

# Into This World, And Why

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## THE COMPACT

"Is there a blessing known?  
Pass it on.  
Let it travel down the years,  
Let it dry another's tears,  
'Til in Heaven the deed appears,  
Pass it on."

—Selected.

**B**ECAUSE of the remarkable character of the knowledge set down in this volume, I have carefully weighed every statement. The information given herein is too important to be treated lightly, and too vital to the happiness of humanity to permit of a single error finding lodgment.

The person who conferred upon humanity the great benefits it becomes my duty to make public, was for many years before his departure from this earth, in close association with me and we were in perfect sympathy regarding each other's earthly plans and purposes, and in complete harmony of mind and spirit. So perfectly were our minds attuned, that when either mentally expressed a wish, the other recognized it and responded instantly.

During the years we spent together, we devoted much time to the study of the laws which govern the human body and its occupant the soul; also life and death, their relation to each other and the reasons for their being. We were much perplexed by the suffering, sorrow, sin, and unhappiness we found everywhere, and were at a loss to reconcile these conditions with what we had been

taught of the attitude of a Divine Father from whom only goodness and justice were to be expected. We were unable to find a satisfying reason, for there seemed to be so much more evil than good everywhere. Neither could we understand why men were born with unholy instincts and sinful desires and surrounded with temptations, hatred, jealousy and envy, and yet were expected to be good. It seemed to us unjust that man should be sent into the world handicapped by a load of sinful instincts for which he, apparently, was not to blame. It did not balance with our idea of the things to be expected of a just Creator. We did not believe that a good and true father would wilfully make his children suffer, unless there was a good and sufficient cause to warrant it. That there must be some logical reason for the suffering we beheld everywhere, we eventually became convinced. That each man had somewhere, at some time, committed some sin for which he was now being punished, we became satisfied. But how, where or when? To these questions we were unable to obtain a satisfactory answer.

We both felt certain that the truth regarding the after-life had never been told, that it was barely imagined by the learned few and that the people who most need the knowledge, are in absolute ignorance of what awaits them beyond the border. It is true that the sixth sense we humans call instinct or intuition constantly urges us to expect a future life, but of what character, and where is man to spend it, and how? These are the great questions that have occupied the minds of the people in all ages, but with little or no satisfactory results. The diversity of the opinions arrived at, and

the theories advanced, advocated, and taught, have been responsible for the birth of over two hundred and fifty different religions, for hundreds of religious wars, and for the premature death of millions of people, whose lives were sacrificed as martyrs to their belief.

Believing it possible that two souls who were in perfect harmony on earth, could maintain that mental and soul harmony even after death, my companion and I formed a compact, agreeing that the one who passed out of the material body first, should, as soon as possible thereafter, exert his superior forces and use his heightened intelligence in transferring to the other, the knowledge he had acquired of the life beyond. Just before my companion passed from this life, he told me that he felt certain that the mental tie existing between us would not be broken by his departure. So confident was I that his leaving was not to be a permanent separation, and that what we call death is only a natural evolution, similar to the transformation of the caterpillar into the gorgeous butterfly, that it caused me no sorrow.

While I had from time to time after his departure, evidence of our continued mental and spiritual harmony, yet it was ten years before my brain was attuned sufficiently fine to record and reproduce in detail the information which came to me. The knowledge obtained during our many soul-talks is here recorded exactly as it was received, plus the addition of a few remarks and comparisons here and there that serve to make certain statements more easily understood but that in no sense change their meaning.

I am placing this record before the public because I believe it solves humanity's greatest questions—"Why

are we here?" and "What becomes of us after death?" Because it makes clear our duty to self and others. Because it explains our purpose on the earth and will therefore serve to make a better citizen of every man and woman who reads it. Because it points out the way to the greatest happiness through the certainty of a purpose here and a greater life to come. Because it proves that man is the maker of his own destiny, both here and hereafter; that he can be what he really desires to be.

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## A NOTE

Before proceeding with this record, permit me to draw your attention to the unreliableness of the human eye. As an organ of sight it is not as dependable as most people suppose. Because of its limited range of vision, its lack of acute perception, and its slowness of action, it sees very little of the big things which play such an important part in the life of man. It is useful and dependable only to a limited degree.

Those who have given the subject no consideration, believe that the eye can see, and does see, all that exists around them. They are mistaken; the eye can see only things which are opaque or luminous. The things it is unable to see are greater, measured from every standpoint, than those which it can see. For instance, it cannot see the sunlight with its beneficial and destructive rays, except as those rays are reflected by opaque substances, and yet the elements and power contained in and transmitted by those rays are beyond computation. That force alone which produces vegetable and animal growth, is beyond the power of man to comprehend. The human eye cannot see the wind, and man knows of its existence only through his sense of feeling, or from observing the motion of objects which are yielding to its strength. It cannot see the sound-waves that are created by wireless messages, music, speech, etc. It cannot see electricity except when it is made luminous by the resistance of denser substances. It cannot see the light rays of radium, and yet they are so



powerful that they can penetrate almost every known substance. It cannot see heat, although there is no question as to its existence. It cannot see the soul, nor many of the other real and powerful forces with which it is surrounded. Owing to its limitations, it can see only the elements which move and change slowly.

The retina of the eye requires a specific time, measured by seconds and parts of seconds, for different objects to become photographed upon it. To recognize the visible details of the average scene, the human eye requires about eight seconds. Therefore, the more quickly moving objects cannot be clearly seen by it. It is said, "The quickness of the hand deceives the eye," which means that the mechanism of the eye does not work as rapidly as the muscles of the hand, and therefore cannot follow it and see all that it does. It photographs only the slower movements. Movements performed in less than an eighth of a second are never seen by the eye, consequently rapid movements are entirely lost to it and apparently never occurred. A photographic lens in a good camera is infinitely quicker, more sensitive and responsive than the human eye. Take for instance, what are called moving pictures; they are possible only because they deceive the eye, because the change from one picture to another is made too quickly for the eye to detect it.

A bullet fired from a rifle cannot be seen while passing, and it is an intensely opaque substance. Under these conditions and limitations, the human eye cannot be expected to see the finer, rapidly moving substances and elements. It is not that these elements are not actual or material, for man has psychic senses which tell him

of their existence; the fault is with the physical eye. Our eyes at best, are myopic or near-sighted, and slow of action, and therefore, unreliable. Because of this physical defect, many people commit the fatal error of denying the existence of all they cannot see with their own inefficient eyes. They measure all things by the rule of their eyesight, when they should cultivate and depend upon their finer senses for recognizing the really powerful and valuable forces. What they cannot see they will not believe, and because of this, they deprive themselves of most of the better things in life. No one can progress far who goes no farther and trusts nothing beyond the range of his human vision.

## FROM BEYOND THE BORDER

"Man is not dust, man is not dust, I say  
A lightning substance through his being runs;  
A flame he knows not of illumines his clay—  
The cosmic fires that feed the swarming suns.  
As giant worlds sent spinning into space,  
Hold in their center still the parent flame;  
So man, within that undiscovered place—  
His center—stores the light from which he came."

—Selected.

I have not forgotten the promise I made you while we were companions on the earth, the promise that if there was for me a life in the Great Beyond, I would, if it were possible, make it known to you, that you might in turn enlighten other men. When I made that promise I had no idea of how it would be kept, nor did I suppose that so much time must elapse before I could clearly convey to you the desired information. In my ignorance of the real conditions I supposed that if I could make my desires known to you, I could do so at once. I was, however, to learn differently. The time which has elapsed must have seemed very long to you, and you could not have been blamed if you had given up hope. The delay, I can assure you, was not due to any neglect on my part. The desire and determination to keep my promise never left me for a moment. I tried, but soon learned that ahead of me lay a very difficult task, a task that but few have had the patience and strength to complete. Many try, but few succeed. The reason for which I will explain to you later. Things here are so

entirely different from what I had expected to find, that it will not be possible for me to present all the finer details and beauties in a way that you can understand them as I do. The faculties of perception possessed by those on the earth are so limited that they cannot even perceive many of the beauties with which they are surrounded. Therefore, that I may not confuse you, or arouse your doubts, I shall tell you only of such things as you can comprehend and understand, and I assure you, you will find even those sufficiently wonderful.

I have much to tell, and that nothing of importance may be omitted, I will go back and begin my narrative with the events connected with my departure from my earthly body. I remember well the night on which I took final leave of my earthly home. I fully realized that my time to depart had come, and I was anxious to go, for I wanted to know of the new experiences that awaited me. When the final tie that bound me to my physical body was broken, when the vital spark that gave life to the clay had been withdrawn, I, that is, the immortal part of me, rose straight up into space. I was so engrossed in thinking about the friends I was leaving and about the body I had left below, that for a time I was unconscious of my surroundings. When, however, I began to take notice, I was surprised at what I beheld. I found myself floating among a multitude of souls, some in groups, apparently in communication on subjects of mutual interest, some in pairs, absorbed in personal matters or in mutual admiration, and here and there I beheld a soul alone, apparently in sorrow or in meditation and endeavoring to isolate himself from the gayer, happier throngs. All were in motion, some mov-

ing slowly and leisurely and others rapidly, as though on some important purpose bent.

I was possibly not more than a few hundred feet above the earth, when I began to realize my changed surroundings. The town I had just left was clearly visible to me. That much I could understand, but all these people I beheld, where had they come from? Why were they here? Had they all died too? Surely that could not be, for I recognized among them many of my friends and acquaintances, people that I knew had been alive but a short time before. So I approached a friend whom I had known well and asked, "Did you die too?" In surprise he answered, "Why no, I am only taking a little recreation while my body is getting its needed rest through sleep." Then the light of knowledge came back to me and I understood. Memory returned and I knew that I had frequently used the hours while my body slept, for associating with other souls and for acquiring knowledge and strength.

Permit me here to digress from the narrative of my personal experiences while I tell you of some things which I know will interest you deeply. I now realized for the first time that it was during the hours in which I was away from my body that I had added to my store of information and acquired the knowledge which I later used as much as conditions and environments would permit, to advance my earthly progress. The things which made a deep impression I brought back with me and next day they were considered by my physical and mental consciousness to be either dreams, impressions or original ideas. There being no connection between the physical body and the spiritual source of this knowl-

edge, the brain could not possibly know where the information had come from or by what means it was gained. What you of the earth call dreams are the fleeting impressions of the pictures which the soul brings back with him to the body.

To the soul who cares to investigate, all sources of information are open, but he cannot always make use of the information he obtains, because his physical brain or body may not be capable of using or giving expression to the idea, or the environments may not permit of its use. When a soul begins bringing back to his body ideas that cannot be used, his body becomes restless and nervous and its health becomes impaired. This condition indicates that the soul has outgrown his house, is dissatisfied with the limitations of the body in which he is confined and desires to be rid of it, that he may take up a residence where he will have greater opportunities for expansion and growth. A soul may leave his body whenever he desires and travel to any part of the earth's surface, but he cannot go beyond the immediate vicinity of the earth until he is called to his home. The reason for this I will explain later. As a rule, he does not go far away, preferring to remain near his body so that he can quickly re-enter and arouse it to consciousness should danger approach it. There are, of course, some careless and venturesome souls who allow their bodies to suffer or perish, by going too far away when danger is near. There are people who go into a state of sleep called coma, where they remain for days, or even weeks at a time. This condition results from the soul wandering too far away. During his absence

the body has no active life, no volition. It merely continues to exist, awaiting the return of its master.

Sleep and death are almost identical, and one could honestly say that he dies every night, if there was such a thing as death, but I have learned that there is no such thing. Life is eternal. All things change, but nothing dies. The soul returns to the body he left because the body is his home, his allotted place for the time being. He cannot express himself in a physical world without a physical organism to do his bidding, therefore a body is necessary to him. And as the particular body he inhabits was selected as the one most likely to satisfy his needs, he would be uncomfortable and therefore unable to satisfactorily express himself, in any other body. By this statement I do not mean to convey the impression that souls never change from one body to another, for I have learned that there have been many instances where souls have changed bodies by mutual consent; and also occasional cases where one has stolen a body during another's absence, only, however, to be later ousted by the real owner. Such exchanges always cause great suffering to the body and sometimes destroy it. At best, it is a great shock to the nervous system and throws the physical mechanism out of gear; the wrong soul in a body is the cause of much so-called insanity. Where the soul and the physical organism are not suited to each other and do not work in harmony, the expression is spasmodic, uncertain and imperfect. Being unable to find a reason for this condition, you call it insanity. Temporary insanity, followed by days of lucidity, only to lapse back to the unnatural again, results from souls changing and rechanging bodies. When the

right soul is at home, the body expresses correctly; when a foreign soul is occupying the body, its expressions are unfamiliar and uncharacteristic of the person as you have known him, hence the term, "He is insane."

There are cases where two small souls permanently inhabit one body. This condition can easily be recognized by the two distinct natures which are continually exhibiting themselves; by the extremes of taste, sentiments and emotions expressed at different times; by the seeming contradiction of opinions and ideas. When two souls associate so closely as to take up their residence in one body, they are usually, but not always, male and female souls, and they generally get along very well together. They mutually select the same body for their home because of their intense desire to be together. These affectionate souls, however, take up their residence in a single body only after they have been unable to find desirable twin bodies. They do this as a last resort, rather than be separated. Bodies possessing two souls are often spoken of as possessing talent and genius. They are usually bright and versatile, but often contradictory and sometimes eccentric, due to the two individualities under one covering.

Male souls often select as their homes female bodies and female souls choose male bodies. Their misplacement can readily be detected by the masculine characteristics expressed through the female body, and by the feminine characteristics expressed by those of masculine form. Both the bodies and the souls of these mislocated people suffer greatly, owing to their unsuitability for the society and environments into which they are forced to



live. They are truly misfits and few envy them their earthly experiences.

A soul is at all times conscious of his acts, both while he is in and while he is out of the body. The physical brain, however, is only conscious of the acts of the soul while the soul is in the body; hence, all knowledge of the life experienced by the soul when away from his body, is lost to the brain. As an illustration, suppose that you have a teacher who comes to you and gives you instructions for a certain number of hours each day and then returns to his own study. During his absence you do not know what he is doing or learning, but on his return next day he may, if he thinks they would be of use to you, tell you of some of his experiences and even teach you how to profit by them. This is the relation that exists between the soul and the body. Unless the soul informs the brain of its experiences while away, the brain will never know of them, nor be able to profit by them. Some souls take so little interest in their earthly surroundings that they convey to their brains very little of what they know or learn. As a result, the physical man remains ignorant and is forced to fill a meager position in life.

For the body to know what is going on in the soul-life, it would have to possess soul (spiritual) qualities, but this it does not, for it is wholly material and without means of expression except those which are physical. That is the one obstacle which has barred the way and prevented humanity knowing to a certainty, the nature of the spiritual life. The physical cannot cross the barrier and enter the realm of the spiritual. All that is material is of the earth and on the earth it must remain.

That is logical, for the body of itself has no means of obtaining knowledge and has no element in its construction that is unchangeable. It lives and dies at the pleasure of the soul who inhabits it. Of earthly materials it is constructed, and unto the earth it returns to disintegrate.

Bear this fact in mind, that while in the body, the soul is a prisoner and can express himself only to the extent and in the manner that the condition or construction of the body will permit. When out of his body he can grow and develop, but during that time there remains only a very slight connection between him and his body, for it is wholly material and he is purely spiritual. It would be quite as reasonable to take the energizing steam out of an engine and expect it to go on working, or the fire out of a furnace and expect it to go on heating, or the oil out of a lamp and expect it to go on giving light, as to expect the body to go on recording the soul-life while the soul is absent. The body has no independent volition, it is merely a machine employed by the soul and it acts only when and in the manner he directs. I thought it wise to place the foregoing facts before you at this time that you might have a better understanding of what is to follow.

While I learned many things about the spiritual life during the times I was away from my body, yet on my return to it I was unable to remember them distinctly; the contact with the physical world seemed to dull my spiritual senses, and usually all that remained of the knowledge I had gained was a faint, blurred instinct that there was a greater life awaiting me somewhere and that sometime I would be permitted to go to it. The night of

my departure from the earth, however, everything I had previously learned came back to me so clearly that I knew I could in time communicate the facts to you. I also became aware that before starting on my long journey I could, if I so desired, visit you and make my presence known to you, or to anyone for whom I had a strong attachment. I took advantage of this privilege and visited several of my friends, including yourself, but I refrained from making myself known for fear of alarming you, knowing how little people like to be visited by what they call ghosts.

## THE JOURNEY

“Only a step between life and death—  
Length of a heart-beat, span of a breath!  
Think of it, soul but an instant's flight  
From here and now to the judgment of light!  
Only a step—yet it means the span  
Of fate's vast arc to the soul of man.”

—Selected.

As soon as I had crossed into the valley of the Shadow, a feeling of lightness, freedom and buoyant strength took possession of me. I was suffused with a sense of relief and satisfaction, much as one would feel who had successfully completed some unpleasant task. I had looked forward with some misgivings to the process of change which was to separate me from my physical body. I dreaded taking the leap, much as some people dread jumping into cold water. That which is uncertain always magnifies itself through our imagination. Everyone fears pain, and death is generally supposed to be a painful event. This supposition is a mistake and one that makes cowards of otherwise really brave people. I can assure you, death is as painless as the sweetest sleep. When the moment for departure comes, a soothing sense of calm repose takes possession of one. The person passes into a quiet sleep and knows no more until the complete separation of body and soul has taken place. He feels no pain. About the first thing he realizes is that he is free. This knowledge brings to him a great sense of relief.

After visiting some of my earthly friends, I said to myself with the innocent confidence of a child “Now I

will spend some more time with the souls who are enjoying their temporary freedom''. Right there I learned that for the time at least I was not my own master. I did not carry out my intention, for at that moment I became aware that an irresistible force was drawing me upward and onward. So I bade adieu to those who were near me and surrendered myself to the compelling force that was drawing me away. As to where I was destined to go I knew not, neither did I seem to care. I was willingly submitting to an inexplainable feeling which seemed to tell me that what I was doing was right and necessary to my future happiness. All that had happened and was then happening seemed perfectly natural, and it never occurred to me to question the purpose of these experiences.

When I left the earth and started on my journey to the Great Unknown, I did not fly, neither did I make any effort to propel myself. I simply glided through space. I received no directions and apparently needed none. It seemed as though I was being drawn toward my new home by some mighty irresistible magnet; I certainly did not become confused nor did I at any time lose or change my course. I knew not how fast I was traveling, nor for how long; I had no record of time, for there were no changes from day to night. Instead, there was everywhere a perpetual, subdued light, like the veiled radiance of many suns. There being very little that was solid in the ether through which I was passing, there was, of course, little to reflect and magnify the light rays. I may have traveled for several days, if counted as you measure time; I cannot say. The atmosphere near the earth I found to be cold, but this

seemed to stimulate my senses. Shortly after starting on my journey I noticed that the ether was becoming less cold and eventually it ceased to be either cold or warm, as registered by my sense of feeling.

During my journey I beheld many souls going in various directions. I stopped several and talked with them. When I say "talked" I do not mean by word of mouth, but by our more perfect method of communicating. Some were traveling long distances, while others were going but a short way. From these souls I learned much that was of advantage to me and many things that I could not have learned in any other way, things needed, as I afterwards found, to match in with information I was to obtain that was necessary to complete the knowledge I am now imparting to you. Some of the souls I met and talked with had never been to the earth, while others were then on their way there. From these I gained much information. For short periods of my journey I had the company of those I overtook who were going in my direction; but the greater part of the time I traveled alone. This gave me time to reflect upon what I had been told and upon the wonderfulness of laws which so carefully and accurately regulated the minute affairs of this vast Universe, that plans were made and executed for the benefit of a seemingly unimportant soul like myself. The magnitude of the undertaking and the wisdom revealed inspired me with a feeling of awe and admiration. I never for a moment lost the consciousness that I was obeying some Divine law, nor doubted that my welfare was being considered and my future provided for. I felt that I was a part of this great system with which I was again becoming acquainted. Hence, I knew no

fear and entertained no doubts. I was contented and happy but still curious as to what was ahead of me. My anticipations and conjectures kept me company and prevented my becoming lonely.

I thought often of you and of the friends I had left behind me, and of the millions of souls back on the earth being held there as prisoners. I wondered why I had been selected for release, while they were forced to remain. Later, when this question was answered for me, I was filled with surprise and my first impulse was to hurry back to the earth and tell the facts to you, for I saw that the knowledge would mean much to suffering humanity; but I could not return. Speaking of surprises, my life since I left the earth has been one continuous procession of them; every day has been filled with interesting revelations.

During my journey I observed at various distances, several planets, similar in appearance to the earth, but I had no inclination to visit them. However, after traveling for what seemed to me to have been a long time, I realized that I was approaching more closely to a planet than to any I had heretofore passed. My interest was aroused, hopes and anticipations crowded in upon me; I knew that something important was about to occur. Nearer and still nearer I approached and yet I felt no fear, instead, what I anticipated seemed perfectly natural and as though I had experienced the same thing or something similar, many times before. A new consciousness was awakening within me, a new light was dawning, a new understanding was taking possession of me. It was not long before I could see that the planet I was approaching was very much larger than the earth.

I had again come to a place where there was night and day, and as I was on the daylight side of this planet, with a sun shining down upon it, I saw that it was a very beautiful world. In many respects it was similar to the earth, there were valleys, hills, mountains and large and small bodies of water. But what compelled my attention as I drew closer was the wonderfully magnificent, artistic buildings and the beauty of the grounds surrounding them. I could see that these things were the product of a higher intelligence than that exhibited on the earth.

On this planet the whole scheme of beautifying was so interwoven and general, that from the perfect picture it presented I felt certain that it could not have been produced by individual effort, but must have resulted from the harmonious workings of all the inhabitants. As there were no dividing lines between properties I concluded that on this planet there was no individual ownership of property; that apparently no one person was allowed to oppose or mar the plans of the more artistic minds. On approaching still closer, I saw that the people were very tall and wonderfully formed and that they glided from place to place with apparent ease by the aid of a simple mechanical attachment. Their bodies seemed to move through space as easily as I in the spiritual form was able to move. I later learned that this attachment was not used to fly with, but to overcome the law of gravitation or air pressure and thus permit the person to travel wholly by the command of his will. I now travel by that means and can assure you that it is a delightful experience, giving, as it does, opportunity for an extended view of the country and the



beauties made by man and Nature, of which there are here so many. It is the ideal mode of bodily transportation; one enjoys the pure, bracing air and at the same time avoids the pain resulting from tired muscles, and also the disappointments occasioned by the limitations of physical exertion.

For what must have been several hours I floated close to this new found world, as though waiting for instructions or for some power to guide me to my new home, for I then felt certain that I was to take up my residence in this beautiful world, at least for a time. As I was thoroughly enjoying myself, going from place to place, from city to city, and seeing the new sights, the time passed quickly. From the hour the sun disappeared, however, until late in the night, I was held to a limited district and traveled in gradually narrowing circles over a large, very beautiful and wonderfully lighted city. Later I learned that this was the oldest and largest city on the planet and that it was called "Apha". Soon after midnight a desire to descend took possession of me. I obeyed the impulse and entered a house to which I was attracted and then I understood. My immediate future was made plain. Destiny had prepared a new physical house for me, a new body was to be mine and I was to be born again.

## WHY THE EARTH IS INHABITED

“Oh could I solve the mystery  
Of earth and air and sky,  
Or comprehend the human soul  
Then would I gladly die.”

—Selected.

On earth man is taught that he must be born again. Those who believe this teaching, believe correctly. I know whereof I speak, because I have passed through the experience. I was born again and it may interest you to learn that I found the process of re-birth quite as painless and devoid of danger as the change called death. I cannot say that the immediate result was wholly pleasing. Being crowded into a small body had its disadvantages, it temporarily restricted my growth and my freedom, and also prevented me carrying out my desires. For a time I was really uncomfortable, I felt as though I had been squeezed into clothes that were too small for me, as though I would, should I draw a full breath, be in danger of breaking something. This restriction was particularly displeasing to me because of my anxiety to keep my promise to you. As my body began to grow, however, this compressed feeling either lessened or I became accustomed to it.

During the first three years of my life in my new home, I was, owing to the extreme youth and the limited strength of my new body, unable to give expression to my individuality, so I had to resign myself and wait. I had to obey the instructions and follow the advice of those who thought they knew what was best for my

good. In spite of the limitations and restrictions that encompassed me, I thought of you very often, and felt at times that you received my thoughts and knew that I would eventually keep my promise. This belief served to keep up my courage. If I had not been possessed with the determination to communicate with you, I presume I would have been contented with my new life just as those around me are contented, for conditions here are certainly all that one could desire. Of late years my advancement has been quite rapid and I have learned what you might consider to be a great deal for one seemingly so young. My case, however, is no exception to the rule, for here knowledge is easily acquired. Habit, custom and environment are about the only restraining forces. Many of the things I have learned could be of no benefit to you while you remain on the earth, and many of them I could not explain so that you could grasp their meaning, because there is nothing similar on the earth to compare them with. Even if I could explain them they would still be valueless to you, because as yet, you have no use for them; on the earth the conditions are lacking which would make their use possible.

To set you right, to show you your position and the part you play in the great scheme of the Universe, I must tell you what the earth is called, what relation it holds to the rest of the Universe, why it is populated and how, and from where the souls come who inhabit it. This may tend to mystify you, but if you will follow closely what I shall tell you, it will all become quite clear. I am now in a position to explain the cause that lies back of the things which worried us so much during

the years we gave to the study of life and death. And this is not all, I have still other surprises in store for you.

The inhabitants of the earth think of it as the center of all things, as the most important material spot in the Universe, as the only place where humans dwell. As regards its location they are correct, and eventually I will tell you why. As regards its importance, I must admit that it is vitally important, but not in the way its inhabitants suppose. The earth is not the only planet that is inhabited; there are hundreds of others. To make my information more exact and understandable, I must here tell you that the Universe is divided into twelve divisions or districts. Exclusive of the earth, each of the inhabited planets has a distinct class of inhabitants, people who are characteristic of the division of the Universe in which the planet is located. The earth differs from all the other planets in that it originally had twelve distinct classes of inhabitants, each class being identical with the types that inhabited the twelve different divisions. By the intermarriage and close association of these classes, however, there have been created thousands of variations and combinations of character, which have in turn produced a conglomerate mass of different natures, languages and religions. The varied and conflicting ideas and emotions expressed by these different classes of souls, keep the entire population in a turmoil. Each person, through a lack of understanding of himself and the laws which govern him, and of the reason for his existence, instinctively distrusts, blames, and even hates the other inhabitants and is ever ready to criticize or take advantage of them. As a result, strife and contention exist everywhere and real

happiness is almost unknown. At best, it is a brief and temporary condition, constantly overshadowed by doubt or fear.

Among the inhabitants of the earth there exists an abnormal desire for the things that are harmful and unhealthful, things which, when attained, bring about the person's destruction. That which is known to be harmful becomes attractive and there is developed a consuming passion for its attainment. On the other hand, that which is beneficial to man is usually distasteful to him and is avoided at any cost. An unconscious desire for self-destruction is thus shown to underlie all the thoughts and acts of the earth's inhabitants. Then, they are so determinedly blind to the things they do not desire to see, that the disastrous experiences of those around them fail to act as either a guide or a warning. They go on making the same mistakes that others made before them; they live in the moment and forget that every act has a future result for good or ill.

In their unconscious desire to dispossess themselves of their bodies, many people attempt to commit suicide by over-indulgence in eating and drinking and by various other excesses. Every year hundreds of thousands accomplish their purpose in this manner, while others resort to quicker and more violent means of destroying their bodies. You can readily see that under these conditions it is impossible for men to accomplish much in one lifetime, their emotions and misguided desires destroy them too soon. Yet the law of the earth makes the conditions what they are. The earth is the battleground on which each soul who comes to it must rise or fall in his fight between the good and the evil. Man's

desires and the opposition he meets with test his strength of purpose, prove him to be weak or strong and determine his right to advance to more ideal conditions. The test is not an easy one, surrounded as he is, by so much more of evil than good, but he must be able to withstand it and be marked one hundred per cent pure before he will be permitted to go to a better world.

Man gains nothing by destroying his body. It is true, the soul is released, but such a release is premature, and as the soul is not sufficiently purified and perfected to be ready to return to his home, and as there is no other place to which he can go, there is but one thing left for him to do, he must be re-born into another body and begin life over again. You can understand that under the circumstances the new conditions and environments into which the soul is re-born will be no more desirable than those he left, for man cannot cheat the Divine law, he cannot get away from the earth until he has corrected his faults and made himself worthy to return home. If, instead of fighting against the law, man does what his inner consciousness tells him is the right, he will enjoy peace and happiness and make rapid progress. But if he disobeys that unfailing guide he will bring upon himself unhappiness and will not only stop his progress, but will retrograde it. This is the law and there is no way out of it or around it, for it is unalterable; one must obey or pay the penalty. The wise recognize this law and obey, the unwise attempt to fight it, with the result that they accomplish nothing and are made unhappy.

Some men, through passion or hatred, kill a fellow man. By doing so, they think to get rid of him, to remove him from their presence or to destroy his

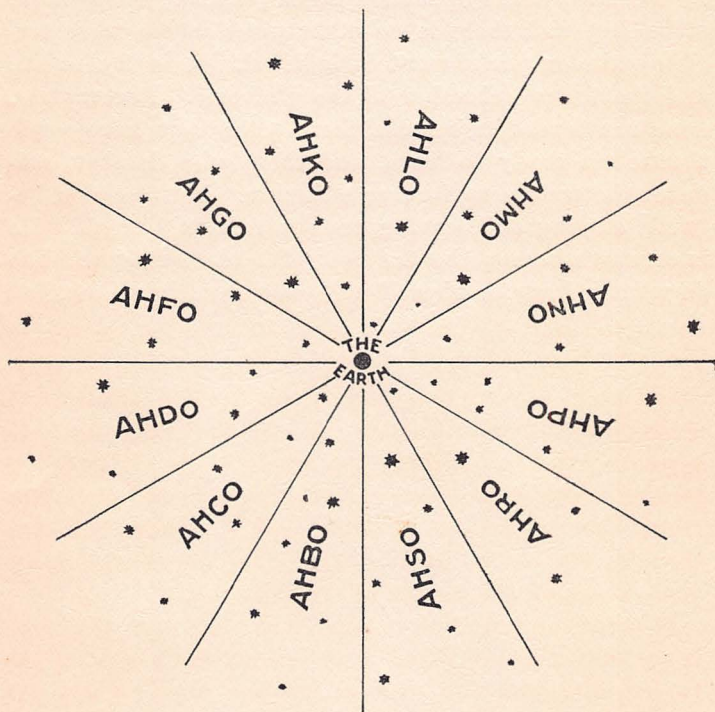
influence in their affairs. They are so short-sighted that they do not see the folly of such an act, and that they can accomplish nothing by it. It is true, they can destroy the physical body, but what of that? The soul still remains a soul and lives on; they cannot destroy him. He remains as near as ever and sees and knows what is going on. Then at night when soul meets soul at recreation time, the murderer's soul meets the soul of his victim. Do you suppose that the injured one does not seek and get revenge? If you have any doubts that a murderer is made to pay for his folly a thousand times over, just find a man who has wilfully killed another and ask him how many times he has had to pay. If you get his confidence he will tell you of the fears, suspicions and misery he suffers every hour, of the terrifying thoughts that flash into his mind night and day, of the fact that his soul, because of fear, now seldom leaves his body, but stays with it and entertains remorseful thoughts, thus keeping it awake when it needs rest; if he tells you all, he will tell you that he has never known happiness since the disastrous day and that for the little he gained by his crime, he has paid a hundred times over; also, that he would give everything he now possesses if by so doing he could undo the evil he had done. When you have heard from his own lips what he really feels and has actually suffered, you will no longer have a doubt that anyone can kill another and not pay the full penalty for the crime. Every wrong automatically brings its own punishment.

Such conditions as you have on the earth exist on no other planet, because the earth is an outcast planet. It is known to us and to the inhabitants of all the other

planets as the place of eternal torment, the place where the sinners from all the other worlds are sent to expiate their transgressions of the Divine law. It is that much dreaded place that your many religious sects designate as "Hell," and as such it is recognized and spoken of by the inhabitants of all the other planets. There is no other Hell and there is no other place where more terrible pain or punishment is inflicted. It is the prison and the torture chamber of the Universe. Fortunately, none are forced to remain there after they have made themselves ready to leave, and those who do stay condemn themselves to further suffering. The decision between staying and leaving rests with man himself. He is on earth because he has not yet made up his mind to do what is best for himself and obey the Divine law.



# THE TWELVE DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSE



## THE UNIVERSE

“Who puts back into place a fallen bar,  
Or flings a rock out of a traveled road,  
His feet are moving toward the central star,  
His name is whispered in the gods' abode.”  
—Selected.

If you will refer to the illustration on the opposite page, you will observe that the Universe is divided into twelve divisions. The planets located in each of the twelve divisions are inhabited by a particular type of people, a people distinct in character and who differ in their intelligence and general advancement from those living in the other divisions. The earth, as you will notice, is located at the inner juncture of the twelve divisions and therefore is partially located in all of them. I believe I can best explain the position of these divisions by stating that each of the twelve resembles in shape a section of an orange. Where the twelve sections come together in forming the whole, there the earth is located. The illustration referred to is intended to represent the Universe as it would look if it were cut open through the center as you would cut an orange cross-wise, exposing the center of each section.

It is not my intention to convey the idea that the earth is the only planet located in or around the center of the twelve divisions, for such is not the case. There are other planets in this part of the Universe and some of them have been used in the past for the same purpose for which the earth is now being used. When the fertility of the soil on any planet becomes so impoverished that it can no longer feed and sustain the inhabitants, another

planet is selected as the land of punishment, and the impoverished planet is allowed some thousands of years in which to rest, recuperate and again become fertile and capable of sustaining human and animal life. The present abode of all exiled souls is the earth, but in time, when its fertility shall have become exhausted, another and more productive planet will be used; perhaps one which has already been used for the same purpose many times, for the Universe has been in existence an incalculable time.

Beginning with the first division and advancing to the twelfth, each represents a distinct phase of the universal intelligence and all twelve are necessary to the complete or perfect intelligence. That is, one must acquire certain knowledge and experience from each of the twelve before his education is rounded out and perfected. In acquiring his education, man must progress through each division, from the first to the twelfth; no division may be omitted. Each division is governed by a Division Ruler who is responsible to the Supreme Ruler, located in the Celestial Heaven. The Celestial Heaven occupies all the space outside of and surrounding the twelve divisions and it envelops them much as the skin of an orange covers its sections. This outer space is, however, very much deeper and infinitely more vast than the total of all the divisions.

The twelve divisions of the Universe have names which correspond with the following: Ahbo, Ahco, Ahdo, Ahfo, Ahgo, Ahko, Ahlo, Ahmo, Ahno, Ahpo, Ahro, Ahso. On each of the inhabited planets in all these divisions there is an examination or judgment time once a year. At this time all the inhabitants are

examined and those who have gained a sufficient degree of perfection are presently liberated from their bodies and sent forward on a journey to their new home on another planet. This planet may be located in the same division or in another. Those, however, who have not lived according to the laws of the planet on which they are residing and have not shown a sufficient regard for the Creator's wishes and for their own advancement, are retrograded. If greater punishment than that is deemed necessary, they are sent in exile to the land of torment (the earth), to remain until such time as they learn to see the error of their ways and honestly desire to again take up the work of perfecting themselves. The time required for making the examinations and dispensing justice in each division is about equivalent to one month of the earth's time. Following the judgment month in "Ahbo" comes the judgment in the next division, and so on through the twelve, forever without omission and without end. Thus every day is a judgment day in some part of the Universe, just as every day is a judgment day for some of the people on the earth.

Those who are to be sent into exile soon throw off their material bodies and depart for the earth, there to take up their abode in a newly-born physical body. Having reached the earth, they must remain there until they have made themselves worthy to be again accepted into the society of the planet from which they were exiled. There is a law that governs and determines the environment and general character of the physical bodies these erring souls shall occupy during their stay on the earth, and in many instances decides where and

unto whom they shall be born as children and who shall be called upon to assume the responsibility for their education and development. This selection is made as much with a view to developing and benefiting, or if necessary, punishing the parents as the newcomer. In this way the life of each person is fitted in with the lives of others and becomes a part of them.

More than ninety per cent of the physical bodies born on the earth are created without consideration as to the parents' wishes and very often contrary to their expressed desires. This fact alone should teach the earth's inhabitants that there is a law over which they have no control and with which they have very little influence, that governs the production and dictates the number of new bodies which shall be born. As a part of the great scheme of the Universe this is a wise law, although many may not approve of it. For every soul deported to the earth a suitable physical body must be supplied and this duty is exacted of the inhabitants. Sometimes it is required of them as a punishment for having neglected the same duty on their own planet, but more often it is intended as a blessing that will bring them into closer contact with a desirable soul, one whose influence will help mould their characters and aid them to attain that degree of perfection which is necessary to bring them release from the bondage of the earth. It is by sorrow and suffering that the soul is mellowed, sweetened and ennobled. To the parents every child is a blessing in disguise and every birth represents a duty begun that will bring a definite reward. And that reward will be happiness or unhappiness, according to the way the duty is recognized and performed.

Souls are not sent indiscriminately to the earth, nor do they arrive in any locality by chance. There is an unfailling law that directs their course; a definite place is assigned to each. Some are sent to one continent or one part of the earth's surface and some to another. The location is determined by three things: the soul's previous development, the kind of sins he has committed, and the planet from which he was exiled. Some souls go to a certain locality and remain there during the entire length of their stay on earth, while others quickly outgrow their environments and go to other parts of the globe where they can find the experiences and influences that are necessary to their further development.

Most all religions teach that "man is born in sin" and that he must be "saved" before he can go to Heaven. This is true as far as it applies to his birth on the earth. The whole truth, however, is quite different from what you have heretofore supposed. It is true that all men on the earth are sinners. Not, however, because of a specific sin supposed to have been committed by the first two inhabitants, but because each and every man who has been born on the earth deliberately sinned in his previous existence. If they had not sinned in their own homes they would never have been sent to the earth to suffer. When they see the error of their ways, repent and expiate their sins, they "save" themselves. When this has been done they are again accepted into the society of their own people and all that was previously recorded against them is blotted out and forgotten. That is why man is born in sin and that is how he is saved. No one can save him, he must do it himself.

From time to time epidemics or waves of death-dealing disease, great plagues and wars, causing thousands of deaths, visit and scourge certain parts of the earth. These are frequent in such countries as Asia, India and Russia. When these visitations occur, the news spreads to other countries and the people are filled with fear and dread. They look upon it as a calamity or a punishment, when in truth it is a Divine expression which foretells a forward step in the progress of the race. It is neither so serious nor so terrible as it seems. These waves of physical destruction are the answers to the soul-cries of a people who desire to progress, but are restrained and prevented by their unfavorable environments and the ancient unprogressive customs of the country in which they are living. The souls of these people are right, but the conditions under which they are living are wrong. If the conditions cannot be changed, then the souls must leave and find better environments, and if the physical is not permitted to depart, then the soul must separate from his body and depart without it. By these so-called cataclysms thousands of bodies are destroyed and thousands of souls released to be re-born in countries and localities more suited to their needs. This separation of soul from body does the soul no harm, but instead, is beneficial to him. He having reached a point where he was prepared to take another step upward in his destined progress, uses the first way that is open to him.

The development of earthly institutions, whether social, political or religious, is no part of the universal plan. Their rise and fall merely reflect the mental tendency of the souls who are inhabiting the earth at

the time. There can be no permanency for anything on the earth; unless continually renewed all things must perish. When souls depart from the earth, that which they built up is left to decay unless a sufficient number of similar minds are left to keep it alive. It is not within the scheme of things that the earth should be made a comfortable place for man, but rather the reverse. If man is to have comforts or happiness he must make them for himself; the earth provides nothing. The things and institutions of the earth can be no better and no greater than the people who created them. The institutions and practices that will be in existence in a thousand years from now will depend upon the class of people then living on the earth and not upon the inhabitants of today. All things on the earth rise but to fall again and in the end become what they were in the beginning.

The planet on which I am now living is not the one on which I lived prior to my exile to the earth. This one is located in the succeeding division and the souls here are more highly developed than those on the planet where I formerly lived. That is why I found so much that was new to me and so much to learn that I had not known of before. This advance is very gratifying because it proves that my exile to the earth was not in vain. It shows that during one sojourn on the earth, I was brought to realize my mistakes and see the wisdom of obeying the Divine law. You can be certain that I shall hereafter be very careful not to do anything that would cause me to be again exiled to the earth, for one visit there is quite enough for me, and it ought to be enough for anyone.



It is quite generally known by people on the earth that the children born in one month of the year have different qualifications and different characteristics from those born in another. They have been taught that this is the result of the influence of certain planets upon the child's life; in this they are wrong. Instead of the character resulting from the influence of one or more planets, the soul brings with him to the earth his own characteristics, those which individualized him at home. The reason you find so many different types of people on the earth is because the souls arrive there from all the planets, in all the twelve divisions. Those which arrive at one time of the year are quite different in character from those which arrive at another time, because they come from a different division.

I will explain for your benefit the general characteristics of the people who come from the different divisions, that you may know from where your children came and what you may expect of them during their lives on the earth. There will frequently be a slight difference in the characteristics of people coming from the same division because of their coming from different planets in that division. You must make allowance for this when making your analysis. Once you have absorbed the information I am about to give, you will understand people better. You will know when to make allowances for their peculiarities, when to correct their faults, and how to assist them to overcome their imperfections. You will no longer blame the imperfect, but instead, will sympathize with them and will encourage and help them. And in doing this you will be expiating your own sins and hastening the time of your return home.

## THE DIVISION—AHBO

If you of the earth would shorten the time of your exile and gain permission to return to your homes, there is a way by which it can be done. As you know, you cannot leave until you have expiated your past errors. To do this, however, you have only to help some of your fellow prisoners to acquire a better understanding of the Universal law or assist them to attain a higher standard of thinking. This can be done through properly caring for and educating one or more children. To know how to wisely manage and educate the children that are sent to you or how to intelligently direct and better the lives of those around you, you must understand their peculiarities, must know their weak and strong points, their failings and virtues. You must know what to expect of them, what is easy for them to do and what is difficult. To do this, you must first ascertain from which division of the Universe they came. To be sure of the division you have only to ascertain the dates of their births. Then you can be governed by the information I shall give respecting those from each division.

The souls who arrive on the earth between the twenty-second of January and the twenty-second of February, come from the division called "Ahbo". You can recognize these souls by the following characteristics: A quick, receptive mind, a noble progressive nature with a touch of originality and a taste for the fine arts and the occult, and sometimes the ability to express themselves in either music, poetry, literature or painting.

They dream many brilliant pictures which the limiting conditions of the earth will not permit them to execute. On their own planet they are a highly educated, cultured people, with much inspiration. Even on the earth they are the students, thinkers and reformers who support and advance any and all innovations that tend toward the higher development of mankind. If the earth is ever raised in its moral and religious tone, it will be largely as a result of the efforts of these people from Ahbo. They are optimistic and buoy up their associates and find in others the undeveloped good and bring it into action. They are generous and overlook the errors of others. They are sensitive and submissive rather than aggressive in manner, but yet rather radical and determined at heart. Their inherent dignity and excellent judgment, impel them to push their reforms in a quiet, persistent, logical manner, reaching the hearts of men by means of the pen. While modest and retiring in demeanor, they are not weak or faint-hearted. They are valiant and strong and pass through bitter trials with a sublimity and nobleness that knows no fear. Their acquaintance should be cultivated by all mankind, for they possess the power to assist others to more quickly overcome the errors which are holding them to the earth. The people from the other divisions often become jealous of these more ideal brothers and try to do them harm by placing them or their statements in a false light, not realizing that by such action they delay their own progress toward more favored spheres.

Bear this in mind that all men err and that all are punished for and by their errors and that none can err and escape the corresponding punishment. These souls

from Ahbo have seriously erred else they would not be on the earth, and some of them have not profited by their lesson, but have gone on erring and retrograding ever since their arrival. Therefore, you may find instances where some very serious faults have crept in and become interwoven with their otherwise good qualities, forming a confusing mixture of great good and serious evil. When these faults have been corrected, as they eventually will be, and the souls have thereby gained permission to leave the earth, they will be but a short way from the Celestial Heaven, the place all men are aspiring to reach.

Again I say, if you would promote your own advancement, seek out these people and cultivate their intellectual acquaintance, for you can learn much from them that will help you the sooner to reach the goal of your desire in both material and spiritual things.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHBO

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## THE DIVISION—AHCO

The souls who reach the earth between the twenty-second of February and the twenty-second of March, come from the division known as "Ahco," and are in development just slightly different from the people of Ahbo. In some respects they are very similar, especially in their love of nature, the occult, art and literature, and in their sacrifice of self in the effort to buoy up others, who seldom appreciate their good intentions. They are likewise modest and generous, and being reliable themselves, put trust in other men only to suffer severe disappointments. They differ from the people of Ahbo in that they become discouraged easily and lack that degree of fortitude and courage necessary to carry one safely over severe disappointments. They have that quality yet to acquire. The people from Ahco are extravagant in the use of their emotions and they wear out their strength in emotional action. They lack that quiet, subtle control which would, if possessed, conserve their forces. With them it is more blessed to give than to receive, and none ask of them in vain. They are too generous for their personal good. They succeed best in those professional careers where they can express themselves through their emotions by appealing to the emotions of others. They are subject to periods of morbidness, induced through fancied wrong, where usually none exists. This often inclines them toward bodily destruction while they are in exile to the earth. On their own planet, they are not so inclined, but the innate consciousness that their sojourn on the earth is a punishment, makes them extremely sensitive. These people

are fond of new scenes and of travel and a certain amount of each is absolutely necessary to their mental and physical well-being and to their soul development. They are true of heart, unselfish in devotion and possess minds rich in knowledge and therefore are desirable companions. They possess the faculty of being able to bring success out of the half formed or badly executed plans of others, and their greatest achievements are accomplished in partnership with less executive persons who will do as they suggest or direct. Theirs is the power of co-operation and far-reaching sympathy and they use it extensively. Take no undue advantage of their generosity and confidence and never do anything that will destroy their trust in you. If you would help yourself, make an effort to enthuse these people with a brighter hope and a more permanent courage, and you will be doing a good work for the Master, for has He not said, "As ye do it unto the least of them, ye do it unto Me"?

The higher one climbs the more difficult it becomes to hold on, and that is why there is so much danger for those in the more advanced spheres. They sometimes become confused or blinded by the great illuminated truths of their surroundings or become overly egotistic because of their accomplishments and commit an error which sets them back a degree, from which they have to work up again. That is the reason you find on the earth souls from the divisions of Ahbo and Aheo. They either lacked sufficient courage or became too self-confident and self-assertive at a critical moment, and thereby did the wrong thing. In all probability they will profit by their experience and hereafter do better.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHCO

Mrs. D. Vaney, March 11



## THE DIVISION—AHDO

Those souls who are born to the inhabitants of the earth between the twenty-second of March and the twenty-second of April in any year, are the exiles from "Ahdo". These people are not easily understood and those from other divisions find them difficult to manage or control. They are a martial people with a spirit of determination that forces them to victory or to death. They usually accomplish what they set out to do even if they have to leave ruined or dead men on the road they travel. In early life they are often undecided as to a career to follow, but once this indecision is overcome and they see what they believe to be their duty, they are content to follow it at any cost, be it right or wrong. Being naturally strong physically and full of aggressive power, they appoint themselves leaders of the others. Being strong and resourceful themselves they have little sympathy with the weaknesses of other men. They are not usually bad at heart, it is their misguided emotions that cause them to sacrifice others for their own glory or gratification. Their friends are drawn to them either through fear of them or because of admiration for their fearless strength. They are most often conquered by their own emotional and physical passions. Being overly self-confident they deliberately ignore the mental and moral frailties of a certain type of the opposite sex toward whom they are quite likely to feel an attraction, and thus lay themselves at the feet of deception. They are extravagant in the use of the goods of the earth. They spend with a free hand

and never willingly deny themselves anything they desire. The women, though natural leaders, fritter away money with an obstinate determination that brooks no restraint. If they cannot get as much money as they need from one person or one source, they soon find another. They demand independence and become irritated at the slightest intimation of disapproval or restriction of their freedom. They love adventure and intrigue and it is unnecessary to say that they look upon marriage from a financial point of view and as a means to position or power.

The men find opportunity for their greatest expression in politics and war. They are controlled by a desire to lead and dictate to the milder mannered people. In working toward this end they are careless of the physical body, subjecting it to unnecessary danger, for which indifference they have to pay to Nature her price. Theirs is a life of emotions and sensations—fire and water, joy and sorrow—and in all their acts they depend more upon what they feel at the moment than upon what they know from experience. The curiosity to peep behind the scenes of life because they believe nothing should remain hidden from them, takes them into strange places and among strange companions and they evolve curious theories respecting the hereafter.

Their life on the earth is not a smooth one, for they would not have it so. They have no patience with the careful plodder. Better suffering than no sensations at all, is their theory. Their nerves are highly strung and the strings of their emotions must be kept constantly vibrating, hence they indulge in the bad as well as the good, just for the variety of sensations and experiences

it gives them. Action, motion, go, seems to be their keynote. Possessing ambitions without a limit, they are ever trying for that which seems out of their reach. The less attainable, the harder they will work for it. Love in its true or spiritual sense is more or less of a stranger to them. It is too tame, they want visible or physical expression. Being more fiery, passionate and demonstrative than affectionate, they are not well suited for the duties and responsibilities of married life. These people are much misunderstood and disliked by the other tribes because of their aggressive tendencies. These, however, will be toned down and refined in the fire of experience during a number of lifetimes on the earth. It was the excess of temperament that led them astray and caused them to be sent to the land of torment.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
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Sophie Peterson - Apr. 17, 1918  
Felicia Nelson, Apr. 14,

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## THE DIVISION—AHFO

The souls who reach the earth between the twenty-second of April and the twenty-second of May, come from the various planets located in the division called "Ahfo". These people represent moderation, practical intelligence and strength. They are obedient to law, and in carrying out their destiny show a desire to grow, expand and fulfill the wishes of their Creator. They possess physical vigor, moral strength, mental activity and keen penetration. They also possess the faculty of doing things, and while they themselves avoid extremes, they seem capable of understanding the flashes of inspiration and the most visionary plans of others and can carry them to completion where other people would fail. They are about the most practical, useful, dependable people of all who come to the earth. Self-reliance, persistence, internal courage and the intuitive ability of divining personal and public needs and sentiments, render them capable of becoming successful in business, commerce, finance or politics. Their optimism, persistency and buoyancy of spirit often compels success to come to them, where men with weaker hearts would have become discouraged and given up the fight. To these dauntless spirits are often given positions of trust in public affairs, but if they accept them it is with the understanding that they must be allowed to use their own plans in their own way and at the time that suits them. They must not be hurried, they have to see their way before they will act. It is this steady persistence and unbiased judgment that often wins for them a firm

footing in financial affairs. As bankers they promote the welfare of the community and command respect, for they seldom betray the trust of the people. They inspire confidence, make many friends and adapt themselves to their environments. They are good providers for their homes and families, for they make sure where the next meal is coming from. They are seldom talkative or highly imaginative, for their knowledge lies deep. The women of this tribe are faithful and unwavering in their devotion to their husbands and families, and by an inherent dignity demand the same degree of honor and fidelity from their mates. They are home makers and their homes are "Havens of Rest". Children are essential to their complete happiness. Love of order, massive elegance and space inclines them to build their homes on as large and expensive a scale as their income will permit and surround them, whenever possible, with grounds and parks. In their estimation, home and the means of providing it, come first and fame must take a second place. They realize that earthly fame may last but a day while realities properly safeguarded, assure them of physical and mental comfort for their entire lifetime.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHFO

Grandma Nordsee, May, 13,  
Hilda Bosted, May, 7,  
Olga Knudsen, May, 2,

## THE DIVISION—AHGO

The souls who are deported from the division of "Ahgo," arrive on the earth between May the twenty-second and June the twenty-second. Of all the twelve tribes, you will find these people to be the most scintillating, capricious, vivacious and demonstrative. Their minds act quickly and impressions flash before their mental visions with wonderful rapidity and vanish again as quickly. They are susceptible to the conditions which surround them. They absorb thoughts, feelings and impulses like a chameleon absorbs color. Many of them resemble the winds of March, while others, by their laughter and tears, remind one of April. Their intimate associates have much to do with bringing out one or the other of these tendencies. As another illustration one might compare them to a thermometer, because they so accurately register the variations of the minds and emotions of those around them. Being so exceedingly sensitive, they act as receivers and transmitters of the impressions, vibrations and impulses of others. Their acts are naturally supposed to be wholly of their own volition, so when one chances to be contradictory to a prior expression, they are severely criticised and blamed. This is inconvenient for it makes them appear unreliable and inconsistent. Owing to this same impressionability, they find it difficult to adhere to definite lines of thought or endeavor. To gain their attention a thing must first arouse their curiosity or make its appeal to their imagination. They are mysteries to themselves as well as to others. In cases where the will power has not been

developed they are changeable and impractical, their actions are spasmodic, they may love one minute and hate the next and may plan one thing and then do something else. When they are so fortunate as to be closely associated with methodical or persistent minds they, for the time, absorb and reflect some of the same characteristics.

These susceptible spirits are not naturally fickle, their instincts are right and if they commit a wrong act it is followed by regrets and a desire, though often unexpressed, to make restitution. They rather incline to progress upward than downward, but their success in that respect depends very much upon their environments and direct associates. At worst, they would not be wilfully or intentionally bad, but only indiscreetly so. They learn quickly, but frequently have short memories. As entertainers they gain their greatest success. Their scintillating wit interspersed with occasional flashes of genius make them intensely interesting. They incline toward music and the theatre. The women like to entertain and be entertained, and the rounds of domestic and business life are more or less of a burden to them. They make excellent companions and wives for men of a serious turn of mind, but not for men with minds similar to their own. Their innate brightness will lift many a burden from the shoulders of those they care for. These restless spirits reach forth unceasingly toward changes of thought, scene and condition. They are progressive and new experiences are necessary to them. They are fond of travel and possess a strong love of the sea, and much of their romance and happiness is likely to be in some way connected with the water. They are not very successful in a commercial way for they are too generous, impractical



and unselfish to bargain and take advantage of others. Theirs is the career of the companion and the entertainer. When they fill this position well they render a great service to humanity, for no soul can progress far without entertainment and agreeable companionship.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHGO

Annie Peterson June, 17  
Rose Bushbaum June, 2

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## THE DIVISION—AHKO

Those exiled souls who arrive on the earth between the twenty-second of June and the twenty-second of July, come from the division of "Ahko". These people are distinguished by two very marked characteristics; sensitiveness regarding self, and gloomy forebodings. Though these people are gifted in many ways, it is difficult to define their exact qualifications, for they are unstable and change their endeavors frequently. They undertake a course, apparently with permanent intent, and then some fancied slight from one whom they care for, brings on a period of morose thinking and they become discouraged and give up their plans, often thereby spoiling their earthly career. As a result of this temperament they are scattered throughout the whole range of human endeavor, often trying to fill positions for which they are entirely unsuited. In matters that do not touch their personality they can think, decide and act logically, and having made a decision be stubborn and unyielding. Personal sensitiveness is ever their undoing. They demand of those around them appreciation, homage, encouragement and even flattery, and they are not comfortable, nor do they do their best, unless they receive these. They are fond of talking of personalities and dwell upon their real or supposed ailments, in the hope of enlisting the sympathy of their acquaintances. They like to travel and a limit to the gratification of that desire is set only by the amount of money they can secure for the purpose. They like to make a good appearance and often rob the mind and stomach of necessities to adorn the body. Their constant

thinking and talking about self prevents their becoming deeply interested in the lives of others. Consequently they fail to make due allowance for the inherent weaknesses of other people and are therefore easily duped and deceived. While domestically inclined, they easily become discontented and chafe and fret if not given considerable freedom.

A noticeable characteristic of these people is the difference in their views on the same subject during the dark and the light of the day. That which appears as truth to them at night may appear as false in the daylight, or vice versa. Hence their opinions are always subject to change from day to day. They are never prodigal in their generosity though they will give when under the observation of other people, because they wish to create the impression that they are liberal and generous. They hoard rather than give, for they have an ever increasing fear of poverty in old age. Many of these people, both men and women, once they have overcome their self-consciousness and the fear of what others will say, become successful public speakers, as their minds are active and their elocutionary powers are generally strong. They are also fortunate as manufacturers, for they have a genius for making and constructing things and for working out new principles and improving upon mechanical devices. When forced to undertake it, they frequently make a very fair success of business; but left to their own choice they avoid it. They drift toward the factories and sometimes become the mouthpieces through which the views or instructions of others are delivered.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHKO

Florence Walters July 7,

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## THE DIVISION—AHL0

Those souls who reach the earth between the twenty-second of July and the twenty-second of August, come from the region of "Ahlo". These people are generous, sympathetic, kind-hearted and impulsive to a dangerous degree. That is, dangerous to their own welfare. They are courageous and determined, but act from the heart and not from the head. They are difficult to control, for they can be managed only through love and sympathy. They are builders and worshippers of the ideal and the unreal as against the realities. They too often believe things and people to be what they want them to be and suffer in consequence. They are filled with emotions of love and frequently give unwise expression to these feelings. To them life without sympathy and affection is no life at all. So they seek for love and they find it, and if necessary sacrifice ambition, honor and everything for it. Neither are they always particular as to the source from which love comes. They follow their impulses and consequently their choice of companions is often criticized.

These people are always lovers of amusement, and it is usually the dreamy, sensuous diversions that appeal to them, for they dislike physical exertion, and mental effort is equally distasteful. They prefer to be entertained rather than to entertain and when they do take part it is because of some necessity. They make use of the thoughts which they attract from other brains. The work of independent thinking does not appeal to them and is seldom adopted by choice. Their minds being

open to impressions, they are inspirational, intuitional and spontaneous and spend no time in philosophizing on life or studying its intricacies, but take it as they find it and manage to get considerable pleasure out of it.

These people possess a personal magnetism that sways, inspires and compels support, especially from the opposite sex. They attain success in the theatrical world when they are willing to give time to the work. Even then they act largely from intuition, as they dislike study. They prefer the opportunity of displaying physical charms or beautiful clothes to using original talent. In music they can also do well, but they must be permitted their own selection. As most of these people fortunately inherit a goodly share of beauty of face and form and retain their youthful appearance and exuberance of spirit beyond the average age, they find the best opportunities for the display of their gifts and charms in the theatre, the pulpit, the courts and the places of public amusement. They live upon public applause. As a rule domestic or home life plays but a small part in their existence.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
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## THE DIVISION—AHMO

The souls who take up their residences on the earth between the twenty-second of August and the twenty-second of September, come from the planets in the division of "Ahmo". These people possess a materialistic, matter-of-fact, measure-and-weigh turn of mind; a keen insight into human nature and a cold calculating estimate of life. They harbor few idealistic theories. When correctly educated, they are best qualified to become lawyers, designers, chemists, scholars, philosophers, journalists, novelists or politicians. They are generally daring, cunning, investigative and resourceful. Their investigative turn of mind often leads them into trouble; especially is this true when it leads them to pry into the personal affairs of their friends and make personal or public use of the information thus obtained.

An inconsistency in the lives of the people of Ahmo is their inability to cope with their family troubles and family misunderstandings, even when they themselves may have been responsible for them. Hence, domestic strife is frequent and is also dangerous, for it seems to paralyze them and make them mentally and physically ill. An unfortunate matrimonial alliance will do more to wreck the career of one of these people than any other one thing. In their home relations they are not what could be called tender and demonstrative. Instead, they rather maintain a respectful formality, which, however, is none the less sincere on that account. They are more interested and particular in matchmaking for their friends than for themselves. With them sympathy or



affection once lost is slow of recovery. While practical, independent and indomitable in most matters, yet they crave appreciation of their intellectual authority. This they generally receive, for they are persistent students, acquire and retain much knowledge, and are particularly clever in the way they use the acquired wisdom. They are, however, unjust in that they unreasonably criticize the work of those younger or less experienced, forgetting that the great should be at least just, if not generous.

The women of this tribe are especially fond of finery and of social leadership, and will go to dangerous extremes to procure them if need be. They are practical and business-like and can detect an advantage in a business transaction where others could not see it. They can make social capital out of the things other people overlook. Neither the men nor the women are inclined to let opportunities escape them.

Though usually frail and delicate in outward appearance, these people possess remarkable vitality, and recuperative powers that defy the ravages of disease and age. Few of them remain financially poor, for their practical utilitarian estimate of life is a promise of at least moderate success. They do not travel much, but drift instinctively toward shops, schools and cities where they can study, learn the motives and profit from the use of the ideas and plans of other men.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHMO

Vernona Walters Sept. 10,  
Henry Walters Sept. 17,

## THE DIVISION—AHNO

Those souls who reach the earth between September the twenty-second and October the twenty-second, come from the region of "Ahno". These people are noted for the possession of rare good judgment, breadth and liberality of thought and for administering impartial justice. They are qualified to fill positions that call for unbiased opinions and decisions. As judges in settling the disputes and determining the mistakes of men they are especially successful. As directors of large institutions or managers of large numbers of men they are at their best. Being born leaders, they are poor followers. When there is something to be done they want to be in the front ranks. Their minds are too originaive and their ideas too advanced to permit of them fitting satisfactorily into the pre-arranged plans of other men. It seems more natural for them to make the plans and decide how and when a thing shall be done. Theirs is the magnetic power that enables physicians to lead their patients to recovery; ministers their followers to glory; politicians their party to office; generals their men to victory; women their favorites to fame or destruction. Beneath an exterior of calm implacability they conceal a wealth of sympathy and human understanding, therefore, they are lenient to the frailties of other men. They do not look for or expect perfection in others, neither are they shocked or horrified when they meet with evil, because they know that all men have faults, that all men are more or less susceptible to temptations. Instead of criticizing, they persistently refuse to see the evil where

its existence is quite apparent to others. They take the evil for granted and look for the better part, the good in man, and therefore find much that is useful which others too frequently overlook.

The physiques of these people are less robust than the brain, and if they are placed among people having worrying, irritable temperaments, or among conditions that prey upon their sympathies, they become physically ill and lose health, youth and vitality. To be useful they must have freedom and peace of mind.

Beneath the broad public spirit of these people there lies a love of friends, of home, and of the closer associations which make the domestic life a world in itself, a place to which one can retire and forget for a time the rush and bustle of the outside world. They crave the sympathy and understanding of domestic companionship and their worldly success usually comes only after the consummation of that desire. Both the women and the men of this tribe are constant and faithful to those they love. They overlook trifles in looking for the bigger and nobler qualities in each other. Their early years on the earth are usually fraught with vicissitudes and struggles that sometimes tinge their later years with a somber shadow. But success in the end is usually their reward. They are what you call self-made men; they rise by virtue of their merits. They gain wisdom and rarely serve more than one term on the earth.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHNO

Mamma Glasbrenner Sept. 28

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## THE DIVISION—AHPO

The souls who reach the earth between October the twenty-second and November the twenty-second, come from the division of "Ahpo". These people are distinguished by their forceful, determined, commanding nature. In many instances they are extremists and are frequently called eccentric. They seem so out of their element on the earth that they suffer strange vicissitudes of fortune. One unusual experience follows another in quick succession. They scarcely surmount one difficulty or push through one obstruction before they are confronted by another. Their paths lead into channels of stormy adventure. They may be almost at the top of the ladder of their ambition today and through some sudden change find themselves at the bottom tomorrow. They are constantly conceiving new ideas and advancing new schemes, ideas that bring them alternate praise and censure. Nothing seems too big for them to undertake. The larger the scheme the better they like it and the harder they work for it. Loss or failure does not daunt their courage. Every rebuff but stimulates their determination and increases their desire to fight for their idea. When born in suitable environments, their inclinations turn toward the fortunes of war, high politics and the stock exchange, as naturally as the needle of the compass turns to the north. Even in less favored environments they are natural gamblers, taking chances in everything they do, and they are usually fortunate in all games of chance. Not that they always win, but they win oftener than they lose. It is the confidence of ulti-

mate success that spurs them on. Whatever they undertake, they must be at the head of it, they must lead in their own way, and they are always willing to take the praise or criticism their acts bring. As a rule the opinions of others make little impression on them and they do not care if others believe as they do or not. It is seldom that they try to force their convictions on others, for they are usually too busy directing their own course. In a controversy, however, they display a provoking tenacity and maintain their point, right or wrong, allowing no one to force his opinion upon them.

The women of this tribe have more sensitive domestic tendencies than the men and are more constant. Like the men, however, they fret under restraint, refuse to be bound by rules, resent dictation, resist coercion, and harbor an innate aversion to law and conventionality. Their attitude of mind toward the tie that binds makes the possibility of happiness from matrimony almost impossible. Their sphere of endeavor lies outside the domestic realm. There is always a tendency for both the men and women to drift toward places of excitement, fire, blood and tragedy, and the close of their first period on the earth is likely to be as tragic as the beginning. They often succumb to narcotics and intoxicants. They are seldom prepared to return to their home before they have gone through the experience of several lifetimes on the earth, because they are unwilling to adapt themselves to conditions.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
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## THE DIVISION—AHRO

The souls who arrive on the earth between November the twenty-second and December the twenty-second, come from the division called "Ahro". The people from Ahro inherit a frank, energetic, progressive nature, rich in love and hope and blessed with an inexhaustible faith in the possibilities of their fellow-men. They have many admirable qualities, but unfortunately often carry them to extremes and thereby destroy their worth. They are not satisfied to make success for themselves alone; they want to take their friends along with them. They therefore devote much time and energy to showing others the way to accomplish. This unusual activity is beyond the comprehension of those types of people who take life as easy as they can and see no need for energy and hustle. Consequently these efforts are looked upon with suspicion.

Being honest and conscientiously blind to their own failings, these people become imbued with the conviction that it is their duty to point out the faults of others. Being confident that man is capable of doing greater things, they insist upon his doing them. They seldom err in their judgment except in their over-zealousness to put down men or institutions that they personally consider unjust or oppressive. At such times their indignation, while virtuous in its origin, is apt to acquire too much of a personal feeling, causing them to look upon the other as a personal enemy to be personally dealt with. Also their worthy sympathy for the oppressed is likely to lead them toward a persecution of the successful

before they have fully studied the cause and rightly placed the responsibility. In their haste to correct a wrong they are often cruel and unjust, thereby causing a greater wrong than the one they attempt to correct. Having convictions about things, they consider it their duty to proclaim them, even though they are often one-sided.

Possessing, as they do, remarkable energy, keen insight and intuitive knowledge of outcomes, these people become excellent financiers and are fortunate in any enterprise which involves the handling of money, be it big or small. No matter in what they are engaged, these people will be found to rush, drive and push their affairs wisely or unwisely in a nerve-destroying fashion that taxes the mental and physical endurance to the utmost. Fortunately, they are usually well endowed with physical force. In their later years on the earth, they usually develop an interest in the occult. Then with the eye of the soul they begin to catch glimpses of the Divine truth of life. These flashes become the lights which reveal to them their errors and act as guides in leading them back to their homes. They love with their characteristic tenacity and are over-zealous for those they care for and as a result, expect overmuch of them. To them marriage is a serious and sacred state and one not to be entered into lightly, but once entered, to be lived according to preconceived rules. Few mistakes or missteps are overlooked by them.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
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## THE DIVISION—AHSO

The souls who take up life on the earth between December the twenty-second and January the twenty-second, come from the division named "Ahso". These people are endowed with materialistic estimates of life. They are cold, calculating and exclusive; are cautious and inherit a far-seeing instinct that precludes the possibility of impulse, sympathy or affection ever gaining the mastery over their reason. They are brave, self-reliant and convert the obstacles that obstruct their pathway into stepping stones and then use them in mounting to their goal. The ambitions of these people vary according to their education and environment; a few seek distinction and supremacy in the political field and become successful leaders, carrying out stupendous undertakings, but they seldom embark upon an enterprise that does not promise handsome personal profits. Self and self-interest always takes precedence over the interests of the masses. The more modest among them are content to become speakers, scholars or teachers, that they may indulge their thirst for learning. They place book-knowledge on a pedestal and bow down to it; overlooking the greater sources of supply that surround them. Hence, their education lacks breadth and is too mathematical. They are unsociable by instinct, preferring to fight life's battles alone rather than co-operate with others. They have little confidence or trust in any but themselves.

These people adhere to their ideas and follow their ambitions with a calm, quiet deliberation that gives them

the victory of the tortoise over the hare. They are not easily scared nor can they be easily persuaded; they must see before they can believe. They have many lessons to learn regarding the value of love, sympathy and loving companionship. This lack of human sympathy is the cause of much of the trouble they experience. The women inherit a more tender impulse than the men, but even they are seldom in danger of attempting "Love in a cottage," for they hold a high regard for titles, pomp and pedigree. They love pretty dresses above sentiment and pretty speeches, and while lacking in social impulses, yet they value social standing above all things. They are seldom popular socially, because of their imperious, independent natures. They make few real friends and have to pay well for such position or distinction as they are able to obtain. In whatever part of the earth they may be placed they invariably drift in later life toward its lonely, obscure corners, its ruined abodes, halls of past glory and places of retrospective thought. They revere the past, criticize the present, and expect little of the future.

NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME  
FROM AHSO

Marjorie Hedtke Dec. 25,

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## THE BODY—ITS PURPOSE

“Why, if the soul can fling the dust aside,  
And naked on the air of Heaven ride,  
Were't not a shame—were't not a shame for him  
In this clay carcass crippled to abide?”

—Selected.

By referring to the twelve preceding chapters, parents can ascertain from which division of the Universe their children came and thereby learn what qualities and weaknesses they possess. When they have acquired this information they will know how to guide, educate and otherwise develop the best within their children; also how to guard against arousing or encouraging the undesirable side of their natures. The possession of this knowledge by the parents establishes a sympathy between them and their children which smoothens out the rough places; they know when to blame and punish and when to sympathize, correct and instruct. I have dwelt upon the characteristics of the people from the different divisions because I believe this information, if used, will do more than any other one thing to bring about a sympathy and understanding between the earth's inhabitants and thereby make their lives more agreeable and their progress more rapid. The reason you blame and criticize each other for errors and weaknesses, is because you do not understand the characters of your fellow sufferers. If you understood the cause which lies back of the acts you behold, you would sympathize with the erring and help them, instead of criticizing and hindering their progress toward better things.

The souls from each division take with them to the earth their natural individualizing characteristics, plus the acquired undesirable traits which were responsible for their being exiled. The characteristics a soul possesses plays an important part in his progress or retrogression. No soul is ever banished from his home for a definite length of time. Therefore, the time one must remain a prisoner on the earth depends entirely upon the time it takes to eliminate his undesirable characteristics. If the faults are quickly subdued and conquered, the time will be very short, but if they are neglected and permitted to increase, then the soul may have to be re-born upon the earth again and again for an indefinite number of times. Associating on the earth with so many of the erring and wicked, as each soul must, he has plenty of opportunities to retrograde, and he will do so unless he recognizes the folly of his previous mistakes and brings the full strength of his will to bear against his unworthy inclinations. You can easily see that what the earth's inhabitants need to lessen their troubles is more information about their souls and the soul-life.

An entire lifetime on the earth is as but a few minutes compared with the time a soul lives in passing through the twelve divisions, or as compared with eternity. A lifetime on the earth may seem a long time to your bodily senses, and the suffering you experience and the punishment you undergo may seem pretty severe, but when you compare these with the unlimited time you really live and the many pleasures you have enjoyed and will enjoy again hereafter, a lifetime on the earth is but a brief moment in your existence.



Those psychological influences which people feel acting upon their lives, drawing their inclinations and impulses first in one direction and then in another, are not planetary influences, as many suppose, but are the effects of the thoughts of their earthly associates and of the friends they left behind when they were exiled from their homes. The souls on each planet watch over those who were exiled from their planet. They extend to these souls all the encouragement possible and send them all the helpful ideas, thoughts and suggestions they are prepared to accept.

It may seem strange to you, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the people on the earth have no original thoughts of their own, that is, they do not originate, construct or produce thoughts, but are merely receivers and transmitters of thought. The thoughts they think today came originally from the inhabitants of some of the other planets and since reaching the earth have been passed from one person to another as items of information. New thoughts come to man only when a need for the knowledge arises. Everything that has been built up or constructed on the earth, was produced by souls who came from other planets, where they had learned to do those particular things. Therefore, it is plain that the thoughts men give expression to, originated and were used elsewhere before they were used on the earth. Thoughts are things and the death of one or a million brains does not take a single thought away from other men, for the source of thought is eternal. If all but one man should be taken from the earth, he would still have access to all the thoughts he was capable of entertaining.

As far as the earth is concerned, "there is nothing new under the sun". Thought originates with the people of all the inhabited planets except the earth, but each soul on the earth can attract to himself thoughts and ideas from the people of his own planet, if he so wishes and tries. He can make use of the information he thus obtains because his life and experiences on the planet from which the information comes, make it understandable to him. By the thoughts and ideas a person entertains and gives expression to, you can determine his character and by his character you can tell from whence he came and what his chances are of being called back to his home.

The soul who sees the mistake of his past attitude and is truly repentant, remains not long upon the earth, but is soon drawn back to the planet from which he was exiled, and the journey is as easily accomplished as the passage of a ray of light from the sun to the earth. When a soul is sufficiently purified to be ready to return to his home, he breaks out of the body much as a beautiful flower breaks out of a seed, casting off the old shell or husk and blossoming forth in all its sweetness, radiance and beauty. The departing of a purified soul from the body, instead of being a cause for sorrow and mourning, should be attended with joy and thanksgiving, for he is leaving the land of torment and discontent to go to a place where he will enjoy greater happiness than is ever experienced on the earth. The birth of a child, however, is a serious matter and his arrival should call forth your sympathy, for you behold in him an erring soul who has been doomed to a term of imprisonment and suffering.

Some souls remain upon the earth for but a short time, a few weeks or a few months and during that time expiate their transgressions. I remember while I was on the earth of hearing older people say of a child, "He is not long for this world; he is too beautiful; his soul is too peaceful". I have also frequently heard the expression "The good die young". The souls referred to in these expressions, are those who have nearly expiated their transgressions and are soon to be freed from their earthly prison. People who come into daily contact with these serene children unconsciously feel that they are soon to lose them. These impressions result from the communications which are carried on by the two souls when they are outside of their bodies. The good these children do by developing in one or both of the parents a spirit of kindness, a greater sympathy and a more generous view of life, is often sufficient to make complete restitution for their past errors; hence their earthly release. Verily, the children shall teach them.

As I have already told you, there is a greater law than the personal desires of the parents that governs the birth of children. This fact will become evident if you will observe the difference in the types of the children that are born to the same parents. One child may resemble one or both of the parents in some particulars, while the rest of the children will be wholly different in appearances and in characteristics. To parents possessing brilliant intellects or great business abilities are often born children with small intellects and no business capacity whatever. To religious parents are frequently born children with no respect or reverence for their par-

ents' belief or calling. To parents normally formed physically, are sometimes born deformed children, and to people imperfectly formed come perfect physical and mental specimens. The so-called "black sheep" of the family does not come by chance, there is a reason for his being. Souls are sent where they are likely to have the opportunity of accomplishing the greatest good for all concerned. As very often happens, to parents with little or no education is born a child with exceptional mental capacity or soul discernment. Most of the great lights of history, the people who accomplished things, were born of humble parents. For proof, refer to the parentage of the world's greatest philosophers, musicians, writers, etc., and consider the humble position of Christ's parents. The so-called "genius" is almost always born in undesirable environments and of humble parents. He, however, eventually overcomes the seeming handicap of birth, dominates his environments and climbs to great heights because he possesses a superior individuality. Geniuses are advanced souls who were sent to the earth as a punishment for transgressing the Divine law. They may have become too egotistical, as that is a very common fault among some tribes and one that is responsible for many otherwise good souls being sent to the earth. Forcing them to spend a period of time in humble surroundings is one method of showing them the folly of conceit and one way of developing in them a greater sympathy and kindness for others. The people of the earth usually benefit from the visits of these advanced souls, for they leave behind them when they go back home, works that educate and influence the lives of future generations. In time these souls leave the earth,

but what they have produced remains for others to use, and you call these works masterpieces.

The physical body is a product of the parents and they, knowingly or unknowingly, act as the servants of destiny when they prepare a place of residence for a soul. All the physical homes that are built are not perfect, in fact, some are constructed very much out of proportion. Therefore, you should show consideration for the inhabitants of these ill-formed, poorly constructed bodies, for they are sorely cramped and inconvenienced, and suffer much because of their inability to give full expression to their natural talents and desires.

The number of physical bodies created usually about equals the demand, but when there are more bodies born than there are souls seeking residences, or if, for any reason, the souls in waiting do not like a particular body and therefore refuse to inhabit it, that body dies at birth and returns to dust. Then, as sometimes happens, a progressive soul finding the body he has taken to be unsuited to his needs, or the parents to be uncongenial, he may, in a few hours, a few days or a few weeks, leave it in the hope of finding a more suitable house. When he does this the body he leaves dies and he must wait until he is again entitled to select a body before he can take up a new residence. This changing of residences by the soul is responsible for the large death rate among young children. Many souls occupy bodies temporarily while they are searching for the one they want for a permanent residence. This plan sacrifices many physical bodies, for when a soul leaves the temporary residence, that body dies the physical death of decay. Knowing this, parents should not blame the Divine power for robbing them of their children, but should search within themselves for the

cause which made their society undesirable to the soul that came to them. There is always a cause and reason back of every expression of the Divine law. In such cases as I have just mentioned, the loss of a child often awakens in the parents an understanding that is the beginning of their reformation; it becomes the influence that corrects, purifies and leads them back to their homes.

## WHY MAN SUFFERS

“Criticize him not for his peculiar manner—

Thou dost not know what birth hath made him heir to,

What shadow overhung his birth,

What earth-born secret lurks within his heart.”

—Selected

Some souls do not take advantage of the privileges extended to them on the earth and therefore do not sufficiently overcome their faults in the course of one lifetime to attain the required perfection, and as a result are compelled to remain a long time in the land of torment and be re-born there many times. Every time a soul takes on a new body he is given another opportunity to correct his errors and another chance to make himself worthy to return home. There are some who do not appreciate these opportunities and in their desperation or their blind indifference to future suffering, deliberately destroy their bodies, thinking by so doing to break the chain that binds them to the earth. Such an act, however, availeth nothing, for their destinies must be fulfilled. They cannot defeat or evade the law and every attempt they make to do so rebounds and injures them. There is one way and only one, by which they can gain their freedom and that is to repent of their past errors and voluntarily take up again the work of soul development in a new body and make themselves worthy to associate with the inhabitants of the planet from which they were exiled.

You will possibly ask what becomes of the souls who are prematurely released by the accidental destruction

of the body. By way of an answer, I will ask what you would do if the house in which you now live should be destroyed? You would find another house. That is just what the released soul does. He must have a house to live in because he has no way of expressing himself except through the organism of a physical body. All the sudden deaths you behold or hear of, however, are not necessarily accidents. Many of the so-called fatal accidents are in reality not accidents at all, but are acts of destiny. The quick separation of the soul from the body is frequently a reward of merit. If you will observe you will see that in many instances it follows promptly upon the heels of a generous or heroic act. This one unselfish act was possibly all that was needed to procure the soul's release. As an illustration of my meaning I would call your attention to the cases of fire, drowning, etc., where a person apparently gives up his own life to save that of another. Then in other cases the sudden separation of body and soul by what appeared to be an accident was, instead, caused by the combined efforts of soul friends in their endeavor to bring to an end a career that was leading the person on to further degradation. Such accidents frequently accomplish a good purpose and therefore should cause no regret. The release of a soul from a body that was too strongly influenced by environments that were detrimental or by associations that were harmful and his removal to a new body, where he will be surrounded by better influences, give him another chance to travel along the right path. These premature releases show how carefully the progress of each soul on the earth is watched and cared for by his friends from beyond. It is the duty of all souls to



help reclaim those who have fallen and bring them back to their homes.

You must keep in mind the fact that the soul is the real being, that the physical body is only its temporary habitation, and that length of life on the earth is not its goal. Hence its first opportunity to dispossess itself of its physical body or to liberate itself from the earth will be promptly taken advantage of. People do not die of old age, they die only because physical infirmities have altered the body and deprived the soul of an efficient organ of expression. When it can no longer obtain satisfactory service from the body, it takes advantage of its first opportunity to leave it; the body then dies.

The evil thoughts and impulses that enter a person's mind come not from a devil, as some suppose, but from the minds of the evilly inclined people of the earth. Those who follow these evil thoughts are soon brought to sorrow and suffering. There is a guide that tells men which thoughts to follow and which to ignore. That small inner voice which man calls intuition or conscience and which tells him the right and the wrong of his every thought and act, is the whispering of guardian friends from his home planet, advising him and attempting to guide him into the course that would be best for him. They, possessing the soul-sight, of which he is temporarily deprived, can see the outcome of all things of the earth and know what he should or should not do in each instance. If man puts implicit trust in these silent soul-whispers and follows them to the best of his ability, he will rapidly acquire wisdom, shorten his stay in the land of torment and hasten his return to the life beautiful. If, however, he does not accept the kind overtures which are made for his benefit, he must go on suffering, for no

one can help him until he is willing to be helped. The fact that any man is today on the earth, is conclusive evidence that he fell from grace, and his being there indicates one of two things: He is either still a sinner and therefore unprepared to return home and fill his place among his fellow men, or he has a mission on earth yet to perform for the good of its inhabitants and not until this has been completed will he be called back home.

Wealth and position are apparently gained more easily by some of the earth's inhabitants than by others. There is a reason for this. The successful men, the men who produce things, become the servants of the people in their locality or their country. Through their greater wisdom or ability, they put into operation new ideas, arrange new systems of education and do things in a way that ultimately benefit thousands of their fellow men. These higher and more responsible positions are assigned to those who are mentally most capable of filling them. The assignment is sometimes a reward for previous efforts and is sometimes made for the purpose of giving the person an opportunity to make reparation for some past sin. Therefore, the person may not be as morally good as the position he fills, or may not lead a life the equal of what he teaches. If what he does, however, benefits others, that good will react in his favor and secure for him a better start when he begins his next period on the earth. Good is good, no matter from what source it comes. Consider the purity of the lily and the mire out of which it grows and above which it rises. The lily is none the less beautiful because of its source; much that is beautiful comes from sources that are foul. Those who faithfully fulfill the duties entrusted to them are always rewarded by advancement, and in time leave

the earth for a better sphere. But those who turn the power or wealth which has been entrusted them to selfish ends or to the injury of their fellow men, are held responsible and are kept in lowly positions on the earth and made to suffer in one body after another until they realize the error of their ways and make restitution equal to the suffering they have caused. Then and only then can they go back to their own planet.

During their life-time on the earth, most all the true, noble souls who, in their innate goodness, try to reach, advise and help their fellow men, find themselves attacked, discredited and their motives impugned. As good works cannot be wholly destroyed, or good acts entirely lost, the efforts made by these souls are eventually recognized and appreciated, for the good men do lives after them. This unpleasant condition has existed on the earth ever since it was inhabited and no doubt will continue to exist, because the inferior, sinful soul is always jealous of the superior soul; he therefore, does everything he can to discredit the other. The inferior soul in reality hates himself for not being in the other's position, but because he does not see his own faults, he blames his superiors for his failings and his low position. His egotism so blinds him to realities that he cannot see the virtues or merits of others and therefore will not acknowledge that anyone can possess qualities superior to his. He is so self-centered that he brands as false any show of merit in others, and because of this jealousy he is ready to say or do anything to drag others down to his level. While seemingly unjust, such things, unpleasant

and hard to endure as they are, serve a purpose. They test the patience, the sincerity and the purity of the superior soul. It is by combating and ignoring such attacks that resignation, determination, strength of will, moral courage, confidence and greater wisdom are gained. As necessity is the mother of invention, so the deeper thought and greater care and keener penetration of the soul needed to disprove these unjust and invidious attacks, bring out still greater truths. All who would proclaim the truth or advocate advanced ideas on the earth, must be prepared to hear someone call them liars, for every person judges his fellow men by his own standard. The liar thinks that all men lie, just as the dishonest man thinks that all men are dishonest, because in their egotism they cannot conceive of anyone being superior to themselves. The honest man is the one most easily deceived and cheated, because being honest himself, he is not versed in the art of dishonesty, and therefore is not prepared to recognize it in others.

Every man has at his command at all times, the unrestricted use of his will power. He can therefore, either resist or succumb to temptation, as he chooses. By the exercise of his will he can advance or retrograde and the direction in which he travels rests entirely with himself; he will not be forced to remain on the earth for a longer period than his past and present sins warrant. For him to find fault with his position on the earth is to find fault with himself. The present is always the fruit of the past. If he had lived in the past as he should have done and had made the right use of his opportunities, he would not now be in the undesirable position in which he finds

himself. To find himself in a better position in the future he has but to act wisely in the present, for the present is the father of the future, just as the past is the father of the present. If a man would reap a crop he must first sow the seed, and the kind of seed he sows will determine the nature of the crop he will have to reap.

The lofty thoughts or base desires which a man entertains today become the law that rules his future. For his thoughts lead him either a few steps higher in the scale of perfection, or pull him down and bind him to the earth for an increased period. While man cannot go to a worse place than the earth, for there is none more base, yet he can sink to immeasurable depths of degradation on it. Some of the depths to which men fall exceed your ability to comprehend and are beyond the power of mortal man to describe. Souls gravitate to localities where they can find companions in keeping with their desires, and do so as naturally as water runs down hill. Therefore, where you find a man is usually where he belongs. There is no place in the Universe where greater punishment is meted out to man, than on the earth, for the earth is the only Land of Torment. You can be certain that man spends on the earth the only narrow, hateful, grudging, obscure and sorrowful hours of his destiny.

The Ego, or consciousness of self, which men possess, was not built up in a single life-time, nor is it today what it was yesterday or what it will be tomorrow. It has been constructed and built up as the result of a long series of experiences and acquisitions, the greatness of which he will not fully realize, until the re-awakening

of the soul memory on a higher plane. Man is not deprived of the memory of past events while he inhabits his own planet, but he is cut off from that knowledge while he remains on the earth. When he returns to his home all that he has ever learned will come back to him, for he will then be in touch with conditions that are familiar; he will be in harmony with the source of intelligence and entitled to partake of as much information as he may need.

## THE SCHEME OF THE UNIVERSE

“Illumined minds are those which see  
Beyond mere form and sophistry;  
Who truth and knowledge daily find,  
Who sense the good in all mankind.”  
—Selected

The vastness, the simplicity and the perfectness of the creative scheme of the Universe, are beyond the comprehension of mortal man. In the whole scheme of creation, wonderful as it is, man is its central figure and the highest product of the Master Mind. You do not get a true picture of the perfect man when you consider those you find on the earth as examples, for they are the imperfect specimens, those who failed of the Master's desire, those who went contrary to his wishes and for selfish purposes perverted their Divine attributes and became outcasts. No man on the earth is a perfect example of the Creator's handiwork. It is only after leaving the earth and while progressing from sphere to sphere in the course of his destiny, that man takes on the greater perfections of the body and mind; then each change brings to him additional youth and beauty. Souls are born old and feeble and grow younger as they gain intelligence through following the course of their destinies. The people of the earth have an inkling of this fact. Ask any man of mature age what spiritual change he feels taking place within him as his years increase; he will tell you that he feels younger as his body grows older. I have learned that man's physical body becomes less material in each of the divisions through which he

passes, until the perfect blending of body and soul is reached on the last planet of the twelfth division. Before leaving that planet for the Celestial Heaven, the body becomes fully spiritualized and forms with the soul a perfect indestructible unit possessing power of eternal life. In the Celestial Heaven souls attain such contentment and happiness as you of the earth could not understand. They enjoy the "peace that passeth all understanding". Their finer senses are greatly intensified and their grosser taste entirely eliminated. It is the desired state all souls are working and striving to attain. It is the ideal, the supreme, the ultimate, the one thing worth while. The few moments of suffering you experience on the earth fades into insignificance when compared with the unlimited millions of years of supreme happiness that awaits you in the Celestial Heaven.

In his progress through the divisions of the Universe, the soul leaving a planet leaves behind him the body he occupied on that planet, and takes a new and more suitable body on the next. In many cases several bodies are occupied consecutively on one planet before the soul advances to another, and sometimes he lives on several planets in one division before he passes to another division. It all depends upon his attitude. If he learns his lessons and obeys the laws of the Creator, he may advance rapidly and pleasantly, but if he is negligent he will advance slowly and painfully and may even be punished by being exiled to the planet of darkness—the earth.

In all men at all times lie the germs of greater possibilities; just as in the little acorn the great oak lies patiently waiting to be called forth. It is this Divine, never ending source of life and power that inspires man with the desire to do and to accomplish, that carries him



ever onward toward greater development. While man, during his sojourn on the earth is largely a creature of destiny, and is tied down and made to suffer for his misdeeds, yet he is at all times conscious that within him there is something bigger and greater than he has ever given expression to. On all the other planets man is both a creator and a dispenser of knowledge and his power increases as he advances from division to division. Because of this he is able to make his own life and the lives of those around him constantly more ideal. To the worthy, ambitious soul, nothing is denied that could be of help to him.

On the planet on which I am now living we have many improved methods and are able to do many things that you of the earth cannot do as yet. For instance, we are able, by the use of our mental forces, to bring under control certain ethereal vibrations by which we can bring to us, when we desire, distinct pictures of persons, articles or places. As distance is no barrier to this force, we can at will, obtain pictures of things that are happening in any part of our planet. We can also produce music surpassing anything ever heard on the earth, by the harmonizing and using of certain vibrations from light rays. This music can be seen as beautiful colors, alternating, blending and harmonizing, as well as being heard; it is therefore a joy to the eye as well as a pleasure to the ear. We can turn light into sound when needed, but as we have so many ways of communicating and making our desires known, we do not often make use of sound. Instead, we try to eliminate noise because it makes for inharmony. In lighting and heating our buildings and for doing most of our work we utilize the electrical emanations from the sun. This force is taken

directly from the rays by a simple instrument located in each building, no big machinery or distributing power plants being needed. The light we obtain closely resembles sunlight.

We do not drink or use for personal purposes, water taken from the ground, because it is always liable to contain impurities, a fact you can readily appreciate, having seen so much sickness on the earth caused by it. Instead we obtain our supply direct from the original source—the atmosphere, where it has been made pure and wholesome by the greatest of all purifiers—the sun. To obtain a cool, sparkling drink we have but to press a button, which liberates an electrical discharge into the atmosphere. The vibrations travel to a considerable height and condense the moisture above a special container into which it falls, and instantly pure, cool water descends and is at our command in quantities large or small as we may desire and provide.

We can communicate one with another and also see each other by a process of mental concentration and thought projection. In addition to being a great time saver, this process also removes all chances of error. It is in every way superior to the sightless, mechanical telephone you use, with the uncertainty as to whom you are speaking with. We can also detect the approach of a friend, even while he is still at a considerable distance. We can build up pictures and designs in the brain and then project and reproduce them in detail and coloring on a sensitized plate, much as visible objects are photographed. This ability is of inestimable advantage to architects, landscape gardeners, and designers of fabrics, machinery, etc., for they can see in advance exactly

what is desired and just what the article or building will look like when completed.

As I have mentioned before, we are able to travel through space by neutralizing the air pressure around us and by creating a vacuum which draws us in any direction we may desire to go. You of the earth recognize a force you call gravitation, a force that seems to cause things to drop to the earth, water to run downhill, and all moving things to seek the lowest level. You have been taught that this force is exerted from within the earth. This instruction was not correct. The force originates, not from within, but from without. It is not a pulling force, it is a pushing force. Your planet, like ours and all others, is surrounded by atmosphere. This atmosphere is a solid, though transparent substance possessing weight, and part of this weight rests upon the earth. It is this atmospheric pressure on the earth's surface that holds it together. If it were possible to withdraw this pressure from all or even half of the surface, the land would crumble to dust, the water disintegrate and all would disappear into space. It is the uniform pressure over the entire surface of the earth that causes it to retain its shape and makes its existence possible. What you call gravitation is nothing more than atmospheric pressure. It is not gravitation, but external pressure, that holds you to the earth. If your so-called gravitation was an attractive or magnetic force, you would experience no more difficulty in walking up a hill or in climbing a mountain, than you would from walking on a level surface. In both cases you would have your feet on the earth and the force pulling against you would be the same in one place as in the other. As you know, additional energy and exertion are required

if you would walk up a hill. This energy is not used to pull away from a force that is holding you back, but is used to raise your body up against a compact covering of air that is pressing down upon you and resisting your advance. So long as you do not attempt to move upward against the all-enveloping atmosphere, you feel no resistance, but at each upward step you have to lift the air and push it aside before you can go on. The higher you climb the lighter the air pressure becomes and the more difficult it becomes to breathe because your organs and muscles are designed to work under the greater atmospheric weight. Of course you cannot see this atmospheric covering, but you recognize its presence by the pressure it produces. A little thought on this subject will convince you that what you have been taught regarding gravitation is all wrong, just as many other things taught on the earth are wrong. Here we understand how to reduce the atmospheric pressure around us and disperse it ahead of us. This makes walking easy and traveling comfortable.

On this planet the cities and all places where people live are very beautiful. No person owns any definite piece of the ground or any building built thereon. Each, however, is supplied with a home for his own or his family's use befitting his station, and each has the right to the free use of all public parks and grounds, of which there are many. All cities are designed and built after approved artistic and sanitary plans. There being no individual ownership to create barriers, those in charge of the work can give full scope to their artistic conceptions. All the buildings are designed to harmonize with the landscape. Streets have a definite width, the grounds for each residence are ample and the build-

ings are set a sufficient distance apart to conform with the art scheme. Pure air, plenty of light, perfect sanitation and beautiful scenes to please the eye are the most vital considerations. Nothing that is squalid or offensive to the finer senses is tolerated. We have neither rich nor poor as you understand such things. Money is not used to reward merit or to buy the things we desire. In being free from its use we are free from the earth's greatest source of evil.

What you of the earth know of the wonders of the Universe and of the methods used on other planets, are just the faint impressions that souls down there have received from friends back home. The inventions you make and the systems you organize are not original, they were first created on some other planet and then transmitted to the earth by friendly souls who, having spent a term there, knew the needs of the inhabitants and were anxious to help improve their condition. Those things I have told you of will also some day be adopted on the earth and used in the same or a modified form.

We are able to mentally see to the earth when we have any personal friends in exile there, and when we have, we try to establish communication with them and extend to them all the influence and suggestions that can be of any assistance to them. We do not leave our planet during our life-time on it, neither do we visit the earth in search of lost souls, as some of your people suppose, but during the time their bodies are asleep and they are free, we establish such long distance communication with them as they will permit. The only souls who actually appear to each other on the earth plane are those who own bodies there or those who are preparing to return home and wish to bid farewell to those to whom they

have become especially attached. Once a soul has served his time and is fully released from the body, he cannot linger for long near the earth, for there is an irresistible influence that draws him away.

We live on this planet much as you live on the earth, except that conditions are more favorable. We eat, drink, sleep, work and study, and in addition spend much time in perfecting our minds and developing and refining our bodies. These efforts favorably affect the real being—the soul, for the more perfectly the body is developed, the more perfectly the soul can express himself through it, and vice versa. We have not the wickedness to contend with that you have, but we do have temptations to try us and test us, things that try our strength of purpose, test our courage and teach us the great difference between the right and the wrong. We marry and give birth to physical bodies which are taken and used as residences by the souls who have earned the right to progress from their planet to ours. Here they become little children again and are taught our ways and receive our guidance and instruction. We realize the responsibility of this trust and consequently the children receive the greatest consideration in the land. We know that the things which we teach them by word or example, will become the pattern that they will use in shaping their careers. We also know that if, through the example we set, or through our carelessness, wilful neglect or wrong teachings, they should go wrong, we would have to pay the penalty, which is exile, and then we would have much of our work to do over again. The law of the Universe makes it impossible for anyone to shirk his duty and not pay the penalty. In this particu-

lar the law is very clear and most of us recognize the wisdom of obeying it.

Here we have no conflicting religious views, such as serve to torment the people of the earth; our eyes are open to the truth. We know that sins are expiated, not forgiven, that prayers without acts are useless, that no amount of prayer will avail to remove the blemish of a sin, no matter how slight, unless the person reforms in deed as well as in word and proves by subsequent action that he is really sorry for his misdeeds. We know that errors of judgment are not sins, but we also know that if our errors cause others to suffer or to go wrong, we are proportionately responsible and must do our best to alleviate any suffering or right any wrong our mistakes may have caused.

We know that salvation comes through the voluntary discontinuance of wrong thinking and evil living, and by the adoption of the Divine command, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". We know that we cannot rise from the depths of Hell (the earth) to the heights of Heaven in one flight. No such radical change being either possible or advisable, for one must prepare himself for new conditions of life before he enters upon them, otherwise they would produce results just the opposite of what is expected. We must all move forward patiently and persistently, step by step, for only those who persevere attain to the heights, and then only as the reward of effort and not of favor. None can buy, bribe or pray their way into Heaven. The Divine law rules and it delivers strict justice, but no favors. None of us want favors, for we desire to be under obligations to no one for the things we possess or the positions we

hold. If we are what you call "saved" we must "save" ourselves, for none can save us.

We know the course a soul must follow from his beginning to his ultimate perfection where he can enter the Celestial Heaven, and that to reach that much desired state requires thousands of years as measured by the time recognized on the earth. We know the purpose of life and that our efforts, when rightly directed, cannot fail to ultimately make of each of us a perfect glorified spiritual being. We have our work to do and it becomes a pleasure to do it. We take instructions from those above us in knowledge and experience and we teach those below us and thus the work of evolution goes on.

We possess a voice for speaking but we use it very little, because thought projection and transmission take its place almost entirely. We use little in the way of books in teaching or learning, except in the cases of science and history. The soul-vision is used to search out the things that we need, and from such lessons we learn quickly. We know that each soul is a fractional part of the Great Soul of the Universe and therefore is sacred. We also know that each life fills a place in the great plan and is necessary to its completion, just as each grain of sand is necessary in the making of a complete earth and each drop of water in the making of an ocean. The great could not exist without the small, nor could the small exist without the great, for each is necessary to the other and to the complete whole. Singly, we as individual souls, may not seem to be very important, but together in unity of effort and harmony of purpose, fulfilling our destinies, we are the Divine expression of the force that shapes and guides the Universe.



## MORE ABOUT THE EARTH

"It was your own Self guiding you,  
The Self no man has ever known,  
The Self no human eye has seen  
Looking on flesh and blood alone."

—Selected

The earth of itself is not bad, neither are the things it produces conducive to badness. The flowers are just as beautiful, the products just as delicious and the weather just as pleasant as in many of the other planets. There is no evil on the earth that was not brought to it by someone from some other planet. It is not the earth, but the inhabitants, that are evil. Good people could live on the earth and be happy if their companions and associations were congenial. The earth's badness is judged, as all things are judged, by comparison. On the earth all the inhabitants are more or less evil and none are permitted to leave until they have overcome their evil habits. The opposite is the case on other planets; there the bad are sent away and only the good allowed to remain. The earth, therefore, can be compared to a quarantined hospital, set aside for contagious diseases, where the patients are allowed to mingle freely with each other. There is nothing wrong with the hospital building, but owing to the conditions of its occupants, it is not a pleasant place in which to live or one that would be voluntarily selected as a residence. The daily association of one diseased patient with another tends to lessen in them the fear of contagion and this very familiarity with disease blinds them to its dangers. And so it is on the earth. The evil

possessed by its inhabitants is contagious and the promiscuous association of one with another serves to spread the evil and multiply its dangers.

Do not misunderstand me when I refer to the evil in man. I can assure you that no man on the earth is wholly bad, that is, no man is so evil that there is no chance of his recovery. Neither is there anyone so good but that there is a blemish to be found somewhere. The fault may not be immediately apparent, but it is only a matter of time until it shows itself. Evil is a mental illness, and with the earth's inhabitants it is a case of some having a mild attack, while others have it in a more advanced stage. All cases, no matter how bad they may appear, can be cured, therefore, even the most badly afflicted patients need not give up hope. The command which is supposed to be posted over the door of Hell, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here" is a myth and not justified by fact, for there is always hope, always another chance, for no soul is eternally lost. Somewhere, at some time, each sinner on the earth will see and recognize "the only way" and be cured of his malady. The Great Physician offers the panacea to all, but there is no compulsion, each patient has the right to decide for himself whether he will or will not take it. However, every time he refuses it he is again forced to go on suffering. Some day he will see the light and decide to follow it. When he does his recovery will begin and in the course of time his soul will be "saved" from misery and suffering and he will return to his home.

The children born on each planet are created for the express purpose of furnishing physical dwellings for the souls who take up life on that planet. During the month of judgment in each division, some souls are promoted

and advanced another degree or fraction of a degree, while others are moved down the scale because they have not shown the ability or strength to live up to the requirements of their surroundings. As the judgment period moves every month to the next division, the supply of births and deaths on all the planets is equalized and a well regulated birth rate maintained on the earth. Whether new souls are created at any time, or in any number, or whether what we see is just the interchange of souls from planet to planet in the onward progress of humanity, I cannot say; and whether all will ultimately attain perfection and reach the Celestial Heaven, leaving all the planets and the earth depopulated, I do not know. That question is probably only solved by those who pass into the Celestial Heaven. At least, I have yet to find a soul who knows any more about it than I am telling you. Probably in my progress I may learn the answer to this question.

I can assure you that the universal system of reward is just, grand and glorious. It is founded upon merit, hence those who make an effort are rewarded by promotion to more glorious realms where they find greater knowledge and more ideal conditions of life. Those who neglect their duty to their Creator and to their fellow men bring upon themselves punishment and suffering. Each has himself to thank or blame for what he is, for each is the maker of his own destiny. And above all, we have our Creator to thank for so generously giving us the opportunity to try and when we fail, for always giving us another chance to try again. The system inspires and encourages because there are so many possibilities to work for and such desirable rewards for success. The person who tries to deceive himself into the belief that

the death of the body ends all, is doing himself a great injury by bringing upon himself more earthly suffering and by delaying the time of his departure from the earth for realms of power and glory, where pleasure and happiness await him. "As ye give, so shall ye receive" and as ye try, so shall ye be rewarded. The balance of justice is so fine that rewards and punishments are automatic, self-acting and prompt.

Many of the earth's inhabitants are looking for and actually expecting the earth to come to an end or be destroyed by fire. Some really believe that because of the wickedness of its inhabitants, it will be destroyed in the very near future, and others believe that it will be purposely destroyed, that a certain number of "chosen souls" may be lifted directly up to Heaven. These are all vain hopes. The earth will never be destroyed because it is a necessary part of the Universe. As long as there is a sinner in the whole Universe the earth will be needed as a place of punishment to which he can be sent. And it will be millions of years before all the souls now in existence have ceased to sin and have gained the perfection necessary to secure them an entrance into the Celestial Heaven. And then, if it has not already been done, more new souls may be created to occupy the planets for it seems scarcely probable that an active Creator who has done so much, would be satisfied to rest forever with nothing to hope for and nothing to strive for. If the Master's activities should cease, what would become of the Universe? Nothing can stand still, all must progress or retrograde, therefore, should the Master's mind cease to direct and control, the whole elaborate system would disintegrate and return to nothingness; and that could not be, for nothing in the Universe can

be annihilated. Hence there is only one course it can follow and that is eternal progress.

There is no personal devil or evil spirit that exerts an influence on man, thereby causing him to do or be evil. Evil is not an individual force or element, it is the opposite of good, as darkness is the opposite of light; remove one and you have the other in its place. So when man is not good (normal) he is evil (abnormal), as when he is not well he is ill. Evil is nothing more than moral illness. There are no separate powers that confer good or evil; it depends upon the man himself; the evil comes from within him and not from without. If he neglects the laws of health he becomes ill and suffers as a consequence. If he neglects the laws of good he becomes evil and suffers likewise, and thus he makes or mars his own life.

The things I have told you about the earth and about the planet on which I am living, I know to be facts, because they are the results of personal experience. What I have told you of the system of soul evolution outside of this planet, I have learned from others who received the information through souls in other divisions, much as you are receiving this. I have learned that it is only in rare cases that such harmony is established between souls of different divisions, but that it has occurred a sufficient number of times to furnish us with a reliable knowledge of the law of evolution. Therefore, we are not so much in the dark regarding these matters as you are. We know what to expect and what the future holds for us. It is recorded here that many attempts have been made to convey to souls on the earth the information I have given you, but without satisfactory results. The information transmitted has nearly always been misconstrued, mis-

applied and its use perverted. I have the confidence that you will use wisely what I have revealed to you and will make it known to all who are ready to learn. I feel that after all these ages of darkness, the inhabitants of the earth will now be told the truth and that the knowledge will make their stay on the earth shorter and more endurable. Such help as I can render will go forth to all who read my message aright.

Within the Universe float millions of worlds in various stages of growth, regulated, circumscribed and limited as to space and time by a law beyond man's comprehension. They are in a constant state of evolution, for nothing stands still or even hesitates for a moment. Instead all is action, motion, progression or retrogression. Even the things which seem to have attained perfection are still striving for greater perfection, which proves that in the Great Beyond are life and possibilities without end, and that death is but a change from one phase of life to another. The ultimate of perfection apparently has not yet been attained and it is probable that while the Universe is both seeking and finding itself every day, yet it does not know for what height of perfection it is eternally striving. It is almost certain that the apex of its ideal is still veiled by the shadow of its immensity.

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