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Materialistic science is eroding

EDITORIAL

THERE was a time not long since when the Spiritualist claims of proof of survival of bodily death were publicly and in literature supported by scientists of the highest standing.

Then there would follow a decent pause to absorb and weigh the force and effect of such great good news.

As in all human experience the impact of the good news would slowly lessen. The workaday world had other claims on its attention—and study.

But in every surge of the renewal of interest in the truths of Survival there would come an extension of the change in human thought wrought by the power of spirit thought.

The sum total of experiences in psychic development led, by natural accretion, to substantial changes in human thought.

In such a situation we seem, especially in the western world in this era of crisis, to be experiencing a situation of darkness without a gleam of hope.

But the thoughtful souls who know of the proved and provable evidence for Survival have reason now, as never before, to be confident that we are truly in a time of scientists acknowledging that we are gaining in their world.

It is not that this or that one sole and solitary scientist now says he accepts the basic case for Survival. It is that the number of persuaded scientists grows, not alone by the effects of the power of personal conviction, but because of the changes wrought by Spiritualism in altering scientific thought on the nature of matter.

Colossal sums of money, and from the public purse, which should have been spent on human needs, have been poured into more and more scientific research into the nature of matter.

The spirit, in scientific circles, has long been neglected as though it were alone the concern of religions, creeds and dogmas that lack evidence.

It is on evidence that Spiritualism was revived in this age. It is on evidence that the power of the spirit makes its impress felt now with greater force among the more adventurous scientists.

Even as they pore over the seemingly endless reports of seemingly endless studies and massive experiments into matter the newer scientists are made aware that their arts are paused at an impassable frontier. This is called physical science which, in the end, is but a means of knowing or finding out.

The physical is no longer the seemingly solid, impenetrable substance of which all is made.

As in the words of the noted scientist Max Planck, the next step is closer to the metaphysical. Thereby he, and others of his persuasion, do not mean by metaphysical the vulgar distortion of a hazy mysticism.

They mean the state of being that shades into the psychic, which in turn merges into the spiritual.

When there is gathered an assemblage of scientists of many classifications, who also are developed mediums of varying kinds, then

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Wisdom from the
world beyond

How to attract youth to spirit truths

Silver Birch answers your questions

"HOW would you suggest we can get the young interested in spirit truths?" This was one of many readers' questions put to Silver Birch, guide of Hannen Swaffer's home circle. He replied:

"I think the interest must be aroused not on the basis of trying to prove they can achieve communication with people in our world because, generally speaking, youth has not endured the experiences, the soul-searching, heartbreaking experiences of physically losing ones they love. And so it is not with evidence for personal survival that you can attract the young.

"I would say the appeal must be to reason and to intelligence, to offer them spiritual truths which will appeal to their logical instincts, not to ask them to have faith, hope or belief, but to question everything we say on the ground of its being reasonable, satisfactory and showing that it has the hallmark of truth.

"I would tell them that they are part of a vast universal plan controlled by immutable natural laws. These ensure that all facets of being and activity of the phenomena of life, nature and human beings are controlled by these divine ordinances which have made provision for all that can possibly happen so that there is complete control by an overruling power.

"I would say here are examples of law-governed occurrences. Here are cause and effect in operation showing that one follows the other in an unbreakable sequential order. There are no miracles, no need to abrogate

natural law because they work and are implicit in revealing that all is known beforehand.

"Then I would say that, with the evidence others have received, all this demonstrates that while they are on earth they are spirits with bodies, that matter is only a reflection of spirit which infuses life into the body. The body of itself has no dynamic, no vitality. All that enables it to move, to breathe, to act in any way is due to the energising spirit that makes it possible.

"That spirit is superior to matter; that spirit is king and matter is commoner; that spirit is master and matter is the serf; that spirit dominates, regulates, supervises and controls all.

To revolutionise thought

"Then I would add that an awareness of this vital fact has profound implications. These, when understood, must revolutionise all human thought and enable every individual to have the right perspective, the right priorities, and to ensure that as much attention is given to unfolding and developing the spiritual nature, which is permanent, as is devoted to maintaining the physical body which is only temporary. And I think intelligent youth would respond to that kind of approach."

A circle member asked this supplementary question, "Would you recommend they join a development circle?"

"Not at first. I would recommend they join groups for meditation which would appeal to them more, so as to give the inner faculties a chance of expression."

"Would not that rather make them join so-called mystics?"

"If they do then they will have taken the wrong turning. That is the choice their free will must make. You must allow them to unfold in their own way. When they are ready they will receive. When the pupil is ready the master comes."

The next readers' question was, "To what extent is mankind allowed to kill?"

"I don't like the use of the word 'allowed.' Mankind is given free will, but in a measure that is qualified and restricted. It is not an un-

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these will be able to testify to the truths of their own psychic and spiritual experiences as to the nature of the psychic and the physical.

Then we shall have powerful accretion of more of those who know of spirit truths by the power of their own gifts on which we all depend for our communication between the two worlds.

That, in our conviction, is the direction that science is taking. It is a prophecy easy to make because that is where changing thought is moving. Another milestone is being passed.

fettered free will enabling individuals to do everything they would like to do.

"The bestowal of free will is part of the divine plan so that people have the opportunity of co-operating, of living in harmony with the natural laws, the infinite processes of creation, and achieving health, understanding, realisation and fulfilment. Were it otherwise, there would be no evolution, no development.

"Without free will you would have human beings who are merely puppets with no opportunities for growth and progress, and more or less acting as robots. Because man has free will, man has also the responsibility as to how it should be used.

"Killing is wrong, though there are qualifications. Because you have not the power to confer life, then you should not have the power to terminate it. There are qualifications because there are other considerations to be met. The more you evolve spiritually the more you realise that you must act in accordance with clear principles that are based on a knowledge of spiritual realities."

Next came: "Though much is heard about the next world, few seem to give thought to preparing for our future life there. Surely we could begin to educate ourselves with this in view, practising the arts instead of watching television. Have you any suggestions?"

"It always comes back to the question of realisation. If you are aware that you are a spiritual being with a body, that your world is not your permanent abode, that everything physical is ephemeral . . . If you are aware that you, the spiritual you, the indestructible you, the you that is divine, will emerge after death to continue the life of infinite progress . . .

"Then if you are wise, you will behave in such a fashion that automatically you prepare for what is your future existence beyond death. Your actions will be governed by the stage of spiritual awareness you have reached."

The next question was: "Some people maintain that society today has never been more immoral. Is that the view of the spirit world? They instance what happened 50 to 100 years ago when children were sent to work, cleaned chimneys, etc."

Silver Birch said: "What is meant by immoral? Some things you regard as moral we would regard as highly immoral. It depends on your outlook. To me morality is that ideal which infuses you with the idea of acting always according to the highest principles of which you are aware. This is to be kind, helpful, compassionate.

"It is not to inflict hurt or injury on another;

not in any way to impede the progress of another; to do nothing that causes you shame or a later knowledge that you have behaved in a fashion that is inconsistent with the truths you have received.

"That is the morality I understand, that I would teach to others. As to whether your world is more or less moral must depend on your interpretation of morality. In some respects it is essentially economically and spiritually better; in others it is not so because evolution does not move in a straight line."

"Have you in mind that there is a lot more selfishness today than in the past?"

"No, I don't think there is more selfishness. You are the victims of an era that is so cataclysmic it turns upside down many attitudes. You certainly have a tremendous materialism governing a large part of your world's inhabitants.

"There is more violence; there is even to some extent more fratricide. But that is only one part of the picture. There is much unselfishness in the service rendered by many who try to help wherever they can in diverse forms of activity to their fellows.

Man can hinder but —

"The picture is not one of unrelieved blackness. There is light breaking through in many places. But those who have the knowledge must be optimistic because they are convinced the divine plan will be fulfilled. Man can delay, man can hinder, man can obstruct; but man cannot prevent the fulfilment of the plan."

Another reader wanted to know: "After we first meet parents in the spirit world, will there be a continued relationship? Or is one reunion all we get?"

The guide answered: "This is governed by the immutable law of like attracting like. If children and parents have achieved similar spiritual progress they will be together. But if one is greater than the other then they must be on different planes of being in our world.

"This will not mean they are always separated from one another. Those on the comparatively higher spiritual sphere can always come down, as it were, to those in lesser evolved spheres. But the natural law determines where you will be when you leave your world by the stage of spiritual evolution you have reached."

Another question was, "If someone has been violently an anti-Spiritualist, but truly believes that motive is right, can this be justified?"

"If he honestly believed that, then the motive was right and there was complete justification. There would be no penalty because

the conscience would be clear. But enlightenment must come in time."

Another reader asked, "Do individuals and nations have an earthly destiny?"

"Yes, there is a destiny for individuals, for groups, and for nations as there is for the whole of your world. Geography plays its part because it provides the environment in which souls will grow and develop. But wherever people may be and whoever they may be, there is always opportunity for spiritual development."

Next the guide was asked: "Animals are said to be our 'lesser brethren.' Is it true that they are less developed than humans and have not yet reached our stage of evolution? I am thinking, for example, of the selfless devotion and patience of dogs. Surely we could learn from them. Are they on a different path from ours?"

Animals play part

"No, evolution embraces all life. There is only one law of evolution for all facets of life. Words are always difficult. When you use the phrase, 'the lesser brethren,' it is suggested animals have not achieved the stage of awareness that humans have.

"And it implies this must be so because they are not endowed, as humans are, with all the mechanism for reason, understanding, judgement and for decision-making and to a large extent they are controlled more by instinct. So, it is suggested they can be considered lesser from one point of view. But that is not the ultimate test.

"Of course there is much to learn from animals. They express qualities of fidelity, devotion, helpfulness, sacrifice and dedication which are excellent examples for humans to copy. But, then too, humans are also capable of expressing these qualities, and even to a greater degree, because their consciousness has evolved to a higher state, not a higher spiritual state, but a higher one than the animals."

A circle member said, "Many people now dislike the word 'lesser' and say 'younger.'—" "I think that is a much better description," said Silver Birch.

"We have so many wonderful stories of animals doing far better things than humans," the same member said.

"And some animals are psychic," added another.

"That is part of the law of compensation which always operates," said the guide. "When there is a deficiency of one faculty there is a compensating faculty. Thus the blind man gets

an increasing sensitiveness that ordinary people do not possess."

"A lot of people ask if cats who live in homes are aware of spirit entities when human beings are not."

"Of course they are. This is due to the fact that your civilisation, as it is sometimes mistakenly called, has compelled people to live further away from nature than they should. They are divorced from all the power and strength that nature brings. Thus their psychic faculties have become more inhibited than races who lived and still live closer to nature and all its tremendous resources.

"Domestic animals, generally speaking, have not had the 'benefits' of your civilisation. Their natural psychic faculties are functioning more than the humans who are allegedly called their masters. And they have a natural awareness of people from our world that unfortunately most human beings do not possess."

A circle member said: "I would quote a short story of what an animal did quite recently. His master dropped down on his way home with his dog. The animal literally pulled him up steps and to the door of his home."

Silver Birch commented, "I hope the man learned the implication of his dog's devotion."

The next question a reader asked was, "How do the physical and etheric bodies become out of alignment?"

"This is when people have thought or done something which temporarily destroys what should be the natural harmony between body, mind and spirit. That is when you get illness, sickness and disease. The cause can be stress, overwork, jealousy, pride, greed, or selfishness, which makes them out of tune with the natural law.

"I have always said that, if the spirit is right, the mind and the body will be right. If you break the law, if you do not rest when you should, if you over-indulge in the sensual pleasures of your world, then you must suffer. This is cause and effect."

When the sitting began, the guide said: "This is the first time I have had the privilege of talking with you since the festival where, as usual, I withdrew from your world to regain the status which is my normal one. I went to seek counsel with those who sent me to do their bidding, to learn of the progress that has been made and to obtain direction for work that is still to be done.

"Always when I return to those inner spheres I am aware of the perfection of the plan that was devised by superior beings who belong to the hierarchy and marvel at the efficiency of its

superb organisation. And so I come back with the reinforced assurance that no matter how dark, difficult and troubled your world is, the power of the Great Spirit will prevail.

"We are all highly privileged to participate, in however small a measure, in helping that overall plan in its fulfilment according to its grand design. Because of that I can say you need have no fear of what the morrow will bring forth. Whatever the difficulty, the obstacle, the handicap, the opposition, whatever the stupidity, the ignorance and superstition you may encounter, all will be divinely well because truth is on the march and none can prevent it from attaining its goal. So hold your heads high and know that the power which is behind us is greater than any that can be encountered in your world."

This statement brought questions from circle members. The guide explained that some evolved beings who are part of the hierarchy he mentioned are not necessarily those who were once humans on earth. He could not add anything to what he had said about resuming his status. As to the plan, this was conceived in the past as part of an overall design. He appreciated all this was not easy to grasp.

"The higher you climb in the scale of spiritual values the more difficult it becomes to explain it in your earthly language. We are dealing with spiritual contents. Language, only a clumsy means of interpretation, is limited in its definition because it cannot encompass what is outside normal appreciation."

He was asked, "Are there many higher spheres than those you speak about?"—"Yes." "Are they continuous?"—"Yes, they are infinite."

"Are they steps going up into the beyond?"—"Call them steps if you like."

"Do the beings you mention have the ability to express themselves?"

"They are individuals; they are conscious; they are not automatons; they are radiant; they are the masters, the hierarchy, the representatives of the Great Spirit in our world."

"Were they all human?"—"No. If you read your Bible it mentions angels and archangels."

"Does that mean there were always spirit beings?"—"There is no being anywhere who is not spirit."

"I thought everybody had to have a span of our planet."—"No. Your world is one of many in a vast multitude of worlds. It is not compulsory for every being to have inhabited your earth. There is an overall plan, comprehensive, all-inclusive in which nothing is excluded and nobody forgotten."

This reply came to another question: "There are stars beyond the stars that you can see. There are planets beyond the planets, and worlds beyond the worlds that are known to you. The cosmos is so vast that it is infinite."

"With no beginning and end?"—"Spirit has no beginning and no end. Spirit always was and will be. Read your Bible. The Nazarene said, 'Before Abraham was I am'."

"Is there a lot of truth in the Bible?"—"It is a mixture of divine truth and man's falsification."

Silver Birch welcomed a guest who was paying his first visit to the circle: "You have come a long way, I do not mean physically, but spiritually. Out of travail, sorrow and crisis you found the rock of truth as the foundation on which to build the whole of your philosophy and outlook."

"This too was all part of the plan. It is only in the gloom of darkness that you can find the brightest light. It is only when you have plumbed the depths that you can begin to scale the heights. It is only in sorrow that you will find joy. It is only in suffering that you begin to reach understanding."

"Life is paradoxical; life is always positive and negative; action and reaction. It is only through the interplay of seemingly opposing forces that are part of a fundamental unity that progress is achieved. Do I make sense?"—Said the visitor, "Certainly you do."

"You have found your spiritual feet and you are using them. Do the best you can; help where you can. I know you are giving a service otherwise you would not be sitting where you are now."

"There is nothing to fear in what the morrow will bring forth. You are privileged because you have a priceless, eternal knowledge that once gained can never be lost. You are in possession of the richest treasures, those of the spirit. These are not subject to being tarnished, to decay, to rust or to be lost."

"So however dark and difficult the past has been, the present is bright—and the future is even brighter for you. Hold your head high. You have a wonderful challenge concerning you in the service that you can render to others who are less fortunate than you are. Is there anything you would like to ask me?"

"The questions already asked have covered those in my mind. I always feel that, though one tries, we never seem to see or understand, being human, what is materialising actually in the spirit form."

"One day you will. It is part of the lessons that have to be learned because growth must

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be slow and gradual. What is easily attained is easily forgotten. What is hard to learn is easier to retain. That is why obtaining the knowledge of spiritual truths must inevitably be a very slow process. The Great Spirit is not in a hurry. His children often are."

"We are apt to get very impatient."—"I know, but you are human. You are in your world to learn so that you can become increasingly aware and add to the stock of your knowledge from the infinite storehouse that is there for you."

Circle members were in a questioning mood, for one asked the guide: "Do you ever get any setbacks in the spirit world? Sometimes, for example, do plans go wrong?"

"No, the natural law does not require re-adjustments. The natural law is conceived by infinite wisdom; it has made provision for every happening. Human plans can go wrong. There are no other laws but the natural laws unless you are talking about the laws that humans make for government. Effect always follows cause in our world as it does in yours. The attainment of perfection is a natural process."

Before closing, Silver Birch said: "This is your season of nature when you can indraw all that natural strength and power burgeoning in

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"Allow yourselves to get close to nature as much as you can so that the vitalising, life-giving power can be poured into you to strengthen you, charge your physical batteries, and give you more energy that will help you in the days that are to come.

"Let us pause to receive that benediction which comes to us from on high, emanating originally from the divine source of all life, which desires only to fill you with its love, its blessing, its inspiration and always its supreme guidance.

"Let us bathe in all the radiance that is ours for the asking. Let us try to develop to the fullest capacity the gifts that have been bestowed on us so that we can serve all who come within our orbit.

"Let us also strive the whole time to be in harmony with the overruling power, to enjoy as a result the tranquillity, repose and steadfastness that come from being in tune with the Great Spirit of all life. And may the power of the Great Spirit bless you all."

To approach the highest we can reach

Silver Birch's invocations, though not identical in words, follow a pattern that is consonant with his teachings. Here is the one spoken at the beginning of the circle.

MAY the power of the Great White Spirit bless you all.

Let us begin as usual by putting on one side any thought of fear, anxiety, worry or trouble. Let us try to achieve the closest possible harmony with one another, so that we become unified in the single purpose of adding to our knowledge of spiritual realities.

Then let us approach the highest and greatest we can reach. That is the Great White Spirit, the supreme power, the infinite creator whose wisdom devised the vast cosmic plan and the natural laws which control all that happens, and whose love ensures that nothing and nobody is outside the orbit of divine care.

We are grateful for the many blessings we have received, for the knowledge which has brought us a greater understanding of our relationship to the Great Spirit and to one another, and also an awareness of the guidance

and protection that we constantly get.

We realise that, when we gather on occasions such as this, the ground on which we meet becomes sacred. It is permeated by the power of beings of high spiritual status. Their aim is to serve all those capable of being reached, so that they in turn may achieve the realisation of who and what they are, the purpose of their being, the gifts with which they have been endowed and the service they can render to others and thus help the work of enlightenment in your world.

There is so much to be done; the many who are bereaved and have still to be comforted; the sick who yearn to be healed; the lonely who know not where to turn; the weary, the distraught and the perplexed who hope for guidance that so far they have been unable to obtain.

This is the field in which we labour. We rejoice at the opportunities provided to us to be the channels of the divine power that can bring its beneficence to those who are ready to receive it.

And so we pray for added strength and power that we may show in all our actions that we are what we claim to be, emissaries of the Supreme Power that breathed life into each one of us.

This is the prayer of Thy Indian servant who seeks always to serve.

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Thousands of esoteric groups all over the planet twinkle like stars in a dark sky

The spiritual dawn is breaking everywhere

by PEGGY MASON

AS so many readers who knew I was going to Australia wrote to me asking to read about it in this magazine, perhaps I shall be forgiven for making this an Australian article, for time is short before going to press.

My flight home was delayed owing to the air controllers' strike, leaving 40,000 people stranded in Australia. And thousands of Australians were stranded overseas, unable to get home.

During the few days since my return my time has been taken up by dealing with the aftermath of the shocking accident to my former husband (we remain best friends). A lorry ran into his car and his petrol tank burst into flames.

So instead of his meeting me at the airport, as expected, he was in intensive care, very badly burned and 70 miles away. As I write this, I have just transferred him to a first-class plastic surgery hospital near home. May I request my reader friends kindly to send him a healing prayer, especially for the recovery of his sight?

During the outward journey, when my "flying hotel" had to descend several times from 37,000 feet for landings, I could not help thinking of what it must be like for our spirit guides, helpers and progressed teachers to leave their radiant spirit realms to penetrate the dense atmosphere of our dark planet.

There we were, gliding along miles high in the sparkling sunlight and azure sky, with breathtakingly beautiful panoramas of opal cloud mountains beneath us. Then would come the seemingly endless descent, down, down, down into the thick, hot air, the murky mist and the oppressive heat of the Equator, literally like descending into the lower astral regions!

I often think we do not render nearly sufficient gratitude to those who lovingly care for us, endeavour to help us, inspire us when we permit them to do so, and watch with sadness our errors, frailties and stupidities. They also have to witness the incredible cruelties of man against man, man against animal, and even man against nature.

Yet, I am sure the spiritual dawn is breaking all over the world. It is like the dawn I saw

from my plane. I was reminded of the old poem, "On the road to Mandalay," for the dawn really did "come up like thunder" between Bahrain and Bangkok.

One moment all was black night. The next moment the sun literally leapt up from black-purple cloud mountains and suffused the sky with a kaleidoscope of fantastic colour and light.

So it is, I believe, in the world today. Thousands of spiritual groups all over the planet twinkle like stars in a dark sky. The more advanced in the field of medicine and all branches of science are suddenly becoming aware of and recognising the existence of the unseen world. And much is going on behind the scenes.

Most young people, having rejected the old standards and values which have brought us, through materialism, to the brink of self-destruction, are searching for a truer meaning to life and living; while hosts of most remarkably endowed children are incarnating at this time, so many "old souls" among them.

I have come to know one very old soul indeed, at present aged only 18 months, and still in constant communication with the world and the souls she has recently left. This has had spirit confirmation. To be in this little girl's presence as she gazes at one with a serene and age-old smile, as if seeing one's spiritual aura, is quite uncanny. She was born to a dedicated young couple of Australian Spiritualists.

Though there are always those who "get on the bandwagon" for power, publicity and profit, there are also many most saintly teachers and masters now walking the earth.

I am thinking of such men as Sai Baba and Muktanander, and others who attract and are understood by the young, while communities based on the wholeness of all life are springing up in many countries. Meditation and absent-healing groups work quietly and unknown in countless homes.

It was therefore immensely invigorating to be part of the first-ever Australian psychic dinner/dance (at which I was the overseas guest of honour) in Sydney. Australian Spiritualists travelled amazing distances from all

over that vast continent to be present, and to attend the first-ever national Spiritualist conference on the ensuing two days.

Many thought nothing of making a round trip of 6,000 miles, and bus-loads journeyed 2,400 miles. They gathered from every State, including Tasmania, with the addition of visitors who came from New Zealand. It was a wonderful demonstration of the hunger and need of Spiritualists "down under" to come together at long last on a national basis.

Australia is bedevilled by huge distances which make mingling and communication extremely difficult, not to say very costly. Spiritualists in one State have little or no idea of what is going on in another.

I think I am right in saying that every State, with the one exception of Western Australia, still has the medieval Witchcraft and Vagrancy laws in force. This means that, though there is freedom of religion, *mediumship* is illegal. It is technically unlawful to hold a seance or circle. Under the old archaic laws any communication with "the dead" must necessarily be fraudulent!

Every State has its own Prime Minister and State Parliament, separate from the Federal Government in Canberra. So there is formidable work to be done to get the laws of each State changed.

It was chiefly to this end that the first national Spiritualist conference was convened by Don Davis, to follow the dinner/dance which he also conceived and organised with a small but noble band of helpers.

I'm happy to say that, as a result of the conference, a steering committee was formed under his chairmanship, with elected representatives from each State, to prepare for the constitution of a National Spiritualist organisation in a year's time, when the next conference and dinner/dance will take place in Melbourne.

This is a great leap forward, together with the formation, for the first time, of a national Spiritualist journal called "The Psychic Voice of Australia," to ensure inter-State communication, with a register of all churches, sensitives, etc.

The most moving moment, for me, during all these events, was when, at the end of my speech at the dinner/dance, I was privileged to announce that none other than Silver Birch would talk to the Spiritualists of Australia. Among the 576 present in the beautiful ballroom of the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney (equivalent to the London Dorchester or Hilton) were hundreds who never thought they

would ever hear the voice of this beloved teacher.

For 15 minutes there was not a sound, not one cough, while the assembled guests listened enrapt to a special address given by Silver Birch, broadcast over the superb public address system which was technically perfect. I could not help wondering how many souls were touched, also, among the many waiters and waitresses who stood still and heard his words.

We were also blessed, on both days of the conference, by broadcast talks by Maurice Barbanell at the beginning of each day which started with meditation and prayer. Perhaps this set the tone for the whole conference which was conducted throughout with amity and accord by all present under the excellent chairmanship of George Eldred, President of the oldest Spiritualist church in Australia, the 107-year-old Victorian Spiritualist Union in Melbourne.

It was undoubtedly a four-day triumph for that inspired and dedicated Spiritualist, Don Davis, whose "child" the whole thing was, and concluded with a memorable service of thanksgiving on the final day which included first-class clairvoyance given by four sensitives.

Thus came to an end a most memorable and happy visit "down under." During it I met numbers of warm, friendly people, sat in circles, was invited to give a few talks, saw the beauties of New South Wales (how beautiful it is!) and was spoilt by my hosts.

Almost every day I was buffeted by the Pacific rollers among the tireless surf-riders standing on their boards and ski-ing along the crest of the waves from which the back-flung spray, forming rainbows, looked like the feathers of a Red Indian head-dress.

Australian Spiritualists, however, have a responsibility and a duty to educate people
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How to find the answer to an oft-asked question

'Why does this happen to me?'

by M. H. TESTER

"WHY has this happened to me? I've never done anybody any harm. I've always lived a good life!" This is a plea I have heard many hundreds of times. Every healer has.

The patient is ill with a disease or a disability that his doctor has told him is medically incurable. He may be in pain and suffering. He cannot understand how this could happen to him, or why. It is the first question he asks a healer when he turns to one in his final desperation.

To some extent the question is understandable. But it is based on a fallacy.

Health is a talent. There are diseases and disabilities that are congenital. But these are the exceptions. Most sick people are the architects of their own illness.

To get yourself well, and to maintain abounding good health, call for a total dedication to these ends. It may mean altering your diet, philosophy, attitudes and entire life style.

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(even including themselves) on the subject of the animal kingdom, its integral place in the scheme of things as part of the One Life which is God by whatever name, and the care and treatment of animals. This is understandable in such a young country which had to start with rough and ready methods akin to the Wild West of America.

To me, it was fascinating to see such different species of fauna intermixed with familiar Jersey cows and other imported animals not originally to be found in that continent. Emus, soft little kangaroos, wallabies, adorable koalas, endearing pelicans on a lake full of black swans with their fluffy babies, and an entirely unfamiliar collection of birds. It was strange to see gaily-coloured parakeets wild in people's gardens. Instead of my old tame badger at the back door there was an opossum!

I came away, after a wonderful trip, knowing there are many splendid Spiritualists in Australia, and that they deserve all the help they can possibly be given in spreading and fostering not only Spiritualism, but its philosophical implications and way of life throughout that vast, fascinating continent "down under."

Only you can decide if it is worth it.

Often sick people who come to me for healing say, "I would give anything to be well." Very few mean it. Take the question of diet. If a person is willing to give up smoking, alcohol, meat, processed food, sugar, white bread and flour products, and live on a regimen of fresh natural products such as fruit, vegetables, pulses and cereals, he will soon start to feel a lot better.

If he gives up tea and coffee and drinks only mineral water, his system will become cleansed of the accumulation of impurities he has been storing for years. He will then have to change his daily habits and make sure he walks two or three miles a day, gives up using a car or bus in favour of exercise, and spends much more time out of doors in an occupation such as gardening.

Since emotions are a primary cause of illness he will have to change his attitudes to life, to adopt a new philosophy and to acquire a degree of emotional stasis.

All this takes time, effort and dedication. Only you can decide if it is worth while. Only you can put a value on good health. But this alone is not enough. There still exists the great fallacy. It is that *negative evil equates to positive good*.

Perhaps I should have written that this is not a great fallacy but the greatest. The cry, "I've never done anybody any harm," has echoed down the ages as the alibi of the one who never did any good.

Doing something bad can be readily recognised. You may commit a crime. You may do some act that is against human decency. You may perform some action that your religion categorises as a sin.

Thus you are aware you do something bad. Whether you classify it as evil depends on your religious education and the extent to which your conscience has been conditioned.

Most people have a clear-cut idea of what is good and bad. They may seek to confuse the issue in order to excuse their actions. But I believe that, if they search their conscience, they will know when they perform a bad or even an evil act.

The recognition of evil has existed for

thousands of years. Some religions have claimed to have a special function in its recognition. Some have produced laws that allow you to make your own assessment. And sins can be classified as venal or deadly. They can be sins that can be excused or which "damn you eternally."

I do not wish to enter into any theological argument. I regard such a practice as mentally stimulating but spiritually sterile. I merely want to establish in your mind that badness, or evil, is known and recognisable. It is not the absence of positive good. It is the presence of positive bad.

We are quick to recognise positive badness. We condemn those who are responsible for it. If you do not do any bad things in your life, then you may say, "I've always lived a good life." But have you?

The absence of badness does not lead automatically to the presence of goodness. In fact, I believe that the basis of most of the troubles that beset civilised man can be traced to the lack of goodness.

We have advanced in terms of intelligence at a fast rate. I am told that 90 per cent of all the scientists who ever lived are alive today. We can split the atom and send men to the moon. The techniques available are so far ahead of those known 100 years ago that most of them could not even be imagined.

As recently as 15 years ago a computer had to be the size of a suburban house. Today it can be contained in a matchbox. It was not so long ago that man flew in a sort of enlarged kite with a small petrol engine to give it direction. Today you can sit in a comfortable dining room and eat a superb meal while travelling at more than the speed of sound.

Scientifically and technically in terms of chemistry and engineering we have progressed at a fantastic rate. We have not kept pace with this progress in the field of goodness.

Intelligence without goodness results in wars and destruction, in megaton hydrogen bombs, in bacteriological warfare, in experiments on living animals, in a desecration of the environment, in wasting the earth's natural resources, in avarice, greed and a lust for power.

It can be seen in the genocide of whole races from Tibet to Nigeria. It is hideously visible in the bombing in Ireland, the cruelty in Uganda, the lack of understanding of the human psyche in Russia and the complete denigration of individual personality in China.

Every day you read in the national press dozens of reports of the absence of goodness in this country, from the brutal attack on some

defenceless elderly woman, to the picketing of hospitals and the denial of aid to those in need.

There is a growing menace of violence in schools, universities, at football matches and political rallies. Society does not seem to be improving. It is deteriorating.

All this is due to the absence of positive goodness. Intelligence without goodness results in the decay of a civilisation. Look around you. Pick up your daily paper. Switch on your television set. Listen to the radio. All over the world come reports of violence, death and destruction, of the increase of disease and catastrophe, of the breakdown and decay of the quality of life.

It is not enough to say, "I've never done anybody any harm," and to expect this to qualify you for the good life. It, I repeat, is not enough.

The only way you can attain abounding good health, peace of mind and bodily and spiritual progress is to dedicate yourself every day to promoting positive good.

Just for a while forget the world. Forget this country and the spiritual bankruptcy we now face. Forget the hydrogen bomb, the biological warfare and the fact that there are now enough atomic weapons stockpiled to kill every man, woman and child in the world at least ten times.

Just for a while be selfish. Consider yourself and your mental and physical health. Every day do some positive good. Ensure it as much a part of your personal target as making money or enjoying yourself. Do positive good.

And when you can see how much better you begin to feel, then apply it to a wider sphere. The world can change. It must if it is to survive. Maybe it will be you who helps to change it. Maybe your positive goodness will ignite a spark that will give others the impetus to do so. I do not think it is too late . . . for any of us.

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What is down to earth?

by PROF IAN PARROTT

FOR most of the time I wish to avoid what must be called the political side of materialist thinking. Since there are two things which, in my philosophy, should take precedence over human beings, i.e. God and animals, there is no need for me to take so much notice of philosophies which deal principally with mankind's material welfare.

I assume, in any case, that words and phrases such as "democratic rights" and "redistribution of wealth," etc. are restricted to humans. And there are plenty of people who devote their lives to such matters as a priority. But before swallowing wholesale any of the more attractive of these and feeling virtuous pride over the promotion of them, I think a few awkward questions might also be asked here.

I hope I understand what is meant by the democratic principle. It is a view of human beings whereby it is considered desirable that the largest number of opportunities should be given to the greatest number of people in a given community. The community's size is usually not specified.

This principle is operated and re-operated as often as possible by the application of a voting system known as "one man one vote." In its turn this produces a majority decision on most matters. There will naturally be problems and, since I am taking an independent view, I might as well name some.

Before worrying about the community's size, should we not be concerned with its ethnic make-up and the possible value of minority opinions? The fact that I have visited Fiji twice in my life does not give me any right to pontificate on that country.

But let us just suppose that some small group of islands, at one time part of the British Empire, is made up of Fijian (indigenous), Indian, Chinese and European. Let us argue that Southern Africa consists of two groups, a large number of black tribes and the Europeans. Some of the former may be partly indigenous to the area and the latter group may be basically of two types, British and Dutch.

A great deal is said about majority rule in Southern Africa—an explosive subject—but

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what happens if we transfer ourselves to the South Pacific? New Zealand, only 1,000 miles from Fiji, has Maoris, a Polynesian people who arrived 600 years ago, before the first Europeans (who are mainly British) settled there. They are not, as it happens, indigenous.

What might "one man one vote" mean here? It could mean that the Europeans (who have lived there for 200 years) should control New Zealand for the extraordinary reason that there are more of them. It could mean that Fiji should be controlled by the Indians—for no better reason than that similarly there are just more of them than of any other group!

Surely democracy was not intended for this. Fortunately, the people who organise things in those far-off lands are not so stupid as to apply the rule blindly and in fact such things do not happen.

Another matter for concern is the blind application of majority decisions in our own community here at home, such as:

We should all have "pop" programmes rather than "Third" programmes. We should have light entertainment rather than moral uplift on TV. We should be supplied with vulgar newspapers rather than dignified ones; pornography rather than intellectual stimulus; the news might be biased according to the views of the government in power instead of being independent. All these things are possible if you merely count heads.

Another feature of democracy in action is that it sometimes gets confused with various forms of socialism. Again we start off with the best of motives. But what happens when the "opportunity" rule has been strictly applied and we reach the second stage? Now some people become better off than others—for

various reasons, which we hope are based on merit rather than on privilege.

Various groups of people, banded together by some union, might well think of cutting down their pay in the interests of the community as a whole, but far too frequently such persons take the opposite view. So we get a situation where the talk frankly is of "more money for us" than for someone else. I'm all right, Jack.

Which brings us inevitably to the final problem: What is the community's size? England? Britain? Europe? The world? No one seems to ask the basic questions when scrambling for a larger slice of the cake. What put the cake there? Natural resources, as they are called, which are "taken for granted." One would like to think this expression implies a divine granter—as it should—but usually this is not so.

So, where do these resources come from? There is certainly not an inexhaustible supply. But what about the supply as it is now? We in Britain have gradually been learning the unpalatable truth about sharing in a European community.

What if we are to share with the starving millions in Asia and in all the world's "under-privileged" countries? Where would all the cakes and ale be, so hardly won by the miners, railway workers or whatever? We would be lucky to have a crust of bread, let alone any pints of beer.

But we are still shelving the awkward question of where does it come from? Why should there be *any* resources at all on which to draw?

Aquinas had an impressive way of defining God by thinking of contingencies. The bread we eat is contingent on the grain which comes from the wheat growing in the field. This, in its turn, is contingent, or mainly dependent, on moisture and sunshine.

Whether we take in most up-to-date scientists to help us or not does not matter. The sunshine is contingent on something. Hydrogen atoms? It doesn't matter how long you make the contingency chain. It is, says Aquinas, when *you* can think of nothing further, when *you* are compelled to stop, then you call that God.

He said, in fact, "All men call that God." Some now do not. This is a way of dealing with the First Cause. It does not, of course, explain creation out of nothing: *ex nihilo*, as the medieval thinkers put it. But that does not make it any the less sensible.

Again I come back to the subjective standpoint as being valid. The scientist's year may

be 365 days, five hours and 59 minutes. But what does this mean to us as living creatures? The truth is that, to a small boy of five or six, a year is a very long, almost immeasurable, amount of time. But to a man in his 60s, approaching the other end of his earthly existence, the years seem almost to flash past.

The earth is rotating at something over 1,000 miles per hour. What does this mean to the man travelling in a high-speed jet? It gives him the impression after arrival that he has actually been longer in the air between one place and the next—though the travelling time has in fact been cut.

An ever deeper expression of the subjective viewpoint is that put into poetic language by Dylan Thomas:

The invalid on his bed. I shall lie here until the sea stops and sky goes out.

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Where Spiritualism has a vital part to play—2

What happens after you die

by GORDON CHARLEY

I HAVE said that Spiritualism is the philosophy and religion of continuous life. The philosopher studies the laws of the universe, which are divine ones, both on the seen and unseen sides of life. He bases his conclusions on observed facts. He accepts statements of observed facts of past ages, and the conclusions drawn therefrom when sustained by reason.

Thus we have the teachings of Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, etc. These men were ever seeking the true way of life. Thus arose the worship of the sun and the moon.

When the elements were against them and crops failed, the ancients thought the gods were both angry and hungry. They sacrificed animals and human beings to the gods. The priests ate the physical bodies of the animals. They thought the gods ate the etheric or astral bodies.

One day, one of these victims materialised and was seen again. Thus they felt the gods were appeased and no longer needed human sacrifice. The materialised form, which is built with ectoplasm, dissolves downwards. Hence arose the belief in an underworld.

The phantom forms, on the other hand, dissolve upwards. Hence the belief that heaven was in the clouds and such forms were those of angels.

These philosophers continued their search for truth. Once the world was thought to be flat. Those who travelled the unknown seas were ever fearing to fall over the edge into some fearsome abyss.

Galileo discovered the earth rotated round the sun. The Church of that time ordered him to be put to the torture because what he said was contrary to "Holy Scripture." Now the same Church teaches the children in its schools what Galileo discovered.

So do we progress, and much of that philosophy discovered is now accepted religion of today. We begin to understand the reincarnation of the Lama of Tibet, the yogis of India, and the "miracles" of the New Testament.

We must not be dogmatic about these things, but rather use the knowledge we have to the best advantage until we discover something more rational, more logical, and more in accordance with present facts and experience.

Take for example the phlogiston theory. When early alchemists calcined metal, they saw smoke and fire emitted. And when they weighed the residue it had increased in weight. They could account for this only by imagining a substance which had the property of making things lighter. They called it phlogiston.

When Lavoisier discovered oxygen, the phlogiston theory went by the board. We now know that the metals when burnt oxidise or combine with the oxygen in the air. Thus from philosophy have come certain basic principles embodied in almost all religions.

Spiritualists of all religions have these principles in common. They believe in:

1. The fatherhood of God.
2. The brotherhood of man.
3. The communion of spirits and the ministry of angels.
4. The continuous existence of the human individual.
5. Personal responsibility. (What a man sows, that will he reap.)
6. Compensation and retribution hereafter for all the good and evil deeds done on earth.
7. Eternal progress open to every human being.

Spiritualism therefore may be said to seek the correct way of life in our relationship to God and our fellow men and women.

The sincere seeker after truth listens and accepts all that appeals to reason and common sense, and rejects all that is illogical, degrading and evil. On this basis, let us consider what has been learnt of the *astral planes* and how they operate. This will give us a clue to the building of our ideal world order.

The astral planes are many, and conditions vary considerably. The Eskimo, describing his life in the polar regions, would puzzle the native living in the Congo. If we propose journeying to a strange country, we do well to learn all we can about it and prepare the necessary equipment to take with us. It would be disconcerting to arrive at the tropics in winter kit.

We must all die one day. That fact is certain. We should all therefore be interested in where we go next. There is a lower astral plane where people are materialistic, sordid and evil.

Then there are two planes of desire. Here

the individual makes up his mind to improve or sink down into the lower astral. These planes may be what is known as purgatory.

What about hell? I think the Persian poet, Omar Khayyam, in his "Rubaiyat," gives the real location of the so-called hell. You may remember this verse:

*I sent my soul into the invisible
Some secret of that after-life to spell,
And by and by my soul returned to me
And answered, "I myself am Heaven and Hell."*

I agree with Omar. Within ourselves lies heaven or hell, whether on this plane or the next. We know that lost souls on these planes can be helped by contact with us, particularly those who are earthbound and do not realise they are dead.

I know a case personally where two suicides are being helped in their progress upwards by one on this earth who loved them. Incidentally, only where ties of love and affection exist should contact be attempted from this side.

Next we have the third astral plane or Summerland, which I have already mentioned.

Before we proceed any further, let us consider in a sensible and rational manner just what sort of future life would appeal to the average, decent, hard-working individual as against, say, sitting on a cloud and twanging a harp.

I visualise that one would want a body of some kind. The one we have at one time or other seemed pretty good. We would be content with it as it was in the heyday of youth. Next we would want a mind to think and reason.

We could hardly do without eyes and ears and a nose. We would want some good companions, people after our own heart. We would want a voice to talk to them or even sing and whistle on occasion.

So far so good; but if we have eyes, what shall we look at? Obviously we want hills, dales, streams, rivers, trees, flowers, sand, sea, sunshine and sunrise. Flowers we cannot smell are not much use. Silent waters are dull; and no music would be even more dull. In other words, we want all the beauty of this earth with perfected faculties to enjoy and appreciate it.

What shall we do? Idleness does not appeal to the industrious. We would like to make things of beauty after our own heart. We would wish to create music and art, to study science and increase our knowledge, to visit libraries where we can take our fill of the best literature, and cathedrals or temples where we

can sit and ponder over the wonder of it all and give thanks to our Creator.

We would want no money, no bartering for labour, but freedom to do just what we would wish; a body that needs no ordinary food to keep it going, but one that never feels tired or gets old.

We would like our animal pets and a warm, temperate climate in which the need to wrap up is never felt and shadows are unknown.

We would like to be happy, to have that happiness which makes the heart so full that it brims over and spills it on all those around us.

We would like a simple language that all understand, and thoughts so open that they are known to our companions before words are uttered.

We would want the happy laughter and smiling faces of little children.

So we might go on to paint our idea of a future life. When we have finished, what have we but this life without the snags?

When judgement comes

Well, it is reasonable enough to imagine. We are told that the Summerland is just precisely like this, only more intense in a way that cannot be imagined by our limited minds.

Sight is four-dimensional. When you look at a flower you see right into it, every little, vibrating particle of life. When you hear music you see also the equivalent colours in hues beyond comprehension. Travel is easy once the mind is trained and can be as fast as thought itself.

Physical functions which are not necessary to a perfect body gradually fade out. A mind that never tires needs no sleep. A body that is etheric needs no food as we know it. One learns to do without these things after a while.

You may well ask, "But what about the judgement?" Each is his own judge when the scroll of life unfolds before you and you can compare it with what it should have been.

You judge yourself. If you are progressive you feel a great urge to remove the blots and make the crooked line straight. When you have done this, you are wiser and have a better idea of how to shape the future.

If you prefer not to progress you can remain idle as long as you wish. But the soul is naturally progressive. Like over-long holidays there comes a time when one feels the urge to be up and doing.

Beyond the third astral plane we know little as yet. After much progress people pass to higher planes, where the body, as we know it, changes. This change is called by some, the

second death. From these higher planes advanced spirit beings and angels come and go.

We are told there are three planes of meditation, and above this three mental planes.

About the higher planes we cannot be dogmatic. We can only continue to gather knowledge and keep adding to the riddle of life, until the jigsaw begins to form a concrete picture.

Our progress to the higher planes in any case will take millions of years. So we do well to dwell more on the immediate future. After all, time in the astral is not as we know it here on earth.

In the astral world a thousand years may be as a day. Our dreams prove that time is elusive. The mind records happenings in mere seconds that take hours to relate.

Scientists assure us that nothing is destroyed. Light waves which left this earth millions of years ago are still travelling out into space, just as the light from some stars is only just reaching us.

In the advanced astral planes we can travel at the speed of thought. Let us therefore travel along some of these light rays which at 180,000 miles per second are just dawdling along.

Soon we shall catch up with them and reach those that started out when the earth was only a nebulous mass. At this point we can stand still and watch the whole history of our earth unfold before our eyes.

We shall be seeing the past in future time.

Anyone interested in time should read a book written by J. W. Dunne, one of the pioneers of aviation. It is called, "An Experiment with Time."

The cold logic of reason must be applied to all knowledge. A single event may be coincidence. A double event may be a chance. A thousand or more events bring us to a logical conclusion of a fact.

The so-called dead return of their own accord to tell us about life over there. Common sense tells us to listen to what they have to say.

We say Spiritualism is a science because it investigates, analyses and classifies these facts and manifestations demonstrated from the astral or spirit side of life.

We live in an age of reason and science. Faith, real faith, is hard to come by. Many are doubting Thomases; they want tangible proof. Rational reasoning backed by personal experience can reach the masses. It was ever so.

Moses turned aside to look at a fiery bush because it did not burn away. He was curious.

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If they were ill they would wrap their arms round a tree trunk and absorb some of the vital life force rising in the sap. After an hour or so they were well again.

I know one of them who lived 1,500 years ago. He is as real a friend as anyone I know on this earth. His wisdom is profound.

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There are, of course, many in the lower astral who can think only of material things. These will try to get through and make contact. They can be very harmful to the superstitious and annoying to the level-headed.

Paul said, "Test the spirits, whether they be good or evil." The true seeker after truth cannot be harmed by evil entities who are, after all, wicked individuals who once lived on earth.

Like attracts like. Those who are evil will contact evil. When evil is contacted we call it black magic. When advanced souls or guides are contacted it is white magic.

There are good and bad instruments: mediums who are psychic and get genuine contact, but who are led away by avarice. When this happens the psychic contact is withdrawn and they resort to fraud.

The law used to class them all as frauds. For centuries innocent people who were psychic have been burnt and tortured.

Joan of Arc was psychic. Like Moses, she followed the inspired directions she received. She was burnt at the stake. Later on, when people began to understand these things, she was made a saint.

People are advised not to dabble in Spiritualism, and rightly so. It is not for the timid and superstitious, but for those who search fearlessly for the truth.

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A mystery I still cannot solve

Why did the man in blue vanish?

by J. H. ESERIN

I AM a pond naturalist exploring the Arun canal, Run Common, near Guildford, Surrey, on Thursday, March 24, a fine day, sunny and clear. The canal is about 25 ft wide, not very deep, straight as an arrow for quite a long way. It has a narrow pathway on either side, liberal with blackberry canes at certain parts, and bushes by the water-side.

I found a concentration of daphnia, good food for fish, and busied myself collecting some. I was way up on the right-hand side of the canal. Beyond the path on my left were marsh and scrub. On my right, of course, there was the canal.

Having put into a bucket what I thought was enough daphnia, I began making my way back to the layby on the road where my van was parked. When I was about some 60 yards from the road, I noticed a man making his way along the pathway. I remember thinking I should have to move over with my heavy bucket so that the man could pass me.

When about 20 yards from me, he left the pathway, and went down to the side of the canal. For a moment the bushes, though not tall, hid him from my sight at the distance we were, though in not more than a minute or so I was level with the spot where he had left the path. Certainly the time was not more than two minutes.

I casually looked over to the bank as I passed. *There was no man.* I put down my bucket, went right to the water's edge and looked carefully about me. No one was to be seen.

From the bank I could look up and down the canal. Nowhere was there any sight of the man I had certainly just seen go down off the pathway. I simply could not believe my eyes. As I went to my van, I continually looked back, feeling certain the man must emerge.

I quickly put the daphnia into my van and hurried back to the spot where he had left the path. All the way up to my fishing place, I kept a sharp look-out, but there was no sign of anyone at all.

This was not unusual, for it is a lonely spot. On previous visits I had rarely seen anyone, except for the odd person who had come by car to exercise a dog. There were one or two

scattered houses well away from the canal. For the ordinary stroller in this deserted place a car was necessary.

I thought again about the whole thing (as I have done ever since this happening). The man was dressed in a blue suit. He was looking down, as if he were picking his way along the path, so that I did not get a good glimpse of his features.

I should say he was of middle height, not young, and of stocky build. I thought again of how he approached me, of my thoughts that I would have to move over to let him pass. I saw again how he left the path, quite slowly and naturally, not as if he were trying to avoid meeting me.

I reasoned with myself. Perhaps I had seen him on the road. This was only some 40 yards or so away from where he left the path. I thought of all sorts of things—I think to try to persuade myself I had never seen the man leaving the path.

I went back to my fishing place. Very shortly afterwards a man did pass me. He was very tall, and wore blue overalls. I mention the height, because he was not at all like my man in blue. As he passed me, I asked him the time. He went on a little way, stopped at some railings and then told me it was 2.45 pm. So it was round about 2.30 pm I saw the man in blue.

I got out of the water, went to the man in overalls and told him my story, I must say I was grateful to him for not laughing. His eyes widened. He suggested the man might have fallen in the canal.

Did I see an eddy? No, I had not. The water at the edges was anyway far too shallow for even the most determined man to drown himself. I asked if he was going back along the bank, my idea being we should both have a good look. But he said no, he was going over that way, and pointed to one of the houses over the marsh.

So I walked back to the van and prepared myself to leave. All the time I looked uneasily up the pathway, hoping I would see just an ordinary man dressed in blue come sauntering back from a normal stroll.

A Wolseley 6 car was parked behind my

van. I thought that if I waited long enough, its driver would appear and my mystery be solved. I took the car's number. I waited as long as I dared spare the time. Then I had to leave as I had many miles to travel.

All the way home I thought deeply about the incident. I could not escape the conclusion, no matter how hard I tried, I *had* seen a man, he *had* walked up towards me, and he *had* simply disappeared somewhere between the path and the water's edge.

To these things I can swear. Nothing more real has ever happened to me. He was as real as any man I ever saw. I was thinking about nothing in particular when I saw him, and was in my usual steady state. I am not fanciful and have my feet close on the ground.

When I got home, I sat down and wrote a full account and drew a sketch. I sent this to the Guildford police. I mentioned everything I could think was relevant, including the car. It might be just possible the car was in some way involved.

What, I thought, could be the reason for this strange visitation? Could it be that at some time or other a man had actually drowned himself at the spot where I saw him leave the path?

I know the canal at this part was quite empty of water as late as the autumn. A man would have to be very determined to drown himself in such shallow water. At the deepest it is only waist-high, say five feet at most in the very centre. I remember thinking he was not a countryman, because of the delicate way he was picking his way.

I went back the next Thursday, but all was peaceful. There was no sign of the man in blue.

If any reader who knows that part of the canal has heard of any such sighting as I have described, I would be glad to hear about it.

The police called on me and spent three hours taking down every detail, despite the very full account they had received from me.

The experience set me thinking deeply. I remember the answer of a man who kept a psychic bookshop in London. He was asked if he had seen a ghost. "Seen a ghost," he replied. "There are *millions* of ghosts walking the streets of London every day!"

If I am sitting with a friend in my room, and suddenly a third person appeared, then I could be certain it was a ghost. But when I am in a lonely country road, or in a crowded street, and a man passes me by, how do I know he is a solid, flesh-and-blood creature like myself? What if the man just passing by, or that

equally solid woman behind him, were really ghosts?

A developed medium who is clairvoyant sees people around her and her companions. These people look as real to her as the living persons about her. Might it not be that, once or twice in everyone's lifetime, we are privileged to see a spirit form that looks as real to us as anyone can? Who knows? Some of us, unaware we are mediums, might well see ghosts all the time, and *never know it*.

Whatever might be thought of the story I have just unfolded, I obstinately aver that every word is the truth. I am convinced that for that once, I was privileged to see a spirit form. What the reason could be is anyone's guess. I shall often be that way again. And I can always hope that my experience will be repeated—this time with an explanation.

Stony paths

by JEAN MATHERS

*Stony path, stony path,
Of what do you consist?
Are you just there
To see how much
A human can resist?*

*"I am strewn with boulders,
I am filled with dust.
I purposely
Obstruct the way
And crucify the just."*

*Stony path, stony path,
What of deviation?
It's very hard
To keep straight on
Without alleviation.*

*"I contain all anguish,
I can no mercy show,
I bruise the hearts
Of all who try
My test to undergo."*

*Stony path, stony path,
What will the ending be?
Must agony
And pain prevail
Through all eternity?*

*"I am but a filter,
I am like a sieve.
The weak succumb,
The strong survive
To love, to serve, to give."*

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The only solution to sectarian strife

by D. MORGAN

IT is becoming increasingly obvious that the situation in Northern Ireland is getting progressively worse. The rift between the contesting groups is wider than ever. The British Army's role, difficult enough even when backed by the Roman Catholics in 1969 and 1970, has deteriorated until our soldiers are everybody's "whipping boys."

There can be no military solution, no political or economic one. The imposition of any form of sanctions could result only in even more bloodshed. So what remains?

The one and only hope for the future is a religious solution. This, in days when a belief in God appears to be waning to a close, seems so remote as to appear unrealistic.

Nevertheless it is the *only* solution to a problem which is now more than 300 years old. With the backing of the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury it is by no means unattainable. God knows they have so far done precious little about the Irish problem. Their failure to do anything positive to bring peace to the warring factions merely provides ammunition for the critics.

We need to go back nearly 2,000 years and make a fresh start. Religious leaders can forget the Old Testament and base their teachings on those of the man whose name they have taken as the founder of their Churches. Do away with all the rites, rituals, ceremonies and dogma and keep their teachings simple.

The Sermon on the Mount and the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," will give them a start on which they can agree and prepare the ground for the main revelation of the Nazarene, which is man's immortality. Herein lies the only hope, not only for Northern Ireland but for the whole world.

Just over 100 years ago, through the Rev William Stainton Moses' hand, there was written: "The outcome of the revelation of

Jesus, which is only now beginning to be seen amongst men, is in its truest sense the abolition of death, the demonstration of immortality.

"In the great truth that man never dies—cannot die—however he may wish it—rests the key to the future. The immortality of man, held not as an article of faith, a clause in a creed but as a piece of personal knowledge and individual experience—this is the keynote to the religion of the future. In its trail will come all the noblest conceptions of duty, the grandest views of destiny, the truest realisations of life." (This is taken from his book, "Spirit Teachings."*)

It is however, only now, thanks to television and radio programmes over the past few years, that the general belief in Survival has found something more than mere faith to rely upon. Recent polls show a majority believe in an after-life, albeit many are by no means certain what form this will take.

An important development during this period is that Spiritualism is no longer ridiculed. Spiritualists believe that their principles provide a reasonable basis for a refinement of orthodox Christian teaching.

History will be made when there is a general acceptance of man's immortality, together with the teachings of Jesus which apply equally to nations, communities, families and individuals. These are that we build our own future, we stamp out our own characters, we pay for our own sins and must work out our own salvation.

Then the great truth will dawn that though we may kill man's physical body, we cannot destroy his spirit body.

It will also be realised that this mortal existence is but a fragment of life; the results of our actions will remain when the body is dead; the ramifications of wilful sin extend to the spirit world and must be remedied in sorrow and shame.

With this knowledge who would dare to kill? War would be outlawed and people discover a new meaning to life.

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How shall we pray?

Jogging God's elbow is impertinent

by WINIFRED DWYER

HOW shall we pray? Jesus was explicit. He exhorted the disciples not to pray as the hypocrites do, "standing in the synagogues and in the corners of streets that they may be seen of men . . . But when ye pray use not vain repetitions as the heathens do . . . Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him . . . After this manner, therefore, pray ye, 'Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name . . .'"

What could be clearer, simpler or more profound?

I have heard inspired prayers from controlled mediums on Spiritualist platforms which have swung me to the stars. But I have heard also a few mediums (I emphasise *few*, but a chain is as strong as its weakest link) whose prayers have had the power to embarrass and repel me.

To begin with, these few are invariably verbose. They go on and on and on. They just don't know when to stop. They tell God *in detail* what to do and what is expected of Him.

They remind Him not only to look after the sick, and the suffering, but also the birds and the animals, "And, dear God, we would bring before you all the furry animals and the feathered creatures" kind of thing.

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much but heed so little. Is it not time that there were removed all the trappings with which his simple teachings have been overlaid? Who else can do or should do it better than the leaders of the world religions?

Time is running out. Mankind is at the cross-roads. We have to learn how to live before we can be fit to die. Man has a duty to the race of which he is a unit, to the community of which he is a member. The central idea which should animate him can be crystallised in one word, "charity."

Tolerance for divergence of opinion, readiness to help without desire for recompense, patience under misrepresentation, honesty and integrity of purpose. These and kindred qualities so wonderfully manifested by Jesus of Nazareth will wipe away from the face of God's earth the sectarian jealousy and theological bitterness, the anger and ill-will, the rancour and pride which have disgraced the name of religion and made theology a byword.

They are perfectly sincere. But since God created the furry animals and the feathered creatures He is hardly likely to forget them or not know how to provide for their passage through this world.

And since *His* ways are most definitely not *our* ways, what *are* we talking about? In the above context the animals and the birds represent very often Doggie for a walk; Pussy on the mat; Birdie in the cage and for the majority roast lamb for lunch on Sunday.

*Tiger! Tiger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?*

*When the stars threw down their spears
And watered heaven with their tears,
Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?*

So wrote Blake, the great mystic and poet. And yes, He who made the lamb did *indeed* also make the tiger. We don't know why and we don't know how. So surely it is absurd and even, though unintentional, impertinent to jog God's elbow, so to speak.

All thinking people at some time or another must find themselves baulked when confronted with the mental dilemma of trying to reconcile "Nature red in tooth and claw" with the tender love of God taught us in childhood and in which we instinctively believe.

Even Aldous Huxley admitted towards the end of his earth life that he believed, despite all the evidence to the contrary, that LOVE exists at the centre of the universe.

The fact remains that if we dare to remind God of the animal kingdom we are not just bringing before Him Doggie, Pussy, Birdie and lamb.

We are also bringing before Him the whole complex of all wildlife on earth—each feeding on the other in an effort to maintain its own species.

We don't know anything whatsoever about the workings of Almighty God; of the directive forces and the mathematical calculations which appear to be in operation on behalf of all the different species—including man.

So, surely, it would be less naïve, a little

more realistic and far more modest to pray simply as Jesus taught us, with only a few personal additions if must be in the nature of asking that we may learn to align ourselves to the Great Spirit of All Life.

Though we do not know *why* or *how*, the Spiritualist is fortunate enough to know by knowledge added to faith that life is eternal; that love is the controlling spirit; that absolute justice exists down to the nth degree.

This article will no doubt sound caustic to some. But *caustic*, I see in the dictionary, is used to remove exuberant and morbid growths. If we persist in these rambling, unscientific petitions we shall empty our churches of all except the emotionally and inaccurately sentimental.

Recently a visiting medium told God (in so many words) that Eastbourne, Sussex, was having a bit too much rain and divine adjustment would be greatly appreciated! I certainly, there and then, offered a prayer of thanksgiving that a certain atheist, of no mean intellect, whom I had tried to cajole into accompanying me to the demonstration that afternoon had opted out!

Whatever else God may prove to be He does not appear to be a sentimentalist. He appears to be the *hidden, exact law* from which nothing can escape; which nothing can cajole; nothing offend; nothing alter, spoil or turn aside. And what could possibly be less sentimental or more wonderful than that? *What could be fairer than that?*



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Dear Sir . . .

Soul concept is not new

I WOULD readily challenge the newer concept of the soul elaborated by Ron Anjard in his article, "Giving your soul a new dimension" (May issue). I could quote a score or more quotations from my records concerning the soul to offset the many he gives to support his "newer" theory. These would be the thoughts of some of our top-rate Spiritualist thinkers.

Perhaps the core of his searchings is crystallised in his wild assertion that oriental philosophy has long taught that life is an illusion. Modern Spiritualism is based on western philosophy. It recognises that eastern and western philosophies form two parts of a whole, with the emphasis in each case placed differently. The last of the Masters, the Nazarene, brought the western philosophy.

I would suggest that Ron Anjard has mistakenly interpreted the overall activities of a soul "group" as applying to individual souls. We all belong to soul groups, functioning on a particular vibration, according to the overall progression of the group. This involves personal responsibility; our individual responsibility within our particular group, and in this incarnation.

Throughout nature the polarity of positive and negative attributes applies within the scope of creation. The male is positive and the female negative. A full individual soul has both these attributes. The close association between these two attributes within a human soul will, when revealed, extend our spiritual philosophy in this New Age.

The individual soul plays an important part in prayer and in communication. Our everyday personality, at present in incarnation, is only a very small part of our whole soul.

Was it perchance, Mr Editor, that your sub-heading to the article read, "Affinities may be two halves of our whole soul?"—Fred Thompson, Bournemouth, Dorset.

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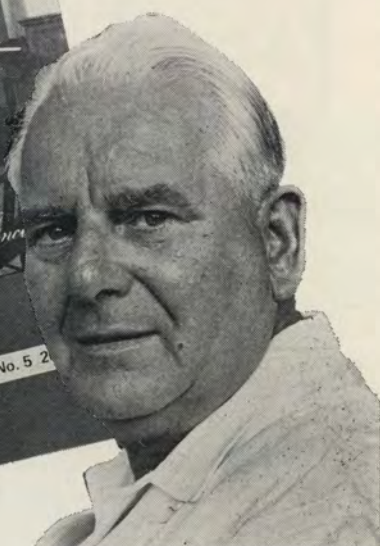
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