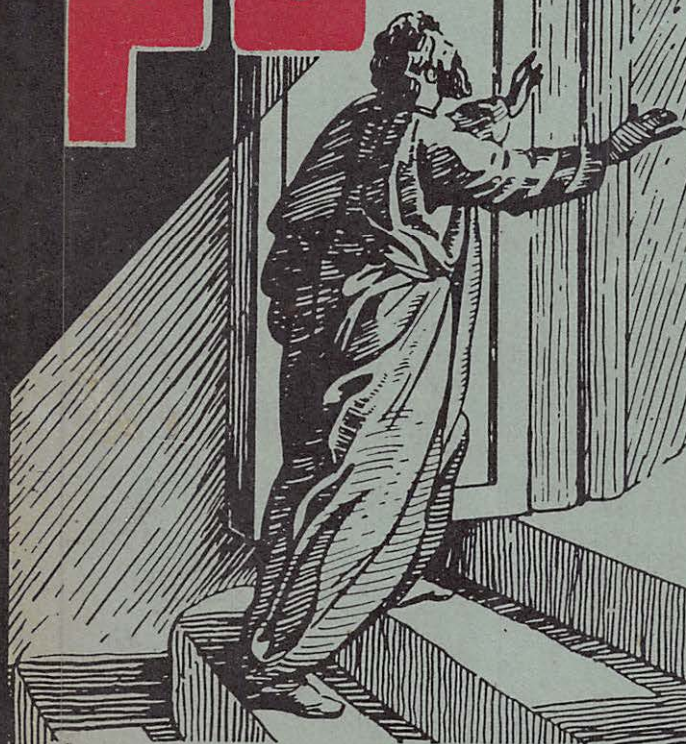


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BELIEFS, OF TRADITIONS
of PEOPLE IN VARIOUS AGES

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BOOK I

STEP I

MYSTIC SECRETS OF PSYCHIC POWER

CHAPTER ONE

What is Psychic Power? Are Psychics Born or Made?

Since the beginning of time Man has been full of the yearning to discover his own soul—understand its relation to his body and to other souls and bodies. Is there a man anywhere who at some time hasn't paused and thought: "What is Spirit? Does it really exist?" This wondering comes especially to Everyman when illness and the nearness of bodily death is close. Then the strong need to be told and convinced that there is more to life than the mere body we occupy develops. The short, too quick, lives we lead and complete seems so very little—the pain and worldly struggle seems to have been scarcely worth while. So man ponders the question of "Afterlife," seeking answers and reassurance. A frequent "yes" answer giving man this reassurance has come from the evidence gathered in psychic seances. Another "yes" answer to the question of "Afterlife" has come from the ancient and honest exemplars of the Spiritualist sects. From this piling up of evidence that there indeed must be a life after bodily death—Man has drawn a great deal of his strength for living and believing.

The great discoveries in psychic power and the mounting question by the appearance of popular conjurers everywhere, by the amazing deeds of the stage telepathists like the

present-day famous Dunninger whose feats have baffled power?" Wide public interest has been aroused in this ing proof of the survival of personal identity after death has brought up the whole question of "just what is psychic, scientists and entertained and inspired millions of Americans over the radio network nightly. Watching such incredibly mystical performances the question raises itself universally: "What is the source of this man's extraordinary power to READ INTO THE SECRET MIND of others?" The question is quick, but alas, the answers are lame, confused and halting, since Man's hopelessly limited logic cannot begin to comprehend a vast netherworld of VISION and SIGHT that has no beginning and no end and no set limits.

This failure to comprehend cannot be set aside and satisfied by Man smugly dismissing the signs of a POWER HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND and calling it fantasy. So many people, fighting their own inner desire to believe, mistrust all ordinary evidence brought to their eyes and ears—explain it as a trickery, clever mystification, mystical illusion—purely as a way out of their bewilderment. The every now and then discovery of a fakir and charlatan is pointed to with great glee as living proof of the lie of psychic power. For a long period the celebrated activities of HOUDINI, who devoted much of his life to exposing quack mediums and fakirs, helped convince Man that there really was no POWER beyond the known limits of MIND and BODY. Nonetheless—in modern day summing up, it can reasonably be said without fear of challenge that the total people who believe stoutly in the over-all idea of "Afterlife"—this including psychic belief as well as the more standard beliefs that come from regular religious worship—FAR OUTNUMBERS the triflingly small group who cannot yet bring themselves to such a belief.

"As a man believeth, so does he strive to become"—is as natural to Man as the daily breath he draws, the bread he breaks. Therefore—believing in a POWER beyond the prison of his own MIND and BODY—it is natural for Man

to seek the attainment of that power. To state it simply—"How many of us, watching another demonstrating an unusual power, are not filled with envy—full of a wish and ambition to be able to express ourselves just as successfully?" In proof that this desire grows out of the belief in another's power—we have merely to count the noses in a psychic circle—listen to the words and talk of a friend fresh from the experience of contact with life beyond life.

Accepting therefore the ever-present wish to successful personal **POWER CONTROL** in most people, endless problem questions crop up and become barriers to Man's understanding and self-developing. Are psychics born or made? How does a psychic person get to know about his or her capacity? If one does discover this power in himself—what is the wisest way to use such powers? If any one person does discover this **POWER** in himself and would wish to use it to **OVERCOME PERSONAL OBSTACLES AND EVILS**—can one be his or her **OWN MEDIUM**? Or must even a person of psychic power invoke the aid of someone else? The last question is especially interesting since it has something in common with the age-old adage "Physician, Cure Thyself." Can a doctor really cure himself or must he, too, submit himself to another doctor? Is then a virtue of psychic power the **IDEAL OF SERVICE TO OTHERS** and others alone? Seer and physician—psychic-medium and healer—are they sworn to the same goals—compelled upon an impersonal, unselfish course by the very fact of their extraordinary power?

On the question of discovery of psychic powers in oneself—this may be said: Is there one of us who hasn't at some time felt a "divination"—a mystical communion hitherto never experienced? A faraway relative is terribly sick and no word of this sickness has come by telephone or mail—**YET**—how did we know this Aunt, Brother, Father, Child, was sick before being formally informed? Or—a premonition of disaster warns us to stay out of a certain crowded place at a certain time—or not to take a train for that visit—**AND**

—the theater burns and the train crashes with great loss of life. OR what people often call a "HUNCH" comes to us and we take a risk, make a wager, make an important change—AND WIN! Are these manifestations of personal psychic powers? If so—can these be developed into a really important capacity for mystical penetration beyond the ordinary outlines of day-to-day living?

As a safe generality—it can be said—almost everybody UNIVERSALLY has at one time or another been convinced they had an ability to DIVINE and SEE and FEEL far beyond the limits of their simple senses. And in that sense—everybody does engage in some form of POWER CONTROL. Still however—the BURNING QUESTION—how can we discover the greater capacities and put them to successful use?

CHAPTER TWO

The Way of Psychic Power and Mind Control

PSYCHIC CONTROL TALENTS are natural to many people not unlike an ear for music and other artistic gifts. Not unlike the sincere application to the art of music, drawing and other activities exceptional to the humdrum of plain living, is the method of producing MIND CONTROL.

How can Mr. Jones or Bessie Smith, you and I, succeed in gaining this control? This can be answered best with the plain and truthful observation that successful practitioners of PSYCHIC CONTROL AND VISION are and were people, members of the human family—and therefore, in that sense, not at all unlike Mr. Jones or Mrs. Smith, or you and I. Simply—it has been demonstrated over and over to again to be wholly within the POWER of the human being to attain the utmost control of himself over his physical and psychical experiences. This should eliminate the myth of the "super-

man" or the "man unlike his fellow man" specially endowed, a complex freak accidentally set upon the earth, a "man from another planet." The psychic person is first—a person—and the exceptional abilities he displays and uses—can be boiled down to simple, understandable explanation. From this view, it would indeed be folly for someone to turn away from the search of himself because he is falsely convinced the provenly psychic person is someone distant from the human family.

How to better this understanding? Many of those blessed with POWERS OF MIND CONTROL and PSYCHIC VISION have written books in which they have plainly set down the facts of their own experiences in the struggle toward the development of their powers. Psychic believers like Hodgson, Hyslop, Dr. Bayley—also thousands of seers, mediums, crystal gazers, voodooists, have done this in the interest of a clearer understanding of the basis and method of psychic vision.

THE WAY OF PSYCHIC POWER has been charted—within the limits, of course, of the available exact knowledge. Suppose we consider the following group of psychic methods—each of us reaching into our own personal experience for a richer understanding. Let us call this first group "THE OUTWARD EXPERIENCE GROUP" because the majority of these experiences can be seen and heard with our eyes and ears—as for instance—Mr. Jones attends a spiritual seance. While sitting in the gloom around the usual smoky circle and finally feeling himself a part of the psychic experience, SEES ACTUAL OBJECTS TAKING FORM OUT OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE EMPTY SPACE. This happens, as many of us know, but HOW? Is it something he IMAGINES? Does it really happen? Leaving this thought just as it is—meanwhile let us again say that this is exactly what we mean by the "outward experience group."

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O U T W A R D E X P E R I E N C E S

1. Objects like tables and chairs seem to move by themselves.
2. Sounds are heard, such as the sawing of wood or raps on a door and which seemingly cannot be explained.
3. People or objects seem to rise upward wholly against the known laws of nature.
4. Voices are heard—in actual speech—and yet these voices do not seem to be at all like the normal human voice we are accustomed to.
5. Lights appear from nowhere out of space. These lights are even many-colored.
6. Objects seen by the naked eye suddenly seem to vanish or dematerialize and then reappear.

The chart on the previous page sets down happenings that are actually true of human experience. Countless people have experienced one or more of the six experiences listed at one time or another. Yet every one of the listed six experiences are certainly NOT the usual everyday experience of the average person. Since these experiences are a matter of public record and DID HAPPEN according to the evidence set down and sworn to—it is therefore an obvious assertion that psychical experiences are unusual self-projections into a boundless world of the imagination; imagination to be understood in the extra-sensory sense or something far beyond the ordinary faculties.

It is commonly known that for every stated psychical experience—say, for instance—"the appearing of colored lights out of space"—hundreds of people have arisen to deny the "possibility" of such an unheard of occurrence. Yet the record of these and more seemingly unexplainable experiences stand—and this record grows daily.

Only recently the United Press Association released a story from London, England, under a October, 1944, dateline that adds another chapter to this record. The story goes: "From the remote village of Great Leighs in Essex came the EERIE story of an American Army bulldozer which DARED to disturb a great stone pinning down the charred body of the "WITCH OF SCRAPFAGGOT GREEN"—and the MYSTERIOUS events which followed. Since then sheep have been escaping from walled fields, great scaffolding poles too heavy for a strong man to lift are scattered about like matchsticks, and huge stones appear suddenly in doorways where they have not been before." Queer! How many of us are saying at this point—I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SUCH THINGS JUST CAN'T HAPPEN! Let us continue with the rest of the news story. This was the "I can't believe it reaction" of one man on the scene. "I don't believe in witches, but then my grandfather didn't believe in radio—said the Chief Warden of the Village. Psychical experts attribute the string of unexplained happenings to the release of a POLTERGEIST—a mischievous, and noisy, spirit."

DID THESE THINGS REALLY HAPPEN or were a few gullible people just imagining. Disregarding the witchcraft part of the story—it is interesting to note the many psychical patterns in this news story. In answer to whether "Did these things really happen"—let us consider the balance of the news story. Again quoting directly from the news dispatch: "The Sunday Pictorial sent an investigator to the heart of rural England to sift the strange occurrences. He reported he too WAS MYSTIFIED by the things he heard about—AND SAW. . . . More than 200 years ago the Witch of Scrafaggot Green was burned at the stake and—as customary in those days—buried with a heavy stone on her breast to keep her from ever again plaguing the villagers. For 20 decades, there had been no trouble. Then the tide of modern armies swept through the little village, and a winding lane proved too narrow for the great Allied machines of war. . . . So—an American army bulldozer was called in to widen the lane. In widening it, the bulldozer operator, who didn't



Artist's conception of an ancient witch.

know the stone's history, pushed it away — OFF THE CHEST OF THE WITCH. From that moment, the Pictorial correspondent reported, church bells began to ring at odd hours, straw racks were overturned on windless nights, and great five-foot stones were found long distances from where they were the night before."

On Winning Psychic POWER

Naturally man's first concern is with himself. This Simply—it has been demonstrated over and over again to Just as the movie-goer identifies himself with the hero on the screen, or a book reader does the same with the beautiful heroine of a story—just as the lives of the GREAT and SUCCESSFUL inspire us to do likewise and be just as they—so does Man see himself mirrored in everything that impresses him or catches his fancy. For these simple reasons, many readers undoubtedly are searching these pages for a clue that might apply to them personally, reading related experiences carefully to see whether these experiences could not have been their own—and if so—did the manifestations of their own experience really mean they too were of psychic bent. And finally, if they find a psychic source in themselves, how could they resolve it into its HIGHEST form of PERSONAL POWER.

This volume study does not purport to perform miracles in transforming a one reader into a psychic. However—the material herein can promote a better understanding of an essentially mystifying and complex phenomenon. To repeat an old cherished saying—KNOWLEDGE IS POWER in itself—and purely as an observation—nothing is more discouraging than to be part of an experience you are wholly in the dark about.

This much has been stated competently and clearly: PSYCHIC POWERS ARE DEVELOPED BY USE. Some use them only for their own GAIN and SATISFACTION. Others having such powers use their gifts in the service of

others. They are called MEDIUMS. Both kinds, if honest, are creditable. There are, of course, frauds and fakirs—but this does not disprove or discredit the field of psychic science. It would be silly to condemn the honest and able because of the frauds, just as it would be silly to condemn medicine because some doctors are fakes. The only measuring stick worth using is "Do These People Possessing Psychic Power Use This Power For The Good Of Humanity?"

The question has been asked: "Must qualified people become psychics or mediums?" Many thinking experts have said YES. If nature has given any one person such an exceptional gift—that person has a right to develop and **USE THIS GREAT GIFT** on behalf of **HUMAN HAPPINESS**, and of course, his own happiness. In this sense, developing a great and wonderful psychic gift is no different from the responsibility of developing a gift for oratory, or a gift for music or drawing. Life's ideal is **SERVICE**. People who neglect any of their real talents—no matter what these talents are, usually wind up living useless, unhappy and restless lives. To repeat this important life lesson: **USE YOUR PSYCHIC AND OTHER GIFTS FAITHFULLY.**

HOW TO DISCOVER WHETHER YOU ARE PSYCHIC? So many plain people are convinced they are psychic—can be aware of happenings far away—even know of happenings before they happen. Such an incident as the following is quite common to many many people. A man, Tom Brown, had not seen his brother William for twenty years. They lived their private lives hundreds of miles apart, and as it happens even among close kin, almost without a thought about one another. On this one night a thunderstorm broke out in the town Tom Brown lived in. Tom went to bed, strangely and suddenly remembering that his brother William long ago as a schoolboy was always careless about dressing warmly and wearing his rubber overshoes during stormy weather. Tom struggled to get to sleep but the thought kept persisting. Then a feeling of fear and inner suffering seized him. He began to see his half-forgotten

brother William wandering lost in the storm, in peril of death. All through that night, this tragic picture returned—until finally, with the coming of day, Tom was able to forget and go about his work. He posted a routine postcard to William inquiring about his health. Three days later a reply came. William had contracted pneumonia from over-exposure three nights ago and had died in the early morning. **THERE HAD BEEN A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IN THE TOWN WILLIAM LIVED IN ON THAT VERY SAME NIGHT!**

Many so-called savage or backward tribes number members in it who have this **SIXTH SENSE** in a high state of development. For example, many natives in Africa often give reports of a battle being fought hundreds of miles away—long before the real news arrives. THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY CORRECT—even unto detail. Strangely enough, no one is surprised and the rest of the native tribesmen accept it all as a matter of course. Here in our white civilization—people with a developed **SIXTH SENSE**—constantly amaze us—we cannot get over it—we regard it as an unexplainable MIRACLE. Yet, to repeat a thought stated before in this volume—the day will come when more and more people will join the psychic household through the development of their own ability along these lines. When that day dawns, we too will cease being amazed at manifestations and exercising of the **SIXTH SENSE**. We will accept it as a necessary and useful form of life.

Now to extend the chart explanation begun in Chapter Two—immediately following this is another chart listing a group of experiences many of us have had—and which are common to the psychic person. Where Chart A in Chapter two was called "Outward Experiences"—the following Chart B can be called "Inward Experiences."

CHART B
PSYCHIC POWER TABLE
of
INWARD EXPERIENCES

1. Sounds and noises inwardly heard—like music, bells, voices—with no seeming explanation or cause.
2. Clairvoyant vision; seeing the sick far away from you, or the dead; seeing persons not present when you seem to see them—yet they seem **REAL**. This form of vision or hallucination can happen at the same time to a whole group of people.
3. The feeling of having a "hunch," a forewarning of something about to happen; an intuition that this or that is about to occur; a premonition.
4. The feeling of inspiration—like in dancing, writing, in speaking. Being suddenly able to do things well you have had no training for before—like in piano or violin playing, singing, drawing—or even suddenly and strangely being able to read and write in both known and unknown languages.
5. Traveling during sleep or while in a trance, to faraway people and places—and this strange astral experience can be verified later when awake.

Who among us has not felt the "hunch" in making a wager? Or the astral sleep feeling of having been somewhere and talked to someone during the still hours of the night? Or the sudden vision of seeing and talking to a dear one who died long ago? Or the sudden **INSPIRATION** that helps us do something we never thought we could but **SECRETLY** always wanted to do? A great majority of people who are given to mild gambling generally play **HUNCHES**. Most people who do great things exceptionally well—like actors, dancers, artists, **SWEAR BY INSPIRA-**

TION as the only explanation for their superb performance. Yes—the five listings of inward psychic experience in Chart B must certainly strike a familiar personal note in many readers. Every one of the listed five are DEFINITE PSYCHIC POWER IMPULSES.

Many of these things—sounds, dreams, hunches, and so forth—happen in the presence of psychic persons as fully described in Chapter Two. Number Two (Clairvoyance; seeing the distant sick or dead) explains a lot of the seemingly SECRET SCIENCE of the crystal gazer—who, if honestly what she seems to be—has a psychic endowment brought to a HIGH STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. Her POWER which impresses many people so is the result of USE, USE, and MORE USE. As was said before—this idea of USE is the same as the idea of practice which goes into the SUCCESS of a musician, a painter, or any other artist who has basic great abilities.

CHAPTER FOUR

Psychic POWER Secrets Explained

A great deal of faithful work by psychic research workers helps us understand the secrets of the mystics, the occultists, the spiritualists. Much light has been shed on hypnotism, crystal-gazing, automatic writing, trance-speech, telepathy. No man need be completely in the dark about any of these things. THIS KNOWLEDGE IS FREE FOR THE TAKING. Below appears a quick examination of many forms of psychic POWER and manifestations.

1. Psychic Sleep and Dreams

Trance is quite like sleep since the person actually looks asleep and memory is almost entirely wiped out even though hazy memories can remain on awaking. Even that small lingering memory after a psychic sleep or trance is gone and

lost forever unless recorded promptly. A strange thing about psychic sleep is that much **TRUE** information can be gained in visions and experiences during sleep or trance. In one case on record—a person time and time again dreamed of death in the family. In this dream, the sleeper sees a ship sail down out of sight beyond the horizon—and knows by this symbol sign that some member of the family is going to sail into the beyond, into death. In each case of dream **IT HAS NEVER FAILED TO HAPPEN**—and yet in no case was there any forewarning like illness or advanced old age. This trance psychic experience is known to be quite common with a great number of people.

2. Crystal-Gazing

Crystal-gazing is an outstanding feature of psychic work. The crystal may be polished rock crystal or a large glass sphere. Many use a glass of clear water in a clear white tumbler. Some mediums claim to see automatic writing in the crystal; even dramatic scenes in the lives of people around them and hardly known to them. The crystal seems to concentrate vision which the gazer sees but the onlookers do not. The gazer yields to a sort of self-hypnosis; hypnotizes themselves. This, of course, is a **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** with the crystal gazer which he or she foretells to the persons gathered in her presence.



Artist's conception of medium gazing at crystal ball.

This is understood to be a case where the physical body remains quiet while the consciousness travels about. In this sense, the conscious body—according to authorities like Sir Oliver Lodge—has a secondary body—also called an etheric body. This secondary body can move freely regardless of walls, doors, floors—and can go anywhere its “attention” takes it. This secondary body remains connected with the physical body (the body we actually live in) by a cord or thread as long as the distance that exists between the physical body and the secondary travelling body. This thread has been said to have been SEEN by persons who somehow know about their own astral travels away from their physical bodies—the thread being seen as LIGHT. Information has been said to have been gained on these astral trips. The information so gained is often remembered on awakening. And on awakening many psychic individuals fresh from this astral travelling experience may attempt to VERIFY the information gained. MUCH OF IT MAY PROVE TO BE TRUE. MANY SCENES VISITED MAY ACTUALLY BE REAL AND EXIST IN REALITY. In a recent case, a psychic healer in New York determined to trance-travel to her mother in California. On awakening she knew exactly how her mother was, what she did on that particular day, even could describe the chair she found her mother sitting in!

4. Hypnotism

In hypnotism the receiver must make his mind passive. The active person becomes the agent in the operation and at his suggestion the receiver falls into a deep and quiet hypnosis or sleep. While in this sleep, the receiver is completely dead to everything else but the thought waves suggested by the agent. One thing must be understood as an unchangeable and important truth. NO AGENT CAN MAKE A RECEIVER UNDER HYPNOSIS DO ANYTHING THAT IS EVIL, IMMORAL, OR VIOLENT. It is interesting to consider the good moral character required of SUCCESSFUL hypnotism. The receiver, of course, can

take foolish suggestions from the agent and make sounds like a dog barking, or an automobile motor, but he **WILL NOT TAKE A SUGGESTION** to steal or strike somebody. Persons cannot be hypnotized against their **WILL**.

CHAPTER FIVE

✓ **Psychic POWER at Work,**

the Active Ambition for MONEY, REWARD

There are many cults that help people **OPEN UP** and **DEVELOP** their **PSYCHIC POWERS** and bring their psychic centers from **LOW** gear response to **HIGH** gear response. These student or learners-practitioners are taught through given exercises in **MEDITATION, CONCENTRATION**. These exercises are also valuable in helping people **SEE THEMSELVES IN THEIR OWN TRUE LIGHT**—be they saint or sinner—mystic or disbeliever—or just you and I. The only requirement for admission into these groups, or cults, or schools, is **THE WILLINGNESS TO LEARN** and the **BURNING DESIRE FOR THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE SELF-UNDERSTANDING**. No one is forced to believe—but merely asked to learn.

* An outstanding **BENEFIT** from such learning is the student's own religious and mystical advancement—or just the increased ability to **CONTROL HIS OWN WORLDLY AFFAIRS**. No matter what the single learner's **REAL DESIRE**—whether it be the wish to become an automatic writer, a medium, a crystal-gazer, or the other developments of psychic sensitiveness described elsewhere in this book—or even just the cynical wish to go away, not believing at all in psychical science—one observance is strongly required of all—and that is **ABSOLUTE REGULARITY of PSYCHIC EXPERIMENT.**

* There also must exist in the willing learner an active ambition for growth and the **DEVELOPMENT OF POWER**. This can take the very human form of the **WISH** for

MONEY, FAME, HAPPINESS, INFLUENCE OVER OTHERS, BUSINESS ADVANCEMENT. Since Man's ambitions almost always express themselves in terms of money and power—this is the only general interpretation of what an "active ambition" can mean. Other simple required principles are:

1. Willingness to be instructed and guided by a really experienced person.
 2. Concentration and meditation that has a definite goal and purpose.
 3. The willingness to exercise developing psychical gifts in a group or circle meeting.
 4. The strong willingness to yield to all glimpses of psychical things as they happen to you.
- It should be noted that the "school" requirements are

quite the same as any school-learning requirements. This carries out the idea that **PSYCHICAL SELF-DEVELOPMENT** is the same as any other kind of attempted development. A golf player must practice regularly or his game falls off and he becomes inferior. A singer must practice daily; an actor must rehearse; an athlete must train; the psychic, too, must practice.

The period of practice (**MEDITATION, CONCENTRATION**) need not be over-long. One typical suggested schedule cites a half-hour several times a week as enough for a beginner learner. This schedule **WARNS AGAINST OVER-STRAIN**. It also advises that the "practice-period" must not be interrupted; there must be no noise or confusion that may disturb the attention or wear down the learner's energy.

In **PSYCHIC WORK** the person must be on the alert to catch impressions, feelings, sounds—all the sorts of things that **DO NOT** register through the "normal" senses or everyday "conscious" experience. (For these sounds, effects, manifestations, and so forth—see Charts A and B in previous

Chapters of this Book). The person must be UN-SELF-CONSCIOUS. This meaning is simple. Being conscious holds us back psychically—just as when we awaken fully from dream—the dream stops short, ends. So, an effort must be made to quiet our thinking thoughts, clear the mind, get into “psychic attention”—and await what will flow from within. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST FOR SUCCESSFUL PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE.

* Also—and very importantly—the student-experimenter must conduct her or his experience in touch with only that which will be BENEFICIAL and GOOD. This emphasis on GOOD in the setting of psychic experiment carries out what we have already seen to be the CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER—the POWER FOR GOOD—of all psychical experience. This spiritual goodness or aspiration forms a WALL OF PROTECTION against disturbances of a low or destroying character. As one famous writer states it simply: “One is not placed at the mercy of every psychic wind that blows when he or she takes this precaution (the precaution of surrounding the psychic setting with the good and wholesome and beneficial).”

A Word of Warning: BEWARE Destructive

Intrusions

FAILURE to form a WALL OF PROTECTION against harmful disturbances often leads to trouble and can break down and PERMANENTLY INJURE a person's psychic career. Those fortunate in having the GIFT of PSYCHIC WAYS must be protected from harm—must follow the method of keeping their personal purposes GREAT and LOFTY and surround their psychic setting with the good and beneficial. This must be done EARLY and THOROUGHLY and just as carefully as one would take steps to prevent germ and disease infection in everyday and ordinary life. To put it simply—we carefully follow

health rules and wash our hands many times daily, brush our teeth, fumigate germ-ridden areas—so must we also take steps to eliminate the infection that will sicken and wither our psychic personalities.

In this connection it is interesting to note that cult and organization leaders and teachers believe that there is a strong relationship between actual physical **GOOD HEALTH** and **PSYCHICAL GOOD HEALTH**. Persons who are aged and ill—or who suffered from childhood sickness and shock—may be quicker victims to psychical bad health and injury. Therefore—a whole state of vigorous good health is deeply important.

In the school process there must be a great concentration of interest upon the **LINE OF THOUGHT** suggested by the teacher or guide. This is a mainstay to the **GROWTH** of **PSYCHIC POWER** and may be said for general clearness in understanding to be quite the same as the rapt and deep attention given to prayers in religious groups. How many times has **DEEP, PRAYERFUL MEDITATION** been richly rewarded by the prayer being answered? This same attention and cooperation in psychic circles can also bring a **SUCCESSFUL** answer in successful psychical experience and growth. This psychic concentration brings the psychic thought world into clear focus—even clearer focus than the material world we live in. As one famous authority said in giving psychical testimony: "I can see your thoughts and ideas, even those held in mind but not carried out, more clearly and easily than I can see your material environment; so you see, ours (psychical thinking and concentrating) is more or less of a thought world, after all."

This kind of **PSYCHICAL HARMONY** rewards with a **POWER** all of its own. In the times of concentration and thought—the person is said to touch the **SUPERnormal** world and receive information from it. The person **IF TO BE SUCCESSFUL** presents this world with his own thoughts, **DREAMS, WISHES, HOPES, PLANS**. For that reason—because of this belief in exchange—what our thoughts are, good or bad, ugly or beautiful, registers in that

other range of life. Hence the DANGER that lurks in mean and vicious ways of thinking. WE MAY RECEIVE JUST WHAT WE GIVE UP. This is the reason proper guidance must be employed by the willing student-learner anxious about his own PSYCHICAL POWER DEVELOPMENT.

It is important to retain as much of the actual experience in the psychic circle as is possible. As well stated: "The student must give attention to the impressions and effects from the supernormal in order to encourage the effort." This intensity of interest and high aliveness to what goes on stimulates the most rapid growth in psychical self-development—just as keeping a copybook of arithmetic or spelling lessons guarantees a child normal school promotion.

Here is a strikingly good example of clear recording of impressions and experiences received in a psychic circle. Note the plain and exact detail and the high state of aliveness to proceedings in the writer. This writer, in company with six others, sat in a circle in Paris, France—with the sitting presided over by a world famous psychic. The following was his record of remembered experience:

"I controlled his (the psychic's) left hand. Quick trance (several minutes). Many lights round the sitters, sometimes very high. They were numerous, different in shape, varying from size of a pea to that of a walnut. Some were very bright dots. A luminous mist was seen several times round the head of the medium. It seemed to rise like smoke. I was often touched by the lights and then felt the touch of hands or fingers.

"Suddenly we saw two luminous points floating 1½ to 2 yards above the tank of melted paraffin. When the attention of all the sitters was fixed on them they descended slowly into the tank. We heard the splashing of the paraffin. They came out, floated a moment above the tank, plunged into it again, and came out, visible all the

time through the paraffin coating, and deposited the warm mold on my hands. This was repeated three times.

"... (after the sitting we found three molds of intertwined hands. . . .)

"A moment later there was a splendid luminous phenomenon; a hand passed slowly before the experimenters, holding in its palm, partly enclosed by the bent thumb and fingers, a luminous body like luminous ice. The whole hand appeared lit up and transparent. We could see the flesh colour. It was beautiful. Three times this was repeated. Then the hand approached a face and lit up a fine masculine face.

"I could not, however, see its detail clearly. . . . During the whole time the medium held by both hands, did not make any movement."

Here above is a faithful recording of an actual circle experience—simply and accurately stated—a tribute to the attentiveness and observation of the writer who helped form the circle. The impressions and effects make a fascinating study.

CHAPTER SIX

The SUCCESSFUL WAY in the Psychic POWER Circle

Groups or circles of psychic-beginners are encouraged by specialists. This belief holds that numbers increase the FORCE and also the STRENGTH of the results. It also makes possible a wider variety of experience. This can be understood when one considers the benefit of group numbers in the raising of objects.

The general circle method is to clasp hands around the assembled group or rest the hands on a table—with finger ends touching one's neighbors. When the experiment is ended, the group is advised to join hands so that the whole energy will be re-distributed. Everything that helps COM-

FORT should be attended to. There must be no needless waste or drain of any energy. Everything should be done to RELIEVE STRAIN and bring complete RELAXATION. Needless talk should be eliminated. All questions must be simple, clear, and have to do with the psychic desire of the circle.

It is believed that having both sexes represented in the circle brings a magnetic balance to the meeting. If the table seems to tilt toward a particular sitter this should be regarded as a sign that the main line of interest flows from that sitter. This line of interest should be followed up by the whole circle.

If one of the members of the circle should fall into a trance or sleep—DO NOT DISTURB HIM—or you may hurt conditions of the developing seance. This "tranced" person will often answer when spoken to, and it is sometimes very possible to learn why the trance did occur. Naturally, this can result in very valuable information. Notes taken later will be richly rewarding.

It can be during this experiment that one of the group is found to produce PSYCHIC SUBSTANCE or effect the movement of objects in the room—seemingly by themselves. For this possibility—the room should not be densely packed with furniture and furnishings—or even be too large an area—in order that what happens can be clearly observed by everyone, and noted. Nothing must be done to impair the conditions of MIND CONTROL at work during trance.

Where lights are employed—the color RED is advised. The light must be so placed so that it will not reflect in the medium's eyes. Some advise that the medium leading the circle should have his or her chair placed on top of a platform weight scale. This will show the loss of weight in the giving off of psychic substance.

To help in the development of voice-manifestations, a small megaphone trumpet painted with a luminous paint is needed. This helps in following its movement during the seance. In later stages of circle seance, advanced practitioners

may bring a recording machine to the circle and so secure an actual record of voices as they are experienced. Many advanced psychic circle groups even go in for psychic photography or picture-taking.

To aid in the experience of automatic writing, it is advised that writing tablets and soft pencils be furnished. There is much testimony on record of "the communicating intelligence's effort to get at a pencil lying nearby and use it to perform the act of writing. The pencil repeatedly tilted upward at a writing angle."

In all these prescribed ways can the **GREATEST PSYCHIC VALUE BE WON** to the end that the experience can be **PROFITABLE** and the **HIDDEN POWER POSSIBILITIES** in the foregathered brought to the surface to the utmost possible.

MUSIC has been usefully employed by psychics to harmonize conditions. There is much other equipment that some experimenters swear by. There are many variations that have been used **GAINFULLY**. Of special interest is the fact that some groups take the pulse reading of the medium-leader both before, during, and after a seance. The rate of beating varies as much as 100% in many known cases. In one case the pulse was 72 before the trance, increased 20 beats at the opening of the trance, and ran up to 134 on the third test—an almost doubling of the rate—while the medium was in a great trance and giving out spoken communications. There are many such tests—and no fake medium can get away with it when these tests are applied. The medium **MUST BE HONEST** or he will be found out by the use of proper tests. The tricksters cannot corrupt the living truth of honest mediumship.

There are some simple rules advisors suggest persons follow in a circle or group with a medium-leader. First; go alone and do not use your true name until you have gotten good evidence convincing you of the basic realness and honesty of the proceedings. Be prepared to take notes, including all remarks made. Memory cannot be trusted to

hold all details in place correctly. Mark down everything done or said, whether or not it is understood. Speak little; mention no names or personal affairs in conversation with the medium. Give out no unnecessary information lest you confuse the medium and also confuse his communicators. Do nothing that will spoil the evidence. Every word volunteered by the circle sitter OBSTRUCTS what should be a clear field—therefore only give ~~the~~ information that is requested of you in the barest detail. When you do not understand a question, make a note of it and try to find out the meaning later. For example: Medium: "Do you know somebody by the name K?" Answer: "I shall be glad to hear more about K." Do not say: "Yes. K is my daughter Karen." Or: "I know so many K's." The right answer ENCOURAGES the medium to probe her communicators further, stimulates her psychic process. The wrong answers confuse her, weaken the POWER THOUGHTS in her trance.

To allow these POWER THOUGHTS their utmost, do not become unsettled or frightened at signs of pain or distress in the medium when at work. This is very important. These signs of Pain and Distress are an important dramatic part of the living picture and may be the remembered experience of one of your OWN COMMUNICATORS—as a dead mother communicating the experience of her life suffering and fears. Recalling any past naturally may bring up memory of an illness, or disaster. And by no means touch the medium. The shock may disturb the psychic process and ruin the seance. Do nothing to interrupt the flow of messages. Do not move about, sit still and remain quiet. Wait for the seance to end itself. Once the seance is over, do not repeat what the medium said while in her trance. Be grateful, talk little. It is simple to observe these rules.

TRUTH advances step by step, word by word, in a steady line FORWARD—like a marching column of soldiers. And as TRUTH marches, learning from its MISTAKES and SUCCESSES both—the light of the non-material world shines into our material world—enabling Man to live with

SATISFACTION and the GREATEST of himself, more RICHLY, more POWERFULLY than ever before.

As one BRILLIANT thinker put it:

"After all, how slight seems the sum of our knowledge as measured by that which still remains for us to get. The human mind has its limits, whereas nature knows none.

"With what we DO NOT KNOW of the laws of the universe—the world MIGHT BE RECONSTRUCTED. Our crude senses permit us to dwell in the midst of an OCEAN of MARVELS, of which we do not even suspect the existence; WE ARE BLIND MEN, bathed in torrents of light. . . ."

This BLINDNESS of which we are all of us possessed can be CURED. The CURE is right there AT OUR HUMAN COMMAND. WE BUT MUST COMMAND IT. We must always remember that FEAR and LAZINESS in CONQUERING are the ENEMIES of RICH, SUCCESSFUL LIVING. In our fear and laziness—in our foolish refusal to JOIN BATTLE against IGNORANCE—we are BLIND. There are broad horizons ahead—and every man can reach them IF HE TRIES FAITHFULLY.



BOOK II

STEP II

SECRETS OF THE POWER OF BLACK MAGIC

CHAPTER ONE

Magic POWER Thoughts

In the Doctrine of Magic and Ritual, Man is dazzled* with the idea that there is a secret which produces the fatal science of good and evil. This promises to confer upon Man great and superhuman powers. This MAGIC represents the SECRETS of Nature passed on to us from the Magi; is an initiation that gives the WISEST of us absolute empire over souls; gives us RULING WILL over the society we live in. These claims to a natural POWER greater than the ordinary forces of Nature are hidden in a tangled web of ceremonial evocations, and dare into the delusion and nightmare of BLACK MAGIC.

This belief in the Astral Light as the medium of occult FORCE is known in Magic as the "glass of visions, the receptacle of all reflections." This all-POWERFUL Astral Light, when condensed by a triple fire resolves into Oil, and this Oil is the Universal Medicine.

Men, great and little, since the dawn of time, have searched the secret of this Universal Medicine. Claims to the discovery of the "secret of human omnipotence, the key of all symbolism, the first and final doctrine" have been made time and time again. And as alchemists have written in words that fire the hope of Men: "At a time when the sanctuary has been devastated and has fallen into ruins, be-

*Eliphas Levi.

cause its **KEY** has been thrown over the hedge to the **PROFIT** of no one, I have deemed it my duty to pick up that key, and I offer it to him who can take it: in his turn he will be **DOCTOR** of the **NATIONS** and **LIBERATOR** of the **WORLD**."

And through each century, the search for the **KEY** goes on—through delusion, necromancy, spiritism, sorcery, witchcraft—in the unending search for the **KEY** of Magic, the Kabalistic Keys, which are said to have been thrown aside or lost. One Eliphas Levi, said to have passed through certain grades of knowledge in a secret school of the Instituted Mysteries, claimed the **FINDING OF THE KEY**, and wrote much on the interior life and its secrets, bidding Man to pick up the described lost keys of **KNOWLEDGE**.

THE GREAT ART of the Magi is thought of by all adepts as the Royal Art and it is believed that the ancient Magi held the rank of Kings, because magical initiation meant a true royalty. It is held that the **KEYS** were **LOST** for reasons among which was the profanation of the doctrines and mysteries of Magic by bunglers and false prophets who made **SECRET** things unwisely known. And so, through misuse, disorder, and ignorance—the mystic **KEY** was lost amidst the apparatus of a terrible superstition practiced among the ancients—a superstition that soiled the Sacred Word and destroyed Supreme Reason. In this sense, the frauds and quacks of ancient days betrayed the Men of their time and brought ruin and disaster to the sanctuaries of occultism—so that "the keys of science were thrown to children, and as might have been expected, were mislaid and practically lost."

CAN THESE LOST KEYS BE FOUND? The search never ends. By toil and repentance, Men have sought to atone for the ancient betrayal. The rewards promised dazzle, gnaw into Man's brain, fill him with a fever. The search is one with the quest for **ETERNAL POWER**. For in the Imaginative promise of Nature—in the pathway lighted by the Great Arcanum and the Sacred Pentagram—

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there is perpetuity of LIFE, there is no death. The adept becomes King of the elements, the grand controller of oracles, interpreter of visions, the UNCONQUERABLE master of life, a POWER POTENTATE. A fantastic promise—impossible to believe? The scoffers are told by the believers and adepts: "Why seek to deny that which you cannot understand?"

The devil has not always been FEARED, bringing stark terror to all men. During a time Man learned to mock the devil because of his diseased imaginings that he was God's own shadow. Man laughed at the devil as a scarecrow because they were safe and secure in their own love of God. Many THOUGHTS were held: that the Devil is composed of God's ruins and therefore nobody of any consequence; that he is Death masquerading in the worn-out clothes of life, and therefore POWERLESS to injure the living; the Devil was an executed criminal, living still to curse his Judge; the Devil is a conquered one to whom the victor gives his children that he may devour them; the Devil is an artificer of sins of the flesh, to whom flesh is nothing, and who therefore can be nothing to flesh; and of course, the Devil as the Monarch of the Kingdom of Evil, fallen from Heaven.

Against the background of this idea of the death struggle between GOOD and EVIL—the evil of the Prince of Darkness—the idea of the ASTRAL LIGHT as the FORCE and nerve center of Magic remains. The existence and possible employment of this FORCE is the GREAT SECRET of Practical Magic and the KEY of BLACK MAGIC. Its POWERS are INFINITE. The ASTRAL LIGHT warms, attracts, repels, magnetizes, joins together, under the impetus of powerful WILLS. Freely interpreted, the ASTRAL LIGHT holds the mystery of LOVE and HEARTBREAK, LIFE and DEATH, SUCCESS or FAILURE, POWER or WEAKNESS—according to this view. This FORCE is said to be blind of itself but is directed by the "Chiefs of Souls" or energetic and active spirits.

Such an understanding as this is supposed to have within itself the POWER SECRET of MIRACLES. The Kabalists believed Egyptian Magic was real magic—and that when Moses made flies appear out of seeming nowhere, to the great astonishment and defeat of the Pharaoh's Magicians—this MIRACLE performance was due to the high development of Moses' Astral Light charge.



CHAPTER TWO

A Magic POWER Ceremony

Old magicians of occult science never expressed themselves in writing, but by the symbolical characters of pantacles. MAGICAL SEALS, reflecting the symbols of Heaven and Hell were used in their ceremonial efforts to command demons. There were fastings, profanation of mysteries, evocations said with a terrifying knowledge hidden under superstitious forms.

This was a popular ritual: The operator was made to rise at midnight on the Thursday in the first week of evocation. Then sprinkle his room with Holy Water and light a taper of YELLOW WAX—prepared on the previous day and pierced in the shape of a cross. By the light of this CANDLE, the person must enter a church alone and read the OFFICE OF THE DEAD in a low voice. In the place of the Ninth Lesson at Matins, an invocation in poetry form was used. This form, taken from the Latin, was full of the strange terror of the old-world sorcerers. The complete invocation is reproduced for study.

An Old-World SORCERER Chant*

O Lord, deliver me from the infernal terrors,
Exempt my spirit from sepulchral larvae;
To seek them out I shall go down to their hell unaffrighted:
I shall impose my will for a law upon them.
I will call upon night and its darkness to bring forth splendor:
Rise up, O Sun; and Moon, be thou white and brilliant:

*From the Grimoire in the Book of Ceremonial Magic. A translation by A. E. Waite

To the shades of Hell I will speak and confess no terror:
I shall impose my will for a law upon them.
Dreadful in aspect are they, their forms in appearance
fantastic:

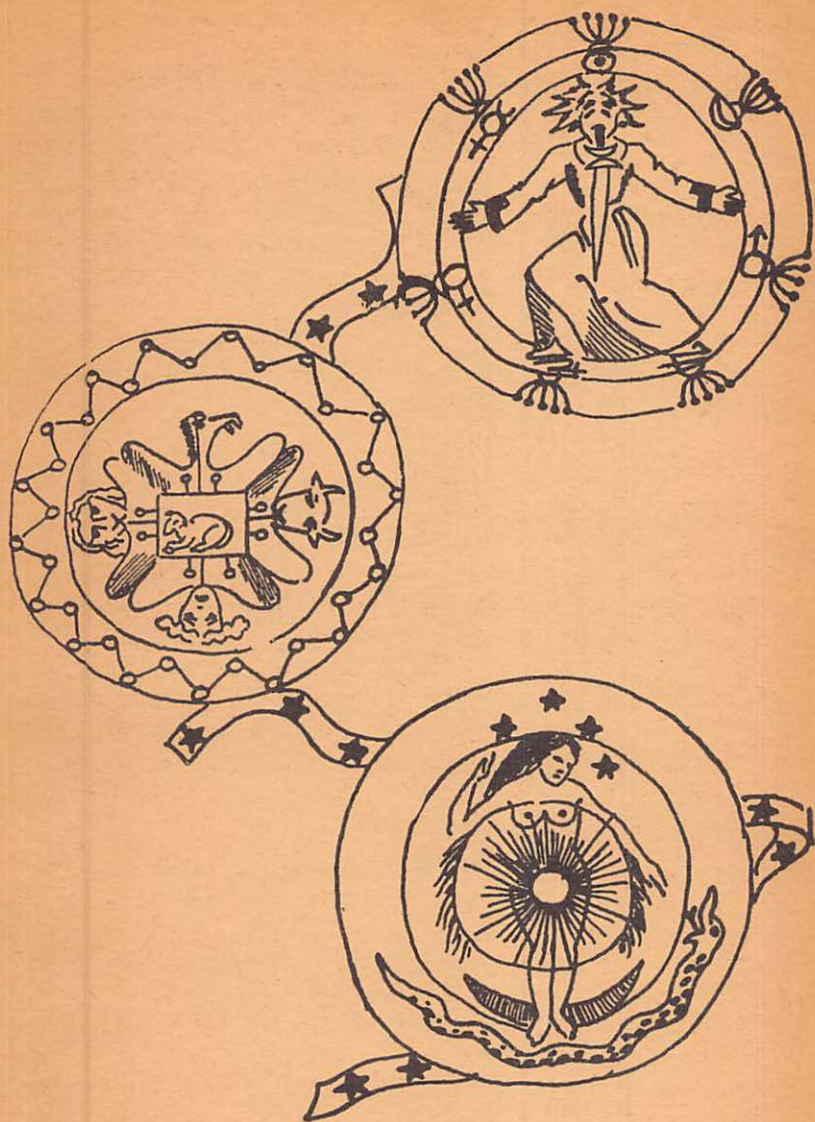
I will that the demons shall once again become angels.
Whence to their nameless distortion I speak, never fearing:
I shall impose my will for a law upon them.
These shades are illusions evoked by the eye affrighted;
I and I only can heal their loveliness blasted,
And into the ~~deeps~~ of hell I plunge unaffrighted:
I shall impose my will for a law upon them.

After the foregoing chant and many other ceremonies, there comes the night of evocation. In a dark, scaring, place, in the light of a fire brightened with broken crosses, a circle is traced with the embers of a cross, reciting while doing so—a magical hymn containing verses taken from several psalms.

The psalm verses can be given as follows:

"O Lord, the king rejoices in Thy power; let me finish the work of my birth. May shadows of EVIL and spectres of night be as dust blown before the wind. O Lord, hell is enlightened and shines in Thy presence; by Thee do all things end and all begin by Thee: Jehovah, Tsabaoth, Elohim, Eloi, Helion, Helios, Jodhevah, Shaddai. . . . Thou hast said to me: Be far from thee Hell and its tortures; they shall not draw to thy pure abodes. Thy feet shall walk fearlessly on the asp; thou shall take up serpents, and they shall be conquered by thy smile; thou shall drink poisons, and they shall in nowise hurt thee. Elohim, Elohab, Tasa-baoth, Helios, Ehyeh, Eieazeriee, O Theos, Tsehyros. . . . The innocent; the same shall receive strength for his domain, and hereof is the infinite of human birth, generation by earth and fire. Prince of Nature, enlarge thy doors; yoke of Heaven, I lift thee. . . ."*

*The Ritual goes on to the conjuration of the Kings presiding in the four quarters of heaven and the evil angels who rule over the days of the week.



(Drawings of Magical Seals)

CHAPTER THREE

The Dream of Success, Long Life and Holiness

The belief in Magic played the strongest role in the early history of HUMAN THOUGHT. Man sought to INFLUENCE the things he came into living contact with. The belief in Magic, although ancient, is still enormous throughout the world. Just as the early magician believed that by his acts and words, by his magical rites and incantations, he could control the forces of Nature for his own benefit and cause the injury of his enemies—so do believers and adepts today seek to CONQUER through pursuit of the alleged science or art of Magic.

This idea of POWER through Magic is an old one. In ancient times, Magic, although muchly wanted and popular, was also viewed with distrust and hatred by a great number of plain people. The resentment is pretty much the same as the emotion we feel when somebody we know seems to enjoy a far GREATER SUCCESS than we in business, courtship, finance, job. We yearn for EQUALITY. We feel bitter about what seems to be the other persons superior SKILL. We feel it to be unfair, perhaps a failure on the part of Nature or the several ruling forces in the universe to provide for us in the same manner as was provided for the person we dislike and envy because of what seems to be his unreasonable and one-sided SUCCESS.

The risk of attempted POWER practices, employing the use of so-called extraordinary knowledge, can win praise and scorn both—as history amply shows. Certainly, the practice of the blackest forms of voodooism and witchcraft with EVIL INTENT, merits the wrath of society. Adepts and experts are universally agreed that extraordinary POWER—in whatever form it takes or essays to operate—can only be tolerated if its form is one of VIRTUE, its motive GOOD, its aim SERVICE and BETTERMENT. In this sense, it is interesting to note that apart from the very primitive and backward experiments of a truly savage people—most of Magic

has been sought after for good and substantial reasons that cannot be denounced. Reasons such as the cure of illness; the guarantee of success in a life work; the successful outcome of honest courtship; the earning of a notable position in the thoughts of neighbors.

There were many such familiar practices motivated by GOOD even in antiquity; practices that spelled Man's strong desire to CONQUER the obstacles to SUCCESSFUL LIVING and PERSONAL FORCE and GOOD HEALTH. In fact, a great deal of early magical operation, attempted to drive away illness, cure some disease. Even today, Man's foremost wish can be said to be—Good health and freedom from weakness and disease. Following are some illustrations drawn from early episodes in the history of Magical practice.



An old magical drawing from ancient print.

CHAPTER FOUR

MAGICAL Practices in CONQUERING One's ENEMIES

All of us having heard and possibly heeded the battle-cry in our time, and remembering that our fathers and forefathers did the same—must recognize that it was utterly natural for Man since his small beginnings to be mainly concerned with VICTORY over his attackers—before anything else in life. Early Man fought the devil and other war-like tribes, and his MAGICAL apparatus was as important a part of his equipment as his spear and shield. Medieval Man brought his share of voodooism and witchcraft into battle against his enemies. Undoubtedly, many of us would like to invoke Spirit-Guides and Demons into our all-out assault on Hitler's marauding devils. No doubt, many adepts today try to invoke supernatural beings into our great struggle for survival. Be that as it may, the story of Magic is studded with examples of Man's STRONGEST WISH—CONQUEST over his personal enemies, no matter what they be—whether Man, ILL FORTUNE, POVERTY, DISEASE.

This seeking out of the enemy and maiming and destroying him took many curious forms. The greatest was the practice of making a magical image of the person the magician wishes to injure. By piercing, stabbing, injuring the image—it was believed that a like injury was inflicted upon the ENEMY. By burning, shooting, destroying the figure or image, the practitioner believed he was killing his foe.

Making Paper Images of Enemies for Revenge Purposes

Most early figures or images were made of a cheap paper. Then, to cause the enemy a headache, the head was pierced with a nail. Some, making a more elaborate image, used dough—common dough used in baking a cake or pie. Before putting the doughy image in the oven, a scrap of the proposed victim's clothes were also thrust into the oven. If the practitioner wished the victim's arm broken, he wrenched the arm from the figure—leaving the image armless. If he desired to make the victim suffer pain that was perpetual—

never-ending—he beat the image with a hammer for a whole day or more, saying: “As this hammer does not cease on the anvil for a whole day, so may MISFORTUNE pursue So-and-So for his whole life long.” Paper images were similarly treated.

Magical Practice in Making an Enemy Suffer His Whole Life

The magician (after performing the rituals described in preceding passage) buries the figure or image in a graveyard, a slaughter-house, a furnace, or a well. If the figure is buried in the bed of a river, the victim will be constantly shivering with cold. If it is buried in a hot furnace, he will be constantly hot with anger. If the figure has just been buried in the earth, without being pierced or broken, the victim will simply waste away. When the figure is a statuette, it can be made by a sorcerer who recites a proper incantation. If the figure is made of paper, cabalistic phrases should be inscribed on the body and limbs.*

Magical PRACTICE in Bringing DEATH to Enemies

In Loanga, the magician makes a figure or image of his victim out of a ROOT, pith, or wood, and with appropriate curses throws it into a river or the sea, holds it in a FIRE, or hangs it in the smoke. Just as the figure rots, shrivels up, or is reduced to ashes, the victim suffers exactly the same fate.

More Practices in CONQUERING One's Enemies

Among Upper Congo peoples, if a man loses a dear one, or has a relentless enemy who cannot be overcome by ordinary means, he goes to a magician who calls up in his saucepan of water the spirits of various people whose images are visible in the water. The Man seeking Magical aid sits watching the figures as they appear in the water, letting them go by until he spots the reflection of his enemy in the water. That reflection is regarded as the SOUL of his enemy—and

*Frazer's "Golden Bough."

he pierces it at once with a spear or splinter of wood. The one who owns that soul is believed then to sicken and die. The spear or splinter of wood must be stuck in a vital part of the body. This ritual requires split-second timing and an expert handling of the spear or splinter lest the flitting image of the enemy in the saucepan of water vanishes safely.

Among Lower Congo peoples, the most POWERFUL and FEARED of all fetishes is called a mbanzangola. This is a wooden image and is always kept by the witch-doctor, as it is too powerful to pass into ordinary hands. If a person desires to cause pain or death or sickness to an enemy, he goes to the witch-doctor of this fetish order, pays a fee in money or other valuable property or trinkets, and then drives a nail or knife where he wants the enemy to feel pain. A knife-stab in a vital part of the body means instant death and a very painful one. A wound in the shoulder, elbow, or elsewhere not vital, means a terrible agony in any of these body joints, and means the Man does not really wish to kill his enemy, but only wishes him to have rheumatism, gland trouble, kidney stones or other agonizing ailments. The use of a sharp instrument does not vary in these revenge practices. The idea is to always induce pain or a painful death into one's enemies. Probably the exact nature of the enemy, the exact grievance, the exact kind of hatred, determines whether the Man paying his fee wants to kill or merely injure his enemy. This is a lot like our own human social experience today. Certainly, we do not wish death for all we dislike or disagree with, or have passing trouble with. We probably want them to learn a little humility and regard for us through physical suffering.

Practice in Burning WAX Images of Enemies

A discovered 4th century inscription leads to the belief that in early North Africa, wax images were made and burned as a way of destroying the people whom the images were made to represent. This was a treatment accorded traitors. Such magical practice was also known in Egypt. A direct authoritative quote reads: "There were in Egypt, many

men who professed the art of **BLACK MAGIC**, the object of which was to do harm. In their hands the **POWER** of magic were generally misused, and disastrous results were the result. One of the commonest ways of working **EVIL** was by means of the **WAX** figure. A man employed a magician to make in wax a figure of his enemy, whose name was cut or written over it, and then to work magic upon it by reciting spells over it. If the spells contained curses they were supposed to take effect upon the living man; and if the figure were stabbed, or gashes in it made with a knife, the living man suffered terrible pain, or wounds appeared upon his body. If the figure were destroyed by **FIRE** or any other means, the death of the living Man followed. We are told that the wife of one man committed adultery with a servant in the garden. When the husband heard this news, he made a model of a crocodile in wax, and told his servant to go and place it in the river where his guilty wife's lover was in the habit of bathing. As soon as this man entered the water on the following day, the wax crocodile turned into a living crocodile, which quickly devoured him."

"It is stated that certain evil men succeeded in stealing a book of magic from the Royal Library, and that by following the directions contained in it, they succeeded in making **WAX FIGURES**, on which they worked magic with the view of injuring or killing the King of Egypt. This was held to be treason in the first degree, and the robbers seem to have suffered the death penalty. This use of Wax Figures was not disdained (but accepted: Ed.) by the priests of Amen-Ra at Thebes, for they regularly burnt a wax figure of the fiend Apep, who daily endeavoured to **PREVENT THE SUN FROM RISING**. This figure was in the form of a serpent, on which the name Apep was written or cut. A case was made of papyrus inscribed with spells containing

curses and the wax figure, having been placed inside it, both case and figure were cast into a FIRE made of a special kind of plant. Whilst they were burning the priest recited curses, and stamped upon them with his left foot, until they were rendered shapeless and were finally destroyed. This magical ceremony was believed to be very helpful to Ra, the Sun-God, who uttered over the 'damnable' Apep spells which paralyzed him, and then killed him by the fiery darts of his rays."*

It can be enthusiastically affirmed that a very definite blessing of civilization—in normal times—is the general wish toward peaceful behavior in Man. Enemies are punished in our day in a manner that has little in common with the bloodthirsty methods noted in the above sequences. A man owes us money—we sue him in court. A man insults, libels, defames us—we do likewise. A person commits great injury upon us—we shun him forever—perhaps even forgive him in our secret heart, out of reasonable religious motives. Yet—in abnormal times—in times of world conflict, with hate, fear, want, terror, all rampant abroad; with the torture chambers of Lublin; with whole villages like Lidice looted, killed, and burned to the ground by the barbaric Hun; who can say that the blockbusters, modern cannon, the Garand rifle; the hundreds of tools of swift death and annihilation, prove that we have progressed very far from the superstitions of the primitive tribesmen and their lusting for the blood of their enemies. This continuity of the bestial urge for bloody revenge on those we hate or envy is a sad aspect of living. Fierce barbarism muddies the life story of Man—as witness on the one hand the horror stories on the front pages of our nation's newspapers—and as witness the index of additional revenge practices following immediately.

VOODOO Rites and Popular Early REVENGE Practices

The method of injuring an enemy by injuring a magical effigy of him (figure) was practiced also by the Malays. A

*Osiris and the Egyptian Resurrection by E. A. Wallis Budge.

cabalistic symbol is inscribed on the WAX FIGURE. This wax figure is molded in the form of a man. Then the eyes of the figure are pierced by a needle, or its belly stabbed, while an Arabic charm is recited to call upon the victim the great anger of Allah. To rob an enemy of power to do harm, it is enough to draw his picture in the dust of cross-roads, grind one's heel on the body, tread heavily on his pictured heart, beat the face with a stick, and recite curses.

Avenging the Faithlessness of a Husband or Lover

Generally, the jealous woman would take a image of the faithless one, and nail it to a tree within the grounds of some shrine. At whatever part of the figure the nail is driven, so will there be injury inflicted upon the flesh. If the jealous woman, however, should meet the ghost of an enormous bull and show terror—the potency of the charm is lost, and can only be revived with fervent incantations and curses on the offending pair.

Example of the Use of Candles and Lighted Incense Sticks in Ritual

The use of other paraphernalia in overcoming an enemy is contained in this example drawn from records: The initiator of revenge wears a crown bearing three lighted candles. She carries a straw image of her victim in her right hand and a hammer in her left. She nails the image to sacred tree before a shrine, and pretends that this desecration of holy premises is being done by the victim—so visiting the vengeance of the Gods upon him. She can, in order to add to the so-called power of her performance, hold lighted incense-sticks in each corner of her mouth. Complete secrecy is required of this whole operation.

The thirst for revenge was a terrible motive indeed, as can be seen in these and other examples to follow in succeeding chapters. To repeat—so much of primitive lore in Magic, Black Magic, Voodooism—was consumed with the revenge urge and the ruling wish to overcome enemies.

CHAPTER FIVE

Ancient Black Magic Rituals Described Magic in Unrequited Love

If a lover finds that his love is not returned, he employed a sorcerer to injure the image of the woman he loved. The sorcerer makes an image of the woman out of the earth taken from a burial-ground and dresses it in white, just like a corpse in a shroud. Then he makes a mixture of things that cause itch, and strews it on the image. Then he gets a little earth from the place where the woman last made water, also some locks of hair and parings of nails, and some grains of rice which she left over at a meal. Of these things, a mixture is made, and poured on her image.

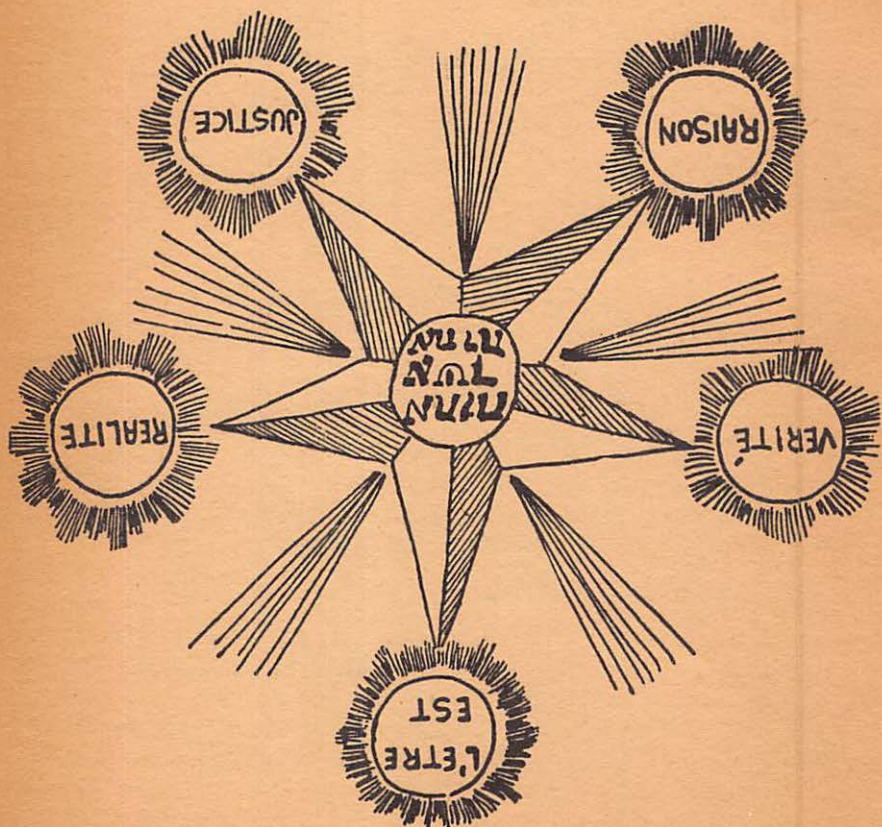
A Magic Fable of the Rebirth of a KING, Freed from His Crimes

Magic has been employed, as legend has it, to enable a practitioner to be reborn to a higher form of life. The reigning King of a tribe of Brahmins, advanced himself into a higher caste by purifications, gifts, and ceremonies. Part of the ceremonies consisted of his Majesty passing through the body of a life-sized cow made of pure gold. The King did this to atone for all the blood he shed in his many Wars. He lay in the body of the golden cow for a prescribed length of time and later came out "reborn," freed of the crimes of his former life. The cow was afterwards cut up and divided among the magicians who had advised this way of purification.

Magic in Relieving Childbirth Pains

This legend of imitative magic by means of an image, was said to have been practiced in the Malay States during the seventh month of a woman's pregnancy. A palm-blossom is swathed to represent a baby with a child's brooch on the bosom. This doll, adorned with flowers, is laid on a tray

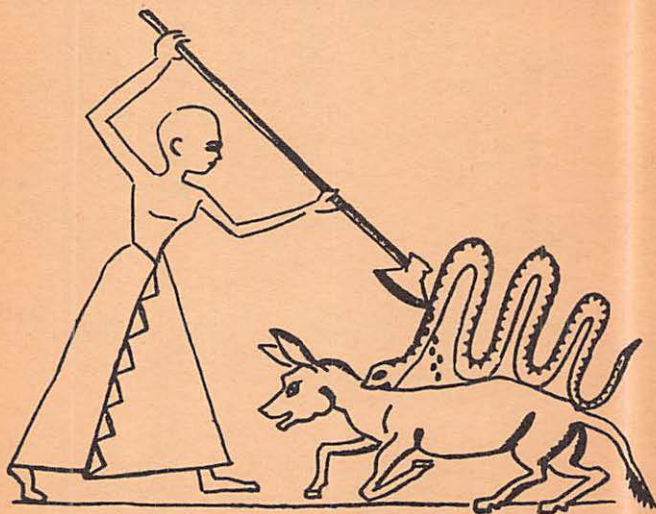
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and the tray placed in a cradle made of three, five, or seven layers of cloth, according to the rank in life of the prospective parents. Midwife and magician sprinkle rice-paste on doll and cradle. The midwife rocks the cradle, singing baby songs in a low chant. Then she gives the doll to the future mother and father and gathered relatives to rock and bounce gently up and down. At the end, the doll is put back in the cradle and left there till the next day, when it is broken up and thrown into the water.

Magic in Relieving Pain and Healing the Sick

Here is an example of the legendary use of magic for benevolent purposes. Among tribesmen in India, when a child suffers from jaundice they get the flesh of a yellow SNAKE which appears in the rains, and of a fish that has yellowish scales. Then they hang these to the child's neck. Or: they catch a small FROG alive, tie it up in a YELLOW cloth, and hang it on to the child's neck by a blue thread till the frog dies. In a section of England, the cure for jaundice used to be: Put a GOLD COIN at the bottom of a



A Voodoo Ritual from an old print.

pewter mug, fill it with clear mead, and ask the patient to look into it without drinking any. This was to be done while repeating the LORD'S PRAYER nine times over without a mistake. It is interesting to note that Welshmen believed that wearing YELLOW on any part of the body induced or "conjured" jaundice. Jaundice was always known as the YELLOW SICKNESS and as we have seen—yellow was both used in the cure by magic and was thought to be the cause of the sickness at the same time among many of the people.

Objects in the Magical Cure of DISEASE

Beside the gold coin, frogs, yellow snake, in the so-called cure of jaundice, these other objects were believed in: A piece of AMBER or a TOPAZ (precious stone) put into a drinking cup, and the latter filled with mead, was a cure. Also: The SKIN of a LIZARD or VIPER placed under a pillow did the trick.

The Magic in the Color RED in the Cure of Sickness

In Magic myths, the color RED has been used as a cure in scarlet fever and other diseases. Quoting: "In 1859 a doctor ordered a patient suffering from scarlet fever to be dressed in RED night and day. RED curtains were suspended from the windows, and the bed and coverings were draped in RED. Smallpox patients were also draped in RED as were the appointments of the room. At the first approach of scarlet fever or smallpox, the person was put through the RED treatment." An old superstition had it that if scarlet fever or smallpox were epidemic, breaking out among large groups of people, red flannel worn around the neck, or very next to the skin, warded away the disease. Even today, in parts of the world, a bit of RED flannel is worn as a prevention against FEVER, SMALLPOX, RHEUMATISM.

Use of Magic in Making Successful War

Imitative magic is said to have been used by the fierce Looboos of Sumatra to make the poison on their warring arrows more POWERFUL. The poison was made from the sap of trees. A secret method for preparing the poison—usually while hidden in the deep forest. The priest or sorcerer was helped in making the poison by a number of persons who tried as they could to show the effects of the poison they desired it to have. So: One man would climb a high tree and pretend to fall down from it. Another pretends he is vomiting violently. Another lies naked on the ground and goes through the make-believe of a man in convulsions. In this sense, similarly, New Guinea socerers imagine they can cause death or sickness by pretending in his own person the sufferings, vomiting, and death of his victim.

Magic in the Growth of Whiskers.

Down Under (Australia) the faces of boys in initiation were rubbed with the tendrills—or whiskers—of yams, for the purpose of promoting, the growth of whiskers.

Just as the above acts were encouraged in primitive societies, so were there many acts tabooed, forbidden. In the following chapter, we will illustrate and describe many of the outstanding taboos or "DO NOTS."

CHAPTER SIX

Taboos in Magic Rites

Superstitions About CUT HAIR, MEAL LEFTOVERS, FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS

The belief has been strong that when the hair of humans is cut, extraordinary care must be shown in what is done with the cut off hair. Shorn hair locks have been secreted in jars and hidden from human sight; buried in

cemeteries during the deep night; taking away at great distance and burned in a ritualistic fire. Cut hair has been associated with severe storm, shipwreck, hurricane weather. This concept of the hair persists throughout fable and ancient tale. The classic idea that the secret of strength lay in the hair may be remembered from the story of Sampson and Delilah. When Delilah sneakily cut the hair of the strong-man Sampson—he became weak and prey to his ENEMIES. This idea has been further carried out in the habit of many ancients in carrying the locks of another's hair on their person. This was supposed to give them a COMMANDING POWER over that other person.

In the same way FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS were popularly supposed to give the possessor of another's clippings a great and POWERFUL charm against that other person who originally owned the fingernails. People went to great lengths to secure the nails leavings of someone they wanted to CONTROL. People who were convinced another person had them JINXED or HOODOOED—caused a CROSSED condition in them—planned and plotted endlessly to obtain fingernail clippings of that person—and so, end their POWER. According to this thought, people did strange and amazing things to protect their fingernail leftovers; guarding them carefully; taking extraordinary pains in getting rid of them safely beyond another human's knowledge and sight.

It was thought risky and harmful to LEAVE FOOD AFTER MEALS. The fear was that some schemer might steal a portion of the still uneaten food and by mistreating it, cause the original owner great and grave harm. Many tribespeople buried the meal leavings. A particular fear attached itself to the bones left over after mealtime. Bones were thought to be a potentially dangerous offensive weapon. Bones and food leftovers generally were believed to give the thief the power of creating a CROSSED condition. The crossed condition fear is a strong and recurring fear in super-

stition—and generally, means being jinxed, as we understand it today.

TABOO, Avoiding Harm, Early Fears of CROSSED Condition — “Do Nots” for Pregnant Women

Many practices that were believed to yield undesirable results were forbidden in early times. Women in India, for example, were forbidden to eat certain fruits (usually the kind that grew joined together). Violating this taboo meant she would give birth to twins. Women were also forbidden to comb their hair at sunset, since that was the time the SUN retired to eat. Women pregnant with child were forbidden to step over a wheel-cart. If she did the result was thought to be bad for the child; he would give out creaking sounds. The pregnant woman was also forbidden to step over a dog. Otherwise her child's belly would make a rumbling noise like that of a dog. Pregnant women were also forbidden to eat deer meat, porcupine, hare, or any meat from hairy animals. If she failed to obey, she would give birth to children with hairy and unbecoming bodies.

In Central Celebes, where people commonly eat the larvae of beetles, a pregnant woman is denied this food. It is believed that the insects themselves have the power of swelling and so while inside the woman might swell and hold up her delivery.

This forbidding of certain FOODS is quite common in primitive society, according to the dictates of their magic. Among the Suk of East Africa, a woman is not allowed to eat the flesh of a cow that has died while producing a calf offspring—lest she herself die in pregnancy. Many tribespeople are afraid that they will take on certain resemblances to the animal they eat. In a tribe near Lake Tanganyika, an old World War I German possession, the flesh of a parrot may be eaten only by the elders of the tribe. It was feared that young people might acquire the waddling walk of the parrot after eating it. On the other hand, many tribespeople believed that the way to acquire the admired characteristics of a given animal was to eat it. Hence, Eat a

Lion in Order to Become Lion-Hearted.

Early Magic Against Cowardice;

Some Marriage Voodooos

It was believed that eating the flesh of the white cockatoo, a cowardly bird, would make the human eater cowardly too. The fruit of the "make" tree was thought to render the eater cowardly. Therefore it was only given to women, never to men. This tree was condemned because it was infested with beetles, believed to be a very cowardly insect. This fetish of food is interesting, since many food preferences we have today exist, with certain foods believed to give the eater great strength and virility.

More: Women were not allowed to eat crabs or mussels in their youth, lest their breasts remain undeveloped. It was believed that eating kangaroos or other long-necked animals would give the eater long necks and thick bellies and so spoil them for a successful marriage. A youth eating the flesh of a cuckoo was believed to be limited to marrying a widow. A young girl approaching marriage and motherhood—if having eaten the cuckoo meat—was expected to give birth to children one after another, without letup, or pause.

In Summary

The KEYS were lost to man when Transcendent Magic was profaned by the wickedness of Man. It is declared, however, that somewhere in the mystery of the future, those endowed with wisdom will yet be enabled through his own efforts to attain the rank of the elect and chosen. The miracles of Nature made subject to the will of Man are reserved for the chosen to come. People are initiated by toil and KNOWING and by FAITH, in the magic POWER: and having been purified and brought out of chaos, his will be the success everlasting. In the words of a famous thinker: "We must be prepared, for a great event in the Divine Order."

BOOK III

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PLANETARY POWER

CHAPTER ONE

The Mystic Secrets of the Stars

A vast section of the thinking world are agreed on the power and influence of astrology on human lives. In the movements of the twelve signs of the Zodiac, we have the compelling drama of life and death, success or failure. These twelve signs, each of a different astrological color, are all constantly moving, passing and re-passing, shedding rays of varying strength and color and POWER. And on their movement depends every man's life story of happiness or unhappiness, sickness and health, ALL THROUGH HIS WHOLE LIFE.

No one can stop this march of the signs. No one can affect the movement of the planets through them. MAN IS POWERLESS TO PREVENT the slightest, smallest, change in the set path of these signs. No one can soften or strengthen the shadings of their INFLUENCE. All any astrologer can do, no matter how skillful or wise he may be in his science, is to show Man how he can best take advantage of these influences—and all the later ones that must govern him throughout his life.

It has been proven that Astrology was studied and accepted by the wisest and most important people of ancient times—the Kings, Generals, Leaders. During the middle ages, the Astrologer made his home with the Lord of the

Castle, and was always next in position—"second in command." The great and feared Cardinal Richelieu was said to have collected the horoscopes of all the kings and royalty in Europe, and never undertook anything without studying the charts. Since the dawn of time, astrology has guided the policy of Kings.

It is not much different today. The world's greatest people depend upon the stars. The billionaire J. P. Morgan, King Edward VII, the onetime famous singer Caruso, bankers, brokers, statesmen, Presidents, all visit the Astrologer's parlor when in doubt about great decisions.

The horoscope cannot produce miracles. That must be clearly understood. It does give WARNING. It points out the GOOD along with the BAD. It shows the person how to OVERCOME or offset the BAD with the GOOD. It helps Man overcome bad tendencies and make his good ones stronger. Anything UNFAVORABLE threatening a Man's life can be OVERCOME BY KNOWLEDGE IN ADVANCE. It gives a Man a fighting chance to use his wonderful FREE WILL wherever possible. This must be remembered—there is no such thing as an unfavorable birth date that cannot be overcome by Man making his own POWER and REASONING and BEHAVIOR stronger. Lots of people FOOLISHLY believe they were born under an EVIL STAR—and so shrug their shoulders and spread their arms out HELPLESSLY and say "what's the use. Why should I do anything. I'm licked before I start. There's no use in my trying since I was born under an evil star, under SATURN." Here is a typical letter written hopelessly by somebody to a famous astrologer:

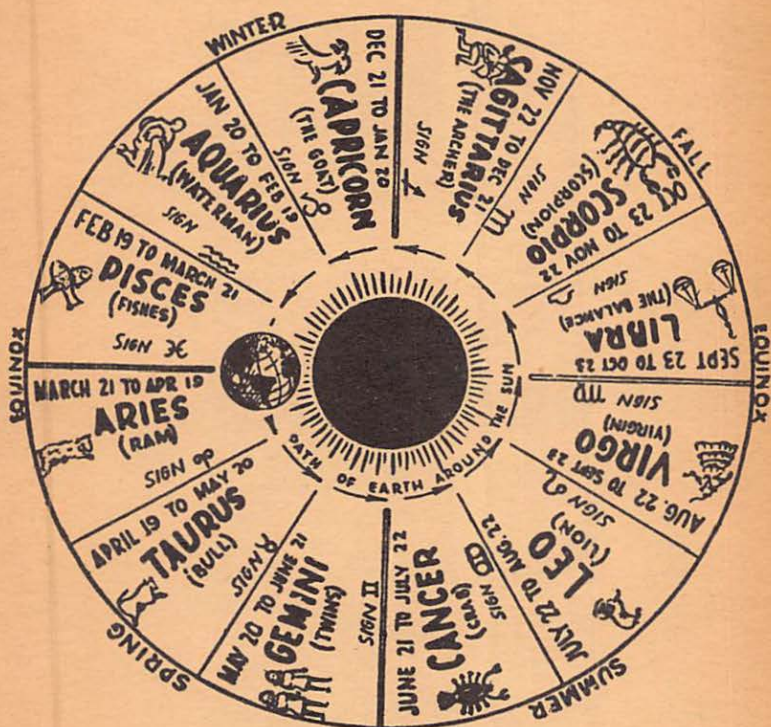
Dear———: I was born on May 12, which I know to be an UNLUCKY DATE. All of my friends who also seem to have this birth date are always sick and in physical suffering. Most of them make poor marriages and live in great poverty. People are always trying to injure them, do them harm. Is it the evil star SATURN that makes this condition. Will they live out

their lives in such bad luck? Are they victims because the stars say they MUST BE?

The answer is NO. The unfortunate signs CAN BE OVERCOME. That is the blessing of astrology. It helps you KNOW so that you can eliminate the bad and gain strength, win success. Man must learn to use WISELY this precious heritage that began somewhere with the ancient Chaldeans, spread to Egypt, to Greece, to Rome, to the whole wide world, to our modern times.

The Key Chart (Chart Number One) appearing on the following page will help you use this book in understanding yourself. Refer back to your proper birth date key in order to understand any material DESCRIBING YOU in some of your habits and tendencies according to the science of the stars—that may appear throughout this volume.





NOTE: The Sun does not always pass into the new sign on an exact day of the month. The time may take place on the 19th or 21st.

CHAPTER TWO

The MASTER Chart of the Stars with Zodiacal Symbols

CHART No. I



Aries

March 20 to April 20
A ram, sheep or lamb.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20
A bull, cow, or ox.



Gemini

May 20 to June 20
The Twins, or Pillars
of Hercules.



Cancer

June 20 to July 20
The crab, crawfish or
scarab.



Leo

July 20 to August 20
The lion and all members
Of the feline family.



Virgo

August 20 to September 20
The Virgin, an ear of
corn, a green branch.



Libra

September 20 to October 20
The balance, or scales.



Scorpio

October 20 to November 20

The scorpion, eagle, or a snake.



Sagittarius

November 20 to December 20

The archer, or an arrow.



Capricorn

December 20 to January 20

The sea-goat, dolphin, or scapegoat.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 20

The water-bearer, a male, female figure pouring water from a vessel.



Pisces

February 20 to March 20

The fishes, or the fisherman.

NOTE: Consult your proper zodiacal birth sign to take the proper information regarding yourself as it appears in these chapters. The creatures and figures assigned in this chart are to be thought of as keys to the temperament and qualities of the signs—not the person consulting it.

CHAPTER THREE

KEYS to Zodiacal Feeling

Knowing yourself, of course, is the foundation all astrology rests on. Those who believe in this science, are pushed by a desire to understand the exact influences that are in control at the time of their birth—astrologically speaking. To this end, a careful study must be made of the emotions of the zodiac. These emotions are **POWERFUL** and **DIS-TURBING**. Great care must be devoted to consideration of

these in casting a horoscope.

Check the symbol and refer to your own birth date in Chart No. 1—in your study of these emotions listed in order below.

TABLE A



Proud, quick-tempered, active, passionate, angry, impatient, great imagination, impulsive.



Loyal, loving, artistic, self-pampering, home-loving, gentle, greedy.



Ungrateful, a wanderer, well spoken, humane, a good companion, sensitive, poor in concentration, genial.



A dreamer, motherly, romantic, a little lazy, psychic, good-hearted, restless, moody.



Full of affection, merciful, often cruel, excitable, proud, gallant, an idealist.



Kindness, a hypocrite in love, a belief in service to man, morose, petty, a fussy person.



Fickle, very secretive, loving, full of enthusiasm, slick, artistic.



Unselfish, suspicious of people, capable of wanting revenge, hot tempered, mixed up personality.



Hard working, good friend, sincere, daring, good natured, proud, weak emotions, tender.



Unforgiving, cold, get angry easily, strong mind, a weak sister in acting.



Full of life, bubbling happy, good disposition, well-liked, gentle, unselfish, a worrier, daring.



Psychic, devotion, keeps secrets, easily impressed, often sad, hard to understand, easily beaten.

NOTE: These zodiac tempers must be weighed against all other characteristics of the zodiac as they are given. None of these listed necessarily reflect on the actual person casting the horoscope.

CHAPTER FOUR

KEYS to the Zodiacal Mind

Check the symbol and refer to your own birth period in Chart Number One to help your study of the mind values listed below. Sincere students will find this listing unusual and helpful.

TABLE B



The leader type, a pioneer, strong, sure, critical in religion, full of push and force, a desire to dictate, skillful, independent, clever.



Heart controls mind, stubborn, loyal, a good mind, a good memory, like arguing, bull-headed, never-say-die, good at detail, a stickler, patience.



A good mechanical worker, able to invent, writing ability, jack-of-trades, tricky, good at making changes, lover of democracy.



Has great love of fathers and forefathers, careful, quiet, fits of worrying, able to give things to others, unselfish, adaptable.



Bossy type, full of ambition, bold, hard boiled, optimistic, tough-minded, generous, doesn't worry about enemies, open.



Full of fun, scheming, good at science, take nothing for granted, clever, tricky, a good learner, good at many trades, afraid of lack of money.



At loose ends, do too many things, a showoff, deeply religious, good at conspiring, imitative, a fair judge, undecided.



A deep thinker, good mind, sarcastic, revengeful, an excitable temperament, leadership ability, violent tendencies, lover of science in progress.



Believer in justice, good-natured, anxious to get ahead, even-temper, good speechmaker, money wise, frank and honest, deep feelings.



Powerful, great concentration, full of force, thrifty, stubborn, tries to dominate, careful, great laboring energy, honorable.



A diplomat, interested in helping people, discreet, reasonable, religiously tolerant, hopeful, weak in emergencies, lack of depth, fond of reading.



Sympathetic, bossy, clairvoyant, mystic, talkative, fatalistic, weakly confident of success, religious, rapid mind, undecided, time waster, all around able.

CHAPTER FIVE

The Road to Personal Power or What the Stars Say for You

ARIES

(Those Born March 20 to April 20)

Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac, signifies LEADER-

SHIP. These people are full of enthusiasm, are builders. The wonderful influences must be carefully cultivated for greatness because Aries people sometimes get themselves engaged in the wrong kind of life work, and therefore do not make full use of their great leadership abilities.

Aries people are passionate, full of deep feeling, make delightful companions and lovers. They are "pure in heart," and are not vulgar or common.

One great weakness in Aries people is their habit of starting things but not finishing them. They must learn a "stick-to-it-iveness," a never-give-up spirit. Aries minds are active, bright, full of wit and confidence, strong. They have a great sense of loyalty to their friends, husbands and wives; are generous with affection, advice, and money, almost to a fault.

Aries people should carefully look out for injuries to the outside of their heads and to inside stomach disorders. They have such tendencies. Aries people should carefully go in for reasonable living, eat well, drink in moderation, build up an everlasting vitality.

Their courage should never become boastfulness, bravado. Their strength should never become bull-headedness. Their natural ambition should never become a mad greed for selfish power.

TAURUS

(Those Born April 20 to May 20)

Taurus is the warm, congenial sign of the Zodiac. The average person born under Taurus is also warm, devoted, congenial, passionate—without an unnecessary display of his emotions.

This is a sign of success, money, position. Taurus persons generally have good health, sparkle, rugged strength, through most of their lives. A Taurian is like a line-plunging football player; he glories in his bull-like strength and smashes through the enemy opposition to reach his goal! Taurians want what they want when they want it.

Mystic, occult studies hold great fascination for Taurians, who have a great potential psychic FORCE.

Taurians make good parents, are lovers of home life, They are apt to be builders, artists, creators in community life. They have an inside gentleness, peacefulness; their feelings are not too easily hurt. They have the power to attract.

Taurians must show care in not letting their persistence block their way to happiness. It is important to select some line of work that is congenial and enables you to "let yourself go."

Taurians must control their tendency to be needlessly harsh with weaker people. Taurian men especially sometimes are cruel to their wives, causing unhappiness in married life. This must be controlled and overcome! Learn to show your appreciation of other people's qualities. Be a lover and not a hater. Curb your appetite. Take special care of your throat. Do nothing to lower your great physical strength.

GEMINI

(Those Born May 20 to June 20)

Persons in Gemini have tactfulness, vision, intuition, versatility. These great qualities should be used to achieve great ends in life. Other qualities of generosity, affection, unselfishness, imagination, are more assets in the road to great personal POWER attainment for these unusual persons.

Gemini-born have an innate tendency to a double-barreled life. This makes them subject to being in a state of constant self-war—happy and unhappy—restless and content—at almost the same time! They are therefore apt to scatter their forces, wear themselves out at cross-purposes—instead of walking a straight line to their goal. Great care must be exercised in their lifelong fight for single-mindedness, ONE PURPOSE, ONE DEFINITE OUTLOOK and occupation.

No one can accomplish tasks more easily than the Geminis, despite their double personality. Yet they are either great or they are nothing, little obscure people.

Gemini husbands are often flirts, faithless, because of this tendency to "scatter their forces." Divorces can be common with married Geminis. Care must certainly be shown!

They must avoid worry, over-excitement, too much

work activity. They must get the habit of sticking to a job until it is successfully finished. Concentrate on the matter at hand! Cultivate will power! Stand on your own two feet!

Take care of your nerves. Get plenty of fresh air and exercise. Get sleep! Avoid neuritis and rheumatic pains that affect the nerve centers. Make decisions and do not listen to advice of others too much. Use your gifts wisely!

CANCER

(Those Born June 20 to July 20)

Cancer is the fourth sign of the Zodiac. Cancer is water—symbolized by the crab and ruled by the moon. (Aries was fire; Taurus, earth; Gemini, air.) Cancer persons have tenacity; they never let go of anything they get their teeth into. They have loyalty, an amazing quality of LOVE of home, family, neighborhood.

They make great sailors, explorers—but after the wanderlust is ended—they make tracks for their real love—HOME.

They are moody, sensitive; they are romantic, imaginative. They were born for love but they are often too proud to show their true feelings to others. They are shy and can't stand being turned down, denied. They are prophetic and too often have a tendency to live in the past. It is believed the past is clearer to the Cancer people than the present. This is a danger—this living in the past. It must be overcome!

They tend to vanity and boastfulness in story telling—often boring listeners to tears. They have this strong tendency of making other people worry over them. Their best feature is an instinct for overcoming faults, being sincere if given a chance.

Show care and judgment of yourself! Do not over-indulge your great love for liquids, especially the alcoholic kind. Watch your digestion, the foods you eat. Be careful

of your throat. Live simply!

Use your ability at great self-sacrifice. Do not be fickle. Do not suffer from imagined injuries at the hands of others. Make full use of your loyalty. Work at your marriage. Make it pay!

LEO

(Those Born July 20 to August 20)

Leo is the royal sign! Napoleon was born under it. So was Mussolini. Leo persons are masterful, high-minded, have great talents for business and social life. They were born to rule and usually do. They must learn to be merciful and reasonable in their leadership—otherwise they become arrogant and domineering and hated. Mussolini is a good example to remember!

They are warm-hearted, magnetic, jolly, fun-loving. They are usually very POPULAR and much sought after. They are ambitious, hard working, untiring—but hate common chores, simple tasks. They should not let ambition drive them too much and make them discontent—seeking always “new worlds to conquer.”

Use your gifts for the common good. Do not try to rule EVERYTHING—especially in love affairs. Do not dissipate your great energies. Do not yield to the dangerous impulse to show off. Stop trying to impress people. People are impressed with you anyway. They cannot help but be! Use your authority wisely—and remember “they who have the greatest authority hardly ever show it.”

Leo-born hit back openly when irritated or annoyed. They despise anything petty or secret. They gain their ends through sheer force of personal charm. This is a real asset and should spell wealth, position, success, if used wisely.

Do not be over-anxious. Over-anxiety is the only way you can fail. Your great natural abilities alone mean success if used the proper way—step by step—patience—confidence in the outcome.

VIRGO

(Those Born August 20 to September 20)

The Virgo person is a logical, reasonable, sensible person. He sees the world eye-to-eye—is hard-headed, unsentimental, goes in for a lot of self-analysis, gets a line on everybody and anybody he comes into life contact with—**HATES TO BE FOOLED.**

The lesson he must learn is not to look at things too hard and candidly. Rose colored glasses sometimes makes life more exciting, more interesting! He must learn to give more praise to others—more generously, less critically. People are hurt by criticism, agreeable to praise.

This high mentality makes Virgo-born brilliant writers, organizers, executives, managers, directors of great enterprises. But—more **HEART** please! Stop making other people irritable, bad-tempered, hurt, defiant!

The Virgo will to work, industry, toil, is not always done for personal profit and gain—but in the service of others. They are a just people. They do not deceive themselves or others. They are conscientious in everything they undertake. Virgo men are good providers.

They lack some romantic fire but often make good marriages. They should marry young before their ability at criticism and analysis get the better of them. They must learn to give and take!

They are a healthy people and have few temptations to high living. They must avoid over-work. In marriage they must not force their ideas on their mates. Give the other fellow a chance to speak his own piece. Don't be conceited!

LIBRA

(Those Born September 20 to October 20)

Libra is the sign of beauty and is ruled by Venus, the Goddess of Beauty. Libra persons are believers in fair play, often are the judges, the go-betweens in the conflicts in others.

They detest deceit. They hate ugliness, vulgarity, anything disorderly and dirty that disturbs the balance of life. They get the greatest pleasure out of beauty—whether the beauty is a person or just a beautiful countryside. The Libra person drives through the country to see the scenic beauty—not to make time on the highway!

They are not understood too well by most people because of these fine, deep qualities. They are tender hearted, great lovers, worshipful emotionally. They are apt to be driven by this inner love to make hasty decisions by FEELING rather than by THINKING. They must learn not to be influenced by the mood of the moment.

They are clever in business and can win fame and fortune—if they find a mental balance. They must learn to keep their feet on the ground—get out of the clouds—be practical every so often. If they learn to do this—they can accomplish wonders, miracles.

Nature has given you a sound constitution—guard it! You have great recovery powers in illness. Avoid violent exercises. Take yourself in hand. Force yourself into action. Hesitation and indecision are your greatest weaknesses—overcome them!

SCORPIO

(Those Born October 20 to November 20)

Scorpio is the strongest sign—also the sexiest and the most subtle. As has been said of Scorpio in one well turned line: "Passion is Power." *

Scorpio-born use the boundless energy of their sign in strenuous living and vigorous achievement. Lots of famous people have used this sign to overcome great handicaps in their march to greatness. Many, sadly enough, have used this remarkable power in a very unfair manner. Scorpio is a strange combination of strength and subtlety. Scorpio persons are hard losers—sometimes in a fight, they fight unfair.

These qualities of will power, determination, daring, grit, are assets in life—naturally. Treasure them! There

are dangers too. Scorpio-born can use their great energy to be quarrelsome, disturbing to others—warmakers. This is Mars influence over this highly passionate, hot, violent, people.

They have psychic powers; are inclined to folly if passions are not carefully controlled. Learn to use your powers. Adjust yourself to the people around you who haven't your great energy for living, for causes, for progress. Don't get your moods make a slave of you! Don't get hot tempered and raging when things go against you for a while. They are bound to come out all right in the end. You were born under the most powerful sign of the Zodiac and CANNOT FAIL in the long run—IF you keep your head and keep punching—with regard for your fellow man.

You are shrewd, have imagination, what it takes for success. Avoid enmity! Be a good loser! Control your anger!

SAGITTARIUS

(Those Born November 20 to December 20)

This sign of the arrow is ruled by the planet Jupiter. Jupiter stands for wealth, glory, outstanding success. Jupiter makes its sons and daughters wise, even-balanced, good-natured, happy, noble. The Sagittarius-born is a direct sort of fellow—he heads for his goal on a straight line!

They make friends easily and keep them. This is because they are loyal, dependable—good qualities! These qualities make the male a good husband and the woman a good wife.

They hate petty people—people who are hot-headed and unreasonable. The one thing they hate is deception, double-dealing, lies, hypocrisy. They are unselfish, fearless, honest and above-board. They are idealists in love—rather than passionate or just “sexy.” This idealism is a typical example of their high-mindedness. They give pure love and expect the same thing back. Strangely enough, many of them remain old maids or bachelors. Probably because their standards are so exacting, so high.

They are lovers of the great outdoors; are great sportsmen; love horses, dogs, athletics.

They are high-strung proud, have powers of intuition. They are good in sudden emergencies and put great trust in their own power.

Advice according to the stars: Trust your hunches. Think twice before you accept the advice of others. Don't be too sensitive to the slights of others. Learn concentration. Learn tact. Respect the feelings of others who are not quite so perfect or idealistic!

CAPRICORN

(Those born December 20 to January 20)

A careful people, highly practical, sometimes lacking in real sentiment. They have a habit of placing too much importance on worldly advantages and often do not fare so well with people because of their ability to quickly and capriciously dislike what they once liked. They never fall in love unless they are sure the "someone" first loves them.

Industrious, able to plod along, have a steady desire to GET AHEAD in the game of life. They are born workers and usually find their own way to their goal without asking directions. They plan well and make ends meet—even if poor. There is a strong tendency toward thrift, even stinginess. These people make good bargainers because

of their care and caution. They sometimes drive a "hard bargain" in money matters as well as in love. They seldom suffer from "pipe dreams."

They have a great ability in leadership—being able to rise to the top through hard work and the OVERCOMING of any number of obstacles in their paths.

The danger in these people is that they are often selfish, suspicious, headstrong, peculiar. They must learn more faith in themselves and not waste time and energy—get let down—in crossing bridges before they come to them. Use your good persistence and work ability progressively!

Don't be self-centered! Be more sympathetic to others. Don't be over-cautious! Take a chance! Don't let caution make you a victim to foolish fears! Do and dare! Be cheerful!

AQUARIUS

(Those Born January 20 to February 20)

These people give themselves to the world. The Hall of Fame is crowded with Aquarius-born. If you were born under this sign you're in the very best company. The roll call: Abraham Lincoln, F. D. Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, John D. Rockefeller, Lindbergh. They live for humanity and have the ability to "stir the souls of men"—win FAME and APPLAUSE.

They are kind-hearted, helpful, make good counselors for the distressed, are modest and unassuming, have real abilities. They should take advantage of every opportunity offered and work at it because they cannot fail.

They should always rely on their own judgment—shun the advice of others. They are free from prejudice and consider **NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE**. They are inventive and constructive—if their aim is the good and welfare of others. This humanitarian desire is a strong factor.

Money means nothing to them by itself—it must be a means to an end. For this reason they always make a financial success of a venture. They make devoted fathers and mothers, well-knit husbands and wives. They are popular.

Keep this talent for helping others alive and working. Through it you can achieve any **PERSONAL** success—your greatest wished-for joy. Make your mind up and do it! You have the qualities to make a success out of anything you do—and will!

Do not become weary of well-doing or get discouraged because people seem ungrateful. You will get your own reward—just be patient and keep up the great good work!

PISCES

(Those Born February 20 to March 20)

Pisces-born are a sunny people, generous to a fault, lovers of beauty, art, honest. Dishonesty shocks them. They are often what is known as the "sucker" type—because of their ability to give to others unselfishly. They shrink from asking favors themselves; are sincerely religious; are modest.

They are inclined to exaggerate their troubles, get themselves sick and run-down from worry that could be avoided. They always seem to expect the "worst to happen" and wait fearfully for it to happen—without rhyme or reason many times.

They are either overly-hopeful—courageous in the face of obstacles—or they fatalistically expect everything to go wrong without making a real effort to prevent failure. They are forever losing some possessions—because of carelessness or absent-mindedness. They have a contrary and stubborn side to their natures and as one astrologer has said: "They are blown about by every wind that blows."

Yet they can be cheerful, witty, even brilliant. They do have great interior common sense—and must be careful, to USE IT! They have deep devotion, a rooted love of nature, a talent for seeing the humor in a situation. They are constantly on the go, very busy with one idea or another—have an instinct for the clear, bright side of life.

They should learn to be more methodical—more orderly. Seek inner calm—not alone outside calm. Trust the good intentions in others. Others are not plotting against you as often as you think. George Washington, the artist Michel Angelo, the singer Enrico Caruso—they were Pisces-born. You, too, can be a success!

CHAPTER SIX

KEYS to Zodiacal Trades

THE SIGN

THE OCCUPATION



Policemen, firemen, tool workers, soldiers, government employees, engineers.



Farmers, servants, writers, actors, musicians, dancers, dealers in wearing apparel.



School teachers, messengers, salesmen, printers, language experts, bookkeepers, secretaries.



Mediums, sailors, fishermen, reformers, nurses, social workers, hospital aides, clairvoyants.



Ball players, directors, pawnbrokers, foremen, judges, electrical workers, stocks and bonds brokers.



Doctors, inventors, library workers, letter writers, bank employees, nurses.



Seagoers, architectural draftsmen, poets, actors, painters, salesmen, promoters.



Detectives, undertakers, builders, soldiers, charity workers, investigators, surgeons.



Lawyers, teachers, preachers, speakers, bankers, promoters, sportsmen, money lenders.



Professors, real estate agents, miners, building repair workers, watchmen, farmers, clerks.



Singers, psychologists, radio mechanics, astrologers, flyers, electrical workers, actors.



Writers, orators, navigators, mediums, entertainers, copywriters, doctors, designers, planners.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Spiritual SECRETS of the Twelve Signs

THE SIGN

IT'S SPIRITUAL MEANING



The driving WILL to accomplish; great aliveness; the POWER to snatch victory from defeat.



Unending motion: the POWER of attraction and repelling.



The POWER of imagination: the attraction of friends: the force of vision.



Commanding energy; deep-grown life roots; favorite of the Gods.



The POWER to radiate; the WILL to rule; deep, mystical faith.



The POWER of pity; the will to serve.



The POWER of sex; fertility in conceiving; strong judgment.



POWER in life activities; the mind that never forgets; the enduring spirit.



The POWER of thought; the rule of intuition; strength in understanding.



The POWER of competition; the rule of self; the inner dream.



The POWER of soul; non-worldly achievement; great perceiving power.



The POWER of sacrifice; the belief in a Truth or Cause; the triumph of good.

NOTE: This table should be of special interests to astrologers and advanced experimenters.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Astrological Symbolism of Gem Stones

It was believed in ancient days that JEWELS by their light revealed the spiritual secrets of the tribes. In astrology there is a strong belief in the POWER FORCE of harmony as the zodiacal rays focus upon certain gems and stones. Today many thousands of people everywhere wear rings, brooches, ear rings, with stones that according to symbolism, are the twelve zodiacal constellations.

GEM STONES hold worldwide popularity among CHARM devotees. It was an old Polish belief that each month had a particular precious stone attached to it. It is commonly believed that the January month as a birth month demands the wearing of a GARNET which is said to denote CONSTANCY and FIDELITY in all engagements; acts to guarantee true and successful LOVE. The February AMETHYST preserves mortals from STRONG PASSIONS and gives PEACE of MIND; the September GOLDSTONE preserves the wearer from FOLLY; and so on to the December TURQUOISE that insures great SUCCESS and HAPPINESS. As a result of these beliefs, commercial sales in birthstones are terrific.

GEM STONES were also said to have great MAGIC POWERS. The SAPPHIRE was said to lose its lustre if worn by an adulterer. In olden times it was worn by priests because of its supposed POWER to keep men CHASTE by quelling the animal senses. The HYACINTH or ZIRCON was reputed by ancient writers to have the POWER of producing sleep.

JASPER was thought to be the most POWERFUL of all stones in healing value. Galen, the great Greek doctor recommended wearing JASPER for health. The AMETHYST was believed to be useful in allowing a man to drink without getting drunk. The EMERALD, if placed beneath the tongue would enable one to FORESEE and

prophecy the future. The TOPAZ, if cast in boiling water, would free men from passion and DRIVE AWAY THE BLUES. The OPAL could sharpen eyesight and cloud the sight of enemies—if wrapped in a bay leaf. The TURQUOISE was said to have the power to heal differences between man and wife—also keep the owner from accidents. One writer claims that he saw a TURQUOISE fade and lose brilliance on the death of its owner. The DIAMOND made men rich and eloquent. It was also used to test a wife's love—by placing it on her head while she slept. If she loved him she would embrace him. If she were false, she would turn away.

CHAPTER NINE

KEY to Zodiacal Precious Stones

THE SIGN

THE GEM STONE



Diamond, Bloodstone, Garnet,
Amethyst.



Emerald, Coral, Jade, Agate,
Alabaster.



Aquamarine, Marble, Topaz,
Crystal.



Black Onyx, Pearl, Crystal,
Emerald.



Cats-Eye, Ruby, Diamond,
Hyacinth.



Marble, Topaz, Aquamarine,
Agate.



Opal, Cornelian, Coral, Diamond,
Jade, Lapis.



Malachite, Jasper, Bloodstone,
Loadstone, Flint.



Turquoise, Amethyst, Moonstone,
Hyacinth.



White Onyx, Jet, Sapphire,
Moonstone.



Sapphire, Opal, Slate,
Chacedony.



Moonstone, Amethyst, Topaz,
Hyacinth.

Table Showing the Purported Magical Powers of Gem Stones

GEM STONE

SAID TO BE ITS POWERS

Garnet	Insures fidelity in all engagements: acts to guarantee true and successful love.
Amethyst	Preserves mortals from strong passions: gives peace of mind; helps drink without getting drunk.
Goldstone	Preserves the wearer from folly. Helps avoid serious mistakes in life.
Turquoise	Insures great success, happiness; heals differences between man and wife; keeps owners from accidents.
Sapphire	Loses its shine and lustre if worn by an unfaithful husband or wife.
Zircon	Said by ancient writers to have the power of producing sleep. The HYACINTH also given this power.
Jasper	Said to bring health to wearer.
Emerald	If placed beneath the tongue, enables one to foresee and prophecy the future, according to an old superstition.
Opal	Sharpens eyesight; clouds sight of enemies—if wrapped in a bay leaf.
Diamond	Made men rich and eloquent; also used to test a wife's real love by placing it on her brow while sleeping.
Topaz	Cast in boiling water to free men from passion; drive away the blues.



BOOK IV

STEP IV

THE SECRET POWER OF NUMBERS

CHAPTER ONE

The Power of Numbers and the Magic Seven

Numbers are ancient and Numerology goes back to the first instant of the first hour of time. The great Masters of Magic regarded numbers as sacred, all-meaning, power symbols in the life and times of Man. In the mystic Quaballah, revealing its magical Doctrine and Ritual—numbers were one of the truly important subjects.

The Great Masters followed a rational order of SACRED NUMBERS in the plan and division of their works. There were SEVEN books, each having SEVEN chapters. The first book or NUMBER ONE was provided with the key "aleph" meaning UNITY. The second book or NUMBER TWO was given the key "beth" and signified the history of the OCCULT. The third book or NUMBER THREE, keyed "gimel" meant BIRTH. The fourth or NUMBER FOUR, keyed "daleth" represented NATURE and FORCE. The fifth or NUMBER FIVE, keyed "he," meant RELIGION and the PRIESTHOOD. The sixth or NUMBER SIX, keyed kabalistically "vau," signified STRIFE. The seventh or NUMBER SEVEN, keyed "zain," signified a CROWNED VICTOR.

This SEVENTH BOOK of Magic was the greatest of them all. It held all the mysteries of light and magnetism, the secret occult alphabet, the great revelations and discoveries.

It is curious how the NUMBER SEVEN even today is regarded as a lucky number, an omen of good fortune, winnings, success. Numerologists, however, do not believe that Numbers are either lucky or unlucky by themselves. It is believed that they depend on their "harmony with the person who has vibrations affecting them."

This idea of the person's vibrations to the harmony of numbers is the cornerstone of modern practical numerology. Since life would be almost helpless without the free use of numbers for purposes of everyday living, banking, measuring, adding, it can be simply stated that the power concept of numbers has many "customers"—since we all are universally subject to numbers and their operations. It argues itself; think of the plight of accountants, clergymen, bankers, statisticians, salesmen—let alone the common man—without our system of numbers!

The occult science of numbers believes that we live in a universe of vibrations and every single person born into this world enters it with a vibration special to himself—different from any other—and hidden in it is his PURPOSE in coming—this vibration special to him determining the place he or she alone will occupy in the divine scheme.

Working numerologists believe that by the natural law in NUMBERS we can figure out the past, present, future. Also, by this system we can learn where to live and work—by determining in what job or location we vibrate best. Also, by this system we can decide on whom we can trust, be friendly with—and whom we should avoid and shun like the plague. In short, the system of numbers is regarded as a WAY OF LIFE in our pursuit of SUCCESS, HEALTH, FORTUNE, HAPPINESS.

The origin of the POWER belief in numbers is credited to an ancient Greek philosopher named Pythagoras. He was the first to bring mathematics into occult philosophy and during his lifetime (569-470 B. C.) he developed the theory of the atom—or the smallest numerical particle possible. A wise old man during the cradle days of magic

and thought, Pythagoras stimulated much free thought in occult-philosophy. As a passage in an old manuscript stated:

"The device of the sphere (magic sphere for planning a sick person's welfare: ED) of the philosopher Pythagoras, which Appollonius described for the discovery of anything concerning the sick. Thou should'st determine the day of the week and of the moon (on which he fell sick) and (the numerical value) of his name according to the letters written below. Add them together and divide by thirty and consider the remainder. Examine what is written below, and if it falls in the upper part he will live and do well; if below, he will die."



Pythagoras, father of numerology—as he may aptly be called—was a man of great popular morality; his teachings were accorded the utmost respect. These were his immortal words in his Golden Verses and his Symbols: "Reverence the oath and next the heroes, full of goodness and light. Avoid as much as possible hating thy friend for a slight fault. Understand that power is a near neighbor to necessity. . . . Overcome and conquer these passions—greed, anger, sloth, sensuality, anger. Do nothing evil, neither in the presence of others, or privately, and above all respect thyself. Consult and deliberate before you act. In no wise neglect the health of thy body. . . . Always ask: Wherein have I done amiss? What have I omitted that I ought to have done?" So spoke wise old Pythagoras, father of the Numbers system of thinking.

So, whether the actual origin is the Hebrew system—as some believe—or the Pythagoreans—this much is certain: Numbers relate to everyday human experience and as in all branches of knowledge, Man is better fit to understand himself and cope with life as he EXPANDS his information, extracting from this or that science or near-science its stimulation to thought and purposeful living. In the words of a famous quotation: "When the student is ready, the master is waiting."



CHAPTER TWO

Numbers Control: for Success in Love, Business, Life, Undertakings

Many scholars have given their versions of the meaning of numbers. Interpretations differ—not too widely. The basis of all attempts at meanings, of course, is to simplify, bring a very complicated study into the average man's range of reading and understanding. As in Astrology, the average Man's interest in any system has to do with the plain, down-to-earth questions of "How can I better myself?" "How can I win my true heart's desire?" "How can I succeed in love?" "How can I reach the final goal of personal power?"

And as in Astrology, modern numerologists have labored to reduce the occult, simplify the complexities, explain them in average terms, in the common man's working vocabulary—so that his questions may be answered. These answers are not final or ultimate. The reader is warned to accept or not—as he personally sees fit. Let no one man's intelligence impose on you so much that it blots out—or blacks out—your own. If that were to happen; if people were to accept every written word as the great gospel; the purpose of such a booklet as this would be thwarted. This booklet's purpose is to inform, explain within limits, stimulate, guide—and no more. Let each reader use his own good sense and reason as the final measurement.

And so, in this spirit, we bring to the following pages the best obtainable simplification of the meaning of numbers. Particularly, as these meanings can be said to reflect on just people.

One prevailing system of numbers analysis takes each number from 1 to 9 in their respective octaves and provides every individual meaning. For example: Number 1 has 8 octaves that represent it. They are 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46,

55, 64, 73. To understand this better, examine the table below and see how all of these numbers reduce themselves back to 1 (the zero doesn't count in this system of numerology).

1	equals	1
10	equals	1(0)
19	equals	1(0)
28	equals	1(0)
37	equals	1(0)
46	equals	1(0)
55	equals	1(0)
64	equals	1(0)
73	equals	1(0)

All these combinations add up to the original starting 1 (again; zeros do not count). Every combination has its own special meaning (as will be shown) in the Number One group.

The same is done with numbers 2, 3, 4, and so on to 9. In the case of number 2, there are 7 additional octaves that represent it. They are: 11, 20, 29, 38, 47, 56, 65. Each one of these combinations add up to the original 2. For example, take 11. One and one are two. Or: 38. Three and eight are eleven (11). Reduce it further, and one and one is two. Or: 65. Six and five are eleven. Reduce it further, and one and one is two. And so on with the combinations—or octaves—of two.

In the following pages we will take the 9 numbers and their combinations—or octaves—and reveal what they mean in terms of human ambition, love, marriage, talent, dream, search of fortune and self-understanding.

CHAPTER THREE

What Numbers and Their Combinations Mean

NUMBER ONE AND COMBINATIONS OF ONE

- 1 Stubborn, ambitious, plunges ahead, absolutely sure of himself, a progressive builder, never-say-die.
- 10 Full of confidence in oneself, proud and honorable, a stickler to the job on hand.
- 19 Greatly fortunate: good bet to win honor, fame and fortune in the near future according to plan.
- 28 Reflects loss of lawsuit involving money, great promise going to waste, makes mistake of trusting too many people.
- 37 Lucky in love, a good number for undertakings involving partners, a lucky number for friendships.
- 46 Number suggests a psychic success; hard to realize ideals. People affected by this number should show care, go easy, go in for slow progress.
- 55 A dominating number. People under it are honest with a good mind. Full of enthusiasm, great inspiration; religiously inclined.
- 64 People under this number make sound professionals (writers, lawyers, artists). Are able to make time and work count for something. Many remain unmarried.
- 73 This number means good mind development, sound experience, great common sense and ability—in short—wisdom.

NUMBER TWO AND COMBINATIONS OF TWO

- 2 Romantic, full of driving power in carrying out ideas, unsettled, nervous, wandering. People under this number lack faith in themselves, are given to fits of despair.
- 11 This number warns against injury from others, lurking dangers. People under this number are faced with problems, difficulties.

- 20 Full of life, great plans, a sense of action. Not too taken up with dollar and cents success, strongly drawn to a cause or duty.
- 29 This number shows doubts, deceit and double-cross by others. Warns against evil friends. Be on guard against the schemes of the opposite sex.
- 38 Deep spiritual force. Number has power over future happenings and should be watched carefully. Often brings quarrels, divorce, misunderstandings.
- 47 An unstable number, needs watching. People under this number are good natured, helpful, excellent in money affairs, figuring things out. Unstable only in regard to future happenings and great care must be shown at all times.
- 56 A number of inspiration, a dominating number. It gains great fortune but is fickle sometimes and may result in wrong actions. This is because people under this number may try to out-do themselves and so come to grief. Moderation in striving for success is advised.
- 65 This is a holy number; has great fervor and feeling. It gives powerful friends and satisfactorily happy marriages. There are some hurts and dangers, but caution will overcome these.

NUMBER THREE AND COMBINATIONS OF THREE

- 3 An independent, ambitious number; proud and resourceful; attitude brings many enemies because of bossiness; carries out job and duties well; excellent in ordering people around; power road to high authority.
- 12 A number of suffering and great worry; tends to make its people victims; religious undertone and desire to do penance. People under this number sometimes are sacrificed for the sake of others.
- 21 Rise to high station in life; great success in undertakings; means artistic power; good for artists, writers, musicians, entertainers. People under this are carefree, unworried. Number guarantees achievement of life's

- wish; predicts sound future, triumph of wisdom. A mystic number.
- 30 Great thinker; people able to handle huge important affairs; shows acting talent; a favorable number for doctors. Means brilliance of mind, lofty purposes, social service.
- 39 Sound health and long living; companionship and love; a variable number that can bring people under it to the highest success or the deepest suffering.
- 48 Warm nature, full of bubbling life, sociable, pleasure seeking, fun loving; people under this number make happy marriages that last. Offers psychic power to foresee, predict, analyze. Sometimes people under this number go astray because of their too-great love of personal physical comfort, lazy habits.
- 57 An active number, constantly on the go. Love of lavish display, parties, parades. People under this number are sociable, love people around them. Very often well-to-do, successful in work, sound in health.

NUMBER FOUR AND COMBINATIONS OF FOUR

- 4 A forceful will at work. Sensitive and high strung; feelings easily hurt; subject to quick fits of sadness, melancholy. Hates rules and restraints. Doesn't care about piling up too much money through enterprises.
- 13 This number is one of disaster and chaos, destruction. It symbolized a power that destroys itself. Warns of great danger ahead. Must be used carefully. A number of superstition and fear.
- 22 A dreamer's number. Be careful not to be caught off balance, off guard. Do not be influenced too easily by others. Rely on yourself. Stop day dreaming or kidding yourself. Keep alert.
- 31 Poor from money standpoint. Many times selfish and self-defeating. People under it are often lonely, live alone, have few loyal friends.
- 40 This number means great care with money. Offers

- business success, sound investments. People under it are urged to relax, not be too intense, learn to loaf for recreation.
- 49 A well-balanced vibration, always moving on ahead to higher and higher goals. People under it are decent, spiritual as long as they think loftily, moving ahead and up. On the downgrade, people under it can be malicious, insincere, hateful.
- 58 The number of health. People under it are warm hearted, open minded, honorable, skillful, scientific, thinking, good people. Generally successful and deservedly so.

NUMBER FIVE AND COMBINATIONS OF FIVE

- 5 A sex number. Capable of making friends and keeping them close. Quick tempered and full of compression inside, therefore can get nervous collapse through being irritable. Attracted to gambling, taking long chances at great odds. Quick to make decisions. Craves pleasure, excitement. Hates physical work.
- 14 Combines sex desire, energy, movement. People under this number must learn value of caution and not be so reckless and revolutionary in their daily lives and habits; not be so open to risk and danger. With care success can be won in business and money matters. Danger of being degraded by passions and lust. Can raise self by pure aims and ideals.
- 23 The number of success. Means cleverness and brains. Great personal gifts; success in speaking and writing. Future plans are a cinch to work out well.
- 32 This number has magical properties. Must be careful not to let your plans be wrecked by other person's recklessness, bad judgment. Good luck assured in most operations. People under this number will have many friends, fine social and work connections. Danger of yielding to evil, especially in moral habits.
- 41 Must control passions. Under this number women are

- inclined to be flirts, men—playboys. Generally, affairs will work out good. Promises sound future.
- 50 Great success and wide fame. People under this number should do well in public life. Speaking ability that commands people, draws crowds, wins high praise. Great personal charm and magnetism. Sense of order and justice.
- 59 Protected from harm and injury; wonderful adventures and world travels; number vibration makes one leader, conqueror; good luck in speculations, risks. This desire to gamble must be controlled. Avoid doing fraud to others. Self-control will make people under this number powerful and successful.

NUMBER SIX AND COMBINATIONS OF SIX

- 6 Ability to make friends that last; great love of art, painting, music; a magnetic number that has a compelling attraction for people; hates jealousy and unreasonableness; number shields many wealthy people who are generous with those who are poorer. Gift for entertaining; worshipped by others; strong ideals; great happiness.
- 15 A favorable number for getting money, favors from others. This number means a good orator, public speaker, one who holds the attention of others. A number of magic and strong mystery, deeply occult. People under this number are said to be able to use all the arts of occult magic to gain their personal ends. A lucky and powerful number.
- 24 People under this number will win friendships among the rich and powerful. Succeed famously in love and sex; sex partners or mates will do much for you, help you get somewhere in life. Influential women will come into the life of men under this number.
- 33 An even number, neither too good or evil. Means steady, even-balanced, conservative social life, love life,

- business life. Strong desire to come to the rescue of others in distress. Regular habits, modest tastes. A small success but real happiness and self-respect.
- 42 Deeply religious. People under this number can do a good job in spreading the gospel. Success in work like singing, dancing, professional fields. Do not give in to baseness or double-dealing, be loyal, honorable, make your number serve you to the best advantage.
- 51 A war-like spirit, combative, belligerent. Ideal for Army, Navy, Marines. Qualities of leadership in hour of grave peril, danger. Sure advancement in all undertakings. Cheerful in face of trouble; courageous, never-say-die.
- 60 People under this number make good nurses, chiropractors, mental doctors and healers. Gives in to authority and serves well. Generally cheerful, light-hearted, happy. An agreeable type who will find life pleasant.
- 69 A strong number. Means great honor; lots of money; fame. There is little risk attached to this number. People under it are very fortunate, cannot lose in any undertaking. Are loved by others; their word given great respect.

NUMBER SEVEN AND COMBINATIONS OF SEVEN

- 7 Great independence; loves constant change; wanderlust. People under this number make famous writers. They are dreamers, clairvoyant, seers; have powers of magnetism over others who do their bidding; chockful of new ideas; great learning, great insight into what makes the world go around; generally a winner.
- 16 A destructive number; means upheaval, earthquake, chaos, danger; explosions. The vibrations of this number are negative. Great care is needed or danger and great defeat will be the result. Love and marriage sel-

- dom work out happily. There is a higher quality, which if carefully understood can overcome the perils and point the path of success and glory.
- 25 A number of prophetic dreams and visionary sight: guards against the evils of black magic. A number giving strength and endurance against great obstacles. Overcomes troubles, money worries, illness. Success through strife and courage. Develop strong will to guarantee rich future.
- 34 A deeply spiritual and religious number; voodoo, occult traits. Strong insight and intuition helps win to personal control and victory. Don't overreach yourself, play the game of life cautiously, avoid over-ambition.
- 43 Means failure of plans unless victory is won through strong effort and positive action. A number connected with the military. Everything in continual movement.
- 52 Courage; composed and patient while things aren't going too well; interest in the higher things in life: deep inside feeling for God, Nature, Life, Art. A person of steady habits, even talents, great and quiet industry. A moderate success.
- 61 Honesty and sincerity; hateful of deceit; ability at self-control. Good, quiet character. A do-gooder. Fond of simple amusements and pleasures; modest tastes. Despises greed and dishonesty in others.
- 70 A power number. Under normal conditions it should bring fame, love, fortune.

NUMBER EIGHT AND COMBINATIONS OF EIGHT

- 8 A deep, intense, god-fearing nature; a real individual with a high sense of personal honor; can be utterly depended upon in life situations. Sometimes lonely, misunderstood by others. Kindhearted, full of holy zeal, desire to do good, believer in the golden rule, ability at self-sacrifice, noble purposes. NUMBER 888 belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ in his part of World Redeemer.

- 17 A number of peace and love. Superior to misfortune and life's burdens. Able to rise above trouble and succeed anyhow because of faith in himself and a religious fervor. A number of truth, hope, charity toward others. Feeling for beauty; strong power of intuition.
- 26 A good and bad number. People under this number can be leaders, public speakers, strong, wise, able, successful—or outlaws, convicts, evil persons in continual trouble, running away from the law and punishment. Power to control others, if this power is not allowed to slip away. Ruin threatens; watch the associations and partnerships you may make.
- 35 Means money, peace of mind, travel, friendship, love success. Will get ahead in any field of undertaking. A sound, regular, number; highly fortunate.
- 44 People under this number are brave, the hero type; full of adventure, fearlessness, anxious for military excitement; distinguished in their actions. Will gain great wealth if you continue to treat others generously and curb the natural greed for more.
- 53 A sense of order; a passion for small details. Makes good bookkeeper. Vibrations favorable for getting ahead in life. Success assured if small tendency to getting things for nothing is controlled.

NUMBER NINE AND COMBINATIONS OF NINE

- 9 Fighting spirit; full of guts, grit, fearlessness; make strong friends and strong enemies; trait of hot temper; sometimes overly-independent, belligerent. Hot impulse is a danger sometimes; curb rashness. Do not be carried away by success, have it turn your head, blind you to the real values. Keep violence under control for success.
- 18 A number of family quarrels, violent fights. This is the number vibration of the Germans making War in order to loot and get spoils. A number of dangers, explosions. Be on your guard, watch everything care-

- fully. Avoid the peril by good, cool judgment and self control. Stand firmly for justice and right. This is the number of genius and insanity too. Choose which you would have and be watchful.
- 27 A good number that gives power. Ability to think, act strongly, wisely. A number of success in life activity. Love, brains, decision, balance, judgment. Follow your very own ideas and achieve success.
- 36 A good influence; power, authority, success. Service on behalf of others, the Christian spirit of give, generous, kind. A number of ups and downs. Do not be easily discouraged, things will come out O. K.
- 45 A number of sweet charity. Do unto others etc. Help the fallen and downtrodden. A good marriage and much fruit. This is the number of the good people who make the earth a happier place to live in.
- 54 A scholarly number; great learning, great thought, rich gifts. Good health; the deep respect of your neighbors; a happy, even, routine life.
- 63 Vibrations of a reformer, sky pilot, preacher man. Good health; good moods; success in steering others into paths of righteousness. Will advance in life's work, find happiness.
- 72 The number of mercy assigned to the angels.

CHAPTER FOUR

How the Numbers Affect YOU

There are probably as many ways on "How to do this or that" as there are numerologists. Methods vary although the motive—HOW TO HELP MAN RECOGNIZE HIMSELF AND WORK OUT A BETTER DESTINY—remains the same. This chapter will reveal one interesting method commonly used.

To better understand the vibration of numbers as they affect people—let us see how numbers can be related to the

alphabet (the ABC). By determining this, we are enabled to experiment in the meaning of names (Tom Jones, Dick Smith, Harry Forster and so forth) in numerology. The following ABC value in numbers has been widely used in numbers science.

MASTER TABLE No. 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	B	C	D	E	U	O	F
I	K	G	M	H	V	Z	P
Q	R	L	T	N	W		
J		S		X			
Y							

Note that no number 9 appears in this system. This table is an english translation of an ancient one. On the following pages an example of exactly how this table can be used together with the preceding chapter on "numbers and combinations of numbers" in order to understand your vibrations, personality habits, future chances for fame, fortune, love, success.

Example in Using Table One

Say, for instance, the man's name is Robert Jones. We set the name down and refer to the Master Chart One evaluation of the letters in his name. The vowels numbers are set on top (vowels: A E I O U). The consonants (the rest of the ABC as we find it in the name) is set on the bottom. The top (vowel) total signifies the Man's mental state. The bottom total (consonants) signifies the condition of the Man's personality. The grand total of both signify the Man's future (or destiny) number.

Mental state 24 total 7 5 7 5

ROBERT JONES

Personality 19 total 2 2 2 4 1 5 3

Future 43 Grand total

We get our totals by adding on a line from left to right. The Grand Total is the sum of the "mental" and the "personality" total.

Now, in order to get an understanding of the man—Robert Jones—we refer back to the proper table of numbers and variations of numbers. Where a total we arrive at is not listed in our series of "numbers and combinations of numbers" we take the nearest one to it in the proper series. (For instance, there is no number of 78 which belongs in the SIX table (7 plus 8 equals 15. 1 and 5 equals 6). The nearest number available is 69—so we take that closest number vibration.)

In this manner, we get some real information on our subject ROBERT JONES.

We find that his "mental state total" of 24 means: (2 and 4 equals 6; so we consult the 6 series)

24: "People under this number will win friendships among the rich and powerful. Succeed famously in love and sex; sex partners or mates will do much for you, help you get somewhere in life. Influential women will come into the life of men under this number."

We refer back and find out about his "personality total." This number is 19 (9 plus 1 equals 10. 1 plus 0 equals 1; so we consult series ONE—number 19.

19: "Greatly fortunate; good bet to win honor, fame and fortune in near future according to plan."

We refer back about his "grand total"—43. (4 and 3 equals 7; so, we consult the 7 table for number 43.)

43: "Means failure of plans unless victory is won through strong effort and positive action. A number connected with the military. Everything in continual movement."

Reading these three paragraphs describing our Robert Jones is very illuminating. We feel we have an understanding of him, according to the number vibrations of his name. Shakespeare said: "What's in a name?" According to this numerology system, one is prompted to reply—"Plenty!"

As has been said, the systems are arbitrary with the given numerologist. Some numerologists, seeking to deter-

mine the vibration value of the name of a person, town, street, in terms of numbers—employ the following alphabetical breakdown into numbers.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

Whichever vibratory evaluation you may use—remember you can employ one system or the other in order to figure out if the name of the firm you work for is harmonious; if the street you live in is a satisfactory vibration all in all; if the persons you deal with are in harmony with you; if the bank you bank your funds in is in keeping; and so forth—reducing all your experiences to vibration values and analysis—IF—you take stock in numerology, a still pseudo-science.

CHAPTER FIVE

Numbers in Love and Marriage

Love and marriage—no doubt the most popular instinct in man and woman. Popular—yes—but what trouble the whole business may cause! Shall I or shant I? Is she really the one woman for me? Does he love me, just me, truly? Who hasn't asked himself or herself such questions? How many seers, fortune tellers, tea-leave readers have been consulted on these most important of all questions by how many hundreds of thousands of anxious would-be brides and bridegrooms?

According to numerologists—you can tell! Just reduce the name vibration of the little lady or the gallant gent to numbers and consult the proper reading. You may love the guy twice as hard as a result—or give him the go-by in a hurry!

Is it really true? Tst tst. There are no gilt-edged, 14-carat, absolute guarantees—but—since you've been thinking about it and worrying anyhow—since you've been pestering all of your friends for an opinion—it's just another idea and equally as worthwhile.

So—your b.f's (boy friends) name is JOHN DRAKE. What's he really like deep down? How does he tick? Where is he headed in life? Will we get that little green house with the little white blinds after we're married—or is he a perpetual ne'er-do-well—a load I'll have to carry on my back until death do us part? Let's see what the numerologists claim he is:

Mental state 13 total 7 1 5

J O H N D R A K E

Personality 19 total 1 5 5 4 2 2

Future 32 Grand total

Therefore: Mental State 13

Personality 19

Future 32

- 13: 1 plus 3 equals 4. We refer to FOUR series. Number 13 listed there reads: "This number is one of disaster and chaos, destruction. It symbolizes a power that destroys itself. Warns of great danger ahead. Must be used carefully. A number of superstition and fear."
- 19: 1 plus 9 equals 10. 1 plus 0 equals 1. We refer to ONE series. Number 19 listed there reads: "Greatly fortunate; good bet to win honor, fame, fortune, in near future according to plan."
- 32: 3 plus 2 equals 5. We refer to FIVE series. Number 32 reads: "This number has magical properties. Must be careful not to let your plans be wrecked by other person's recklessness, bad judgment. Good luck assured in all operations. People under this number will have many friends, fine social work, connections."

Danger of yielding to evil, especially in moral habits."

So—add them up and there's JOHN DRAKE. According to these vibrations—he's quite a hard guy to dope out. Needs mental straightening out, much watching care and help. Personality good; a nice sort of guy with winning ways; a good bet for success, if watched and controlled. His future depends a lot on how he can shake off evil, harmful influences, respond to the good forces in his character and world.

Granting that all this may actually be your John Drake—do you want to hang around and help him express himself, help him over the rough spots? If the answer is "yes"—are you the girl who can do it? Why not complete the pattern and work out a personal chart of your own name vibrations in numerology? O. K.? What's your name? Mary Spear. O. K. Mary. Let's see what the numerologists claim about you according to the system set forth on these pages.

Mental state	7 total	1				5	1			
		M	A	R	Y	S	P	E	A	R
Personality	20 total	4	2	1	3	8	2			

Future 27 Grand total

Therefore:	Mental State	7
	Personality	20
	Future	27

- 7: (We refer to series SEVEN, number 7) This reads: "Great independence; loves constant change; wanderlust. People under this number make famous writers. They are dreamers, clairvoyants, seers; have powers of magnetism over others who do their bidding; chockful of new ideas; great learning, great insight into what makes the world go around; generally a winner."
- 20 (2 plus 0 equals 2. We refer to series TWO, number

2) This reads: "Romantic, full of driving power in carrying out ideas, unsettled, nervous, wandering. People under this number lack faith in themselves, are given to fits of despair."

- 27: (2 plus 7 equals 9. We refer to NINE TABLE, number 27) This reads: "A good number that gives power. Ability to think, act strongly, wisely. A number of success in life, activity, love, brains, decision, balance, judgment. Follow your very own ideas and achieve success."

Now—quite a rugged character—this Mary Spear. All in all—very strong vibrations that spell commanding success in almost anything. Very few negative signs. Our John Drake is a lucky guy indeed if he wins Mary Spear. According to the whole impression—she's probably just the little lady to steady him, keep him hewing a straight line to glory.

CHAPTER SIX

A Horrible Example

Adolf Hitler, the greatest pestilence the world has ever known, is a living example of a Man who reacted to the NEGATIVE in his numbers vibrations. This scourge of mankind, this hound of hell, can be understood by the following excerpted analysis.

1	7		1	5		equals 14 — Mental
A	D	O	L	F	H	I
					T	L
					E	R
4	3	8	5	4	3	2
						equals 29 — Personality
						43 Future

The 14 (number FIVE series) states in the negative: "Combines sex desire, energy, movement. People under this number must learn value of caution and not be so reckless and revolutionary in their daily lives and habits. (THIS SAVAGE MONSTER DID NOT HEED THIS: ED.) Not be so open to risk and danger. . . . Danger of being degraded by passions and lust. (LUST FOR THE BLOOD OF THE COMMON MAN: ED.)

The 29 (Number TWO series) states in the NEGATIVE, in part: "This number shows doubts, deceit, double-cross. Warns against evil friends. (The swastika means DOUBLECROSS. IT WAS HITLER, HIMMLER, GOEBBELS, THE MILITARISTS, DOUBLECROSSING EACH OTHER EVERY STEP OF THE WAY: ED.)" 

The 43 (SEVEN SERIES) states: "A number connected with the military (AND HOW: ED); means failure of plans unless victory is won through strong effort and positive action. (HITLER'S FAILURE TO INVADE ENGLAND COST HIM THE WAR. THAT WAS HIS MOST COLOSSALLY DISASTROUS FAILURE IN POSITIVE ACTION ACCORDING TO THE WORLD'S BEST MILITARY MINDS: ED.) Everything in continual movement. (HITLER AND HIS RATZIS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN RUNNING BACKWARDS IN CONTINUAL MOVEMENT FOR TWO YEARS: ED.)

Here we have a remarkable example of how the NEGATIVES proved true in the experience of the world's most hated man, Adolf Hitler. Had he fought his way to the higher altitudes of his numbers vibrations—taken full advantage of the POSITIVES—the story would have been different. The demon might have lived like a human being. The positives state:

14: "Can raise self by pure aims and ideals."

29: "Be on guard against evil friends."

43: "Failure unless positive action."

Positive 14 held out the only hope in numbers vibration for Adolf. Considering the villainy of his record and the lust of his appetites—it is hard picturing Adolf as having enough mental and moral courage to ever have been able to succeed in "raising himself by pure aims and ideals." However—nothing is impossible in human effort—and a better man could have done it—but not the arch-fiend of ego and insanity, Adolf Hitler.



BOOK V

STEP V

THE MAGIC POWER OF PROPHECY

CHAPTER ONE

Can Some People See Through Time?

Prophets, speaking generally, are a dime a dozen. Everybody takes a crack at making a prediction of things to come at one time or another. Your mother-in-law makes a dark prophecy of some serious illness attacking you—if you fail to wear your rubber overshoes during a rainstorm. Or a mystically inclined wife may beg you not to take that train or aeroplane because “she has a vision of tragic disaster.” A friend may attempt and successfully predict the outcome of a horse race. “Joe—play Flying Cloud in the Fifth Race. I guarantee she’ll win.” All three of these things may come to pass! You might catch a common cold or pneumonia without your overshoes just as your mother-in-law predicted. You might not take that train or aeroplane—to read the following day in the daily newspaper that the train or plane did crash with heavy loss of life. You might play Flying Cloud in the Fifth Race and clean up lots of winnings. Are these therefore prophecies? Are the mother-in-law, wife, friend, prophets?

“After”?

Is There a “Yesterday” and “Tomorrow”—a “Before” and

Many prophets have moved along with history—here and there making some remarkable statement about things

to come—that did surprisingly happen! Every man has a “memory of things past”—but few have a “memory of things that are to come.” What makes for these great differences in the human species? Many thinking people have wondered what exactly is “before” and “after.” Are “before” and “after” really the same thing—to be seen just as exactly—by people gifted with the ability of prophecy? Do some people see through time—no matter whether “before” or “after”—like a man looking at the stars through a telescope? Is that the answer to the seeming miracle of prophecies made four hundred years in advance of a happening (Nostradamus)? Is, therefore, the average man limited by his five senses and unable to see the faraway stars of the future rise and set—shaping events about to dawn?

Prophets of the Old Testament

Yet despite the endless stream of prophecy offered by countless people—seers, astrologers, ordinary people, scientists—there only exists two actual documents of prophecy that really take the history of man in his year to year rise from the darkness of the beginning of the world—and predict the unfolding of Man's great story in its moving sequences. These **TWO AND ONLY TWO DOCUMENTS ARE: THE SCRIPTURES and “THE CENTURIES.”** The mighty word of the scriptures is alive with amazing prophecy that served almost as a lamplight in Man's rise through time. The volume called “The Centuries” is the record of prophecy set down by the most extraordinary prophet that ever lived—the incredible and “yet-to-be-wrong” Nostradamus.

The astounding accuracy of Nostradamus in forecasting world events hundreds of years after his time is the finest proof believers in the science of prophecy can point to. Many great men have fully accepted the miracle of prophecy. Alexander Pope, the famous writer was one who did. Another Englishman, Dean Inge, a famous churchman, believed in the truth of prophecy. He said that pre-vision was

part of a developing ability—and one future day Man would have this faculty for himself. We all can hope for this great ability to become common world property and a natural talent in every man, woman, and child, in some near future.

After all, each passing day brings a new miracle to reality. Every day's newspaper brings fresh accounts of some great new discovery—new elements, new planets, new miracle engineering achievements, inventions, stories of exceptional abilities found in ordinary people—and certainly it isn't too impossible to believe that one day we will be informed that there is a whole new understanding of time and space and memory and history—and that there is no "before" or "after" as we have understood it in our calendar and timeclock limitations—and that it is possible for all of us to telescope time and thereby attain pre-vision and SEE INTO THE FUTURE PROPHETICALLY.

As a famous poet-prophet said:

"Around the world thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye."

thank you

Or in the words of the Book of Joel—a book full of prophecy—appears this well-known passage:

"And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

However, prophecy had its true beginning among the famous characters of the Old Testament. Passages are full of prophetic talk and proof. For example, in Exodus vii, 1, we read: "And the Lord said unto Moses, "See, I have made thee a God to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother, shall be thy prophet." In these days of pre-Christ history despite the way frequent "divinely inspired" madness, the prophet was actually the man of CLEAR VISION, who saw into events and social conditions better than his other fellow-men. When the prophet Elisha was at Dothan, the Syri-

ans sent to capture him. The prophet's servant was terrified to see the city surrounded by the Syrian hordes, but Elisha kept his head, remained calm, and said: "They that be for us are more than they that be with them." Then he prayed, "Lord, open thou his eyes, that he may see." And when the servant "opened his eyes," he saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha, protecting him from the Syrians (2 Kings vi. 15 ff).

Like Elisha, the prophet was the man of the open eye. He SAW THROUGH THINGS and saw through it TO THE END. He predicted, not to be regarded as a clever fellow, but with the practical aim of helping men to turn from their wickedness and folly, and AVERT THE EVILS THAT WERE COMING. It was said that the prophets were closest to God and learned to see into HIS heart.

Prophets were not the show-offs, the arrogant, of their times. They were humble, full of a feeling of unworthiness despite the greatness of their high calling. As Moses said: "Who am I, that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exod. iii. ii) This great task seemed too noble a mission for the "likes of him." Isaiah cried: "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." (Isa. vi. 5). That humble consecration was true of all the prophets. They felt themselves to be merely clay in the hands of the Lord, Sculptor of Life.

Every age and time needs its true prophets so that Man's estate can be better. Would that all who claim prophetic vision in every day—were possessed of this same humility!

CHAPTER TWO

Ancient Mystical Prophecies Against Sin, Lies, Evil

The EVIL that men do concerned the ancient prophets. Prophets were always minded of the life principles: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"—and "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Their prophecies were directed against murder and theft and all violations of the sacred Ten Commandments.

As Jeremiah, the Prophet, said:

"Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting."

Against the folly-ridden who diseased the sheep herd from which the nourishment for life came, Ezekiel, the Prophet said:

"Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings, but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased ye have not strengthened."

Against the liars, Isaiah said:

"The ancient and honorable man

He is the head;

And the prophet that teacheth lies,

He is the tail."

In this magnificent prophesy of doom to FALSE PRO-

PHETS Isaiah warned:

"For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. The Lord will not have compassion, for every one is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh evil."

The Dreaded Doom Songs

One interesting form of prophecy was known as the DOOM SONG. This can be likened to what we today call foreign policy—inasmuch as the Doom Song was di-

rected as "policy" against some particular city, nation, or country. The prophets exercised great power and influence in this foreign policy as well as in home affairs. The Doom Songs were regarded as the pourings out of "the cup of the Lord's fury" against a certain kingdom—such as the following famous Curse on Canaan:

"Cursed be Canaan

A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

These Doom Songs were violent denunciations of idolatry and vice. The prophet was a man keeping guard over the boundaries of the Holy Land: In illustration:

"As whirlwinds in the South sweep through,

It cometh from the wilderness,

From a terrible land!"

And, the results:

"Babylon is fallen,

Is fallen,

And all the graven images of her gods are broken upon ground."

The fury of the prophetic Doom Songs can be seen in the following passages. It is interesting to compare the description of utter ruin with some of the passages taken from the Prophecies of the famous Nostradamus, appearing later in the book.

"It shall never be inhabited, (Babylon)

Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation

The wild beasts of the desert shall lie there

And ostriches shall dwell there,

And satyrs shall dance there

And the wolves shall cry in their castles."

A famous Doom Song is the one Ezekiel uttered about the Doom of Egypt. These were the opening words of prophecy:

"Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt,

and cast them down,

even her, and the daughters of the famous nations,

Unto the nether parts of the earth,
With them that go down into the pit."
Her graves are round about her,
All of them uncircumcised,
Slain by the sword.

For their terror was caused in the land of the
living,
and they have borne their shame."

The Bible is a treasurehouse of prophetic sentences. They are to be found in groups, usually at the close of a series of longer prophecies. Some of the most famous read:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

"In that day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, which is in the parts beyond the river, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

"In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and it shall be a sign; for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, a defender, and he shall deliver them.

"And the Lord shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing: and they shall return unto the Lord."

All prophecies came to pass. And Isaiah promised: "They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." And Isaiah the prophet's final ab-solution was phrased in this way:

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst no more, and shall be guided unto fountains of the water of life."

It is popularly thought that the miraculous unveil-ings; that all prophetic dream and the power of prophetic vision, is largely veiled to us—the common man—because of our limitations. That prophecy is God's message, re-

lated to Man's living world and living needs, and given to God's minister, HIS prophets, who have been able to succeed in penetrating His heart. Can we hope to progress beyond the revelation that is in God?

CHAPTER THREE

The POWER of Prophecy

The way of learning can never be greater or more successful than learning through the life story of another. In the close study of another man's experience and record of success can we find the KEY and the inspiration that will guide us. This is true in every field of thought and hope. We study the life of Napoleon in order to learn about militarism. We study the life of Luther Burbank in order to learn all there is to know about raising plants and flowers. We study the ways and methods of a John Barrymore in order to learn the success secrets of acting. The writings of Eliphas Levi shed more light on the shadowy secrets of occult magic than any other available medium of learning. In a study of the life and prophecies of Nostradamus, a full and mature understanding of prophecy can be won.

The baby Michel de Nostradamus was born in Provence, San Remy, in the year 1503, on a day close to Christmas. Many arguments have raged as to whether is interesting because of the long line of Jewish biblical prophets—among whom Nostradamus could take his place Nostradamus was of Jewish birth. Some say "yes." Many others say "no." The question as to probable Jewish birth in succession—if really born Jewish. Anyhow whatever his religious origin—a **PROPHET WAS BORN.**

Nostradamus' father, Jacques de Nostradame, was a notary public. In the early days a notary public was a distinguished fellow. Besides masterminding the transfer of properties—the notary public wrote all the love letters for the people in his town. The home was well ordered, al

though not a rich one. In his early boyhood, Nostradamus was very affected by the church, visiting it often in the company of his mother. Even as a boy, he would stare into the rich mystery of the gold and stained-glass saints; feel profound young moods to the tune of the great church

organ and the chanting of the choir-boys; kneel devoutly and look up at the carved Virgin with the tapers at her feet. This religious exaltation that began so early in his life stayed with him always. All through his life he was passionately devoted to the Roman ritual of God worship. A lot of it reflects in his prophetic writings later on.

Nostradamus was deeply interested in the land and soil and customs of the place of his birth. Like so many other famous native and loyal sons, he drew a great deal of his intelligence from whence he came. Provence, his birthplace, was an old land full of ancient customs. To it had come peoples from faraway places over a span of centuries. Some came to settle, some came as singing troubadours, some came to conquer. They were Romans, Phoenicians, Greeks, Goths. All came and left traces of having been. All became the magic blend of the Christian race.

In Nostradamus' writings we find virtually the whole of his life and thinking mirrored. The long influence of Greece upon his birthplace Provence was noted in the following writing:

"From the regions of Epirus and Thracia

People in misfortune shall come by sea seeking help of
France

The same people who have left in Provence their perpetual trace

In the survivals of their dress and laws."

As a boy, sitting at his grandfather's knee and listening to stories of war and battle, we find Nostradamus very much absorbed, drinking in countless stories. Out of these tales of ancient battles heard in childhood—we find Nostradamus

the Man making one of his MOST AMAZING PROPHECIES—the FALL OF THE MAGINOT LINE IN 1940 AND THE FALL OF FRANCE. In this prophecy, he uses the word "fosse," French meaning ditch. This fantastic—yet true—prophecy has been said to be a vision brought on by his knowledge of the great, victorious ditch once built by the ancient Romans. Yet—Nostradamus did predict the fall of the Maginot line and the capture of Paris. These were the words:

"Near the great river the earth will be excavated to construct a huge Line (fosse)

Divided into fifteen parts according to the lay of the waters.

The city (Paris) will be captured, there will be the fires of battle, bloodshed and hand-to-hand fighting,

The greater part of the nation will be involved in the shock."

Amazing? Go back and re-read the prophecy and then just remember back to the news broadcasts and newspaper stories of 1940. 1940, when Hitler's Nazi hordes broke through the Maginot line with their Panzer divisions. 1940, when the Parisians made a heroic but useless last-ditch defense of their beloved city, Paris, fighting in the streets in bloody hand-to-hand combat EXACTLY AS NOSTRADAMUS PREDICTED HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE!

Further in the prophetic theme of the fall of France, Nostradamus had the following to say—writing, let us remind ourselves, in the 16th century!

"The Capital of France will change from the bank of the river,

No more shall the city of Agrippina hold dominion there,

Everything will be transformed, only the ancient language shall remain unchanged,

Saturn in Leo will pillage Mars in Cancer

The people of France will be very decadent,



Nostradamus
(From an old print)

Their hearts will be filled with vanities, they will put
faith in irresponsible rashness,
There will be scarcity of bread and salt, of wine and
ale and all kinds of brewage,
Their leader will be captive of hunger, cold, and
necessity.
How many times, O Paris, shalt thou be captured!
. . . thy great misfortune is near, bringing dire
slavery."

Re-read these prophetic passages carefully. Note the fantastic likeness it bears to living modern history. The people of France are regarded as "very decadent," their hearts "filled with vanities." It is as though Nostradamus were alive today, writing from observation. It is agreed that much of the failure of France in her own defense against the onrushing Nazis was due to the fact that France was "over-civilized," "soft," "a people given to fun-seeking and pleasure for pleasure's sake." France was wholly unprepared for the well disciplined, austere, grimly fanatical followers of German National Socialism. Note that Nostradamus prophesies the "scarcity of bread" and "wine and all kinds of brewage." How true this prophesy was to become! With the fall of France, great hunger befell the French people. Breadlines, rationing, starvation. The Germans carried away all the foodstuffs. The Germans requisitioned all the famous French wines and champagnes. The French went hungry and thirsty as a conquered people under the Nazi heel. Note the reference to "dire slavery." The Germans shipped all able bodied Frenchmen to Germany, there to be used as slave labor. Perhaps the French would have been forewarned if they had read Nostradamus and taken his predictions to heart!

CHAPTER FOUR

Amazing Prophecies Made 400 Years Ago that Came True in Our Time!

Our time is the twentieth century (1900-2000). Nostradamus, to repeat, lived four hundred years ago in the sixteenth century. Some of the prophecies in his famous book "The Centuries" are today's news. Russia and England are fighting together as Allies—just as Nostradamus predicted. There is war in the Far East (Orient) just as he predicted there would be. No doubt, in the next years to come, more and more of this fabulous prophet's predictions will be headlines in our local newspapers—new things for us to marvel at. Nostradamus gave many dates in his famous book—in actual years and in astronomical time—SO THERE NEVER CAN BE A MISTAKE OR CONFUSION about the EXACT MEANING OF THE PROPHECY.

For example, the first World War—still fresh in our memories:

A horrible war in the Occident draws near.

The year following its outbreak there will be a scourge
So powerful and terrible that young, old and livestock
will be affected.

There will be blood and battle when Mercury, Mars
and Jupiter are in France.

Even though the three planets mentioned WERE in conjunction with Pisces JUST AS PREDICTED—NO ASTROLOGER ON EARTH, lacking materials for her study of the effect of the heavenly bodies on the Third Republic (yet to be born) could have made this accurate prediction. The precision of details that appear in Nostradamus' prophecies are incredibly amazing. And there can be no doubt that it was VISION and nothing else.

In this same prophetic bit Nostradamus said:

A bridge made of small boats will be quickly built
(pontoons)

To attack the great Prince of the Belgians.
There will be fighting in trenches not far from
Brussels,

They (the enemy) will outstrip him, putting seven at
a time to the sword.

After a considerable period of plenty (44 years)
The sky will touch the country around Rheims
Oh, what bloody conflict raging around the people of
this locality, draws near.

Nor fathers, nor sons, nor rulers will dare go near it.

Exactly as prophesied—just as accurate and just as
deadly as he foresaw it—around Rheims there developed a
great artillery duel between the Allies and the Germans.
There were so many dead and dying, such great agony and
blood-letting, that as Nostradamus said; Nor fathers, nor
sons, nor rulers will dare go near it."

Continuing the cavalcade of amazingly accurate prophecy
about the first World War:

"Fugitives, aerial warfare above the bayonets,
Sportive ravens neighboring the conflicts,
The cry goes up from the earth for heavenly aid and
rescue

When the fighting comes close to the walls (of Paris)

A cannon shot shall enter within a closed church.

The citizens within shall be killed in their refuge.

Horses, cattle, and men shall suffer.

The swelling wave will touch them,

Hunger and thirst will deplete them, even the weakest
will be under arms.

Absolutely true! In 1917, a shot from a Big Bertha
crashed through a church wall in the City of Paris, killing
the occupants within! That year, the famed French river
Seine was high to the point of flood and overflow—even
touching to the walls at times! The need for reserve fighters
was so great that invalids, lame, old, people were forced
to bear arms!

In the prophecy below, Nostradamus tells of the first

American Expeditionary Force (AEF) coming to relieve the embattled 1st World War Allies. Note the phrase "to save the land." Also note the clear and unmistakable reference to President Woodrow Wilson in the phrase "a university professor" (which Wilson was!):

Saturn in Cancer, Jupiter with Mars,

A university professor; wise as a Chaldean seer,
under the aegis of a vigorous young nation,
with the fullest round measure will save the
country in February (France)

There will be the fall of Chateau fort, and assault on
three fronts

The conflict will take place near Serbia. It is a mortal
war."

Saturn was in Cancer throughout the first six months of 1917. Nothing could be more precise than this amazing timing.

Prophecy of the First Blockade of Britain

The inhabitants of the isles (Britain) will be blockaded
for a long time.

They will summon their vigor and might against the
enemies.

Those outside shall die, defeated by hunger.

They will experience a greater hunger than they have
ever known.

The blockade of Britain did happen and the people of the isles were almost forced to their knees in defeat because of it! Then Britain turned the tables and blockaded the blockader! This was in keeping with the Nostradamus prophecy!

Note this prophetic reference to Germany's first defeat and the flight of the Kaiser from his royal throne.

Through hunger the wolf (Germany) will become
the captive of it's prey.

The assailant will be driven to great distress.

A man of high birth (the Kaiser) will arrive at his end.
The great leader will not avoid the central pressure.

Reference to the Czarina of Russia and the Terrible Rasputin

"By frenzy feigning divine emotion
The wife of a great and powerful man will suffer transgression.

The judges desiring to condemn such teachings
Will sacrifice her as a victim to an ignorant populace."

Here we clearly have the hypnotic influence FOR EVIL that Rasputin the monk cast over the Czarina, causing her downfall. Below we have an amazingly clear picture of the Russian Revolution that followed:

The Slavic nation will sing songs and chants, they will present their petitions.

Their princes will be captured and their Lords imprisoned

At the coming into power of brainless idiots
Who will be accepted as if they were divinely inspired."

The whole world knows of the murder of the grasping Russian Royal Family Romanoff by the aroused revolutionists. The common people did come into power and the great Soviet experiment began. Nostradamus' slighting reference to the bolsheviks can be understood in light of the overlord position Nostradamus bore to the early society in which he lived. The prophecy, however, was accurate—uncannily so—in every detail!

Note in the following prophecy the reference to the 17 year reign of Pope Pius XI. Also the fact that Mussolini didn't particularly like the succeeding Pope, Pius XII, who constantly attacked fascism and refused to be Mussolini's stooge.

"After the elevation to the papacy, which will last for seventeen years,

Five will change in the revolution of this term,

Then one will be elected from the same time

Who will not be very conformable to the Romans."

The reference to "five will change" clearly means the five governments of Italy, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Spain. All of them underwent changes during the 17 years of Pope Pius XI.

CHAPTER FIVE

More Great Prophetic Events

Nostradamus, as may easily be imagined, won high honor and great power through his ability as a prophet. A good prophet was worth his weight in gold to any king. Also to scheming and ambitious diplomats who plotted to exert their influence over their King. Everybody yearned for some advance knowledge on the aims of his competitors. We today could certainly accomplish miracles in business if we only could get a small peek into what the future held in store for us. So it was in earliest times. The amazing Nostradamus was welcome everywhere; was the most talked of man of his time.

Prophecy of the League of Nations

We can ponder the fate of our present generation if we could only have had a foretaste—an early insight—into the peace manipulations that followed the first World War. The great movie "Wilson" proves that our failure in securing peace in 1918 was responsible for the terrible new war of 1940. Yet Nostradamus had a prophecy about our League of Nations—and in this prophecy he clearly showed that he did not trust the League. It seems ironic that Nostradamus living 400 years earlier didn't trust a League that our country blindly pinned its faith on—only to lose out and have the League accomplish nothing and fail. The following were the words of Nostradamus on the League of Nations:

"Near Lake Lemman there will be a house of prostitution

Presided over by a foreign woman, who will seek to betray the city.

Before she is murdered by the Germans, there will be
a great flight.

Then those from the Rhineland will begin their invasion."

The "house" is the League of Nations. The foreign woman is a symbolic reference to the league being run by foreign policies, Continuing:

The garden of the world where is the New City
(Geneva)

Situated in the corridor between two mountains,
Will be seized and plunged into the vat
And forced to drink the unvenomed, sulphurous waters.

"At Lake Lemman the preachments will cause irritation,
Days will drag into weeks,
Then months, then years. Then they will fade completely

And the Judges will condemn their empty laws."

The Prophecy of Haile Selassie

Notice the above reference to the fact that all the League of Nations accomplished was talk, talk, talk, with the result that endless time was wasted and little was done. This has been the exact criticism of modern thinkers in viewing the faults of the League of Nations. Below is a clear reference to the rape of Ethiopia and the capture of Haile Selassie, the Lion of Judah. Readers will remember Mussolini's cowardly attack on the small kingdom of Ethiopia.

The King will desire to enter into the New City
But his enemies will eventually drive him out
A captive, he will be free. False things will be spoken
and perpetrated.

The King, living outside, will keep himself aloof from
his enemies."

Incredible but so very true! Haile Selassie, ruler of Ethiopia, and the Lion of Judah, WAS SCORNFUL AND FORCED TO WITHDRAW IN SHAME from a council meeting of the League of Nations. When Italy began the

attack on Ethiopia (and the League didn't stop her), Haile Selassie escaped to England and carried on his ultimately successful attempt to recover his Ethiopian throne. And Nostradamus foresaw all this!

The sad failure of the noble experiment in world peace planning was foreseen by Nostradamus. He predicted the fall of the League of Nations in the following:

"The gentry of Geneva will be parched with hunger
and thirst

Their closest hope will eventually fade away.

The imposition of the law will have the Genovese
trembling on the point of war,

But the fleet will not be able to protect itself in the

**How Nostradamus Foretold of Hitler, the Robot Bomb and
great port (Toulon)."**

Here is a clear reference to that dark and critical hour just before the world realized the League of Nations could do nothing and that more strife and bloodshed in another War could not be avoided. The passage points to the weak attempt of the League to impose sanctions against the aggressor Italy—which came to nothing when the British Fleet backed down and yielded to the Italian threat of force.

CHAPTER SIX

Other Present Day Happenings

The coming of the arch murderer and hangman, Adolf Hitler, was clearly foreseen by Nostradamus. At the time of the death of the League of Nations prophecy—in his remarkable "Centuries"—a quatrain reads:

"The palace birds will be driven off by another bird
(German Eagle)

Soon after the prince (Hitler) comes into power
How many times that enemy (Germany) has been
driven back across the Rhine"

A later reference to Hitler reads:

"Germany will give birth to divers creeds
Strongly resembling a happy paganism
But the heart will be prisoner and there will be little
profit
The people will return to their payment of the true
tithe.
"In life, destiny and death he (Hitler) will be a base,
unworthy man
But he will not be the new elector of Saxony
From Brunswick will come the token of affection
The hypocritical seducer will pose as the restorer of
the people's rights.
"Under the holy pretense of giving freedom from
servitude
He will himself usurp the power of the people and
the city.
He will be able to do his worst because of the falsity
of the young prostitute (French Republic)
The treacherous, pre-eminent one will read his book
to the country."

In the last line, the reference "read his book" is a clear pointing to Hitler's book "Mein Kampf." Other quatrains in this chronological set (not re-printed here) further identify Hitler as the man under prophetic discussion by referring to his irregular and abnormal sex habits. Continuing:

"Stained with murder and enormous adulteries
The great enemy of the entire human race
Who will be worse than his forefathers, his uncles and
his fathers
Will be, in fire, battle and revolution, bloody and
inhuman."

Note the exacting detail in this description of Hitler. Certainly the words "bloody and inhuman" fit him entirely. The words "stained with murder" certainly refers to the mad butcher of Europe.

Hitler's Destruction by His Own People Prophesied

Which wished to put to death the innocents
Near the time of assault the army will become inflamed
And one will see a prodigious thing in the Bull of
Seville"

The reference to the army signifies the counter-revolution begun by France to cheat the people out of their democratic victory. In other passages the death of Alfonso XIII was accurately prophesied. These were the words:

"Their prince, their great warden, will die away from
his own land."

Alfonso did die away from his own land—in exile!

Prophecy of the Second World War

"When corruption and massacre have not put a stop
to the situation

And there is death in the bomb craters struck from
the high heaven

The head of the Church will die when he sees the
ruin

And those who are shipwrecked clinging to the rock"

Here is a clear reference to the death of Pope Pius XI—which happened a few months after the outbreak of the bloody Second World War. Note the pre-vision in the reference to bombing from the skies ("bomb craters"). 400 years before the airplane was even thought of! Below appears another definite reference to air war:

"Aerial warfare will be over the shores of the Occident
(Europe)

About half of the people will die without being able
to take root,

It is the age of the firebrand, and its end is famine.

Prophecy of the Robot Bomb

The mechanics of flying fire

Will cause the people who are besieged to revolt against
their leader

With projectiles, fire and chemicals they will attack, and
be repulsed with fire,

Cries and groans will be heard on the midnight air

"By reason of the fraudulent victory of the leader
who shall be cut down,
The two sides will be in battle, when the cycle is
closing in Germany
The leader and his government offspring will be de-
stroyed in home territory
The monarchy and the papacy will be pursued in
Rome."

Note the words "leader . . . will be destroyed in home territory. This appears to mean Hitler's destruction by his own people.

A prediction of "pardon" for the German people after their final defeat appears in the following passages:

"In the course of events the Great Ruler (Hitler)
will be forsaken, and

The Inebriate, drunk not with art but with power,
will be no more of this life,

He and his class having been pushed into such high
power,

Pardon will be given to the race who hated Christ."

Note the calling of the German people—"the race who hated Christ." How true! The German people stood by while churches and synagogues, all houses of worship, were defiled and destroyed!

Prophecy of the Spanish Revolution

"When they shall complete the area of the Coffin
The Spaniards will make trouble for their aristocratic
blood

Their population will be greatly decimated

Their leader will be in flight, hidden by the troughs of
blood."

The words "Their leader" obviously means King Alfonso, the royal bleeder, who fled from Spain in panic when the people revolted. Continuing this unusual prophecy:

"The true flame will engulf the government

People will be placed within hidden ramparts
The traitors will escape by an underground route.

In the above lines, note the reference to chemical warfare and the robot bomb—"flying fire." Very little escaped Nostradamus' pre-vision. He even made mention of the collaborators—or as he called them—"men confused in their expectation, in the government." Step by step the prophecies take in almost every actual combat phase of the great Second World War. There are references that can be interpreted to mean actual battles that are now a plain matter of record!

In Summary

How does the prophet receive his messages? This question has been wondered about and debated time and time again. Some believe that the true prophet received his message through some form of trance. Some claim that all the wonderfully successful prophets of the Old Testament received their messages this way—through trance (dream vision and so forth). One thing is clear, even in ancient Israel; the prophet did not have to be attached to any shrine and most of them DID NOT WAIT TO BE CONSULTED BY HUMAN BEINGS IN SEARCH OF GUIDANCE. These prophets were full of their own initiative, and went down among the people to do their work of GOOD. We cannot separate this ideal of social service and fellowly helpfulness (moral basis) from the workings of the ancient prophets. Let us ponder this characteristic. Modern self-styled prophets (fortune tellers and the like) remain hidden from us, until we seek them out for advice. They do not seek us out. We can safely make distinctions between kinds of prophets by comparing the "ethical" basis of their work. Are they self-interested, out for their own ordinary gain or personal profit, or are they full of the IDEAL OF SOCIAL HELPFULNESS as were the ancient prophets of Israel? And we might live with the thought expressed in a passage of Deuteronomy—on the way of dis-

tinguishing a false prophet from a true prophet. It said that the difference between a false prophet and a true one was the success or failure of his prediction:

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken; the prophet hath said it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.” (Deut. xviii. 22)



BOOK VI

STEP VI

ANCIENT MAGICAL BELIEFS IN THE POWER OF STONES, JEWELS AND GEMS

CHAPTER ONE

Magical Stones and Electrical Gems

Among ancient (and modern) people, many semi-precious and precious stones were believed to have wonderful powers. These were worn as amulets and talismans. This belief in a magical influence even extended to smaller stones, in themselves having no actual value. Stones were believed to have power properties to bring fertility, personal power, compel rain to fall, heal illness, conquer plague, cure infections of the eyes, stomach, head, promote religious ecstasy—in short—anything and everything that was close to the wishes of man. These occult beliefs, of course, are mainly superstition—in the white light of our present day knowledge—but ancients and primitives believed in them devoutly and were given to the performance of the varied prescribed rites.

There were many strange facts and fancies about precious stones according to popular superstition. For example; it was believed that the stone "AGATE" in powdered form, would prove virginity if put into a young maiden's beer. If the young maiden were unable to keep the brew on her stomach, she was considered to be impure.

Some Sulu natives believe that the nautilus pearl is a very unlucky object to own and wear—for if a man gets into a fight wearing such a pearl, he was sure to lose his life. Rock crystal was believed magically possessed. It was believed to preserve the wearer from spells of dizziness. Taken as a powder in dry wine it was believed to be a cure for dysentery; mixed in powder form with honey, it was given to mothers so that they would better be able to nurse their offspring. This faith in jewels, stones, and charms was well expressed in the following lines:

“You must say, jet will take up a straw;
Coral will look pale when you be sick.
and crystal stanch blood.”

This belief in the curative powers of certain semi-precious stones was widely reported in the early 18th century. Modern medicine, needless to say, denies it. The belief in the remedial qualities of stones accounts a good deal, however, for all popular tales and practices this very day—in seeking mineral springs and healing waters.

AMBER BEADS were believed to have magic power. A woman, said to have lived to the old age of one hundred and six, stated that her long life was due to a large necklace of amber beads, given to her by her mother. When she died she gave them to her daughter in accordance with the belief that the power of gems depended upon their being given as GIFTS. For hundreds of years, in northern Germany, amber beads were looked upon as a favorite and necessary gift.

Stones had an extraordinary symbolism. There were “war stones” for warding off attack and invasion by an enemy. There were “peace stones” insuring goodwill and unity. The cave-dwellers and primitive peoples worked all their legends and customs around these symbolisms. Many of these customs—especially those that have to do with personal decoration or adornment—still survive. So many of us wear certain size or color stones out of choice because

of its supposed symbolism . . . without belief in its so-called magical power. We who sport rings (as who doesn't) never act out the following ancient poem:

"They hurled their curse against the King
They cursed him in his flesh and bones
And even in the mystic ring
They turned the malediction stones."

The malediction stones refers to the practice of pronouncing curses over a collection of stones in order to bring bad luck and ruin to a hated enemy.

And so the many superstitions and rites that surrounded stones, jewels, charms, amulets—as will be seen in the material of the following chapters. These chapters purposed merely to acquaint the reader informationally, as the study of any history of customs—remembering that they are purely superstition.

CHAPTER TWO

Magical Beliefs in Meteorites and Celestial Stones

The Old Testament offers much evidence on the ancient belief that certain stones contained a POWER given to them by a divine spirit. Meteorites (stones that fall from the heavens) were regarded as among the most powerful and potent. According to many writers of olden times—a stone that fell from the heavens a short time before a battle was to be believed as a portent of the terrible slaughter about to happen. These stones became an important part of early worship and were known as "living stones." Believers even covered them with rare and rich materials (silks, lace) and expensive ornaments, changing them often, as the wardrobe of a human being is changed. The stone was popular in dream worship; a person anointing the stone with a sacred oil, making a sacrifice to it—in order to have his dream safeguarded. This because "the DI-

VINITY residing in the stone has caused the dream."

The meteorite was believed to have a "special holiness" in early days. The name "baetylus" was given to them by the Greeks and Romans. The name "baetylus" was derived from the ancient Hebrew word "Bethel," meaning "House of God." There were many legends; the black stone of Kaabah, an object of adoration and love by the Arabian tribes before the time of Mohammed, was said to have been dropped from Heaven together with Adam. This black stone was a small stone that could be carried in the palm of a man's hand, black in color, rough surface, and had an irregular shape that resembled the form of a mouth. An ordinary stone, even valueless—yet its legend of Power was so great!

Ancient astrologers of Babylon believed the passing of a meteor across the heavens—no matter in what direction—was a sure sign of VICTORY in battle. This power victory would be all the more certain if the meteor was unusually brilliant and left behind it a trail looking like a scorpion. When this happened; it was a prophecy of joy for its witness, a sign that EVIL would be overcome, and GOOD FORTUNE would arrive.

For centuries the BLACK STONE referred to above was the object of deep worship, as stated, and KISSING the stone was regarded as a display of reverence. As the following words tell:

"The eyes see in it a wonderful beauty (the black stone), like that of a young bride; in kissing it one feels a pleasure that delights the mouth . . . Let us only cite the words of the Prophet in this connection: "'Certainly it is the right hand of God on earth.'"

And as with all meteorites and every manner of stone that might have fallen from the heavens, the following paragraph tell of their supposed POWER meaning:

"The ancients supposed the stars to be the homes of the gods; falling stars and falling stones meant the

descending of a God or the sending of its image to the earth. These were received with divine honor, embalmed and draped, and worshipped in temples built for them."

So-called POWER of LOADSTONE

Many strange tales have been told about LOADSTONE as proof of its magical power. Its great ATTRACTIVE ENERGY was the subject of much writing. Ships were said to be attracted to a mass of rocks: "If any ship constructed with iron nails approached certain islands, they were drawn by the power of the loadstone and their course was arrested." So went an ancient story. Spaniards used to believe that the MAGNETIC POWER of loadstone would be overcome if the loadstone was dipped in the juice of ONION for three days; and that the power would return if it were bathed in goat's blood.

Loadstone Believed to Have Curing Power

In old Europe, Loadstone was valued for its curing power. A famous doctor once wrote that Loadstone was useful in a woman's condition of childbirth. The rite prescribed was: The Loadstone was to be held in the right hand, and the lady was to wear a coral necklace. This would improve the condition of childbirth. Another childbirth superstition was: The Loadstone was to be strewn with the ashes gotten by burning the hoof of a horse. In the case of wounds caused by burning, it was believed that healing could be made quicker if powdered Loadstone was sprinkled over the wound.

In the 1700's in India, the belief was held that a small quantity of Loadstone preserved the vigor of youth—made a man fertile in love. The story is told of an old king who ordered that all of the pots and pans used in cooking in the royal kitchen be made of Loadstone—so that his love-

making might improve and his youth return.

A loadstone amulet for the cure of gout was worn by some natives. The stone was sewed up in a cloth and worn around the neck.

Winning Love and Removing Evil From the House Belief

The Loadstone as an amulet or talisman to be worn by a person in some safe manner was said to have the power of stopping discord and struggle between a man and a woman. If kept in the house, it was a charm that would conquer and remove all evil influences. The belief was held that dreadful spirits that induced a disease into a home, would be driven off by the stone amulet. The great belief in Loadstone (also spelled Lodestone) can be seen by the following ancient passages:

"The Loadstone is the stone, the only stone alone,
Deserving praise above the rest, whose virtues are
unknown.

The Diamond bright, the Sapphire brave, are stones
that bear the name,

But flatter not, and tell the truth, Loadstone deserves
the same.

Here we have the Loadstone classed with precious stones of great money value—even though the Loadstone was of common origin and easily obtainable.

CHAPTER THREE

Voodoo Beliefs in Stones of Healing

At the outset of this, the writer must sound this warning: Although stones were believed to have healing powers in ancient pharmacy and medical practice, these beliefs have been overcome and exist today simply as legendary history. Even in the ancient days of voodoo belief—learned men were against any belief in the internal use of powders drawn from stones. The following descriptions are interesting as information:

Many were the primitive recipes and rites in the use of stones for healing. Cold stones placed on the temples and tied tightly were said to arrest nose bleeding. Old apothecaries made free with precious stones in their efforts to assist some suffering customer. An old Bohemian manuscript (1391) lists no less than 55 different healing stones. In the last Will and Testament of many royal families, "medical" stones were left to the next of kin as precious legacies—more important than their castles and gold. In the will of one noble Prince, such stones as—crabstone, bloodstone, gravel-stone—were listed as costly objects. The crab-stone was used as an eye-stone, for removing foreign substances that might have gotten into the eye.

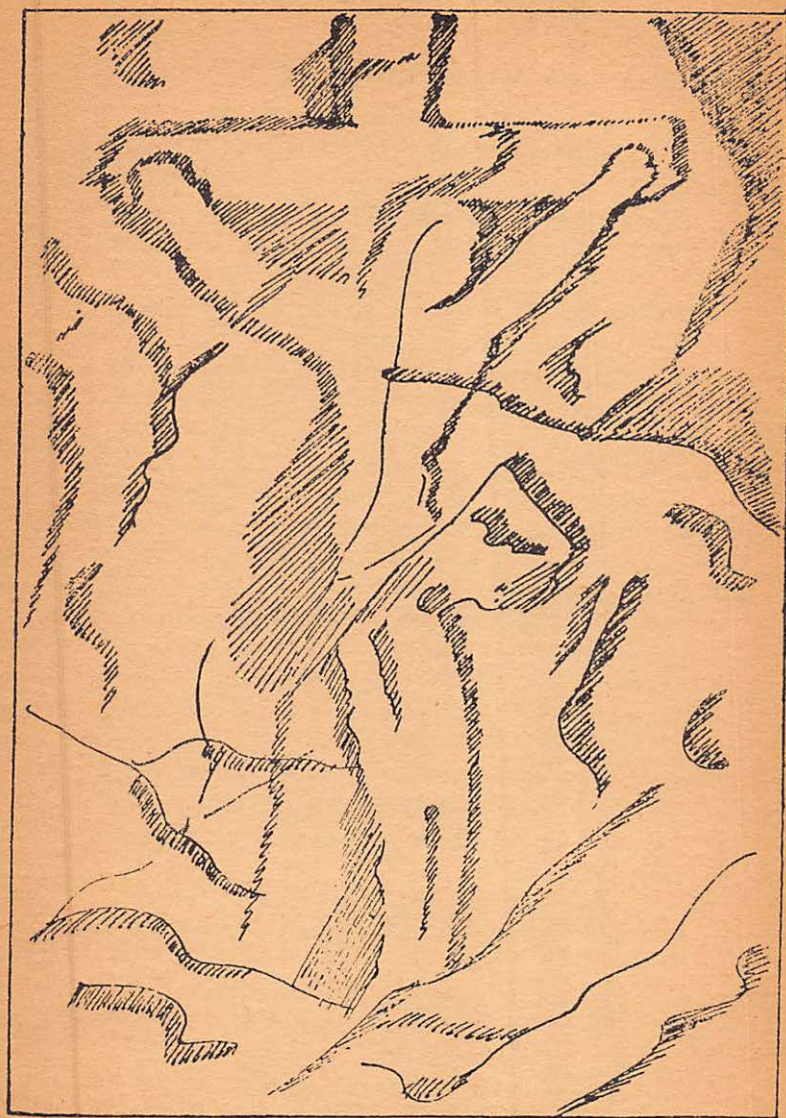
In the 1700's, emeralds, sapphires, rubies, garnets, and coral, were part of the tonic prescribed to protect the heart against the effects of poison and the plague. A JACINTH worn over the heart was believed to make that vital organ stronger. Actually, many old physicians believed the Jasper had the power to check a blood flow.

A lot of mystery attached itself to the early deaths of the Popes Leo IV and Paul II. Some people believed their deaths were caused by the large quantity of pearls and precious stones they always wore. One authority claimed the "coldness of such objects" could have caused death. Also—the coldness of precious stones, according to other writers, was said to be a chief reason for their power to bring fever down.

Stones of the following names were said to have these specific healing powers: AGATE was looked upon as a remedy for eye troubles; also good for curing bites of spiders and scorpions. In some places it was used to relieve headaches. BERYL was used in cases of swollen glands—the affected part being rubbed with the stone. CARBUNCLE was believed to insure the wearer against poisons. Also to stop sadness, end an oversexual state, DRIVE OFF EVIL DREAMS AND THOUGHTS. CORAL, if wrapped in the skin of a cat, was said to have extraordinary POWERS.

When added to EMERALDS, it was said to drive off fever. It was worn around the neck as a talisman, in a sort of dog-collar design. HERBS over which magic incantations were said were enclosed inside these dog-collars. The use of CORAL in this way was believed to CONQUER THE SPELL OF THE EVIL EYE. Th CORAL was also said to change its color in sympathy with its wearer's health. According to one legend, a sick youth found his red coral turning whitish—and so knew that death was approaching. The Coral changed from whitish to a dirty yellow, then took on black spots—and in a few hours the youth was dead. Among religious people, rosaries of coral beads were very popular. DIAMOND was believed to be useful in making an elixir of great power and potency in improving and making stronger all body functions. EMERALD was recommended as an amulet to be suspended from the necks of children. Hung thusly, it was believed to drive off EVIL SPIRITS and FEARS; also strengthen the memory, expose adultery, bring GREAT WEALTH, restore eyesight, prevent falling sickness, give the wearer a knowledge of the future. HEMATITE if rubbed with a moistened whetstone was said to give forth a red juice which was useful for bilious disorders. JACINTH was worn as a guard against the plague; also to "prevent mortification." JADE was said to have magical properties. The Chinese buried Jade in their tombs. It was also believed useful for heartburn, asthma, and as a general strengthener when worn in a pouch.

Popular fancy endowed many other stones with near-magical powers. Stones such as TOPAZ, SAPPHIRE, PYRITE, MALACHITE, MEDIAN STONE, ONYX, were accredited with healing powers when worn by a believer. Some stones resembled human forms, the majority were chosen merely because of their color, size, composition. Interested readers are referred to "A Poor Man's Treasury" by Petrus Hispanus (1276-1277).



Naturally marked "Holystone"

CHAPTER FOUR

Amazing Fables of the Search for Mythical Stones

Birds and animals were believed to have or produce stones the possession of which by a human—would confer extraordinary powers. One such was the TOADSTONE, believed by some to be vomited up by the toad; believed by others to be a part of a toad's head. As Shakespeare wrote:

"Which like the toad, ugly and venomous
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head."

The toadstone was believed to be a preventer of poisons; also to give warning of poison by becoming very hot. The wearer of this stone was told to have it set in such a way so that it would touch his skin. . . . So that he would be warned in time. The toadstone was sought after when members of a family were bitten by a mouse, a beetle, a wasp, or a creature. A toadstone rubbing was supposed to annul the poisons. People went to great trouble to get themselves a toadstone amulet—there naturally being no set way to obtain this fabulous object of superstitious legend. One expert used the following procedure: A toad was put in a cage covered in red material and then set in a burning hot sunshine for many days. Great thirst was supposed to make the Toad eject (give up) his precious stone. People who believed in the magic virtues of toadstones, paid heavily for them—and of course, many pebbles were passed off as toadstones.

It was said that the eye of the hyena had a stone that gave the owner the power to foretell the future—if placed under the tongue. Because of the hyena's eating habit of feeding on carrion, and digging up dead bodies from graves—the hyena was believed to have occult-seer abilities and be in association with evil spirits.

A stone called the "chelonion," said to be the eye of an Indian Tortoise, was looked upon by magicians as the most powerful of all stones. If bathed in honey and put into

the owner's mouth while the moon was full—the stone was said to give the person magical powers of divination that lasted one entire day long. The person also received the gift of prophecy.

A stone believed taken from the head of a wild ass was believed to make the owner UNCONQUERABLE in any fight. Also a stone taken from the jaw. This brings to mind the bible character—Samson the Strong Man, who was a mighty warrior when armed with the jawbone of an ass.

Remarkable powers were attributed to a stone taken from the body of a young swallow (bird). This stone was called "chelidonium." Worn around the human body, it was said to help strengthen the brain. For the best results—three such stones were advised. Three banished nightmares, helped the owner win over visiting devils and all forms of enemies, rid him of enchantments and hoodoos. Naturally, these stones were fantastically popular.

The stones taken from eagles (aetites) were a sort of iron stone. They were hollow inside and something loose—like a piece of iron or hard sand—rattled inside. They are said to be found at many places—a lot of them having been found on the banks of the Delaware. They are from one to six inches in size. This stone has been called "the defender and guardian of nests." When worn on the left arm of a man or woman, it was said to bring freedom from drunkenness; great riches; help the wearer to enjoy a successful state of love. It was also a stone of victory and popularity and preserved children from harm. Strangely, too, the eagle-stone (or Aetites, also called gangite) was believed to have "detective" powers; the power to solve thefts and catch the thief. In these words, taken from writings in the year 700:

"The eagle-stone serves to discover thieves, if anyone places it in the bread they eat; for whoever has stolen is unable to consume the bread. Also if cooked in food, it unmasks the thief, since he cannot eat the

food."

These eagle-stones were believed to give out a wailing sound in the night. These cries were believed to be birth pangs, according to superstition, and the stone was said to their own childbirth. The demand for them was so "pregnant stones" and peasants considered them necessary to aid woman in childbirth. In Italy, they were called great that lucky owners rent them out for the nine months they needed to be worn. When one woman was finished with the amulet (eagle-stone) it was passed on to another—for a large fee.

Another famous "magical" stone was the cock-stone. There was a wide popular belief that this stone could only be found in the gizzard of a cock which had been caponed when 3 years old and had lived 7 years longer after that. This cock-stone was about the size of a bean. Its so-called powers were great. It could make wives more yielding and agreeable to their husbands. It could bring the owner high honor and combat power. It was said to insure Kings the successful conquest of new territory. A stone like it but drawn from the Hen was said to be a stone that guaranteed its wearer great sexual power; drove off the bad effects of the Evil Eye; kept children from having bad dreams if the stone were put under their pillow. One great man of ancient times believed the cock-stone brought him sure luck in gambling and in love.

CHAPTER FIVE

The Use of Jeweled Amulets and Talismans in Religion

There are many biblical versions that try to identify the stones mentioned in the Old Testament—and so, much confusion. For example; the earliest biblical reference to a precious stone was in Genesis ii, 12—and there it was called ONYX. Other versions call it EMERALD, or PEARL. However, there is a good deal in the Bible that proves the



Killing a dragon to get its "Magic Stone", from an old print.

in the eyes of the owner; whithersoever he turneth he prospereth." The stones of the old holy breastplates were amulets and the High Priests decreed that they be "perfectly brilliant." It was believed by some that the will of God was revealed by changes in the glow and shine of the stones on the breastplates.

The bodies of the dead were decorated with plates set in precious, glittering stones. One account reads:

"In a stone sarcophagus was a green stone statue of a man, like an emerald, containing a human body, covered with a sheet of fine gold, and with a great quantity of precious stones; on the head was a ruby as large as a hen's head."

Many of these seemingly richly precious stones were found to be imitations on closer look—and the sheet of gold only a gold paper.

Stones were symbolic in tribe functions as were names. The name Reuben meant "Behold a Son" and the stone CARNELIAN, the gem of Reuben, meant DIGNITY and POWER. The name Simeon, meant "Hearing" and the stone CHRYSOLITE, assigned to him, meant "GOOD TIDINGS." The name of the tribe Levi meant "Joined to the altar" and the stone assigned to it was EMERALD, meaning HOPE, FAITH, RESURRECTION. For the ancient tribe Judah, there was the RUBY, its name meaning "praised." The RUBY was thought to be a noble gem and was worn on royal crowns.

The tribal name Issachar meant "rewarded" and the symbolic stone was a LAPIS, meaning SUCCESS. The tribal name Zebulon meant "Exaltation" and the stone ONYX meant AUTHORITY, CONTROL. The SAPPHIRE was considered the stone of the tribe of Joseph, and was believed to be a stone of GOOD OMEN, a bringer of WEALTH and HEALTH.

The tribe Benjamin—the name meaning "son of the right hand." As such, the name meant STRENGTH and POWER as symbolized in the AGATE stone; also meaning

MASTERY and **VICTORY** to the wearer. The tribe **DAN**, meaning **JUDGE**, had the **AMETHYST** as its stone. This stone meant **JUDGMENT**, Craft; also meant the craft and courage of the Dan tribesmen in attacking and conquering their enemies. The tribe **GAD**, meaning **TROOP** and **MUTUAL HELP** had the stone **BERYL**. This stone could be made into circular forms and was therefore popular in crystal-gazing. As a gem it meant **GOOD FORTUNE**.

The last of the twelve ancient tribes, **Asher**, had the **JASPER** as its stone. **Asher** meant happiness and the stone **JASPER** also meant **HAPPINESS**. It is believed that the old **Jasper** is what we know as **JADE** today. **Jade** is believed to have powerful magical qualities.

The **SAPPHIRE** is one of the foundation stones of the Holy City. It has been likened to Heaven. In Holy Scriptures there is a passage describing the Throne of God as "having the appearance of a **SAPPHIRE** stone."

A writer, in speaking of the Crown of the Virgin, described it in this way: "With precious stones and fair flowers, a splendid crown may be ennobled, beautified and adorned." The Sacred Shrine of the Cathedral of Chartres is made of gold plates and adorned with precious stones, among which are **OPALS**, **RUBIES**, **ONYXES**, **AGATES**.

Beads of Rosaries

The beads of rosaries, when blessed, are thought to be endowed with special virtue and favor for the wearer. He is to enjoy good fortune. If this person should loan the beads to someone else—in order to help the other person share in the promised **GOOD FORTUNE**, the blessing and virtue is lost. It is prescribed that these beads be made of stone or glass—something not easily broken—so that the object blessed is not so liable to injury. Much of the belief in miracles revolve upon the blessed rosaries.

Among the Tibetans, **TURQUOISE** has a religious meaning. It was used as a peace offering to the demons and

to the angry gods. Ancient people in Ecuador used it in the performance of sacred rites and ceremonies. Where the abiding place of a powerful divinity or demon was discovered, the precious stone was brought and laid down as a good will offering. Often whole images made in stones were raised on the spot. In our times, stones are common in the performance of worship.

Even in our modern day, the use of religious talismans and amulets goes on. Shops display Lord's Prayer Rings, St. Christopher medals, medals signifying other protecting Saints, Miraculous medals, Crucifix rings. Not to speak of the tremendous industry done in ordinary, non-religious amulets. Roots, stones, rabbits' feet and hundreds of items sell to the consumer bent on safeguarding himself against bad luck. It is interesting to note the same gem-lore still alive in India. Where the ancient Indians worshipped the DIAMOND and other gems, and used them to impress their idols with their fervor and holy passion—this attitude still exists. Images of idols are enriched with ornamentation, usually at the cost of the average Indian's food, shelter and clothing. Worship was his first concern and responsibility. The ancient Indian, of course, had his superstitions give him a greater urge toward the use of bright stones. Gemmed ornaments were believed to give the wearer respect and long life. Also to wash away evil astral influences, remove misery and wash away sin. Reason enough!



BOOK VII

STEP VII

ANCIENT MAGICAL BELIEFS IN THE POWER OF HERBS, ROOTS, FLOWERS

CHAPTER ONE

How the Magic Beliefs in Herbs Began

Ancient Indian tribes believed that all roots, herbs—in fact, all plants, had SOULS, and they never plucked a plant without uttering a fervent prayer for its beneficial gift. Our great modern medicine began in early medicinal use of herbs, leaves and plants. In ancient times, herbs and plants were a great part of legend and superstition; were believed to have magical properties, and were used for just such results. Whether medicine man or witch doctor—plants, herbs and roots were a fixture of living among the ancients—and its influence was felt by everybody—to the last man!

Early Herbalists (15th and 16th century) looked on Herbs as food and medicine. Leaves were studied carefully for their value in these ways. Heart-shaped leaves were believed to be useful remedies in helping people who faint. Great attention was paid to the special shape of a leaf—and a whole system of medicine was developed. Imaginative? Sure! With the millions of different sizes and shapes in leaves—it is hard for us to believe in the medicinal value—let alone the magical properties—of leaves. However—it was believed that “long, thin leaves, having veins

running through them" were associated with SERPENTS and therefore were wonderful for snakebite. The Claytonia, for instance, is such a plant today that answers this description. No matter what its real value or not, this writer recommends the usual antivenom for any reader suffering from snakebite!

Are roots and herbs and leaves still "boiled in wine and drunk" as in olden days? Do the ancient beliefs in the power of herbs to drive off evil, conquer enemies still live in people in our time? One can only wonder. The following pages will attempt to describe old superstitious beliefs, identifying essential herbs and leaves and roots by name and description, purely for purposes of reader information in this vast and colorful study.

CHAPTER TWO

The Use of Roots for Luck, Love, Etc.

The thousand and one roots were put to a thousand and one uses by primitives and ancients. Roots were used as foods, for dyes, for decorating war shields, for making rude drinking cups—and of course, as was the natural concern of even earliest man—for love charms, weapons, good fortune amulets in their personal lives. Some roots were objects of worship, like the PEYOTE ROOT.

This cactus root, found in America, has an amazing history. Early Indians used it as an intoxicating drink. It began to be looked upon as a God, and worshipped. Pilgrimages were made, and a sacred PEYOTE was laid upon an altar, while believers in the cult proceeded to put themselves into a spell. Men sat in a circle around a fire that was lighted in the center curve of the PEYOTE root. After an all-night worship, a priest offered a prayer and then gave out four Peyote buttons to every man there. Four was believed to be the mystic number. The men chewed the

root, sang fervent songs, and went into a dreamy trance. And so the worshippers found great ecstasy, and as they believed, closeness to their God. (The alcoholic effects of this were the same in chewing it—as the worshippers did—as it was then made into a brew by the early Indians.)

SPIKENARD ROOT LOVE TEST

The SPIKENARD root, found in India, as a root of varied use. Its pleasant sweet smell made it valuable in the making of expensive perfumes. As the Bible states, when Christ was crucified, a woman carried an alabaster box containing an ointment of spikenard, which she poured on his head. A poetic story exists about the use of the spikenard root in testing a wife's true love. A young husband was about to go off on a long trip. He was worried about the fidelity of his wife. So—he planted a spikenard in his garden and told his wife that while the root grew strong, he would come to no grief in his travels, but that if the root dried up and died—he, too, would die. Years passed. The young man returned disguised as a seedy, ragged tramp. He found the spikenard tall and beautiful and strong while his wife sat beside it, weeping and waiting for her husband's return. Other legends had it that spikenard was ideal as an ointment in producing lovely eyelashes. Because of these and other beliefs, spikenard was in great demand. To meet the worldwide demand, the scarce spikenard was mixed with another root having something of the same musky odor, called BOMBAY SUMBUL ROOT.



LEGEND OF ORRIS ROOT

Like the many legends and uses and magical powers ascribed to such popular herbs and roots as Narcissus, Mandrake, Mullein, Balm, House Leek, Verain, Yarrow, Mugwort, and scores of others, ORRIS ROOT had a fascinating story of its own. This fragrant, perfumed root, was said

by some to have been "born" from the grave of a noble knight of olden days. The body of the dead knight was supposed to have disappeared and in its place was found the root of the sweet-smelling flower, the ORRIS. The root thenceforth was valued for its smell and royalty used it widely. It was also thought to be beneficial in bringing a high fever down; as a poultice to reduce swellings and bruises brought on by fist fights. It was even suspended in beer barrels to keep the beer from going stale.

THE TORMENTIL ROOT

In ancient times, the TORMENTIL root was used in brewing a drink for fever and cholera sufferers. The faith placed in the curative powers of this reddish twisted root was tremendous. As one writer put it: "This wondrous root is sure to part all deadly killing poison from the heart."

THE DEVIL'S BONES ROOT

An interesting superstition still holds close to practice among many negroes today in the South, as regards the DEVIL'S BONES ROOT. This curving, twining vine (called the "wild-yam" by the white men) is believed to be a sure cure for rheumatism. Negroes gather them up every Autumn and hide them away for use in the Wintertime, when cold weather and chills may make their bones ache.

NINE LEGENDARY LOVE ROOTS

Legend lists a quantity of roots that were said to influence successful romance and courtship and wooing. Among the most prominent roots are: CUMIN, a root widely used to keep lovers and sweethearts devoted and true—according to some writers. When a man went off to the Wars, his wife or sweetheart would make him drink a glass of wine into which powdered CUMIN had been

emptied. This was said to insure his fidelity.

* The CORIANDER root was said to have the power to stimulate the passions when taken in powdered form in a brew of tea or wine. The CYCLAMEN root was looked upon as a love plant and was supposed to attract people to each other in love and matrimony. The ENDIVE root was thought to have the same properties. The leaves of this plant were frequently used in food dishes and salads. As the historian Folkard wrote, the seed of the Endive root was commonly used as a love philtre, and a young maiden could become certain of the honesty of her lover and his good intentions, by tearing an Endive from the ground.

Even the common CARROT was believed to be a love plant. As the book "Herbal" declares: "The carrot serves for love matters." CINNAMON, another common bark product, was said to have been used to make a liquid that had love-awakening value. BALM was another popular ingredient in the preparation of ancient so-called love potions. Folk stories are full of the ritual of "sowing the HEMP seed" as a charm to gain the affection of he or she whom one might love. The HOUSE LEEK or Thunderflower was gathered by country maidens; each bud representing a particular lover to each separate maiden.

SWEET MAJORAM LOVE PLANT

The leaves of SWEET MAJORAM are said to have great love powers according to legend. Ancients say it began with Venus. Venus was idling in her garden with Cupid when one of his arrows accidentally wounded her in the arm. She ran for a cure, but could not find a herb that could undo the damage of a love-dart (Cupid's arrow). So Venus caused a sweet marjoram to spring up. In her great excitement and hurry she gave it the wrong magic. Instead of curing her from the effects of the love-dart, the herb leaf increased her love emotion.

As she was holding a marjoram leaf, she saw Adonis and fell madly in love with him. Thenceforth, SWEET MARJORAM was believed to have great power as a love-plant.

CHAPTER THREE

Some Herb Power Beliefs

Herb leaves were credited with soothing and comforting powers fully as much as they were credited with so-called magical powers. The sweet fragrance of leaves was sought after to relieve pain of the spirit and melancholy. The poorest man used to have his own herb garden. BALM was popular, for as its very name suggests, it soothed. "Balm powerfully chases away melancholy," as one writer puts it. "Balm makes the heart merry and joyful and makes strong the vital spirits." And in like manner, other herb leaves were used to drive away the blues, revive interest in one's affairs, raise the moral.

Th leaves of BEE-BALM were said to be beneficial to a slowed-up mind. To quote: "It is a herb greatly to be esteemed by students, for by a special property it drives away heaviness of mind, sharpens the understanding, and increases the memory." The BALM leaves were even thought to have the virtue of being able to heal. Some herbalists believed the juice of balm glued together freshly received wounds. Others thought it cured bee stings. One herbalist went as far as to say that if taken in Canary wine every morning, balm would prevent baldness. Perhaps here we have the earliest use of a balm such as is common today among barbers and hair specialists.

To THYME and ROSEMARY was ascribed great soothing powers. These two were greatly used as aromatic perfumes. THYME was planted everywhere to impart a delicious odor to living. ROSEMARY, apart from its great fragrance, was believed to be a natural charm against

the EVIL EYE, or any scheming demons that might want to inflict on a person. Many peasants customarily placed a rosemary leaf under the bed, so that they might sleep safely through the night.

BASIL was a herb leaf of fantastically different points-of-view in early belief. Some swore by it—still others against it! In Greece, it was known as the Devil's plant. Peasants believed it would not flourish and grow unless they cursed themselves blue in the face while planting it. In India it was considered a powerful charm against evil. In Germany, witches were said to use it; putting the perfumed leaves into their burning cauldrons in order to hide the terrible nature of the cursed potion they were brewing. In parts of England it was thought to be a superior charm against the power plots of witches. So many different versions of the use and power of Basil!

BASIL was named after the desert monster—the BASILISK, a fabled creature claimed to be born of serpents but itself half-lizard, half-dragon. The BASILISK'S look was thought to be at once deadly. Basil was named after this fearsome monster because primitives thought it would be a magic charm against him and therefore a charm for the OVERCOMING OF EVIL. The primitives believed that anyone carrying a spray of the Basil herb was safe against the deadly look of the monster; and even if the Basilisk were to bite, the Basil leaf would quickly bring a cure. As time went on, the Basil was believed to be a cure for the bite of any creature. To the Hindus, Basil is sacred. They believed that their great Goddess, "Tulasi," came to earth in the form of the Basil herb! In India, even today, the Basil plant is still their Goddess, and no spray of the plant may be broken without a very good reason. When a spray is broken, a prayer is offered up for forgiveness. These leaves form an important part of Indian (Hindu) burial ceremony. No Hindu could rest in peace unless his head had been bathed in Basil (Tulasi) water just

before he is buried, and a Basil leaf laid upon his breast!

The bitter-sweet herb **HYSSOP**, a small, dwarfed, bushy, herb, found in Europe, was believed soothing for the bite of an adder. Also toothache. It was used widely as a remedy for coughs and colds; as a poultice for swelling and bruises; as a worthy stimulant. The sweet herb **CICELY**, also called **SWEET CHERVIL**, was said to have the power of making the person merry; giving the aged people new strength, restoring them to youthful feelings; making a dull, tired mind, bright and quick; developing the power of memory.

MINT used to be used in baths as a help to comfort and to strengthen the nerves and sinews and muscles. To-day we find soothing comfort in all kinds of **MINT** preparations; we have our peppermint, spearmint, and other concoctions of the **MINT** leaf. One herbalist said: "It is marvelous for the stomach. It is good for watering eyes. It is taken inwardly against sea scorpions and serpents (snakes). It is applied with salt to the bite of a mad dog." Yet it had its mythical origin in something unpleasant! Pluto, the God of Death and the Underworld, was supposed to have fallen in love with the nymph "Minthe." Persephone, the wife of Pluto, thereupon in jealousy changed the nymph into a mint plant.

PENNYROYAL was an ancient herb thought to have great soothing and medicinal qualities. It was supposed to quicken the senses; be good for colds; strengthen the brain. It was also supposed to purify diseased drinking water. In America it was used as a ritualistic mosquito-bane. Bunches of **PENNYROYAL** were tied to the bedpost before going to bed; and mosquitoes were thought to be driven away.

The coarse-leaved **HOREHOUND** was believed in syrup form to be a guard against coughing and wheezing of the lungs; also good as an antidote against poison or the bite of a snake.

CHAPTER FOUR

Voodoo Beliefs and Rituals

The MANDRAKE was the most famous of all magic roots. This weird root had a close resemblance to the human figure. The lower end of the root looked like human arms! It was a GOOD LUCK talisman that everyone coveted. It was placed in a sacred niche and consulted—as one might consult a gifted fortune teller or oracle. The MANDRAKE was believed to have the incredible power of telling the future, exposing one's enemies, making one wealthy ON THE SPOT, revealing ancient secrets like the whereabouts of hidden treasure!

As one writer declared: "Doctors carved the root into idols, which were treasured as safeguards against evil. The power of doubling an owner's money was attributed to them."

The Arab's called the MANDRAKE root the "Devil's Candle." It was believed that it grew only in the shadow of a gallows and drew its food-nourishment from the breaths cast by executed murderers. Some adepts believed the Mandrake was always on the look-out for evil. Much was said about the death-dealing shrieks let out by the "almost human" Mandrake when it was dug up. These shrieks were said to have the power of killing the person who dared dig it up.

Persons went to queer lengths to gain possession of the powerful Mandrake, without harm to themselves. Animals were tied to the Mandrake, in order that they do the pulling up and suffer the death for doing so.

There was, of course, a tremendous market in Mandrake idols. They were worn as charms and amulets. It was used widely in medicines; and was thought to be a sure thing in the brewing of love potions.

In digging the Mandrake up, this was the ceremony

followed: The digger stood with his back to the wind; makes three circles around the root with his sword; then faces the west while digging the root up; staying with the digging until the Sun goes down.

An interesting voodoo belief had to do with the GARLIC herb. The ordinary GARLIC is perhaps the most edible of all present day herbs. It used to be thought a powerful agent in warding off prowling devils. This herb, not as popular as a safeguard against evil as the Mandrake, is in wide use even today because of belief in its great benefits. Curiously, the Russian Red Army uses garlic considerably as an agent in warding off and helping colds.

Driving Off Evil Spirits, Preventing Insanity, According to Herb Belief

The PEONY root was thought to be a powerful charm. It was commonly worn hung around the neck. According to legend, it was created by the devil Pluto. Pluto is said to have changed a young man named Paeon into the divine plant PEONY. So, the plant, thought to have its origin among the Gods, became a mystic plant, worth a great deal in bringing GOOD LUCK, and driving off evil spirits, when worn around the neck. One writer said: "The PEONIE root, is a great remedy for falling sickness." Another writer believed it did not have to be worn around the neck at all, but carried in the owner's pocket—to prevent insanity. It was also worn as an amulet to protect the wearer against enchantment. It was believed that a person searching for the Peony root had to be careful not to dig it up while a woodpecker was present. Or the woodpecker would scratch the digger's eyes out; the root being sacred to the bird.

The Root That Cured Grief; Searched for a Lost Lover; According to Belief

The PLANTAIN root was held in a curious super-

stitious belief. Worn around the neck, it was said to be beneficial to hard swellings around the ears and throat. Held in the left hand it was said to make the mind strong and clear for forceful thinking. Also drive headache away. Three PLANTAIN roots were believed to be powerful in conquering sorrow and grief caused in human existence. Four were thought powerful in curing disease. A beautiful legend about this root claimed that it (the Plantain) sat by the roadside facing north, east, south, and west—just as a young girl once did (from whom the plant was named)—waiting for the return of her lover. The Gods, sorry for the young girl, changed her into the plant so that she might keep eternal watch over the road. Beautiful! It is believed that in Devonshire, England, that the Plantain root turns into birds every seven years and fly off in search of their lost lover. This search takes the whole of a night. In the morning they change back into the root and take up their watch for another seven years.

The Holy Ghost Root

ANGELICA was called the Holy Ghost root by German peasants. It was tied around the necks of children to protect them against devils and misfortune. It was thought to have magical influence given to it by the angels. Herbalists thought that the root chewed in the mouth between the teeth was a safeguard against all the poisons in the air.



Root Charms Against Evil and Illness

Herbalists believed that the SORREL ROOT would heal the pain in ears and teeth if boiled in wine. Worn around the neck it was thought to be an aid in protecting the wearer against body ills.

GROUNDSEL Root was prescribed for toothache. The root was dug up carefully, a piece was cut off with a

In proverbs xvii we read: "A gift is like a precious stone use of precious stones as amulets (for carrying and wearing). knife and applied to the hurting tooth. The wounded root was carefully re-planted. If the re-planted root flourished in the ground, the tooth pain would disappear. If the root died, the tooth would never stop aching and would have to be taken out of the mouth.

When witches were abroad and creating terror, primitives summoned the magic of the CYCLAMEN root. This root was considered a great charm. Carried in the pocket it would make witches fearful and send them running off. Primitives considered it an ideal root for successful revenge.

The root of hemlock, dug up in the darkness of night, was believed another powerful agent against the spell of witches. The HEMLOCK, strangely, was also believed to be used by witches who fancied it, and added it liberally to the devil's brew they cooked in their cauldrons.

The VERAINE root, hung around the neck was a wonderful protection against evil and witches, IF worn tied with a white satin ribbon!

The wild RADISH had its place in the struggle between good and evil. It was dug up with great ceremony and ritualistic singing. It was believed to have the property of warning about the whereabouts and hiding places of witches.

The wood BETONY root was considered both an ingredient in the potions brewed by witches, and a magic charm of great power in conquering demons, sorcerers, and witches. It was thought to be so powerful, that a single Retony root planted in the garden, could keep the owner free from evil doers.

The SPRINGWORT root was believed to have a strange power of its own. It was believed to have the power to blast open locks and entrances leading to treasure caves. And, of course, revealing the rich treasure hoard. It became the root symbolizing sudden great wealth.

Root Believed to Make Dreams Come True

A popular root indeed was the WILD CARROT root. It made dreams come true, according to legend! Eaters were said to have delightful dreams. The wild carrot root placed under the pillow at night, was believed to make any dream—good or bad—come true. The root of this wild carrot, called QUEEN ANNE'S LACE was believed to serve nobly in solving difficult love matters.

Where dreams were really sorely troubled, the ROOT-STOCK was sworn by. This root put beneath the pillow at night was said to not only bring a dream—but also bring its solution to the troubled dreamer. A queer belief in this root claimed that if a bracken ROOTSTOCK was cut straight up and down, the initials J.C. (Jesus Christ) would stand out. This made it especially precious in serving as a charm against devils and witches.

Root Believed Powerful in the Life After Death

In every land, even today, roots are closely associated with magical belief. They are credited with supernatural powers, both for good and evil. Natives of the Polynesian Islands solve their mortal fears about the Hereafter by free use of the mystic KAVA-KAVA root. This aromatic root is part of the pepper family. From these roots a strong drink was prepared. It was drunk with great fervent ceremony and ritual in the belief that it was a power agent in getting the dead to the Happy Hereafter. It was also believed to be powerful in helping the spirit-soul make the dangerous journey from earth to the Hereafter. This journey was seen as being a perilous one across vast seas and over high mountains.

Belief About the Everyday Potato

The cheaply gotten potato was believed to have a charmed strength of its own. It was dried and withered in the hot sun that comes at morning; then protected against the rays of the afternoon sun—then carried as a charm against rheumatism. In Holland, the potato must be stolen for the charin to be any good!

CHAPTER FIVE

Fabulous Legends of Herb Power

The leaves of CASSIA were believed to liven up the spirit when a man was sad and let down. It was popularly supposed by primitives that this CASSIA drove away the scourge and replaced it with cheerfulness and loud gaiety. It banished fear, rid a person of that heavy, dull, logey, sad feeling and made them afraid of nothing! Where the leaves of SENNA, obtained from the CASSIA could not be gotten, the leaves of WOODRUFF were used for the same purposes.

TANSY was believed to be aother fine remedy for any ill or evil that might afflict man. It was believed also to tighten loose teeth and stop toothache. Every olden garden had its Tansy patch growing. The leaves of PIMPERNEL were believed to be of great value in the cure of wounds. The juice was dropped into the wound. Experiments with this were performed on chickens in proof of the healing power of PIMPERNEL.

Strange Power Belief About FENNEL



FENNEL leaves had a strange legend. It was believed that serpents ate these leaves in order to renew their youth and thereby shed their skins. Small wonder that the primitives came to believe in the great magical power of these leaves! It was also thought that the strong licorice odor of

Fennel made the serpents eyes stronger. As the following poem taken from Longfellow explains it:

"Above the lowly plants it towers,
The fennel, with its yellow flowers,
And in an earlier age than ours
Was gifted with the wondrous powers
Lost vision to restore."

Belief to Overcome An Enemy

Great magical power was attributed by superstition to WILLOW LEAVES. It was considered, like the FENNEL, as good for bad eyesight. To be effective, it had to be gathered with the left hand. The WILLOW droops, it was said, because from its branches came the rod that scourged Jesus Christ. Peasants believed that the branches could be made into a magic wand with which a faraway enemy could be killed merely by mentioning his name aloud. But—if even one leaf fell from the branch of the willow tree while it was being taken down—the charm was believed to be reversed and the would-be revenger himself would die!

Belief in Happy Marriage and Great Wealth

Naturally this charm would come from the famous FOUR LEAF CLOVER. It was believed to only grow in the haunts of fairies. This charm is even believed in today. How many of us are four-leaf-clover pickers! This magic talisman is worn in the left shoe for greatest effect. To dream of this mystic leaf meant a happy marriage and a lot of money. If placed beneath a sleeper's pillow—it brought pleasant dreams of the sleeper's true love. The five-leaf clover was considered bad luck.

Sacred Herbs and Amulets

VERVAIN was considered a sacred herb to be worn as an amulet against evil. It was thought a great purifying plant and its green leaves were used to clean tables in the festivities to the Gods. RUE was another herb that was a popular Good Luck amulet. It was a powerful charm against

witches, as we have seen were so many other herbs in this study. Monks used to employ RUE to conquer devils. Italians today carry a leaf of it to ward off the EVIL EYE. If worn with IVY, it was believed to be especially potent in giving the wearer magic vision with which he could detect witches in any part of the world. The religious monks used to sprinkle holy water with a dash of RUE. As one writer claimed of the magical power of RUE:

"The weasel when she is to encounter the Serpent,
Arms herself with eating of Rue."

The Famous St. Johnswort Belief

ST. JOHNSWORT was a herb invested with mighty magical powers. Early religious crusaders regarded it highly as a chaser of demons and devils. It was also called DEVIL'S FLIGHT. A leaf of it, picked while the dew was still on the plant, was a powerful charm. A sprig of it placed over the doorway of anybody's home would frighten away all evil spirits. Today, we find roots with a similar type name sold considerably. Names like High John the Conquerer and Low John suggest the primitive St. Johnswort.

The leaves of MOONSWORT were considered a witches concoction; used as an excellent charm against witches or against any malignant spirit. Primitives wore them as charms.

ELECAMPANE, named for Helen of Troy, the famous temptress, was said to have the power of driving away devils, if worn as a charm. The BLESSED THISTLE was also accredited with these powers. On the other hand, the SOD THISTLE was regarded as an agent of the devil, and evil fortune. As legend had it, if it sprung up on any field, that field was entirely doomed.

Even in our day, a species of palm tree product popularly known as DRAGON'S BLOOD is believed in as a charm and amulet against evil fortune. Much commercial traffic in this type of charm is reported.

The poisonous juiced ANEMONE had an evil reputation among the ancients. These plants were said to be haunted by evil sprites who brought pain, suffering, and sickness. To overcome these dreaded influences, the early Romans gathered up the first ANEMONE leaves of the season, placed it in a place of worship, and commenced to pray. This was said to make the plants in the field friendly—even to the extent of protecting the worshippers against fever.

Belief in a Leaf That Makes People Beautiful

The urge to be beautiful is a natural one. The millions of dollars spent every year on cosmetics—lipstick, perfume, powder, fine clothes—testifies to that. The early Bohemians used a simple way in seeking personal beauty. It was believed that the plant FLAX had the magical quality of making homely girls beautiful. When a girl was exactly seventeen, she was made to dance barefooted in FLAX leaves. This ritual was not to be performed on Saturday, the one day the plants belonged to the devil. Women of Bohemia so feared Saturday as Devil's Day that they did not even sit and spin on that day. As legend tells it, two sisters once defied the devil and sat spinning on a dreaded Saturday. That night one of the sisters died. On the following Saturday the remaining sister again sat spinning. She suddenly looked up, and there was her dead sister in flames. She had returned from Hell to prove to her unbelieving sister just what sort of punishment overtook poor wretches who dared spin on Saturday.

The green leaves of the ELDER plant were believed to have the healing power of easing pain from gout, ravings, deafness, faintness, melancholy, IF beaten and boiled with the tallow of a Bull or Goat.

Superstition About Leaves Changing a Man Into a Supernatural Being

* This belief that man could be changed from himself
into a supernatural being by leaves existed in West Africa.
When a head Juju man thought it important to show his
power, he sent a spiritual stand-in among the people. This
fellow, usually of enormous size, was dressed in fantastic
clothes and painted (face, neck, body) in bright colors. In
his left hand he carried a bunch of leaves, in order to become
the supernatural spirit of the woods. In his right hand he
carried a club and with it he struck any child or man or
woman he happened to meet, saying: "We have the recipe
of FERN SEED; we walk invisible. Becoming invisible was
also believed in by the Border people. A leaf of the HELI-
OTROPE, if worn in the shoe, was claimed to have this
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* And so it went. Leaves and plants were a major part
of folk lore and superstition since time began and Man first
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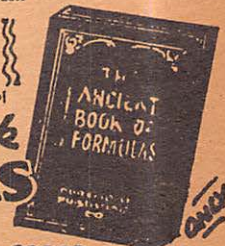
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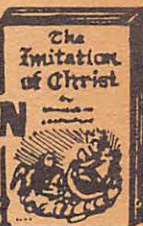
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