is apt to be brought to public notice through these sources and he possesses much ambition, love of fame and high position. He also possesses power to manage and control others, not through authority, but diplomacy. * * * "

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Mr. Henry Clay Hodges, the compiler of this great work, has voiced the inquiries of ages of thoughtful humanity in the Great Question on the front cover page of this journal.

A FEW SELECTIONS.

For ages the destiny of the world, aye, the universe, has been mapped out in the sky, but there have been few of mankind pure enough to interpret the handwriting of the supreme ruler. We may only realize, through pain and sorrow, that we alone are the builders of our own future and the rulers of our own destiny.

* * * *

Astrology, that is, the external and creative forces, operating as zodiacal and planetary influences, is the origin of every art and science known to men, or that ever will be known. The electric and magnetic vibrations in the atmosphere, the continuous and gradual change from day to night, the ebb and flow of the tides, the seasons of the year and alterations of temperature, times of famine and plenty, epidemics of sickness and crime, the birth and death of the physical of all organized beings, the vibrations of color and sound, the different stages of life and destiny in members of the same family, important changes and discoveries in the progressive sciences,—all are due, directly or indirectly, to the never-ending and varying ethereal vibratory forces or astro-magnetism which pervades the universe, operating according to its prevailing density and quality upon every atomic part of the earth and all that exists upon it.

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Truth is immutable. Science based in Nature is destined to live as long as eternal ages roll. Astrology is a science whose foundations are based upon natural philosophy. At this mistress of science, skeptics may rail, but they cannot rail the seal from off the bond.

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Objective and Subjective Concentration

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

It has been said that he who would pierce the veil and come in touch with the life back of the form must first realize and comprehend the life within himself, though it is often the case that in the attempt to penetrate Nature's secrets, the attention is chiefly directed toward the exoteric.

Thus the most delicate mechanical apparatus are becoming more essential and more complex, in order to accentuate the senses of sight, hearing and touch. To some these outward appliances would seem to be the only means by which they may come to an understanding of these scientific truths.

There is occasionally one who adopts other methods. First of all, he considers that as a fundamental principle, life and consciousness are one and the same, that these terms are synonymous, and that if the individual will study and endeavor to unfold the consciousness within himself he will become responsive and receptive to finer and more delicate vibrations, and be able to receive knowledge by direct perception and receptivity. In such investigation there is much work and study, but at the same time he is unfolding his own consciousness, his study is himself, and he seeks by careful training of thought to bring to the surface from the depths of his own inner being, the powers and forces that are there. As in the tiny seed lie hidden all the possibilities of food and nourishment for the physical man, or the great tree under whose spreading branches man may rest from his daily toil, it is all there, waiting unfoldment, so, hidden within each human form, is this life of the divine, one aspect of which is the power to know by direct cognition. Then again, the individual who seeks to study the life from within applies science to life rather than to form, and this constitutes concentration and meditation.

Concentration is taken from the Latin *con*, with, and *centrum*, the centre, the full interpretation, with the centre. This term concentration may be divided into two parts, that is, external and internal, objective and subjective. Objective concentration gives the individual a perception and knowledge of differences, while subjective gives one a perception and knowledge of likenesses and similarities.

To Hold an Idea as the Hand Holds an Object.

In objective concentration, an effort is made to draw the mind to one definite thing and force it to hold an idea or subject in much the same manner as the hand is made to grasp an object and hold it so long as the individual wills. Thus in one instance the thing is taken up for investigation from an external point of view, while in the other instance the mind takes a subject for investigation from the esoteric, though in both instances the object or subject must be held for a given length of time before any definite knowledge can be gathered from it.

In the daily life of each individual there are many opportunities for the cultivation of the objective concentration, and no matter whether he realizes it or not, he is cultivating these qualities whenever he seeks to become the master of his work, no matter what that work may be, or however relatively unimportant the task imposed upon him.

The shoemaker who makes a pair of shoes perfectly has become an expert along that line of work. The mechanic who can build a perfect machine and operate the same; the carpenter who can build a house that will withstand the wintry blasts, all these become masters in their particular line of work, and have consciously or unconsciously cultivated objective concentration, but just at this particular point in

the unfoldment, the individual must face more or less danger of becoming too much absorbed in the object upon which he is concentrating; as for instance, one who is entirely devoted to the acquisition of wealth, fleeting honors and fame, at last becomes totally absorbed by that object which usurps the place of master, while he becomes the slave, and even should this condition not arise there is ever a danger that often may be observed, viz.: of unequal development; the mind, being permitted to rush outward without careful thought or consideration, or subjective concentration being practiced in order to gain and hold the proper centralization, balance and harmony.

Subjective Concentration Gives the Inner Life an Opportunity to Manifest Itself, thus Gaining Power and Ability in Action.

On the side of the objective concentration we have reasoning, deliberation, forethought, calculation and practical common sense, while on the side of subjective concentration we have calm passivity of thought. The mind becoming receptive and permits the knowledge that lies within the soul to become manifest to the lower consciousness, and by its being impressed upon the brain centre it naturally becomes of use and lasting service to the individual, and creates an environment about himself that impresses and affects those who may come in contact with him according to their sensitiveness and receptivity. When an individual seeks to live in this higher expression of life, he will have an influence for good in the community in which he resides, and be of service to himself and others.

By investigation it will be found just as difficult to cease all mental activity at will, as to compel the mind to hold to any given subject for any given length of time, and it is well that this is so. The mind is found to be the only true instrument of investigation and research in the science of life divine, and until man has become master of that mind the secrets of life must remain more or less hidden from his view.

As we learn that life is not destroyed by its constant change of expression, but must go on to the goal of perfection, we

may realize how these qualities of concentration and meditation affect the various expressions of life and change the personality; in a careful study of the animal life we may observe the power of thought, as for instance, some insects and animals are enabled to conform their color and appearance to their surroundings in order to give them a fairer chance against innumerable enemies, and on the other hand to enable them to more readily approach unperceived their natural prey, and by this fair division of possibilities, is the balance of Nature's law maintained. How often do we have to deplore the disastrous results of man's interference with this balance, and it is thus we find the necessity of concentration and meditation on the part of humanity.

Concentration and Meditation.

Many are quite apt to confuse concentration with meditation. While concentration is a centralization of the mind or thought, meditation is drawing to the centre of one's own being, and from that centre being able to direct the mind and guide the senses.

We have been taught "the kingdom of heaven is within," still many today are seeking the kingdom in all directions, looking everywhere but within their own being; the peace that passeth all understanding is not to be found in the objective world, and can only be attained when emotion and external thought is dropped, and a higher state of consciousness has arisen wherein is reflected the peace of the infinite even as the tiny dewdrop mirrors and reflects the glorious sun.

Meditation is the door to the kingdom within the individual and it must be kept in mind that at the centre of one's being, the soul, the individual is no longer identified with any modification of the mind expression for it is there alone, where mind itself is quiescent, can peace truly be found and realized, and there are but a comparatively small number in the world today who are truly able to practice meditation and the reason of this that all their mental images gather around them and bar the way to the centre; the demon of doubt is one of these images, which when

left to his own freedom has the power to weaken and retard the action of the will.

Astrologically we have found Saturn to be the planet that has chief control over the power of meditation, and thus while his lower influence is unpleasant, disagreeable and even severe, his true higher influence is most essential. He is the planet of steadfastness. His vibrations produce profound thought, earnestness, patience and a desire to know. He is the great pain producer and the reaper of experience. Saturn afflicted is considered to bring sorrow and pain, though sorrow exists for the purpose of driving the individual from the external to the centre of being, and Saturn is really the planet Jupiter reversed in his influence, and the experience of sorrow as essential, in order to compel the soul to find its own peace within, and through this peace comes a realization of unity and bliss.—*Science and Key of Life Vol. VI.*

University City, the Beautiful Home of the American Woman's League.

As May STELLAR RAY is about to go to press, there is not time for Mr. Hodges to give an account of his visit to University City on April 2d, hence the following letter to Mr. E. G. Lewis, the founder of the American Woman's League, in answer to a telegram from Mr. Lewis requesting him to write concerning his impressions regarding the work going on at University City is given below:

E. G. Lewis, Mayor of University City,
Founder of American Woman's League.

My Dear Sir:—It was a fortunate circumstance which enabled me to visit University City on April 2d, and view with my own eyes the marvelous achievements already attained in the great work which you have undertaken. Also to learn more definitely concerning your plans for carrying out your purposes for the betterment of your fellowmen.

Of course, I had heard of E. G. Lewis, University City and the American Woman's League, but had formed no adequate idea of what they meant to this and future generations.

My first thought as I was introduced to

you recalled to my mind the remark made to Napoleon I., as he was about to cross the Alps with his army, to-wit: "You are too young a man for this undertaking," to which Napoleon replied, "I shall be older when I return." However, judging by all that I afterward saw had been accomplished by you, I am convinced that you have the genius and executive ability to carry out this greater work than was thought of by Napoleon, even though many years are added to your span of life before its consummation. Viewed from every possible aspect, your plan appears to be the broadest and most comprehensive, educationally, that the world has ever known.

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Not only have you the co-operation and influence of the Woman's League but the united efforts of the able representatives of Class A publishers, many of whom were present on that occasion, every one of whom seemingly entered heartily into your plans, and gave their pledge to do all in their power to assist you in their fulfillment.

We could specialize more particularly of the progress of the different institutions if space permitted, but the publications you send out give accurate information of what has been accomplished and what is to come.

We desire to thank you and your able assistant, Mr. Geo. Crowley, for the many courtesies shown us on the occasion of our visit. The STELLAR RAY will co-operate with the Woman's League in extending to you and your assistants every possible influence it is master of and bids you Godspeed in the noble work.

Very truly yours,

H. C. HODGES,
Editor of STELLAR RAY.

Relating to Health 1

"From God's marvelous atmosphere I inhale those qualities which cause pure blood to flow through my veins, giving me perfect health."

It Is a Crime to Have a Cold.

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, in a recent lecture to Cornell students said:

"Sanitation has been defined as the function of the sciences of engineering and chemistry. The science of public health is the science of the individual always. Man is an animal that is intended to live a certain time. Of course accidents happen and people die by disease, mostly preventable. Because disease is preventable, death may be said to occur either by suicide or homicide, whether it is brought about by personal carelessness or the condition of environment.

"It is a crime for anybody's child to have a cold. A man once came to me whose children all had colds, and wanted a cough medicine that did not contain alcohol. I told him I could tell him of a remedy that did not contain alcohol; that was to go home and put the windows of their sleeping room wide open. People don't have colds at the North Pole. But when they get back to civilization they do have colds. One would never have a cold if he did not breathe foul air."

Fear the Cause of Sickness.

BENJAMIN FAY MILLS.

Be cheerful no matter what happens. Some people spread such an atmosphere of bodily weakness and depression about them when they get up in the morning that they can depress the whole family. The time will come, I believe, when human beings will be as much ashamed to even mention human physical weaknesses, as they are

now to exhibit deformities of the body.

The cause of most of our mental and physical ills is fear. It is the very essence of all trouble. It will cause disease, I believe that even such diseases as cancer and consumption are caused by it.

Sickness often has a real purpose. It is a physical and moral testing of the mind. Sickness is a warning that you are not living right, and it should be welcomed if you could understand that it is really sent to clear your eyesight. Maybe you have been quarreling with a friend, sitting up too late nights, worrying, or eating too much. Say to yourself that there is really no evil in the world except in your attitude toward life. You can't be well unless you are what God wants you to be. Put around yourself an atmosphere of absolute trust and perfect love.

This is the divine secret of life. Perfect love and absolute trust in God. Do not fear sickness or death. Do not fear anything that God does. You would not be afraid to do what your best friend advises, then why should you be afraid of what God does? Then say to yourself, the Higher God is not sick. Say to yourself over and over again, "I give my body to my mind, my mind to my soul and my soul to God."

The Beauty of Health

If you would be beautiful, purify your body and beautify your mind and soul.

A fine skin and a pure complexion depend entirely upon pure blood and good circulation. The purity of the blood depends largely upon the purity of the foods you eat. If you fill your system with meat, coffee and tea poisons, nicotine and alcohol, the morbid conditions within will surely express themselves in outward appearance, in the dullness of the eyes, in a sallow complexion and in unsightly skin eruptions.

Keep the system well ventilated and the fires of life burning brightly by learning how to breathe deeply and regularly.

Remain in the sunlight as much as possible; nothing beautiful or sweet ripens in the darkness.

Remember, that the cold bath is the finest cosmetic. It is the best tonic for the circulation and the most effective eliminator.

Remember, that all the food you eat beyond the body's needs, acts as an irritant and poison, and needlessly encumbers the body.

If you wish to beautify the outer, you must first beautify the inner, for every thought and every motion shapes the delicate tracings of your face for ugliness or beauty. Inharmonious and destructive attitudes of mind will warp and mar the most beautiful features.

Most destructive to beauty of face, sweetness of expression and delicacy of coloring, are fear, anger, jealousy, pride, and above all, self-pity. All such inharmonious emotions poison the secretions, jar the nerves and distort facial expression.

The beautiful face is produced by harmony of mind, sweetness of thought, cheerfulness, joy, kindness, and the inward consciousness of the beautiful. Feel the beautiful and you will express that feeling in your face, and your ordinary appearance will give place to the loveliness of a charm that is attractive and beautiful.

Do not try to improve the beauty of your face by painting the surface. There is nothing so repulsive as the dead, mask-like expression of a painted face. Keep your system clean, your mind wholesome, and express in your face the harmony you feel in your soul, and your complexion and expression will soon become far more beautiful than any artificial product of the beauty shop; the expression of your face will not be that of a painted wax figure, but the living reflection of a fascinating mind and a beautiful soul.

On your birthday do not worry because you are growing older, but say to yourself: "I am one year younger, in mind and soul." The youth of the real man, the spiritual man, does not depend upon the worn appearance of the outer garment; it depends

entirely upon the purity, richness and harmony of the soul life.—*From Nature Cure Bulletin, H. Lindler, M. D.*

Cooking.

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All matter is composed of little electrical charges called ions. These ions are grouped in certain fashions to make the atoms of the chemical elements; and these atoms, in turn, are arranged in various combinations which determine the chemical compounds or substances of which the sea, earth and air, tadpoles, albatrosses and automobiles are composed. The manner in which these ions and atoms are combined determines which elements or compounds are formed. Two ions chased by four abreast, followed by three more driving tandem, may be hydrogen, and six hydrogen atoms around two of carbon, with an oxygen atom circumnavigating the whole, form alcohol; and three billion molecules of alcohol, four billion of water and one of common sense, make a "plain drunk." All these myriads of little eddies of electricity are in never-ending motion, whirling, turning and revolving in their orbits like an infinite swarm of tiny comets, moons and suns.

Just as the difference in the way in which these minute particles of matter are combined constitute the substances they form, so does the rate at which they move constitute what we call temperature. The form of motion and the rate of motion are intimately related. Certain forms of motion, and hence certain forms of matter, can exist only at certain temperatures. In the hottest stars we find only hydrogen and helium and the lighter elements. As the stars cool, nickel, iron and other metals are formed; much later, when the cooling process has progressed far enough so that the motion or temperature is slowed down to something near the temperature we have on this earth, carbon, oxygen and nitrogen, the elements of life, are formed.

But these life elements cannot combine to form the life substances until a temperature below the boiling point of water is reached. At a temperature between 32° and 150° F., all the life on this globe was created. Were the temperature of the

earth to pass again without that range, all life would perish, for this is the only range of temperature at which that most complex of chemical compounds, protoplasm, the essential substance of every living cell, can exist.

In all that great range of temperature, from the hottest stars down to the absolute zero of interstellar space where the lightest of gases freeze as hard as steel, only in the one brief span of a hundred degrees, scarcely one-hundredth part of the whole, can life exist; while warm-blooded life, which is the highest form, can exist only within a range of ten degrees or twelve degrees. We are even alarmed if the clinical thermometer shows a change in the temperature of our blood of two degrees.

Aided by the energy of sunlight, the vegetable or plant takes inorganic matter and converts it into organic or living matter, such as is found in leaves, fruits, nuts, cereals—the natural foods of man. It is

only through this process that mineral elements can become a part of animal life.

As the life substance can exist only within a limited range of temperature, when we apply artificial heat to our food in the process of cooking it results in such a change as destroys the elementary plant form, and the mineral elements return to their inorganic condition. A leaf of cabbage, if immersed in water that can easily be endured by the bare hand, will wilt, showing that part of its cellular life is destroyed at that temperature.

The degree of heat necessary to change the chemical properties of a substance depends upon the substance. Gold may be heated in a furnace to the highest temperature which human ingenuity can attain, and it will still come out gold; but let a young housewife get her biscuits a few degrees too hot and they will come out of the oven a radically different substance from what she had planned.

Contributions

The Sacred Name—Yod: He: Vau: He.

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I find in the March number of "The Stellar Ray" that the same error has been made by a contributor in translating the letters of the Sacred, that is, Secret, Name into our Roman or American letters, which has for centuries been used by the priests to blind the unthinking and ignorant masses.

In the Hebrew, that is the sacred or secret language of the ancient priesthood, the letters of this sacred name are Yod: He: Vau: He; to this day this word is never pronounced save once a year by the chief priest, but is translated and spoken Adonai, that is Adonis, The Sun.

The Hebrew letters, Yod: He: Vau: He: are the tenth, the fifth, the sixth and the fifth letter repeated of this sacred alphabet, to translate them as I. H. V. H. is ridicu-

lous, as our letter H has no part in this name, but is used to trick the uninitiated and prevent the Truth from becoming too easily attained.

The fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the He: is our letter E, and "The Word" placed as below will convey a world of meaning:

Yod-	He-	Vau-	He
I-	E-	V-	E-

That is, The One and Eve or Adam and Eve (for Eve—the Moon—is the rib taken from the side of Adam—the Earth), and also The One—the Sun, and Eve—the Moon, the two great lights, "the Sun to rule the day and the Moon to govern the night."

"Father of all, in every age; in every clime adored

By Saint, by Savage and by Sage, Jehovah, Jove or Lord."

—Alex. Pope.

The Name is generally understood to

stand for Jove, that is Jupiter, the greater benefic, Jew Peter, hence the free translation, the usual appellation Jehovah.

As an additional proof I give an exact copy of the Catholic hymn to the Blessed Virgin, "Hail, Bright Star of Ocean:"
"Hail, bright Star of Ocean, God's own Mother blest,

Ever sinless Virgin, Gate of heavenly rest.

Taking that sweet *AVE*, which from Gabriel came,

Peace confirm within us, changing EVA'S name."

Eva or Eve is the Moon, and in proof thereof, Gabriel, Angel of the Moon, is given as the source of this name. There are many such admissions in the Christian prayer and hymn books. The elucidation conveyed in the statement that the bright "Star of Ocean" is "God's Own Mother Blest," needs no comment to enforce conviction from truthseekers.

As the letters of the sacred alphabet had their cabalistic value and were interchangeable therewith, so also they represented The Trinity of Mothers or Father, Mother, Son, with the seven planets and days of the week, and the twelve signs of the Zodiac or months, or Tribes of Israel or Apostles of Our Lord, together.

Mothers or Trinity—	3
Planets—	7
Zodiac—	12=22

The name placed in another formation, gives a wonderful light:

Vod- I- 10	Virgo—Mother of Our Lord, the Virgin.
He- E- 5	Aries—Exaltation of the Sun, The Lamb of God.
Vau- V- 6	Taurus—Exaltation of the Moon, Eve.
He- E- 5	Aries (as above).

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Now 26 or 2 plus 6, equals 8, which is the Hebrew Heth, or our letter H, that is Cancer, the Mother sign, or the Manger or Benjamin or Justice, Nizah. See "Science and Key of Life," vol. 6, for an explanation of these and other numbers.

That I may not appear singular, and as numerous other mistranslations are in daily

use, I give an instance of another, entirely in the words of that eminent astrologer and Hebrew scholar, the Rev. Robt. Taylor, B. A. of St. John's College, Cambridge; member of the Royal College of Surgeons; author of the *Diagnosis*, etc., who was born at 3 p. m., Edmonton, England, Aug. 18, 1784.

In his lecture on "The Star of Bethlehem," part 2, on page 27 of vol. 1, he gives this remarkable explanation, viz:

"As Jesus Christ is made to say of Himself in that beautiful and scientific astronomical mythos called 'The Revelation of St. John,' 'I am the Amen, the faithful and true witness,' so the name of *Yesus* or *Jesus*, so deceitfully sheltered from the discovery of its true (real) meaning, by the Latin termination—*us* (which is no part of it) in its dissyllabic and earlier form, is *Yes*, which has become our English form of assent or pledge of fidelity and truth. As we say *Yes* with the same meaning as *Amen*, that is, verily, it is so—or I consent—I will—that is, by God I will.

"Hues—*Yes*—being the most ancient name of the God *Bacchus* (God of Wine), and absolutely retained to this day upon all our Christian altar pieces and pulpit cloths in those three mystical letters *I:H:S*; which are Greek letters, absurdly read (translated) as Roman letters, by our Romish monks, as if they were to stand for the words *Jesus Hominum Salvator*, *Jesus*, the Savior of Men, whereas they really are the name spelled at full length of the Pagan God, *Bacchus*, the god of wine, in whose honor at those altars our Christian Bacchanals, not knowing what they do, continue to this day to drink the Sacramental wine, which is the blood of the grape, that is by metonymy upon metonymy, the blood of *Bacchus*, that is of *Jes* or *Yes*—the personified genius of the Sun, whose name is written in those letters *I:H:S*: and surrounded with that circle of golden rays, than which your ingenuity could not write the word *Sun*, nor depict it in an hieroglyphical representation less to be mistaken, even if you were the most ingenious man alive. And this same *I:E:S*: is composed of the Ammonian radicals, 1, The One; and *E S*, The Fire; i.e., the Sun, the One Great Fire, i.e., the Sun, under which identical name he was the supreme

deity of the ancient fire worshippers of Persia, from whom his rites were adopted by those who are absurdly called the primitive Christians."

"Jesus, the Name high oer all, in hell or earth or sky;

Angels and men before it fall and Devils fear and fly."

—C. Wesley.

I wish this was really so, then Truth would not be so difficult to find, for Jesus is—The Truth!

In the above two instances it will be plainly seen, some of the means adopted by the learned, the historians, the writers on religious subjects and by the clergy generally, to deceive the masses and prevent the connection between Astrology and Religion from being instantly seen, known and recognized.

In any other case the translation of the Hebrew He and the Greek Epsilon into our letter H would subject the writer to ridicule, but here all seem to combine to assist the fraud.

The Hebrew He and the Greek Epsilon are our letter E, and when properly translated in the instances given will immediately throw a flood of light on some religious ceremonies and symbols. I therefore protest against such mistranslations, whether done through ignorance or with a view to deceive, and call upon all astrologers, occultists and truth-seekers to aid in the finding of the Christ as given in Colos. 1 verse 27, to seek elsewhere is useless effort. "Truth is mighty, and it WILL prevail!"

The Real World.

MABEL GIFFORD SHINE.

"Judge not by appearances."

As the plantlet, in its tiny white world in the seed, reaches out into the big, brown earth, so the human plantlet reaches out from the heaven of its infancy into the big world; the world of Nature—God's world, and the world of men. Each little plantlet reaches out for that of which it feels the need; reaches out blindly, refusing what does not satisfy it, and choosing its own. So each grows and develops in the world of *sense*, and by countless experiences each

learns what is good for it and what is not, and out of this world of sense develops *mind*.

The plant mind chooses, and the human mind chooses and keeps on growing, but neither knows what its real self is or what the real world is in which it has come to live. The plant thinks it is a root with many tiny white fingers, and that its world is the brown earth; then one day something of the warmth of the sun's kisses on the brown earth, and the music of the pattering rain-drops and the voices of the winds penetrates into the little plant's world and it begins to dream and to look up. And the Dream calls and calls, and the plant climbs and climbs to find its Dream until it bursts through the brown mold into the glorious sunlight and the big upper world.

The little human plant does not follow its impulses so purely; when its mind is developed it begins to choose things that please it, though it knows they are harmful. It ceases to listen to the impulses and the voices and does not follow its Dream; it plays with its senses instead of putting them to useful service. And so, by following its pleasure instead of its Dream the human plant goes astray and loses the meanings of the great world. It comes to see only the outside of things and not the real things. It has developed the senses and the mind, but not the soul—the real for which and from which all the rest exists.

The soul is the whole being, body, mind and spirit, and the soul sense is the realization of the whole being and its world. Everything that it is to develop consciousness of, already is; its real self, its real world, its real life; and all that it is and that is its, it longs for and reaches out for blindly. What way it will take to seek its life remains for the soul to choose; if it obeys its impulses, if it heeds the Voice, if it follows its Dream it will unfold and climb like the plant, but if it does not heed its guides but seeks for itself it will grow by its mistakes. It will not know that the real exists, but suppose that all it desires is separate from itself and must be seized, and compelled to become a part of its life.

When Soul sees with the senses, it sees bodies and a material world. It is convinced that there is nothing so sweet in life as physical sensations, and no world but the physical world, and nothing worth striving for but these pleasures. When Soul sees with the mind it sees a world of knowledge; knowledge of the external world; knowledge, knowledge stored up in myriad treasure boxes everywhere. To know, is the all of life; the pleasure of knowing is heaven. But if the soul sense is awakened, the Soul sees that everything visible is but the body of a soul. Considering this matter he sees that every visible object is a revelation of soul. Then he realizes that the real life is that which the external expresses. And the Soul is expressing itself in and through its outer manifestation of itself.

With this key the Soul bursts through the world of sense and mind into the glorious sunlight and beauty of the soul-world. Then the Soul looks not *at* things but *into* things and sees the real. Life is no longer lonely; there is comradeship everywhere; everything appeals to him as a kindred soul; everything presents to him wonderful, beautiful and grand revelations. The tree is not simply a tree waving its branches in the air, but it is a revelation of man himself; a revelation of God its creator; a revelation of the secret of life and of the progress and unfoldment of life. A blade of grass is a volume of deeper and more vital secrets than the most learned magic ever stored in Oriental archives; all physical life but the moving of Soul among the physical elements, weaving itself diversified garments as it moves.

The seeing Soul sees and hears God and God's messages in all outward objects; he also sees himself and his brothers pictured in his external environment. In his own body he sees this same revelation of Soul, God and man and himself. That which is in a state of harmony is the picture of God, and of harmony in the human life and the human Soul; that which has gone wrong and creates discord is the expression of the perversion of the real. And that which is not in evidence is due to the undevelopment of the real.

His heart is almost bursting with joy; he has found the meanings of things; there is no emptiness anywhere; all is living, and for something. And all things work together for the good of each, when each works for the other, and Christ arises in our hearts on that blessed day when we realize our selfish mistakes, and listen once more for the Voice and the Guide who is the Life and the Truth and the Way, and whose name is Love.

A Wonderful Age.

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Through the intelligently awakened centers of the new day, speaks the God in man, proclaiming: "I am the fountain through which plays the eternal waters of truth, whose whirling worlds of liquid light are thrown broadcast upon the dry and crusted face of earth's beclouded thought. I am the waters which shall so moisten up the parched and hardened soil, that seeds which have for centuries lain dormant shall blossom forth, and bear fruitage which shall be garnered for the hungering ones that call for wisdom's food along the path of life.

A wonderful age. Ay, it is so proclaimed to be by the enlightened host of heaven who stand a power invincible, although invisible, to urge men on to true appreciation and appropriation of the powers that vibrate in harmonies too divinely sweet to reach the ear of the un-awakened child of earth.

Man of today faintly discerns through power of his evolving mind, the *greater* age that shall eternally unfold to him who seeks for wisdom.

A mighty host of conquering thoughts awaits the *wise* command of man; but he must arise and grasp the force, mould every word and deed to the highest form that he, as architect can conceive of.

Through a wise yielding to the Divine, the soul of man takes the *supremacy*; commands the forces and receives freely from out the storehouse of the Infinite, supply of the All-Good.

Truth is the eternal and unquenchable

fire that burns within the soul, and radiates as wisdom, warmth and light to bless all life.

The whirl-pool of earth-life is seething with the desires of human-kind. Let him who is awakened unto the knowledge of this enlightened period, stand firm, calm and poised, giving freely of that which is high and holy, pure and true.

O, dawn of Light! O, power of thought from realms invisible! You cast aside the

sombre curtains of past ignorance and fear and let the light of Truth shine in. You clear away the debris from the avenues of man's be-darkened consciousness, with your eternal flood of light.

O, wonderful age that is, and age that is to come! O Boundless Love that reaches to the heights and depths of All Life! You chant your song of peace in wisdom's ways and patiently await the breaking of the dawn of a still more wonderful era.

Stellar Science Department

Were You Born in the Zodiacal Sign Taurus?

BY H. C. HODGES.

If you were born between April 21st and May 20th, the sun was in the sign Taurus.

These natives are full of inspiration, of keen foresight and are noted for their accuracy and persistence; are seldom capable of great financial plans, being more generous with their mental and physical labors than able to demand remuneration for them.

They form the deliberate practical persons of life; sometimes too slow in their movements to grasp the fleeting opportunities that come their way; while seeming to be born to the routine duties of the burden bearer, they have a great range of mental ability and should cultivate self-defence and aggressiveness. Natives of this sign should exercise greatest calmness and reserve in choice at time of marriage. They should marry some one born in Scorpio or Pisces.

The first decanate of Taurus is governed by Venus, which rules from the 21st of April to the 1st of May and gives the Taurus nature a strong love of home, makes a good wife or husband, giving great patience, and unusual fondness for children, also for all things of beauty, together with artistic ability.

The Taurus individual under Venus is

not given to the vanity which this planet often gives in other signs. They are proud, however, and inclined to be too sensitive. Are usually of refined features, rather tall and slender of stature.

The second decanate of Taurus, from the 1st to the 10th of May, is under the influence of Mercury, which tends to quicken the movements and renders the native more changeable, more easily stirred to anger, and softens the abruptness of speech.

The third decanate, between the 10th and 20th of May, is governed by Saturn, where may be found the most emphasized Taurus individuality. Slowness is given free scope under the influence of Saturn, and accuracy is intensified. They are not apt to rise to any pinnacle of fame unless assisted by a beneficent aspect of some of the powerful planets.

The effect of the various polarities of the moon, with the sun still in Taurus, are interesting to note.

If the moon was in Aries at time of birth the Taurus nature would be endowed with greater ability to accomplish great deeds.

If in Taurus, the sun sign, the character will also be forceful, self-controlled and inclined to vivacity.

The moon in Gemini indicates restlessness, ever seeking for knowledge, inclines to selfishness, and increases the physical endurance. Moon in Cancer, adds to the idealism of home, increasing the love of

elegance and power. In childhood this native needs special tenderness and patience in manner of government; parents should avoid the irritableness quite common in the parental control of sensitive children.

The moon in Leo would cause an extremist, sympathetic, confiding.

In Virgo, critical, intuitional, precise, fine business capabilities.

The moon in Libra quickens the decisions, and if otherwise well endowed there is a fitness to join political movements, but inclines to lack of sentiment and sympathy.

So on through all the signs of the Zodiac may be observed the effect of the different polarizations of the moon upon the Taurus nativity.

The Outlook for May, 1910.

By Frederick White,

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The New Moon for May occurs on the 8th at 11:32 p. m. and the Full of the Moon on May 23d at 11:39 p. m., Chicago standard time. At the time of the New Moon the Sun is in close sextile aspect to Neptune, and in trine aspect to Uranus, Mars square to Jupiter and Venus. The sign Capricorn will be on the Eastern horizon, Uranus in the ascendant, and Jupiter the most elevated planet in the Horoscope. The outlook is quite favorable for general business and the affairs of the country; the good aspect of Sun to Uranus and Neptune is favorable for the common people in regard to employment, etc., a feeling of contentment being noticeable more than usual. The month coming is favorable for starting important changes, new business, etc., for making investments in real estate, etc.

Mars strongly aspected to Jupiter will incline many to extravagance, carelessness of expense and free with money, easily led into debt, etc. The Speculative markets should have considerable strength off and on, Jupiter strongly aspected to Mars indicates temporary reverses with sudden breaks in the stocks about the 7th to 15th of the month, but as this aspect leaves there

will be good reactions. The Cereal Markets should have quite a little strength between the 1st and 8th and after the 23d of the month. The weather even, and quite favorable. I judge more encouraging in the line of rain and moisture than it has been. From the full of the Moon on the 23d the Sun will be coming to a trine of Jupiter, it being a favorable influence generally for business.

Taking all the indications into consideration, I consider the outlook quite favorable for the average person, although one who has a very unfavorable Horoscope could have reverses in this month.

THE DAYS FOR MAY.

May 1st. Moon 27° in Capricorn, square to Saturn at 7 a. m.; deceiving, unfavorable, avoid risks and unnecessary changes; is good for Sunday affairs.

2d. Moon 10° in Aquarius, square to Sun, last quarter at 7 a. m.; changeable and uncertain; avoid risks; sell.

3d. Moon 24° in Aquarius, sextile to Saturn at 2 p. m.; is generally good; buy.

4th. Moon 7° in Pisces, sextile to Sun 6 p. m.; good; push affairs; buy.

5th. Moon 22° in Pisces, conj. with Venus 2 p. m.; very good; ask favors; buy.

6th. Moon 6° in Aries; past aspects, but generally good.

7th. Moon 21° in Aries, square with Uranus at 2 p. m.; is deceiving; avoid risks and changes; sell.

8th. Moon 6° in Taurus, no aspects; is good for Sunday affairs.

9th. Moon 22° in Taurus, trine with Uranus at 2 p. m.; is good; push business; make changes; buy.

10th. Moon 7° in Gemini, past aspects; generally good but may be quiet.

11th. Moon 21° in Gemini, past aspects; is a quiet day, but generally good.

12th. Moon 6° in Cancer, conj. with Mars 6 a. m.; is deceiving; be careful.

13th. Moon 20° in Cancer, opposite Uranus at 4 p. m.; active and deceiving; avoid risks; sell.

14th. Moon 3° in Leo, sextile to Jupiter at 10 a. m.; is good; ask favors; push affairs; buy.

15th. Moon 17° in Leo, square to Sun 6 p. m.; first quarter, is deceiving, uncertain; be careful; but is favorable for Sunday affairs.

16th. Moon 29° in Leo, applying to a sextile of Jupiter; is good; push affairs and ask favors.

17th. Moon 12° in Virgo, sextile to Neptune at 4 p. m.; is good; ask favors and push business; buy.

18th. Moon 24° in Virgo, trine to Sun at 10 a. m.; is good for all general affairs, for dealing with officials, etc.

19th. Moon 6° in Libra, square with Mars at 2 p. m.; is deceiving; be careful.

20th. Moon 18° in Libra, square to Uranus at 8 p. m.; be careful and avoid risks and contention; avoid travel; sell.

21st. Moon 30° in Libra, opposite Saturn, 7 a. m.; deceiving and unfavorable.

22d. Moon 11° in Scorpio, trine with Mars 9 a. m.; generally good; buy.

23d. Moon 23° in Scorpio, sextile with Uranus at 10 a. m.; is generally good.

24th. Moon 5° in Sagittarius; past aspects; a quiet day.

25th. Moon 17° in Sagittarius, trine with Venus at 10 a. m.; is very good; buy.

26th. Moon 29° in Sagittarius, opposite Mercury 1 p. m.; is active and deceiving.

27th. Moon 12° in Capricorn, opposite Neptune at 4 p. m.; is active, uncertain; be careful; sell.

28th. Moon 24° in Capricorn; conj. with Uranus at 8 a. m.; is active, deceiving; avoid risks; sell.

29th. Moon 7° in Aquarius, trine with Sun at 6 a. m.; is very good for all Sunday affairs.

30th. Moon 20° in Aquarius, sextile to Venus 4 p. m.; very good; push affairs and ask favors.

31st. Moon 3° in Pisces, square with Sun, last quarter; is favorable; avoid risks; unnecessary changes, etc.; sell.

Note.—The position of the Moon by degrees is for 6 a. m., Chicago standard time, or for 7 a. m., New York time.

If you have an average good Horoscope, these aspects as given will apply to you; because if you are having a good or bad transit of any planet, a transit being the every-day motions, of the planets through

the houses of the Zodiac and houses of individual horoscope, and the aspects of the planets as given here will be the aspects formed to the planets by transit in the Horoscope. I have noticed these daily aspects of the Moon (and in judging them as to good and bad I consider the aspects between the other planets), for several years and I find that it is profitable to choose days when there are good aspects and avoid days when there are bad aspects for doing important business, asking favors, etc.

FREDERICK WHITE.

The Chemistry of Taurus.

BY DR. GEORGE W. CAREY.

"The ancient Greeks and Romans had a myth that in the veins of the gods flowed a fluid called *ichor*, that their food was ambrosia, their drink elixir, and that they dined on Mount Olympus. While this was purely myth, it was, nevertheless, based upon an idea, the conception of which was founded in a principle that is universal. It meant nothing more than that it was possible for one to so live and care for the physical body that he could realize the almost boundless delights of both body and mind, and this alone from pure physical conditions."

From "Blood of the Gods." By David P. Hatch, Los Angeles, Calif.

It is slowly dawning upon the mind of man that blood is the essence of life materialized—made manifest—and that a recognition of this awful, sacred Truth enables the neophyte to become an adept—a master. Pure blood is pure intelligence, operating in the divine temple, or workshop, creating concepts, and moving the cosmic panorama across the canvas of consciousness.

The blood of Christ means the blood of the anointed—or wise—one. No one is wise who does not know that blood is the result of chemical action. The mysteries of the divine procedure within the rivers of life, the veins and arteries of the human microcosm—man's body—will never be solved by any religious sect or mysterious cult. The analysis of chemistry—the test tubes—the spectroscope—the electric current or vibration—by these material

fingers will the keys of life be tuned and played.

Professor Loeb truly says: "The ultimate source of living matter is mineral."

The soul's house is built on a rock. Mineral salts of iron, lime, potash, soda, magnesia, silica, etc., form the base of bone, flesh, blood, and all fluids of the body, as well as the saps and tissue of vegetation.

Without a proper amount of the inorganic blood salts—tissue builders—health cannot be maintained.

Those born between April 19th and May 20th need more of the cell-salt that eliminates and regulates the water in fluids of liver and pancreas than those born in other signs. Natrum sulphate, formed by the union of sulphur and soda, is the salt that predominates in the liver and corresponds with Taurus. Deficiency in this cell-salt causes so-called bilious symptoms—*malaria*—as the wise doctors like to name it, and aches and pains in back, extending up to back of neck and cerebellum or lower brain. The first symptom of so-called disease always indicates a lack of the special liver salt nat. sulp. (sodium sulphate).

This salt, in crude form, is known as Glauber's Salts, and is too coarse to be taken up by the mucous membrane absorbents and carried into the circulation; it must be triturated with sugar of milk, according to the biochemic method, up to the 3d or 6th decimal before using as a remedy to supply the blood. Glauber's Salts (crude sodium sulphate) acts as a cathartic, and cathartics are never used in the biochemic system of healing.

So-called malaria, Latin for bad air, fevers, chills, or ague, yellow fever and cholera, are all caused by an excess of water in blood.

During hot weather moisture (water) is held in aqueous vapor in air, and is thus breathed into the circulatory system through the lungs. The blood requires an exact portion of water in its composition, and too much or not enough breaks the chemical formula called blood and symptoms manifest to which medical men have given names in Greek and Latin. As above written, sodium sulphate molecules eliminate any excess of water that may from any cause accumulate in the blood, fluids, or tissue of man's body. When an extra

amount of water is drawn into the blood by breathing, more of the salts of sodium sulphate are required than usual, and the molecular chain is often broken, and thus water becomes a disturbing element. Chills are caused by nature's spasmodic effort to wring the water out of blood and tissue. The cold sensation is caused by the excess of water—too much for the normal rate of blood motion to heat. After a violent chill profuse perspiration proves the excess of water theory. It generally requires about 48 hours to again overcharge the blood and bring on another chill.

Cold dry air *always* cures chills, and be it known that all *cold* air is dry air. The cure for chills when cold air cannot be had is sodium sulphate in biochemic potency. Yellow fever is caused by too much water in bile and other liver fluids. These fluids are distributed through the system, and in their union with oil, albumen, etc., become vitiated and cause the yellow skin.

Nature in her efforts to throw off the heteroplasm, combination of vitiated substances, increases the circulation and the increased motion causes the heat, called fever.

Cholera is derived from *chole*, Greek for bile. In cholera the bile is also overcharged with water, but for planetary and other reasons at that particular time, the specific gravity of the liver fluid is such that it flows quickly down the intestinal tract completely emptying the liver, and by its acrid quality eats up and destroys the delicate membranes of intestines, causing death in a few hours.

Mosquitoes do not cause yellow fever. The theory is too absurd for discussion. Neither are yellow fever or cholera contagious. Those who *catch* these conditions catch them from the air, as shown above.

Not many years ago, the Medical State Board of Health (?)—Ye gods!—caused cannons to be fired in the streets of New Orleans, thinking thereby to kill the germs of yellow fever by *jarring* them. (Wouldn't that jar you?) Now these same medical seers say mosquitoes cause yellow fever instead of microbes.

Watery blood causes yellow fever.

When man learns to keep his blood at

the proper rate of motion by the proper dynamos—the mineral salts—he will not fear fevers, microbes, mosquitoes, nor devils.

The coming astrologer will not only foresee the planetary aspect that indicates physiological changes, but he will also understand the chemical need to assist that change, and astrologer and physician will be one again as they were in ancient days.

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Urania is now in the sign Capricorn, causing the practical use of more recent discoveries, wireless telegraphy, aerial navigation, mental development, etc. As Urania enters the sign Aquarius, most wonderful conditions will prevail. This influence will be perceptible in 1910. More intensified in 1912.

During the period of these influences the science of Astrology will be recognized the world over.

These conditions will be active from 1912 to 1920.—H. C. Hodges.

Halley's Comet.

Special to Our Subscribers.

As this seemingly erratic sky wanderer will be due within the earth's orbit on the 18th of May, we would like to make an arrangement with he, she or it to save harmless all those who have been prompt in the payment of their subscriptions to STELLAR RAY.

To those who are in arrears, we trust they will be reminded that their subscription is due and the STELLAR RAY needs the money.—Editor.

Query Department

Stellar Ray readers will regret to learn that Prof. Benj. Williams, Vice President of the National Association of Astrologues, was killed in a railway wreck in California on the 9th of March. He was an able contributor of interesting and instructive articles to Stellar Ray, was also to conduct its Query Department.

Answers to Queries.

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U. A. L.—Why are the 60 and 120 degrees aspects more benefic than the 90 and 180 degree aspects? Again, Why are the Swastika and the Horseshoe symbols of good luck?

"The Earth, the Sea, the Starry Sky,

Are cyphers writ by hand divine,
That hand which tuned their harmony,

And bade their varied glories shine;
In them e'en heathen's eye may see

Symbols in one grand Truth combine,
But in the Book of Books there lies

A key to read their mysteries."

"As above, so below" is the rule in all things, and aspects are the "Music of the spheres," some harmonious, some discordant, according to our moods or how we apply them.

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angles or chords are demonstrated and their uses explained. The more perfect or complete the angle is, the greater the stellar ray influence, or vibration exerted upon us or upon matter.

The symbol of harmony is a triangle and every benefic stellar ray constitutes a part of the trine, triangle, or angle of 120 degrees or third part of the Zodiac.

Double the triangle and we have the six pointed star, combining the sextiles and trines of the Zodiac. This is the double angle of joy and happiness.

Aries, the first sign, is sextile to, or 60 degrees from Gemini, also masculine, but airy and harmonious, as fire cannot live without air, and Gemini is sextile to Leo a fire sign, and Leo trine Aries. The triangle Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, all fire signs are harmonious, and so with all the trinities, Fire, Air, Earth and Water, which form the four trinities of the Zodiac, all

harmonious and the same sex and element, therefore benefic.

Fire and air agree, as do earth and water and they are needed to purify and assist each other.

The symbol of discord is a square \square the angle of sorrow, and every discordant or inharmonious vibration constitutes a portion of this angle of 90 degrees, or the fourth part of the Circle of the Zodiac, and the Cross represents the opposite signs or the angle of 180 degrees, thus $+$ the sexes opposing each other.

The reason that these vibrations or stellar rays are discordant or evil is that they must strike each other and us—crossways from opposing angles, thus: $+$. This opposing current between two powers must produce a violent commotion, and for reason note some signs in square aspect, Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn, all cardinal and all varied; Fire, Water, Air and Earth all mixed cannot avoid being discordant as all are in cross aspect and each pair opposed to or opposite to each other.

Each aspect can be formed from any point of the Zodiac, sign or house of the horoscope both direct and converse. When these influences flow in straight lines and cut through each other from cross angles, we call them bad, or evil, because discordant or inharmonious, but when they flow in straight lines but convergent angles either from or towards each other, then we call them good, benefic, because harmonious: explaining the law "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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The Swastika is one of the most ancient occult symbols composed of four letters of the ancient glyphs joined together. Amongst the more recent, the four Greek Gammas and four Hebrew Daleths, which fourth letter of the sacred or secret alphabet it is well known represents Jupiter, Jew Peter, Zeus or Jew, Jehovah, the greater benefic from whence this cross has become the symbol of success and luck to some.

This Swastika, also formed of four of our sevens, representing the seven Evangelists, seven archangels, seven gates of the Holy City, seven heavens, seven summer months, seven stars in right hand of Jesus Christ, seven planets, seven days of the

week, seven candlesticks, seven seals, seven vials of wrath, seven deadly sins, etc., etc., and in this form explains the origin of all things.

The centre where the lines meet and cross is the conception point, the lower point, the birth, the arms representing the four ages of man: The birth, youth, manhood and death of mankind and of all things, even a thought.

The Swastika again is Thor's hammer and represents the four cardinal and four fixed signs, only the common signs being wanting to make the circle complete. You must be an initiate before you can gain full explanation of this secret symbol which was used in the ancient mysteries.

The Swastika is a sanscrit word meaning "Of Good Fortune," the Chinese word is "Wan," meaning "Many long years, or happy returns," the Anglo-Saxon word is "Fylfot," all of these pointing out the annual path of the Sun and the Planets through the Zodiac and also to the Phallic worship which the priests used to illustrate the power of God to the ignorant masses.

The Swastika is the stellar key, the arms representing the elements, Fire, Earth, Air and Water, or the four fixed signs or Zodiacal animals mentioned in the Bible, Ezekiel, 1, v. 10, and 10, v. 14, as well as Revelations 4, v. 7. The wards or branches on the end of the arms properly have the trinities arranged under their elements, the three fire signs on one arm, and so with the others. These alchemically expressed are Salt, Sulphur, Mercury and Azoth, also Carbon, Oxygen, Nitrogen and Hydrogen. The symbol represents universal generation and the occultist will write the letters I. N. R. I. on the arms to represent "Igne natura renovatur integra," or "In nobis regnat Jesus," in the original, "IAMIN, NOUR, ROUACH, IEBESCHAL!"

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Horseshoes.

To the astrologer the horseshoe is the Parabrahm as well as the sign of the Sun, Leo, the lion, and Rahu, the dragon's head or the Moon's north node, often said to be as beneficent as Jupiter, which reversed is Keeto or Ketu, the Keturah of the Bible, wife of Abram or the Earth. The symbol for the 12th sign of the Zodiac (Pisces) is

the double horseshoe joined by a band, or the sexes equal and united, and this sign, Pisces, is the exaltation of Venus, the Goddess of Love.

It will interest those who nail a horseshoe over the door to know that this custom is one of the relics of the most ancient Phallic worship. It was the universal practice of some tribes to nail up in front of their tents or over their doors the external generative organs of the mare, cow or camel for good luck and to keep away witches and the evil eye, and when it was

impossible to obtain these, a rude drawing thereof was thought to be sufficient, which assumed many shapes but always approximating nature. Thus it finally took the shape of the horseshoe, and when the original meaning had been forgotten by the masses, the priests to encourage the deception allowed the horseshoe to be a talisman of good luck, now recognized the world over.

In Ireland, carved figures representing the external female organ of generation have been found over the entrance to churches and the male organ is symbolized by the church steeple and spire.

Department of Psychical Sciences and Unfoldment

By J. C. F. GRUMBINE, 1890 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

(Questions Invited)

Since writing my last contribution I have had the pleasure of reading two weighty and admirably written books by Rudolf Steiner, a Theosophist and occultist of Berlin, Germany, whose physical development is by some regarded as very high and superphysical. Though his books are by no means easy to read or to understand, many, no doubt, will find them both instructive and corroborative of their own mystical and supernormal experiences. While the style is similar to all German mystics, not excepting Du Prel in his excellent works on the "History of Mysticism," very heavy and without much joy or sunshine strewn along the path of initiation, still whoever reads the books will feel, as all must, that Steiner is not a trifle. So many take up a work of unfoldment for only selfish reasons, and the result is that before they have proceeded very far along the normal path, they meet the "Dweller on the Threshold," who sends them back into materialism or into the chaos where they seem to belong. Before one can advance very far along the path of initiation he must learn as Rudolf Steiner and others have learned, that "The Lord or

master is *in* (not outside) his Holy temple," and unless he purifies himself, he will never see the master, nor see into the spiritual world. This these books of Dr. Steiner exemplify and amplify. Anyone can be a medium who is organically qualified, but only those who love spiritual living and spiritual things can become adepts. Let the would-be artisan or contractor of Solomon's temple consider the cost, before he starts in to bargain for material, or he will have a Babel on his hands and not what he originally desired.

There is something peculiar about a certain school of modern, western occultists who are neither avowed Spiritualists or Theosophists, but who seem to have a cult of their own. They seem ever ready to say that they have certain inside information, or a secret knowledge, which if they revealed, or the masters, with whom they are on the most familiar terms, desired them to divulge, they could reveal things which would make one's hair stand on end, or threats to that effect; whereas the truth is, that they have nothing more than the most humble disciple of wisdom can receive, when he stands in the purity of

his soul before the Supreme Master of the universe. It is well for the beginner to know this, else he will be misled to expect much more of a certain kind of supernatural evidence than he may ever receive.

The object of spiritual development is not that men may become wonder workers, amazing and dumbfounding the eyes and ears of sense, but rather that they might know first, that they are spiritual beings, immortal and divine now and here, and secondly, that as such, they can know their place, find their work and do it with a true understanding of the word, karma, which imposes upon us a deep sense of the meaning of obedience, and a still deeper sense of the value of our present life, in view of eternal life.

Now I wish also to add a word about the fourth dimension, so far as I am able to understand it mystically or divinely. It is the source of all dimension, yet it is itself no dimension at all. It is the true measure of the other, which, in reality, is no measure in the sense of length, breadth or thickness. It has to do with the spirit and the spiritual world, and is not to be translated into sensuous terms of finite comprehension. Time and space are not the sphere of the fourth dimension, but eternity. Mathematics can never define it. It is more than a process, and deals with esoteric rather than with exoteric life. Still, when Jesus materialized in the upper room to his disciples and drank and ate with them, he, as a spirit, took on the three dimensions, and when he vanished from their midst, he re-entered the plane and sphere of the fourth dimension. Like clairvoyance, which does not need a pineal gland or any physical organ with which to see spiritually, so the man of the fourth dimension needs nothing physical to reduce it to realization. As Paul wrote, spiritual things must be spiritually discerned. And yet the so-called mathematicians and popular mouthpieces of old thought and old theories, are trying to adjust the "new wine to old bottles." Neither oxygen nor hydrogen can be made visible except through certain modes of motion. You can see them in a fluid as water, or a solid as ice, but as gases, they are beyond visibility and audibility, and can be known

only chemically. So it seems it is with the fourth dimension.

And here I wish to add one further word. I have been reading and am still reading Mr. Hodges' most excellent volume (the 6th in the Science and Key of Life series), and to say that I am pleased with its contents is to express my admiration faintly. Outside of Gerald Massey's books on the Natural Genesis and The Book of Beginnings, I have never read a more intelligent and comprehensive exposition of the so-called pagan mysteries, nor have I seen mythology and astrology, to say nothing of the origin, magical significance and uses of numbers so luminously and eloquently set forth and explained. Any ordinary reader can understand the book and this is a charm which simple minds will appreciate. The book should be bought and read by every one, and especially since the price is reduced to but \$1.50. I shall say more in another article about the great scope of this truly great work—"The Science and Key of Life."

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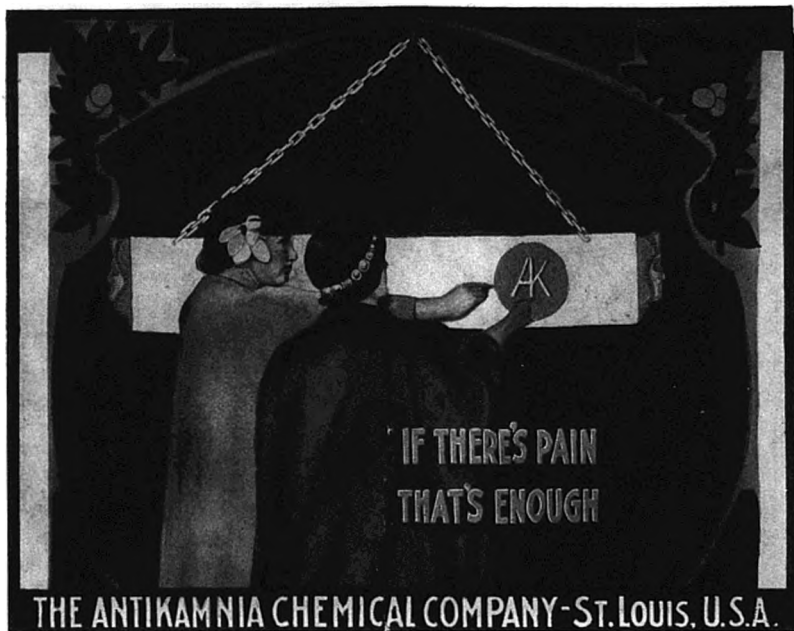
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