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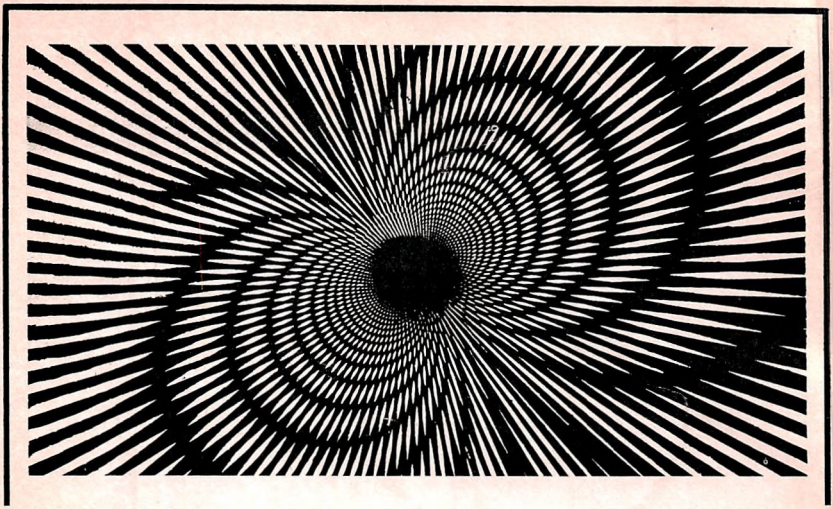
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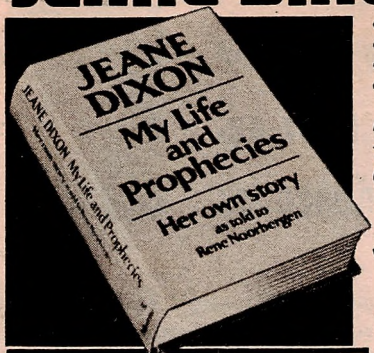
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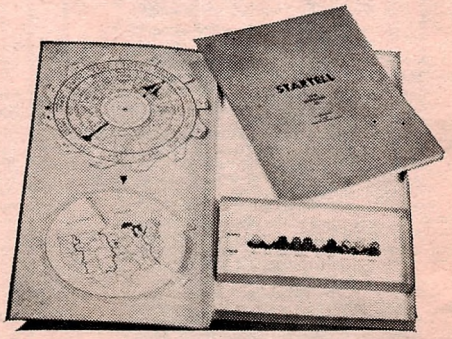
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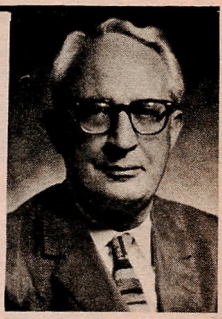
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Curtis Fuller

IN THE VILLAGE of Noebbet near Copenhagen, Denmark, Hans Thustrup Nielsen has been contending with unidentified forces which have pushed him to the verge of bankruptcy.

The forces seem to be electrical — at least they manifest in electrical form — but since two electric power companies, some equipment manufacturers and a university professor cannot explain them it seems fair to assume their ultimate cause may be something else.
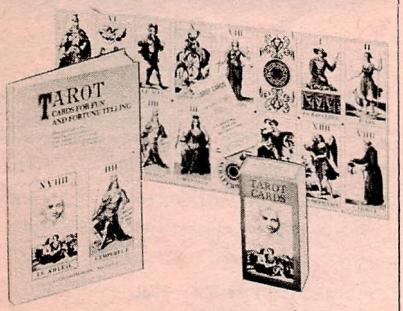
Here's what *appears* to be going on:

Nielsen has been running a sawmill which acted as if it were a magnet for all the untamed electrical forces ever trumped up by witch or poltergeist. Thousands of fuses have blown in his factory; hundreds of light bulbs have ceased to function; dozens of electrical motors have burned out. Nielsen lost $13,000 replacing these and when they all blew the last time he announced he was giving up; he couldn't afford to carry on.

These strange electrical phenomena have been associated with powerful bursts of excess voltage. They have started four fires in Nielsen's home which adjoins his sawmill. Power company experts, according to the Associated Press, have measured countless lightning-like electrical discharges in his mill installations. Bursts of electricity occurred even when all electricity in the mill was cut off!

Lars Harsting, chief engineer for one Danish power company, theorized that the air and ground at the mill must be abnormally charged with electricity. Another theory is that the arrangement of the mill installations somehow combines to form an antenna that picks up high-frequency

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Over the years all kinds of solutions have been proposed to explain the moving boulders. Someone even has suggested visitors from outer space move the rocks to confuse us poor mortals. A more mundane proposal is that earthquakes somehow jiggle the rocks about.

Now at last someone is investigating. Dr. Robert P. Sharp, a geologist at Caltech, began his study in 1968. He surveyed the entire dry lake and staked out numerous rocks so he could detect and measure their movements.

"I was amazed to discover no one ever has carried out a continuous reliable observation program to determine what causes the movement, how often the movement occurs and at what rate," Sharp told Charles Hillinger of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Sharp staked out his rocks in winter. He not only marked their locations, he marked the rocks and gave them girls' names. And he returns each spring and fall to check the movement of the marked rocks. So far he found

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that the major movement of the rocks occurred in the month of March 1969.

Sharp reports that a rock named Mary Ann traveled the greatest distance, with a slide of 212 feet in two separate movements. She doubled back and made a loop, he explains. Previously Mary Ann has left trails several hundred feet long. Some of the rock trails, still visible on the dry lake floor, are more than 1500 feet long.

Some geologists believe that ice sheets form over the valley's surface in winter and the rocks move across the ice when the wind blows.

Dr. Sharp doesn't hold with this view. He says the lake bed is filled with dry mud at least 1000 feet deep. When the rare rains come to Death Valley, a small amount will wet the surface and make it slick and greasy. Any additional rainfall would bog the rocks down in the mud — but just wet the surface with ¼ to ⅜ inches of water and you've set the stage for the rock movement. High winds, he says, must complete the movement.

It is the rocks with flat bottoms that travel over the surface of the lake.

"Mary Ann has a nice flat bottom," Dr. Sharp says.

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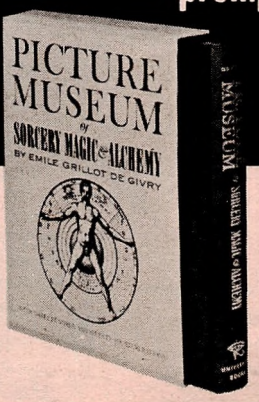
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Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Robert Myers studied more than 100 claims to the fortune of Mr. Kidd, a miner who disappeared in 1949 and has been declared dead, before he decided the Barrow Institute should get the money.

Now the hearings must begin all over again to determine who or what organization shall receive the estate left in Mr. Kidd's will for "research or some scientific proof of a soul of the human body which leaves at death."

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20-MONTH PREGNANCY

A CLASSIC example of a hoax — east or west — is the strange case of Mrs. Tjut Zaharafonna who fooled many high-placed Indonesians, including President Suharto himself.

Mrs. Zaharafonna, 23, claimed to be 20 months pregnant with a fetus that could recite the Koran aloud. Last fall she announced she was going to West Germany to be examined by doctors, and then to Mecca where she said her baby was asking to be born. The birth was to take place after a 24 month pregnancy.

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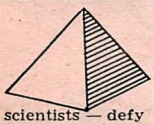
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Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, one of the nation's most respected men, prayed alongside the "baby." Foreign Minister Adam Malik, after a visit with Mrs. Zaharafonna, said he believed in miracles and gave her a letter saying she was "touring the world at the request of her unborn baby" and asking foreigners to extend their hospitality to her.

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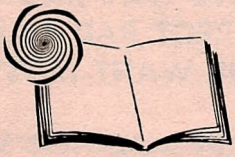
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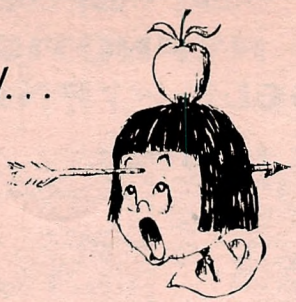
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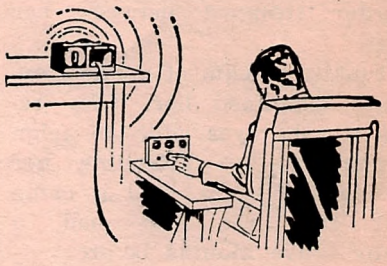
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Finally a team of medical experts examined her. They reported she was able to feign pregnancy by distending her stomach muscles. And it came out that she had had a baby — five months before.

Mrs. Zaharafonna was taken for a psychiatric examination. Later she disappeared and her husband went into seclusion. Government officials and Moslem religious leaders reportedly were maintaining "an embarrassed silence."

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WITCHCRAFT IN BRITAIN

IF YOU BELIEVE Brian Patrick McGuire, London correspondent for the *San Francisco Chronicle,* witchcraft and sorcery are booming in Britain. Even the witches, he says, are complaining.

He quotes Mrs. Eleanor Bone, who claims she has been a witch since the early 1940's and now operates two covens, as saying, "There are just so many half-baked groups springing up, claiming to be black covens and getting as members poor unfortunates who really do not know what they are doing."

About 18 black magic groups are known to meet regularly in London, McGuire reports. He says one leader of a "white magic" group complains, "All these people who go leaping about naked and trying to conjure up dark spirits are really too silly. They are attracting people looking for kinky goings-on and they do little else."

On the other hand, a fellow by the name of Brian Mooney, reporting for the Oxford University newspaper *Cherwell,* attended one of the black magic ceremonies (which he was allowed to see only in part) interviewed the coven leader and found him condemning white magic practitioners who don't worship the devil and do not "overindulge in sex." If properly practiced black magic is beneficial, the coven leader declared. He talked about communing with the powers "through the only agency possible, the human flesh of one or more working in concert, to wrestle with these powers and purge us of Evil by Evil."

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radio show and has written a book, *Power Through Witchcraft*. Her philosophy is not nearly as complicated as that of her British counterparts. She thinks there is a definite tie-in between witchcraft and sex but seems more interested in the pleasure of it all than do the sin-obsessed British black magicians.

"Witchcraft is rich in ritual, especially when it comes to love," she told Joy Stilley of the Associated Press. "Besides receiving thoughts you can send out thoughts. If you perform a ritual, often you affect another's feeling about you."

Even nonwitches, she assures us, can practice spells successfully, gaining through witchcraft "a better control of their life situation."

If you have followed us this far, on another of these occasional journeys into the wonder world of modern "witchcraft," you probably share our confusion. We think the witches don't know what they believe and it's pretty hard to find two who agree with each other. The word "witchcraft" seems to be a catchall for many occult and contradictory ideas.

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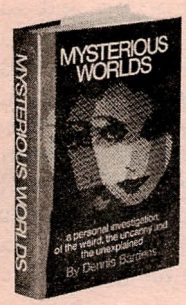
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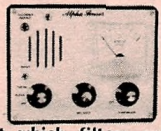
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been caused by heavy cosmic ray particles passing through the eyes but this is pure speculation. Even if true it isn't known whether the rays would affect the nervous system, ionize the eye retinas or cause light flashes within the fluid of the eye itself.

The strange light flashes first were noticed by Cmdr. Edwin Aldrin, Jr., on the Apollo 11 flight and subsequently by all astronauts on the Apollo 11, 12 and 13 flights.

A Russian space scientist, Dr. Oleg G. Gazenko, doubts cosmic rays are an explanation because he believes the heavier cosmic rays don't occur often enough to account for the flashes. They have not been observed by either United States or Soviet astronauts in earth orbit which suggests they are caused by a phenomenon that doesn't penetrate the earth's magnetic "umbrella," according to Walter Sullivan of the *New York Times*.

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THE WEATHER AND YOU

ARE YOU UPSET and quarrelsome when the barometer is low? Many people are apparently and Ruth Winter, a bioclimatologist, theorizes why this may be so.

Physiologists, explains Miss Winter, believe that the bodily tissues of many persons soak up

water from the intestinal tract when a barometric low or a storm center is near. The falling barometer, in other words, reduces air pressure, causing the tissues to absorb water. The tissues, having absorbed the water, swell.

The brain also swells and since it has little room for expansion the swelling tends to reduce its blood supply. Many people, says Miss Winter, find it hard to think straight when the barometer falls. It may also make you feel ill or out of sorts.

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UNIDENTIFIED

FROM Brisbane, Australia, come reports of finding the decaying remains, now almost skeletal, of an unidentified marine animal about 22 feet long with a skull measuring two feet seven inches between the eyes. It has a flexible spine like a giant eel or a snake and did not seem to have a mammal rib cage.

"It looks like some kind of a giant tadpole," according to Victor Keong who found the decomposing remains off the North Queensland coast. Keong is described as a "fisherman" and also as an "expert in marine biology." He says it is definitely "not the skeleton of a whale, shark, stingray or other known sea life." — *Curtis Fuller.*

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Wes and JoNell Bateman in their heyday had great appeal for UFO buffs. Claiming telepathic communication with extraterrestrials, Wes set up nonprofit research foundation cutely titled "Mental Investigations of the New Dimensions." M.I.N.D. established headquarters in $75,000 Hollywood house (below), its facade clearly one that encouraged confidence.



The Great UFO *"RIDE"*

By Fritz Kron as told to B. Ann Slate

AS SURELY as weeds grow after the rain, a big UFO flap sprouts kooks, cons and criminals who will tell you on television and radio that they talk with extraterrestrials and ride in spaceships. Chances are, if these space-age prophets get through to you, you'll be dollars lighter, Rube.

Public exposés don't stop them but only slow them down until another wave of UFO sightings occurs. They hide behind fake official, religious and scientific titles but the name of the game still is spelled BUNKO and the sky's the limit . . .

The evangelical Rev. Frank E. Stranges took some biblical quotes, combined them with assorted flying saucer photos and

When a new UFO outfit beckons, think of the games people play and leave your checkbook home. The name of this game may be BUNKO . . .

sighting reports and put out the book *Flying Saucerama* in 1959.

In a chapter titled "Fakes, Frauds, Forgeries and Foolishness" he made clear his stand against chicanery in the UFO field:

"It is very distasteful to a UFO investigator to learn of the existence of unscrupulous operators who pretend to be overly interested in the flying saucer mystery while on the other hand they have one sole interest motivating their actions," he wrote.

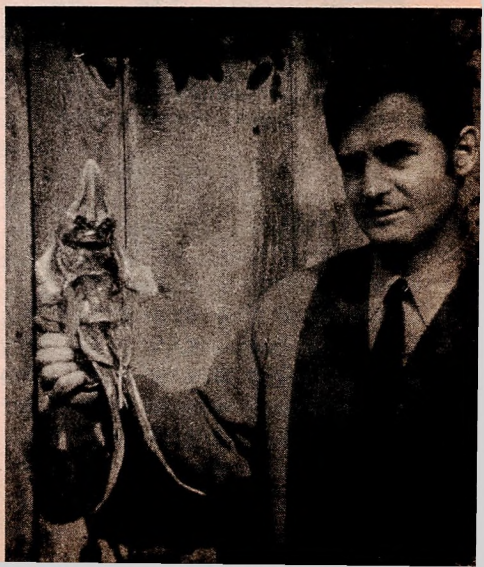
But Stranges' squeamishness in regard to UFO chicanery did not carry over to his pastoral activities. On October 21, 1963, the Los Angeles courts convicted him and his International Evangelism Crusades, Inc., for selling phony Doctor of Divinity degrees, in violation of the Educational Code of the State of California.

His next public appearance at a Los Angeles UFO Convention in September 1965 caused a sensation. At the auditorium door the portly well-dressed Reverend stood proudly next to a mysterious glass casket lined with plush blue velvet. As people paid their admission and filed past, their reactions ranged from gasps of horror to visible excitement as they viewed the inert "creature" reclining on the velvet.

Measuring about eight inches long the "creature" hardly resembled anything indigenous to this planet but could be likened to a wizened dehydrated little man with yellow glossy skin. On stage Stranges hastened to reveal the mysterious events surrounding this anomaly.

"I have sworn affidavits," he began in his professional pulpit voice, "from persons testifying

Fritz Kron holds "creature" that for some time was displayed to gullible viewers as life form from outer space.



that they saw this 'thing' being thrown out of a spacecraft!"

And who could doubt it? It didn't resemble any known animal, vegetable or mineral! The audience had to concur with Stranges that here at last was proof!



Rev. Frank Stranges betrayed himself and his space "creature" on TV when viewers identified it as a devilfish.

The Reverend's fame as a UFO authority grew and with it came requests for television appearances where he plugged his book and flying saucer documentary film, *Phenomena 7.7.* The film had been shown at the Wilshire-Ebell Theater to huge crowds and was available for road-show engagements.

It wasn't until October 1966, over a year later, that Stranges hung himself with his own gimmick — the "creature."

Appearing on the Regis Philbin Show on Channel 11, billed as a well-known lecturer in the UFO field, Stranges gave a polished talk on alien craft, government secrecy and worldwide sightings. Then, with the dramatic flair of the revivalist he thrust the "monster" before the camera.

Philbin gasped, "What is *that*?"

Stranges related his oft-told tale of sworn witnesses seeing it dropped from a craft and added, "It has been examined by scientists from UCLA and Japan who frankly admit they're puzzled."

Philbin's viewers weren't puzzled, however. The station phone rang well into the night and all of the following day. The "creature," the callers said, was a devilfish, a species of ray to be found in tropical waters. Dried and varnished devilfish can be purchased for $1.50 as curios in a Mexican shopping area in downtown Los Angeles.

Stranges might have claimed ignorance except for the glaring fact that two years before, in his third edition of *Flying Saucerama,* he himself had exposed a fake drawing of a devilfish cut down to look like a little man from outer space!

Regis Philbin apologized on a subsequent show and said, "Why would a man want to do this? He must be stupid! I'm not even sure if his Doctor title is correct."

Stranges suddenly became unavailable for comment.

Then in 1967 a completely unabashed Stranges copyrighted a new book, *The Stranger At The Pentagon.* As if in answer to Philbin's challenge of his title, Stranges had added several more: Doctor of Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy from Faith Bible College & Theological Seminary,* Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a Ph.D. from the National Institute of Criminology in Washington. While impressive-sounding, these schools seem to have disappeared.

And the book is little more than juvenile science fiction. It concerns a benevolent and immortal Venusian called Valiant Thor whose visits to this planet began in the Pleistocene Age. Thor outmaneuvers all Secret Service security by means of hypnotic mind control to get to our president and spends the next three years as an interred guest "under wraps" at the Pentagon.

Thor meets a certain "serious UFO researcher" then lecturing at a number of Washington churches. This researcher, "Dr. Segnarts," resembles Stranges in more than name. He is described as a stocky man and like stocky men everywhere he is delighted to learn an important technical secret from Thor; "the abdominal muscles hold flesh firm against the mild gravitational pull of Venus."

Away to Venus, all you Earthlings with sagging bellies!



Low man on the totem pole must be Mel Noel. Still a mystery is his nonprofit motive for publicizing appearance of Martian-inspired UFO.

*Not to be confused with the accredited Faith Theological Seminary in Ilkins Park, Pa.

Thor commissions Dr. Segnarts to spread the message that the Venusians are here among us to save us from ourselves. We aren't informed what Segnarts did but we do know that Stranges went abroad in the summers of 1968 and 1969 to lecture to European UFO groups. Although his film, six publications, Truth tapes and dramatized recording were available for purchase, this time the devilfish stayed home.

While it may stagger the reader's credulity that this man continues to draw crowds of serious, intelligent persons interested in the flying saucer mystery, we point to a two-day UFO Convention in Van Nuys, Calif., which Stranges organized in January 1969. Stranges now had formed his own group and appointed himself director. The attendance ranged from 300 to 450 persons. At $5.00 a head the house receipts were worthwhile.

Stuart Nixon, official spokesman for NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena), a respected UFO research organization of scientists and private individuals, issued the following public statement:

"NICAP was not happy about the activities of Frank Stranges and expelled him for several reasons, one of which was publicly alleging that NICAP endorses his contact claim with a man who came from Venus.

"Frank Stranges prefixes his name with Doctor and also describes himself as Director of the National Investigations Committee on UFOs. We would like to point out that this name could easily be confused with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)."

Those who walk the thin line just this side of the law eventually lose their precarious balance. Just how long Stranges continues his tightrope performance will depend on how long the gullible support the wire.

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Stranges' antics are small-time stuff compared to those of the next two space apostles, Wesley and JoNell Bateman. In a period of two and a half years they bled an approximate $70,000 from trusting saucer fans before stepping out just as the law stepped in.

Wes Bateman's was a novel approach. Claiming telepathic communication with extraterrestrials he would drive selected persons into desert areas to prove his bizarre talent. In the majesty of the star-studded evening desert air he would predict that the next moving light seen in the sky would be the spaceship he was in contact with at that moment.

We do not take it upon our-

selves to say whether the moving objects seen by the witnesses were meteors, satellites, optical illusions or UFOs. That the witnesses believed they were flying saucers is evident by the notarized statements they later presented to the Batemans.

Little is known about the Batemans' backgrounds except that JoNell had been a cocktail waitress and Wesley had operated parking lot concessions. They arrived in Los Angeles with their nine-year-old daughter in 1965. They had $1,000 in their pockets, donated by friends in Palm Springs to enable them to spread the saucer gospel.

In their early 30's and quite personable, the Batemans did not intermingle with other known UFO groups in the area but set about opening their own nonprofit research foundation. Part of Bateman's telepathically-transmitted message from outer space concerned the evils of our materialistic planet and the vast spiritual rewards available to those who donate to the Universal Cause. Their personal philosophy was that every person has an emotional button which when discovered and pushed will make him compliant.

Against this technique a naïve sincere human being who was already a UFO buff didn't stand much chance. But if all else failed, sex usually worked!

Elsie P. was the first victim. A widowed, lonely woman in her late 50's she filled her empty days and nights by attending metaphysical lectures. Elsie's son, who operated her million-dollar business, had little time for Sunday visits with Mother.

She heard Wes Bateman speak at a lecture and was introduced by another guest lecturer with whom she was acquainted. After a hasty appraisal of her emotional need and her Dun & Bradstreet rating the Batemans took her warmly to their hearts.

With Elsie's donation of $6000 the M.I.N.D. Foundation officially opened its doors in January 1966. In a $75,000 two-story residence in West Hollywood's refined Los Feliz District, M.I.N.D. (Mental Investigations of New Dimensions) disseminated the latest flying saucer data. With a global UFO flap in process public interest was running high.

In a short time the Batemans had handpicked a volunteer staff of 20 and developed a slide program which depicted various types of alien craft and their propulsion systems and explained how the "divine plan" is being thwarted by greedy material interests. Evening programs required only a $2.00 "donation" and M.I.N.D. Foundation soon attracted affluent

business people and seekers with its air of serious investigation.

The staff was puzzled when, with a maximum overhead of $900 a month operating expenses, the Batemans confided they were having financial trouble only three months after the Center's opening. One of the staff dug deep and produced $1000 and the show went on.

Behind the scenes another play was being enacted. Staff members overheard loud argumentative voices coming from Mr. and Mrs. Director's private quarters on the top floor. Soon Wes Bateman began to appear downstairs with a haggard, misunderstood-husband countenance. He seemed to find solace in talking to June, one of the Center's typists and owner of a small restaurant. After several afternoon outings together it was announced that June generously had contributed some $3000 to maintain the M.I.N.D. Foundation.

Bateman then turned his romantic attentions to Bobbie, another staff member, who was going through divorce proceedings. After several months $5000 — from Bobbie's property settlement — was added to M.I.N.D.'s apparently bottomless piggy bank.

The other staff members gave what they could and borrowed what they couldn't. If an uncommon number of matchbooks from Las Vegas lay about the Center after one of the Batemans' weekend "resting" trips, the staff didn't comment.

Melvin Belli, the famous San Francisco attorney, was the unwitting key that opened new doors for the Batemans. Noted for his interest in the unusual, Belli invited the husband-and-wife team to appear on his Talk Show on Channel 11 in May 1966. In a series of four taped segments the topic of UFOs was handled respectably and somewhat scientifically.

Bateman, quick to capitalize on the prestige factor in this exposure, had the studio tapes put on film and presented them as a special program at the Foundation. The general public was impressed by the sanction from a personality of Belli's stature and M.I.N.D. membership increased.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department also was impressed by Wes Bateman on Channel 11 — he was $2000 behind in payments for support of his four small children by another marriage. The judgment came in: pay up or spend Christmas in jail.

But the man from M.I.N.D. was on his way up. At a UFO convention in Reno, Nev., in July of that year he had met Mr. and Mrs. X., millionaire producers of

a luxury food item who were deeply interested in the enigmatic flying saucers. The trouble was, their interests were with another UFO group which met secretly at a Hollywood residence.

A simple remark set them up like clay pigeons.

"Say, Wes, did you know the X.'s are swallowing that story about going for a ride in a spaceship?" a M.I.N.D. staff member asked.

Bateman asked, "How do you know?"

By the time the staff member explained that he had a friend attending this other secret group, Bateman's face was aglow, This was a turning point! Orders went through the Center that persons important to the Movement would be invited to see the Belli film and were to be treated with utmost respect.

Philanthropic millionaires are still human beings with egos. The X.'s had worked together long and hard to build their empire but their less fortunate days had not been forgotten in the luxury they now enjoyed. Once the Batemans recognized this pioneer spirit, they played it to the psychological hilt. Theirs was a struggle too, they said, against an evil money-grabbing world trying to stop the spread of universal truths.

Then Bateman hit them with the clincher. His "upstairs" informants from the stars had advised him of the X.'s movements with the other UFO group; yet their divine mission was to be accomplished at M.I.N.D. That "mission" cost the X.'s $25,000 in a year and a half. They didn't question his gift of telepathy because their meetings with the other group had been undercover, or so they believed.

The Batemans stirred lagging member interest to new peaks by using a psychological "carrot in front of the donkey." Among the new projects was a trek into Death Valley in search of Dr. Wallace Halsey, nephew of Admiral "Bull" Halsey, who disappeared in his Tri-Pacer plane in 1963. The "clues" were transmitted via alien communication.

Then a technological invention for a new power source on Earth arrived, also compliments of outer space telephone service. Both activities promised to substantiate Bateman's claim of extraterrestrial contact. Both projects were costly; both proved to be nothing but costly.

Mr. R. sympathized with each apparent defeat the Batemans confided to him. Victim of paralysis in both legs he had overcome these severe handicaps to provide a decent home and income for his family. The

money he made each month as a musician also stretched to cover the payments on three lots valued at $18,000 in San Diego County. This was intended to secure college educations for his two children.

No one understands compassion or the lack of it better than a disabled, struggling human being. So the Batemans' approach to this man was as might be expected. Despite their unselfish endeavors, they said, they were failing to reach the blinded public with the truth of love from the galaxies. Their yoke was heavy but they would keep trying despite bill collectors.

Mr. R. signed over the property in San Diego to M.I.N.D. The Foundation took a $6000 cash loan on it, made one token payment to make it look good and let it go to the mortgage company. The Batemans were much too busy after that to spend any time with Mr. R.!

"Where Oh Where Did the Money Go?" sang in the bookkeeper's head as he juggled the 1967 tax figures for the nonprofit organization from the actual $40,000 in donations received down to the embossed $18,377 and submitted it to the Batemans for approval.

One by one the initial staff members began dropping out in disgust until only Roy C. and his wife Diana remained together with two hippies just along for the ride. Diana worked for an insurance agent in San Fernando Valley and dutifully turned over her monthly salary to the Cause.

The Cause for its part went on to find bigger and better quarters in a country-club neighborhood where it would be easier to attract the attention of the well-to-do. The Batemans chose the palatial Garber Estate, a splendid mansion surrounded by wooded acreage in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles.

During coffee breaks Diana began working on her boss, having been well-trained by JoNell Bateman to find the emotional button that would make him compliant to the request for a "loan." The man was mortal and eventually decided UFO research might be worth his time and money.

With the $2000 from the insurance man and two months' unpaid rent due on the Los Feliz area house, M.I.N.D. moved out one dark winter night. They took possession of the Garber mansion in April 1968.

The Batemans' next project was a surefire system to beat the Las Vegas gaming tables; with the aliens transmitting the next roulette number to come up their financial problems at last would be over. All they needed was a

stake. The insurance man, beginning to worry that news of his affair might reach his wife, coughed up another two grand.

Notice to extraterrestrials everywhere: Las Vegas game tables still have you beat on the odds!

With the aid of the insurance agent's credit cards, the party limped home.

Wes and JoNell Bateman decided California no longer looked so green and apparently are moving around the country with their daughter and the skillful Diana. Roy, Diana's husband, remains in Los Angeles, a disenchanted young man.

Should a new UFO Research Foundation open in your city, we advise you to leave your emotional button, along with your checkbook, at home when you attend a meeting.

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If in the summer of 1966 you were looking for more tangible proof that flying saucers are real, your man was Mel Noel. He and members of his group, Ufology Research, were going to take a ride in one of the silver discs, accompanied by a free-lance journalist who had an O.K. from *Life* Magazine for the scoop.

Mel Noel is in his early 30's — a well-built attractive fellow who introduced himself in the Los Angeles area as an ex-Air Force pilot who had seen UFOs while flying out of Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1952. Through a Mexican professor, Narcisco Genovece, Mel had learned the following astounding story:

On a mountain in Argentina scientists of many countries were engaged in the secret project of building flying saucers under the directions of our nearby neighbors, the Martians. Professor Genovece's brother, who had been associated with Marconi as a technician in the late 1930's, had disappeared; after five years of silence he wrote from Argentina to testify to this fantastic project with which he now was involved. He was asking his brother's aid in developing materials and instruments needed in the construction of the craft.

This seems a far-out tale but Mel described the professor as a highly educated man conversant in English, Greek and German — that is, above reproach.

And because of Mel's association with Professor Genovece a craft would be landing at La Rumorosa, a small community 10 miles south of the Mexican border. There Mel Noel and his group would inspect this technologically superior plane.

Excitement grew as Mel appeared at UFO conventions in Reno, Miami and California and

went on radio and television with accounts of his own flying saucer sightings and news of the proposed "ride" scheduled for December 1966.

Of course, the only real ride was the one his followers were taken for.

In December Mel Noel suddenly disappeared. The press, the public and especially the members of Ufology Research waited breathlessly. One man, himself a UFO researcher for eight years, didn't wait. Early in 1967 Fritz Kron, together with a member of NASA and a law student, drove to Tijuana to meet Professor Genovece and get the facts.

"In the back of an old house which resembled a garage, in an extremely poverty-stricken district," Kron relates, "we found the professor busy operating a small printing press. Since he was supposedly fluent in German I greeted him in my native language.

" *'Wie geht es Ihnen?'* (How are you?)

"His lack of comprehension was obvious and we fared little better in English. I gave him a bottle of liquor and he presented me with a copy of his book, *I Took a Trip to Mars*. He said he didn't know the whereabouts of Mel Noel and seemed unable to interpret our further questions about the space base.

"We said our farewells and left, dropping back unexpectedly a few hours later. It was no surprise to find the respected professor, who in reality was a bookbinder, staggering around mucho drunk and plenty embarrassed."

But it seems all actors who have suffered through a flop performance will try for a comeback. In the fall of 1969 Mel Noel walked on the Channel 9 stage to say hello to Tempo Show host Bob Dornan.

Mel's manner was as usual friendly and natural. "Hi, Bob. I know your brother."

Indeed he did, for Bob Dornan's brother was the journalist scheduled to do the *Life* story on the big trip that never came off! Bob immediately invited both his brother Don and Mel to appear on the Tempo Show the first week in October to hash the thing over.

As Bob Dornan has said, "Tempo is the kind of show people have been willing to come on and be naked to the world."

Surely if Mel Noel had known what he was getting into, he would have brought a fig leaf! Here are some excerpts from that show:

Don: I think I ought to give Mel an opportunity here to state what his real name is and to

present his position. If he wants to do that, fine. I would just as soon forget it but I think it's important that people who state that they're one thing and who are not, be called on, especially in this kind of thing — in an emotionally charged situation as this flying saucer business is. There are an awful lot of people getting taken in constantly by it and a lot of people duped.

Mel: Are you suggesting that we at any time tried to take in anybody?

Don: Me, taking a person in what way? Emotionally, because he's a jerk or what?

Mel: I don't know what end is served taking people in emotionally.

Don: You're taking people in on this show by stating your name is Mel Noel, when it isn't. What's your real name?

Mel: Noel Brice Cornwell.

Don: All right! Noel Brice Cornwell is not a pilot and never has been a pilot. Checks with the FAA, with all known aliases of yours, show no record of your holding a pilot's license as of December 1966.

Bob: Were you a commissioned AF pilot at any time?

Mel: No sir.

Don: But you constantly rely on this. You not only expanded the story of being an officer in the Air Force the early part of 1950, flying F86A's out of Salt Lake City, Utah, you went on to say you were involved in the most incredible story of operating a super-secret squadron engaged in communicating with flying saucer occupants.

Mel's background has nothing to do with aviation. He's been a Fuller Brush salesman. He was a dance instructor at a dance studio and so forth.

Bob: But why? This usually occurs for profit and I don't see anybody making any money.

Don: This is the strangest part of this thing. I wanted to dig the story out journalistically and should have investigated the man prior to the start of the story but I didn't do it . . . I finally stepped out of it after being so completely put upon by the whole thing and the time and effort expended and still not coming down to the end of the road.

As any hoax goes, one of the things that occur is the stringing out of the people and week after week went by with a large group of 25 to 27 people involved who were by and large fine, upstanding citizens. There was no question in my mind but what it was a hoax, but to wrap up a hoax you must come to some kind of ending. What was the purpose behind it?

* * *

This question never was an-

swered to our knowledge.

But it has been our purpose to make known in the public interest the activities of a few of the personalities posing as outer space contactees. They are representative of a host of others who emerge in the wake of any sizable flap of unidentified flying objects. These con artists not only bilk unsuspecting UFO buffs but they get in the way of objective scientific studies of the UFOs.

If you want to take an interest in flying saucers join the respected organizations like NICAP and APRO. But be on guard for the guy who tells you that light in the sky is a saucer. You may find it is nothing but a blimp with something to sell.



A DIPLOMAT HEARS A DISTANT VOICE

By Bert Groth

ONE NIGHT in the late 19th Century Sir John Drummond Hay, a member of England's diplomatic corps, heard the voice of his daughter-in-law — although she was 300 miles away.

Sir John was the British representative at the Mediterranean port of Tangier in North Africa in 1879. His son Robert Drummond Hay served as consul at Mogodor, 300 miles south, where he lived with his family.

One night in February 1879 Sir John awakened about 1:00 A.M. hearing clearly Robert's wife saying in a worried tone, "Oh, I wish Papa only knew that Robert is ill."

Sir John sat up and looked around the room which was illuminated by a night lamp. No one was there except his wife quietly asleep in bed. He listened for a few seconds but heard nothing more. He lay down again, thankful the voice had been only an hallucination.

Then, almost immediately after he closed his eyes, he heard the voice again. Sir John awakened his wife to tell her what had happened and also made a note of it in his diary. He didn't believe in dreams and premonitions — but he was anxious to get some word from Mogodor.

A letter came a few days later. His daughter-in-law wrote that Robert had typhoid fever and had been delirious one night — the same night Sir John heard the voice.

Sir John replied to her letter, telling her about his strange experience that night. She wrote immediately to tell him those were the very words she had used: "Oh, I wish Papa only knew that Robert is ill." And, she added, she had repeated the words a few minutes later.

The COOK Who Brewed A HAUNTING

By Margaret Gaddis

Evidence on record in files of British psychic research society reveals an early 20th-Century culinary innovation.

DEEP IN THE country southwest of Birmingham, England, about eight o'clock on a Sunday evening Dorothy Woodward, housemaid for the Philip Roberts family, climbed the back stairs to their mistress' bedroom. The drawn draperies and the thick walls of the old two-story brick house muffled a blustery March wind outside. Opening the door Dorothy crossed to the dressing table and arranged the silver-backed toilette set neatly on the embroidered scarf. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were at dinner downstairs and the children were asleep in an adjoining room. It was Dorothy's custom to turn down the bed and lay out the night things, a duty she had performed hundreds of times.

Tonight would be different.

As she stood by the dressing table she heard two groans — like a dog moaning, she said later — coming from under the bed. The family dog, however, never was allowed in the house and in fact at that time was being walked several miles away.

Startled, Dorothy stiffened attentively. Suddenly an invisible but powerful hand shoved her

backward against the dressing table.

"A moment later I saw a figure. It seemed to come from under the bed and move across the room to the door. I saw only the back of the figure which was tall and clothed in white. The figure went through the door, out of the room, and I distinctly heard its footsteps on the landing outside."

Utterly terrified the girl managed to stifle an outcry so that she would not frighten her young charges asleep in the next room. Instead she rushed down the servants' stairs and told the cook who was preparing dinner.

"Nonsense!" the cook — an elderly woman named Mrs. Everett — declared, urging Dorothy not to make a complete fool of herself by running to the master. So the story did not reach the family until Dorothy told Ethel Cavendish, the head nanny, who despite her skepticism went to Mrs. Roberts.

Eventually the h a u n t i n g reached such proportions that Mrs. Roberts wrote Sir William Barrett, the distinguished Edwardian psychical researcher, to ask if he would visit them and bring to an end the terror besieging her household.

Our knowledge of the case comes from Sir William's personal investigation and the reports and letters he published in the *Journal* of the British Society for Psychical Research for March 1915. In line with the Society's custom, pseudonyms or initials were used for all persons involved and the place was named only as "a haunted house in Worcestershire." However, the Society had complete identification of the place and persons in its files.

Hauntings of the noisy poltergeist type frequently seem to revolve around pubescent children who unconsciously unleash newly developed powerful energies. But in the "Roberts" case the elderly cook appears to be the unknowing medium through whom the forces manifested themselves.

Although one of the other servants had lived in the house alone for three weeks before the family moved in, the haunting did not begin until the cook was on the premises. After the cook's departure the terrifying events abruptly ceased.

Oddly enough, however, the house already had a local reputation for being haunted although no definite stories were told. When they leased the place the Roberts family had dismissed the idea as nonsense because a haunted house of the same name was the subject of a popular novel of the day. They

felt sure this was the basis of the rumor.

The house, located about two miles from the railway station, stood well back from the road and was surrounded by large and beautiful gardens. It was as quiet and lovely a spot as could be desired and the Roberts family had lived in it happily for perhaps two and a half years before anything occurred to disturb them.

Although Mrs. Everett, the cook, refused (or pretended to refuse) to believe the story, she later admitted that one night she had heard groaning noises and the sounds of "something" leaving the room. On another occasion when she heard stamping footsteps she had lighted a candle but found nothing on the landing outside her room. Half a dozen other times the cook was to be disturbed at night, while the other servants repeatedly heard groaning and strange noises from her room on nights when she herself heard nothing.

When questioned by Sir William Barrett, Mrs. Everett related that at her previous post with a family on the Isle of Wight there had been many curious noises — smashing crockery, footsteps and moving furniture. All this, she said "was also heard by my mistress and others and they were much frightened and said it was dreadful." It never had been explained. When that family left England she accepted the job as cook with Mrs. Roberts in whose home she slept alone in a room above the ground floor night nursery. She was sure no one was playing tricks on her and by the time Sir William arrived she also was sure something frightening had stood by her bed and groaned. Sometimes her bedclothes were pulled off.

Sir William interviewed each servant alone. Ethel Cavendish, about 30, was, in his view, the most intelligent and respectable. She said she had had difficulty in believing Dorothy's story until one time as she slept with the two children in the night nursery she heard the window of the day nursery below being thrown open and then slammed down again, followed by sounds of furniture being knocked about. Too frightened to go down alone she thought of calling Mr. Roberts but after about 15 minutes these noises ended and she lay down again. In the early morning she went down to examine the day nursery. The windows and also the door were locked and nothing whatever had been disturbed!

She heard nothing further until the night of June 15, when the tramping of heavy footsteps "as if made by a person with hob-

nailed boots coming into the room" woke her out of sound sleep. As she lay trembling she heard the steps come across to the dressing table and had the feeling that something there would block her way if she attempted to leave.

"I was terrified but managed to light the candle and found it was 1:20 A.M. The perspiration was running off my forehead with fear and I kept the candle alight but no more sleep was possible. I was really too frightened to get out of bed to call Mr. Roberts and nothing further occurred that night. I am sure the sound of tramping did not come from someone walking in the garden outside, for I *felt the bed shaking* with the heavy tread."

On another occasion a hand suddenly gripped her throat so hard that it hurt. It was not a nightmare. She lit a candle. Once more she found nothing and the children were still sound asleep on their cots. After this she kept a candle burning nights but except for odd noises there were no further intrusions into the room.

In the meantime Mr. Roberts had fitted up an electric bell so that she could summon him but when she did so nothing was discovered. Each time he searched the house and sat outside the room for a while. Ethel assured Sir William that Dorothy's hair-raising story, which she did not believe at all, could not have inspired any of this.

Sir William carefully examined the whole house. When he walked across the heavy felt carpet in the night nursery he scarcely could hear his own footsteps. Nurse Ethel had to stamp very hard from the door past her bed to the dressing table to make the old timbers shake. Unfortunately nothing occurred during the weekend he was there although Sunday had been a favorite night for the poltergeist.

Later Mrs. Roberts wrote to tell him that the night after he left, Ethel in the night nursery and the two maids who shared a bedroom upstairs all heard awful groaning for perhaps 20 minutes. Mr. Roberts, she said, "distinctly felt a presence as of some person brushing past him but could find nothing to account for it." At other times he was overcome by a feeling of great stupor but attributed the unusual effect to indigestion.

Mrs. Roberts herself never witnessed a disturbance. In the same letter, dated August 6, 1914, she told Sir William that the previous Sunday her husband had been sick in bed and she had not been able to leave him until quite late. She had no time for

dinner until after nine o'clock that night and was eating when Ethel rushed into the dining room to say that terrible noises were coming from the larder. Mrs. Roberts hurried after her.

Ethel and Lester Johnson, a temporary maid, had been in the larder chopping ice for Mr. Roberts. All was quiet for the moment but Mrs. Roberts had barely returned to her dinner when Ethel ran back to say that it sounded as if furniture were being pushed around in the cellar.

Lester agreed to go down there with her mistress and had just seized a lamp when Mr. Roberts, upstairs, burst into violent coughing. His wife ran up and stayed with him for about half an hour. When she returned to the back of the house she found Lester still standing where she had left her on a little landing at the top of the cellar steps.

Lester reported she had heard footsteps mounting the stairs and had shouted in a loud firm voice, "What do you want?"

The footsteps had stopped. The cook, standing nearby, had fainted from shock but the stout Lester and Nurse Ethel had continued to stand guard. Now they went with Mrs. Roberts to search the cellar.

"We did this thoroughly and nothing human was to be seen," wrote Mrs. Roberts. As usual there was absolutely nothing to account for the uncanny goings-on.

A night or so later Florence Lambert, the parlormaid, woke about 3:00 A.M. to see a form standing over her bed, showing up against the window "darker than night." She was able to make out the shape of protruding ears! Although matches were beside her bed she dared not put out a hand, which would have had to go *through* the figure. Squeezing her eyes tightly shut she lay shivering for a long time in the silent room. Dorothy in the next bed did not stir. When Florence finally peeked the strange form had disappeared.

On the 29th of August Sir William got more news from the beleaguered household. The report said the cook had left and all was quiet.

During the last few days of her employment there the situation had grown acute. Among other disturbances noises in the cook's room awoke Florence and Dorothy early one morning. It sounded as if old Mrs. Everett were walking around, opening and shutting her tin box. But when Dorothy crossed the hall to investigate she discovered Mrs. Everett had gone down to start breakfast. Later that day noises sounded in the empty larder room and witnesses heard foot-

steps on the stairs leading to the attic.

But the very day Mrs. Everett left, the servants reported feeling a total change in the atmosphere of the house. All of them commented on it. From then on all abnormal sounds ceased.

"We have had 'peace, perfect peace' as far as ghosts are concerned. It seems the queerest thing," Mrs. Roberts ended her last letter.

Nurse Ethel, she wrote, just had informed her that for many months she had been dreaming they all were going to leave the house. Her dreams had begun in February before any of the ghost troubles started.

Sir William concluded his own report by stating that the Roberts family in fact did give up the house the following autumn. The landlord had informed him just before the Robertses moved that insofar as he knew no previous tenant had heard or seen anything out of the ordinary.

This whole incredible story with all its extraordinary details is buried — and still unexplained — in the files of the British society.



THE DEVIL ON THE HIGHWAY?

DR. DONALD OMAND, vicar of Chideock near the town of Bridport in Devon, England, is convinced that many highway accidents are not the result of careless driving but due to the interference of evil supernatural forces.

After a study conducted with a surgeon, a physician and a police chief who interviewed more than 1000 accident victims, Dr. Omand's team found that often drivers are seized by an irresistible urge to jerk the steering wheel off course into the side of another vehicle or into the ditch — and this usually happens at what he calls "accident black spots."

At one such black spot, according to Dr. Omand, "Six separate motorists had undergone the foul experience on a piece of roadway less than a quarter of a mile long, whereas no other cases were reported within an area of more than 50 miles." No natural explanations could be uncovered even by intensive investigation.

Dr. Omand advises drivers caught in dangerous situations to "offer up a prayer just as quickly as you can." He also is campaigning to have priests offer prayers of exorcism at the danger spots.



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MESSAGE RECEIVED

By Victor Werner

MY WIFE GERALDINE and I were guests of our friend Cora Welch in September 1956 at her Beverly Beach, Md., cottage, 30 miles from Washington, D.C. We had been there for a week, swimming, fishing, sailing and soaking up sunshine.

After one particularly strenuous day at the beach Cora prepared a delicious fish dinner for us and soon thereafter I said good night and quickly fell fast asleep on my cot.

Almost immediately, it seemed, I awakened with a start. In the moonlight shining through the window I saw the form of my brother Irving standing at the foot of my cot. He appeared to be in great distress and imploring me to help him. It seemed he couldn't get his breath.

I called to my wife, "I've got to get back to Washington and phone my brother. He needs me."

Alarmed at my insistence Geraldine switched on the light and said, "Why, it's only two-thirty in the morning! You'll wake up Cora."

When I told my wife about the vision she said, "You just had a bad dream because you overexerted yourself at the beach today. Forget about it and go back to sleep."

For the rest of the night I tossed restlessly, the urgency of the vision vivid and insistent in my mind.

At that time Irving was vacationing at a small motel near



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Marathon Key in Florida. Cora's cottage had no telephone and by morning I knew I had to return to Washington to call him. Irving's expression had been so eloquent and entreating it had to mean something.

Arriving at our Washington apartment I found a telegram from the owner of the Florida motel under our door:

"Your brother Irving passed away at 3:30 A.M. Massive heart attack. He tried to telephone you about an hour earlier. Please contact us immediately."

Even as I write this I sense Irving's presence. He is saying, "It's all right. Don't worry. It's all right." — *Washington, D.C.*

"I'LL LOOK YOU UP AGAIN . . ."

By Elsie M. Dunn

I AM SURE I never heard the word reincarnation until I was 16 years old and living in Linn, Mo. Our minister's wife asked her husband, the Rev. L. Brewster, the meaning of the word.

When his answer derided the word itself and its meaning a soft voice within me spoke the words of the Teacher, "Art thou a Master in Israel and knowest not these things?" From then on, despite our minister's words, I believed in reincarnation. Why else would the voice have spoken?

I suppose I always have been what students of psychic matters call a "sensitive." From early childhood I was conscious of this "One" who spoke to me in a soft voice and told me things which caused the adults around me to say, "How did she know that?"

The first time this happened was when I was about three years old. I saw the beloved face of my father Theodore Moore, whom I wanted to be always smiling, frowning darkly as he tried to get my two older sisters to spell the word "there." They were in elementary school and had asked him to help them with their spelling.

I couldn't have cared less how the word was spelled but that frown on the face I adored must be replaced by the smile I loved so much! I felt a tense urgency to have the girls spell the word for him. Without any effort and certainly with no conscious awareness of how to spell I shouted, "Oh, why don't you say 't-h-e-r-e'?"

My father turned to me in surprise and asked how I knew the word. I shook my head dumbly. Then he asked me to spell simple three-letter words and of course I couldn't. He looked so troubled I thought I had displeased him and I wept bitterly.

This was the first of many such happenings. The voice always spoke to me when I was under

emotional stress. I thought everyone had an Invisible Friend who advised them.

However, not until after I knew for sure that my husband of 20 years was mentally ill did reincarnation become a tool in the hands of my Invisible Friend and therefore an important part of my life.

The doctors assured me that August's deep love for me suddenly turning to bitter hatred was only one of several symptoms of his mental illness. He seemed to watch for and find times and places to say things that cut me like knife thrusts.

Lying in bed one night after a long evening of such verbal attacks I cried out silently, "Oh, God, why am I tortured this way?"

Instantly the answer came like a flash of lightning.

The scene lasted only for a second but I knew — or remembered — all that led up to it and part of what came later. I was sitting on a white stone armchair — like a throne — at the top of a long flight of stone steps which led down to a sort of moat. Strangely, as I sat there, I was conscious of my present real self filled with disgust at the utter selfishness of the person I was at that time. I felt great vibratory waves of hate coming from a young man standing at attention behind my right shoulder. I smiled inwardly.

"Just hate all you want," I thought contemptuously, "but be careful not to let it show or you will find yourself where he is." Thinking these words I put out a small sandaled foot and kicked the head of a dead man at my feet. His body turned over and rolled down the steps toward the water where I knew animals would devour it. As he rolled over and over the face turned toward me. It was the face of my husband!

When I awoke in the morning I knew I had witnessed a scene from a former life and my heart was filled with the determination to atone for the awful thing I had done to my husband. In a former life he had loved me so abjectly that I had grown tired of him.

After that when he made cutting remarks I knew instantly that he was punishing me for my crime of long ago — although he knew nothing of what drove him to do so.

Every night I prayed, "Thank you, God, that through loving him and caring for him I am making another payment on the awful debt I owe him."

August gradually lost interest in jibing at me and became almost his normal self again. Just before he died in 1952 he looked up at me with a smile and said,

"If there is such a thing as reincarnation I am going to look you up again." — *Independence, Mo.*

MOTHER'S MYSTERIOUS CALL

By Pattie Sherwood Smith

ONE SUMMER evening in 1969 I fled the smothering heat of my hotel in New York City to seek the coolness of tree-filled Washington Square in the heart of Greenwich Village. About 10 o'clock it seemed cooler and I felt I could stand it at home.

I walked slowly along the four blocks to my hotel. The first two were brightly lighted and the sidewalks were lively with young people. But after that the street was deserted and dark.

As I strolled the last block I heard footsteps behind me. Looking back I saw a bearded drunk beginning to lurch more rapidly in my direction.

"Hi, darling!" he yelled. "Come to daddy, baby."

I started to run and succeeded in rounding the corner within sight of the hotel a few steps ahead of him. Fortunately a tall blond young man was sitting on the fire hydrant on the corner. As the drunk caught up with me and tried to grab me the young man yanked him away and sent him reeling down the street.

I hurried on to my apartment and sat down in a big easy chair trying to calm my pounding heart. Within 15 minutes the telephone rang. My mother Emily Smith was calling from Somerville, N.J., about 35 miles away.

"Pattie," she asked frantically, "Pattie, are you all right? I had a feeling you might be in danger."

"Of course I'm all right," I answered. "There is nothing for you to worry about."

Mother was reassured and we talked about other things for a few minutes before she hung up.

I never wished to upset her by telling her what really happened that night but I shall always marvel at the telepathic communication she received. — *New York, N.Y.*

"THE SKY IS FALLING . . ."

By Fay W. Lane

LABOR DAY weekend 1918 promised to be a gala occasion for us and our city cousins who were to join us on our farm near Ottawa, Kans., for an outing on the Marais des Cygnes River. The weather in eastern Kansas that summer had been hot and dry and no rain had fallen for weeks. The camping, fishing and visiting promised a welcome change for all of us.

Following the wagon road down the dry riverbed we found our usual swimming pool under

the bridge and we moved near deep water where we could fish before making camp.

Our cousins soon arrived from Kansas City, Mo. In a jubilant mood they pitched tents and carried bedding, food and equipment down the steep bank to the tents below.

Including my husband Fred and me there were 15 of us — the Browns, the Calahans and the Mauls. Because Maud and Van Calahan had an asthmatic child they made camp at the top of the bank, for he could not be exposed to too much dampness.

During the evening we gathered for a song-fest, then retired to sleep in the quiet summer night. We had just begun to doze when an ear-splitting screech jolted us awake. Just a screech owl, we decided, and soon all was peaceful again.

Suddenly a terrible fear gripped me. *What if it wasn't a screech owl?* Could it be a warning that we were in danger? I looked around me and tried to stifle my uneasiness but I couldn't. I got up, threw on a robe and called to the others that we had to move to higher ground.

"Something heavy is going to fall on us," I said. But the others only laughed and someone teased, "Is the sky going to fall on us, Fay?" They were sure the



Fay W. Lane

hot weather had curdled my brain.

It was hopeless. I began gathering my belongings, determined to leave alone if no one else would go with me. Someone asked mockingly, "Are you thinking of a flash flood when there ain't a cloud in the sky and everything's dry as a powder keg?"

That was it. That was the answer! I was certain of it.

Maud and Van came down from their camp to see what was going on. I explained my feelings to them while my sense of terror mounted. But they didn't laugh. Maud said, "If you're afraid to stay, come back with us. You can share the boys' tent."

Once more we had just fallen asleep when a thunderous roar awakened us. Terrified screams echoed from below. We rushed out to see water everywhere, deep, and running swiftly. The

panic-stricken campers were fleeing for their lives. The flash flood had struck.

Maud and I quieted the women and children and the men rescued the team and wagon but little else. The waters had taken everything — but fortunately no one was hurt.

What mysterious power so forcefully warned me of the impending danger?—*Wichita, Kans.*

RIGHT MAN, WRONG ROOM

By Kevin Pelton

MY MOTHER Beverly Jo Pelton and I planned a trip to New York for early December 1968. Shortly before we were to leave she had a strange dream which so terrified her she told me about it. She dreamed she was in an unfamiliar apartment when a man she didn't know gave her a cup and told her to drink from it. She replied that she wasn't thirsty and thanked him. The man repeated his request and added that she ought not to refuse it, for it would be the last she ever would drink in her lifetime.

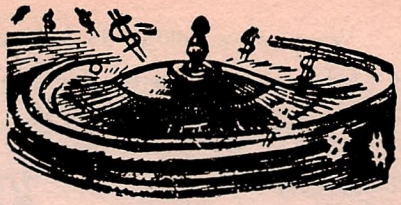
On December 3, one week after her terrible dream, we arrived in New York and Mother seemed in excellent health and spirits. She took a room she didn't much like in the Hotel Piccadilly where soon after our arrival she was seized with a violent fever. The desk clerk called a reputable physician, Dr. Rosenberg. When the doctor arrived I saw that Mother looked astonished. When we were alone again I asked about her reaction and she said the doctor perfectly resembled the man she had seen in her dream.

"But," she added, "I will not die at this time, for this certainly is not the same apartment I saw in my dream."

By December 7 Mother had regained her strength and overcome her sudden illness. She seemed to have forgotten the dream when another incident reminded her of it in a most forcible manner.

Always dissatisfied with her room at the Piccadilly she telephoned the Hotel Mayfair and arranged for a room there. She packed and we took a taxi to her new temporary residence. Scarcely had she entered the room before she exclaimed, "It is all over for me! I surely will not come out of this room alive, for it is the one I saw in my dream."

She was right. On December 11, having been two days in that room, she died from complications following the simple extraction of a tooth. Her throat became ulcerated and the rapidly-spreading infection brought about her predicted death.—*Covina, Calif.*



Wheel of Fortune

By Paul Steiner

For his documentary feature on the life of Martin Luther King, "King, A Filmed Record," producer Ely Landau asked Oscar-winner Richard Kaplan to work with him. Only later did Landau learn that Kaplan had attended college with Coretta King, wife of the slain civil rights leader.

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Two tramps sought shelter from a snow storm in a tumbledown house in Vienna. Max Krainz, aged 36, had settled down for the night on a bed of newspapers when something hard fell on his head. The next minute his friend, 40-year-old Otmar Harvich, was hit on the head by a gold chain.

Suddenly a cascade of gold and silver coins tumbled down the chimney. In all they were worth more than $150,000. But Max and Otmar weren't rich for long. Police confiscated their sudden fortune and traced its ownership to the last regular occupant of the derelict house, a 74-year-old woman miser, who recently had been put into a home for the aged.

Now the old woman's family must decide whether the two tramps deserve a reward for finding the treasure.

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A fire in an attic in Graz, Austria, destroyed — of all things — an automobile. How it got there remains a mystery.

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Anne Spaaken, 24, met Charles Duvalier, 29, when their two cars were stopped side by side in a Brussels, Belgium, traffic jam. Chattering together to pass the time they discovered they lived only two blocks apart and Charles suggested they reduce the daily commuter traffic by using only one car. Romance bloomed and they married.

What can astrology do for you? How could it help make this a better world to live in? A leading astrologer gives her views.

KNOW YOURSELF through ASTROLOGY

By Gordon Keith

LUCILE WILSON has been actively engaged in the study and teaching of astrology for 42 years. Her thorough knowledge encompasses both modern and esoteric astrology which takes into account the wisdom of the ancients. Her clients (whose names are held in strict confidence) include actors, lawyers, doctors, professors, statesmen and an erstwhile king who still travels many thousand miles each year to Lucile Wilson's headquarters in Denver, Colo., for private readings.

From August 30 through September 3, 1970, Mrs. Wilson conducted the First Annual Astrological Seminar at Outlook Inn on Orcas Island, Wash., headquarters of The Louis Foundation* which sponsored the seminar. I arranged to interview Mrs. Wilson at Outlook Inn and started by asking, "What special occult gift do you possess?"

LW: My work, as I prefer to call it, is astrology.

GK: In laymen's terms, what is astrology?

LW: The science of the stars. Centuries ago the Egyptians, Britain's Druids, Pythagoras, Plato, Aristotle, all believed in the science of the stars.

GW: What purpose does astrology serve?

LW: It serves many. In Biblical days it was considered a religion. Astrological guidance was followed in agriculture and healing and it has spiritual and esoteric applications.

GK: What are some of the ways astrology is used today?

LW: It may be used on a mundane level or it may be used on a personal or natal level. In the latter case we are able to dis-

* A nonprofit organization dedicated to the spiritual exploration of the total human being, The Louis Foundation incorporated in the state of Washington in 1965, although it had been less formally organized since 1948. The Foundation conducts study groups and prepares daily lessons for members striving toward full use of mental, physical and spiritual powers.

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LUCILE WILSON, before she became a full-time astrologer, taught at the Wallace School for handicapped children in Denver and operated a "dude ranch" in the Colorado Mountains. She is a member of the Masonic Lodge, a rare honor because there are only 13 woman Masons in the United States. She now is preparing a book on esoteric astrology.



cover the weaknesses and the strengths in a person's character, his psychological makeup. The application of astrology in psychology, by the way, is widespread today.

Centuries ago astrology was used to determine the people who would go into "Temples of Wisdom," schools of higher learning. A priest from the court of the Pharaohs would be given the chart of a newborn babe from which he could determine the qualities of the soul. When the child was old enough to attend school he was placed in the particular school that would accent and increase the talents within the psyche of that child.

GK: In other words, they knew ahead of time what a child was best qualified for and schooled him accordingly?

LW: That's right. Theirs wasn't hit or miss education.

GK: Do you think it is practical for today's parents to have a chart made for a child to determine what he or she is best qualified to do in life?

LW: I certainly do.

GK: At what age do you suggest having such a chart made?

LW: The chance of death — or passing into the next plane of consciousness — is greatest within one year of a child's birth. Therefore it's best to prepare a chart after the child reaches the age of one year.

GK: What made you decide to

become an astrologer?

LW: As a youngster I was fascinated by the stars and planets. I studied astronomy in school and then in Chicago more than 40 years ago I met Manley P. Hall, one of the great astrologers, who influenced my decision to intensify my study of astrology. Since that day I have had the good fortune to study with a number of excellent astrologers. Nor has my obsession for knowledge in this science ever subsided. It's a rare day indeed that I don't read or study some facet of astrology. One never should cease learning.

GK: How does one prepare for a career in astrology?

LW: A person should start by taking 20 or so basic lessons which include the mathematical equations necessary to prepare a chart. One must also learn to read the ephemerides which give the longitude and latitude of the planets at the time of birth on the day a subject-person is born. When an astrologer is erecting the chart, the longitude, latitude and time of birth are equally important.

GW: Is it possible to get started by reading a good book on the subject?

LW: Yes, you might start by reading Llewellyn George's *A to Z Horoscope Maker*. However, many good correspondence lessons in astrology are available today to expedite one's learning the subject.

Of course, learning the fundamentals of astrology is only the beginning. One must then work diligently on reading and analyzing what are termed "aspects" in the charts. What I may see in a particular chart, probably no other astrologer would see in quite the same way. In this respect many of our problems arise, causing critics to term ours a "pseudoscience." Nevertheless, astrology is a true science and has proven itself over the centuries.

GK: Suppose I wanted to study privately with an astrology teacher. How would I go about selecting someone qualified?

LW: It goes without saying that you should do a bit of investigating before studying with any teacher. In Denver we have an astrological center associated with the Astrological Association, a coast-to-coast organization. Anyone can write to the association for information on selecting a qualified school or astrologer.

GK: In your opinion, what is the mark of a qualified astrologer — or the best test?

LW: That's not easy to answer. To begin with, one who I might think is a good astrologer, someone else might not. It's rather

like asking what marks a good president. Generally speaking, a qualified teacher of astrology is one who has made a thorough study of astrology and related subjects for many years, a conscientious and dedicated individual who places professional knowledge and integrity before monetary returns.

GK: Is it actually possible to counsel someone without having seen him?

LW: It certainly is. People have written me from all over the world for readings. I have probably seen less than two-thirds of these clients. And this holds true for any qualified astrologer. However, if I'm going to prepare a scientifically accurate chart, it's necessary to have the time and date of birth. Once a chart has been compiled an astrologer can progress it — bring it up to date, that is — at any time.

GK: Is it possible to foresee what lies ahead for any individual by reading a properly prepared chart?

LW: Yes, indeed.

GK: How can this be done?

LW: Let's turn to the Bible. God told us, "I will give you a day for a year and He prophesyeth in the days that are far off." He also said, "I will give you a message in the firmament of Heaven and he in the farthest corner of the earth shall know my message." Through thoroughly scientific calculations we are able to prognosticate events in a subject's life.

We know coming events follow trends. And over the centuries it has been proven that certain aspects do recur. We live in a cyclic pattern and this shows that the planets have a definite effect on man. Thus we can see into the future just as the great astrologer Nostradamus foretold many of today's trends and events.

GK: Can you tell me about one of your clients who arrived at a predetermined goal by following his chart's reading?

LW: Well, we can take the case of Pamela Zarita, a young Denver girl who was studying theatrical arts. In making up her chart I saw that she would do well in the theater and advised her to continue to study locally. At the end of a year she called to say that what I had told her so far had been on target and she wanted me to compile another year's chart for her. She also said she wanted very much to go to New York and try out there. Her chart showed that she should not try New York for two more years. I advised her to go to the west coast because the planets were in such a position as to indicate that she should prepare herself on the west coast be-

fore going east. She asked me what she would be doing on the west coast. I told her I saw her performing on television but not before an audience.

She did go to California and almost immediately she was signed to do TV commercials. Then, at the end of the year she phoned again, asking for advice for the next year. She said she didn't know how much longer she could stand doing commercials and wanted to know if now she could try New York. I reminded her she had another year to go before she would be ready to try out for the New York stage. Disregarding my advice, she went anyway. But she didn't get any work in the theater.

The next year she called me from New York. This time I mailed her a three-hour tape I had dictated from what I had seen in her new chart. It said in part that Pamela soon would meet a prominent Broadway producer under rather strange circumstances. She would be dining in a restaurant and he would "discover" her. Pamela told me later she thought I must have misread her chart. No such fairy tale could possibly happen in this day and age.

Then came the night that a very excited Pamela Zarita called me.

"Can you believe it? David Merrick, the producer, saw me in a restaurant exactly as you said it would happen!" She was fairly bubbling. "He came over to my table, introduced himself and asked if I'd like to try out for his new show."*

GK: If a person doesn't know his time of birth is it possible to compile an accurate chart for him?

LW: It can be done but it entails a great deal of work. Knowing whether the subject was born in the morning, afternoon or evening eliminates an excessive amount of work. If he can pin down the time of his birth to within two hours I will take the time to work it out.

GK: How often is it advisable for a person to have a chart made?

LW: You can progress a chart as far as you want to but I find it best to do only one year at a time. Most persons are interested in year-to-year readings.

GK: Does superstition play any part in astrology?

LW: It certainly does not. I have said that astrology is an exact science. I personally am not one bit superstitious.

GK: What about prayer?

LW: That's something else again. I never sit down to prepare a

* By the time I interviewed Mrs. Wilson, Pamela Zarita had been given a part in the Broadway production "Promises, Promises."

chart that I don't do some prayerful meditation.

GK: If you foresaw a tragedy, such as death, in one of your clients' charts would you tell that person your findings?

LW: I don't believe we ever determine death. A tendency or a trend toward a period of low vitality will appear and there is what we call a low death cycle. Under such circumstances I would tell my client he is entering a low cycle health-wise and I would advise him to have a checkup. I never tell a person the date when he is going to die, never.

GK: Have you ever prepared a chart for someone outside the law?

LW: Yes, I did a chart for a prominent entertainer in the music world. In his chart I saw that he would be sent to prison for peddling heroin. I warned him that if he didn't stop his illegal activities he and members of his band would be imprisoned. He failed to heed the warning and he and many of his group were sent to prison.

GK: When you lecture do you have any preference between the professional and lay audience?

LW: I enjoy lecturing before all groups but I must confess that I am slightly prejudiced in favor of the lay audience. This is simply because we must whet the appetites of those who think basically in physical terms. Whether or not one agrees with astrological precepts is of little consequence. Simply attending a lecture on the subject causes one to think on a higher level. And this in itself is good.

GK: Would you say that if more people understood astrology our world would be a better place in which to live?

LW: Definitely.

GK: Why?

LW: Astrology helps us know ourselves. It helps us to know what the divine plan is. You can read it like a book. The Bible says, "Know thyself." How can one know himself unless he studies himself?

GK: Are forthcoming events looking good or bad?

LW: Good. We are moving into what is termed an Aquarian Age. We have more than 600 planets in the heavens and these have habitation or spiritual development similar to our own. There is life — although not necessarily in the form we know life — on these planets within close range of our own orbit. For the first time in hundreds of years our sun is picking up the central sun-rays which we call Chela and these rays are passing through and hitting our sun and from there coming to the planet Earth. This causes us to look

toward the spiritual side of our lives.

GK: Where has this knowledge or information come from?

LW: Astrological calculations. Due to what is called the "equinoctial slower backward movement of the sun" man stands erect for the first time in nearly 27,000 years. He carries on his shoulder an urn and in this urn is fluid symbolizing spiritual essence. The Aquarian age is the era of man — not the human but the man — and this means the true spiritual essence of the Father is entering man.

GK: Are those who attend your class instruction older persons or do you also have teen-agers?

LW: I am happy to say that I have quite a number of young folks studying with me. Among them are two from Harvard, one from Duke, another from Cambridge and several from Colorado University. I might add that all of these young folks have a great respect for the subject. Today, by the way, astrology is being taught at UCLA and Columbia University.

GK: What do they call the course?

LW: Astrophysics — but it is strictly astrology. I think you would be pleasantly surprised to learn just how interested the young people are in astrology.

I am certain that with the knowledge they are given they not only will be able to plan their own lives more successfully but they will help others as well. We must remember it takes so few to lead so many. And when those few are headed in the right direction, as these young astrology students certainly are, only good can come of it.

INSULT PERHAPS — BUT NO INJURY

THOMAS McFALL of Portland, Ore., was run over twice in one day — both times by his own car.

McFall was traveling west on Interstate Highway 80N when his car struck a truck trailer and jumped a guard rail into the eastbound lane. McFall and a passenger were thrown from the car.

The vehicle, with its throttle stuck, continued moving until it climbed a shrub-covered bank, then returned to the highway following McFall, who was running to escape. The car caught up with him, knocked him over and ran over him, then went back to the shrubbery and returned on the same course. This time it rolled over the victim's legs. Immediately afterwards McFall escaped from the scene without serious injury.

The car continued on the same course for another 15 minutes and was stopped only when a state police officer shot out a tire.

300-YEAR  OLD DEBT

. . . *comes due*

I lived in pain that doctors could not ease — until I discovered that the cause was rooted in another life.

By Ada Elliott

IN THE EARLY 1950's I was hopelessly crippled by arthritis. I say hopelessly because leading physicians in Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex., all had examined and treated me and each had arrived at the same conclusion.

"There is nothing more that we can do," I was told. "We know that the pain in your back is excruciating but we can promise no cure. You will be able to walk as long as you wear a steel brace and we can give you relief from the severe pain. You must adjust your life to this."

After Dr. Marvin Knight, an eminent bone specialist from Dallas, fitted me with the steel brace I began the forlorn task of accepting this limited and painful existence. For a person as active as I had been the adjustment was difficult to make. Moreover my clothes had to be altered to accommodate the brace, which made me feel and look ponderous. This condition injured my ego almost as much as the disease hurt my back.

But I still had my mind. Along with my sister Margaret, who had stuck with me through all these agonizing experiences, I pursued my interest in psychology, taking courses at three universities and studying not only the orthodox works on psychology but also the claims of far-out cults and societies.

When L. Ron Hubbard's best-selling *Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health* appeared, we read it avidly. Shortly afterwards we attended a lecture on the subject given by Ross Lamareaux in Dallas. We went in a skeptical mood, for we thought that the techniques Mr. Hubbard outlined in his book were much too simple to effec-

tively straighten out quirks in the mind.

The lecture, held in a private home, attracted about 30 persons who sat crowded together in the living room. Mr. Lamareaux gave a short talk on dianetics in which he explained that the treatment was carried out by what he called auditors. He said that he was going to give us a demonstration of how auditing works, then asked for a volunteer for the session. Without thinking I raised my hand immediately.

As Mr. Lamareaux seated me in front of him in a straight-backed chair, he noticed there was something wrong with my back from the awkward manner in which I sat and asked me what the trouble was. I explained.

Then, as if out of nowhere, he asked, "If you wanted to hurt someone in the back with a big stick, how would you do it?"

"I'd hit him in the back with a big stick," I replied. As soon as I'd said it, I was puzzled. I could not recall ever striking anyone in the back with a big stick.

Mr. Lamareaux leaned near me and said, "Can you imagine that you have a big stick in your hands?" I nodded. "Now feel that stick," he said. "Feel its roughness, its thickness. Now hit down with that stick. Hit hard."

I remember feeling how silly that was, how silly I must look to the other guests. But Ross paid no attention to the others. His large brown eyes staring deep into mine, he disregarded the skeptical smile on my face.

"Hit harder," he went on. "Hit as though you really wanted to hurt someone."

I thought, "If this is Mr. Hubbard's idea of psychology it's pretty damn silly." But since I had volunteered I was determined to go along with whatever he had in mind. With a shrug of my shoulders and a smug smile I hit down. "Again," Ross said. "Again." This time I hit with such force that I felt a pain in my back.

Suddenly the whole scene changed. I was in another world. No longer conscious of Ross or of anything in that room I became a different person, not the awkward woman in a brace, sitting in a chair in this modern home. Margaret said later that she could tell the moment I changed. The confident smile disappeared from my face and a look of wonderment — a strange look in my eyes — replaced it.

I still can see the scene that stretched before me. I was standing in the backyard of a peculiar-looking house with a large girl — fair of complexion with long blond hair. I don't know how but I knew that the girl was myself.

There was no doubt. I also knew that I was 12 years old.

At the back of a low rough rock house was an overhanging thatched roof; the house was composed of small rough stones held together by a sort of mud. A large flat stone which served as a step lay in front of a small wooden door. About 10 yards from the house there was another much larger flat stone, this one irregular in shape but completely flat and about two feet thick. Two hundred feet away I could see a long low fence also made of small rocks.

I was not alone in that barren rocky yard. James — whom I had loved for two years, first as a child, now as half-woman — sat before me. He was a large brawny young man with a wealth of reddish hair worn much in the style of today's hippies. Easy of manner to the point of arrogance, he watched me, flashing a smile barely short of contemptuous.

I waited there trembling, waiting for some sign that would tell me that he took pleasure in my company. But he made no response. I called out his name and would have said more, but he turned away from me and stretched out lazily on the flat rock. Furious, I picked up a large stick, walked over to where he rested and in a flash of passion struck him on his back. He lay there stunned and speechless for a minute, then slowly turned over and rose. He still was smiling but as he entered the house I noticed with satisfaction that he clasped both hands tightly to his back. Not until he was inside did I realize that I had hurt him badly. I ran crying to the long low fence at the rear of the yard where I sobbed out, "I didn't mean it, James, I didn't mean it!"

Suddenly I heard the voice of Ross asking, "Where are you?" I resented his intrusion on my grief but I answered, "England."

"Where in England?"

"Cumberland County."

"Who are you? What is your name?" Ross had come nearer to me but I did not see him.

"Arnette," I said.

"Arnette who?"

"Arnette Bowen."

"What year is it?"

"1632," I snapped as if anyone in his right mind should know what year it was.

For the next few minutes I seemed to be suspended between two worlds. I no longer was sobbing but emotionally I was torn between grief at my vicious attack on James and annoyance at Ross' continual prying into my private world.

Then I could hear Ross pulling

me back. "Come up to present time," he said soothingly. "You will come up to present time."

Then my mind cleared and I could see Ross again. I remember wiping my eyes, for they were still wet with tears.

"Mrs. Elliott, you are in present time. Your back may be a little sore tomorrow so I would advise you to go to an auditor and have him or her run this for you."

Clumsily I made my way to the chair beside Margaret, who sat wide-eyed and alarmed.

When Ross attempted to continue his lecture, he discovered that he had lost his audience. Everyone wanted to know what had happened, why I had called out "James!" and sobbed, "I didn't mean it, I didn't mean it." Margaret kept pressing me, "Ada, what happened to you? Are you sure you're all right?"

Acceding to the wishes of the group Ross asked me if I would tell them exactly what I had seen.

Much later — weary from all the questions I had been asked — I left for home with Margaret. We had much to discuss. We both realized that whether or not Ross had done it intentionally there was no doubt that I had been in a deep hypnotic trance.

We sat late that night pondering the clear implication of the evening's experience: there well might be a connection between the events of that other life and the condition of my back in this one.

By the next morning — just as Ross had predicted — my back was indeed very sore. We recognized, of course, that the suggestion conceivably could have caused this. In an attempt to allay the pain I called a woman — whose name I cannot recall — for an appointment to remove the suggestion, though I did not mention hypnosis.

The woman who questioned me in her home was at a loss how to proceed. She knew the routine methods she had been taught but had had no experience with a former life episode. She was kind and did her best but she did not know how to handle that situation.

By the next morning I was in excruciating pain and Margaret and I berated ourselves for being foolish enough to let our curiosity get us into such a predicament.

"Of course you didn't have to volunteer," Margaret said. "I'm going to call that Ross Lamareaux in Fort Worth."

When she did she told him, "You got her in this condition — now you get her out of it."

Much disturbed Ross asked if I was able to come to Fort Worth.

If not he would come to Dallas. She told him that she would bring me to him and so with the help of aspirin and my brace we made the short trip to Fort Worth.

We met Ross at the home of Jack and Mary Blackman, old friends of ours.

I do not recall every question I was asked in the course of that six-hour session. Ross had me relive over and over the scene that I had witnessed as Arnette Bowen. Again and again I repeated the words I had uttered, the way I felt, what I thought at that time. In the beginning sensing the pain, the anger, the remorse, I would start to cry. Eventually as with each succeeding time we reapproached the experience, the emotion began to drain off — and wonder of wonders, so did the pain. I nearly shouted my relief.

Later, as we sat around the table in the kitchen drinking coffee, Mary said quietly, "I don't think you'll have any more trouble with your back, Ada."

"Now, kid, you can take off that damn brace," Jack added. (Everybody, regardless of age, was "kid" to Jack.)

Ross said little in the course of our exchange. "Of course it follows," he said once, never explaining what he meant.

In my own case I was thinking, "Will this last? This is almost too good to be true."

Mary spoke again in a calm, reassuring tone, "I think, Ada, that you will now be able to discard that brace, but try it out. Don't try to force anything. You'll know soon enough that you're free of the trouble in your back and at your own time you'll be able to discard that brace."

For the next few days I was afraid to leave it off. Finally one day Margaret suggested that I take it off for a short period and see if I experienced any pain. I did so and discovered there was no pain. It took me two weeks to discard entirely that heavy encasement of steel. In two more weeks I took the board off my bed, bought a good firm innerspring mattress and proceeded to sleep in comfort.

All this happened in 1951. Twenty years have passed since that memorable evening when I relived the experience of the young English girl, Arnette Bowen. But in all this time I have experienced no recurrence of the trouble in my back.

Was it karma that had carried through several generations during which I paid my debt for inflicting pain? Did hypnosis, used by wise and open-minded people, bring this memory to the surface and release the energy held in it?



Rosemary Brown, "just an ordinary housewife," plays some of the pieces she has received from the dead composers for audience in local hall in Balham, London.

Rosemary Brown

Musical History or Hoax?

By Betty Lou White

No one laughs anymore when she sits down at the piano. The compositions she plays have set up a shock wave felt around the world, for long-dead composers seem still to be writing . . .

THE CENTRAL PLAYER in one of the most dramatic musical mysteries of all time is Rosemary Brown, a housewife living in Balham, one of London's poorer suburbs. Mrs. Brown receives almost daily visits from the spirits of great composers of the past. They come to give her their latest compositions, some dictating them note by note and others "controlling her hands" until she has memorized the notes and

then can put them on paper.*

Her chief mentor and favorite composer ("because I feel that he's done the greater part of the work," Rosemary says) is Franz Liszt. He does seem in fact to be the guiding spirit, playing a major role in the musical whodunit.

When Rosemary was seven she had a vision of a white-haired black-gowned man who told her he would give her music when she grew up. Years later, seeing a portrait of Franz Liszt, she remembered and recognized her visitor.

Rosemary grew up, married and bore two children as anonymously as millions of other women. She was widowed in 1961 and thereafter eked out a living working in the kitchen of a local school. When time permitted she played the old upright piano in her living room, having had three years of lessons as a child. She was playing one day in 1964 when suddenly she lost control of her hands. Someone or something seemed to be guiding her fingers over the keys. She looked up to see the hawk-nosed Liszt. The memory of her childhood vision and his commanding presence made her realize the time had come for him to fulfill his promise. At his bidding she bought a supply of manuscript paper and waited for the composer's next move.

Soon Liszt had rounded up a stable of spirits who seemed anxious to impart music through Rosemary — Chopin, Beethoven, Bach, Schubert and Debussy. Later Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Brahms and Grieg augmented the list.

Rosemary Brown's anonymity remained intact until she played for a meeting of spiritualists in January 1966. Among her listeners was a knowledgeable music-lover — Sir George Trevelyan, warden of Shropshire Adult College near Shrewsbury and grandson of the famous historian. Catch-



* See "I See by the Papers," December 1969 and October 1970 FATE.

ing his enthusiasm music experts Dr. George Firth and his wife Mary and musicians Michael Tippett and Hepzibah Menuhin soon became embroiled in the phenomenon of Rosemary's music.

The Firths carefully tested Rosemary's musical aptitude and found it unimpressive. Other experts who inquired into her musical background call it "undeniably meager," noting that her music appreciation and opportunities for concert attendance had been almost nil.

To the spiritualists of England Rosemary looms as the eighth wonder of the world. Her unassuming manner, unfailing modesty and simple faith in her role as an instrument of communication for long-gone composers add to her credibility — but if her accomplishments seem unbelievable how can the hundreds of compositions dripping from her pen be explained?

In the spring of 1968 the Firths and Sir George Trevelyan arranged to provide a trust, to be called the Scott Fund, to subsidize Rosemary Brown. She left her job at the school and on a stipend of about $12 a week from the fund she devoted the hours from 10 to four o'clock daily to the demands of the composers.

Less than a year later — in February 1969 — the staid BBC-TV featured Rosemary and her unseen guides in a 15-minute unrehearsed documentary. The moderator and technicians could not help but be impressed when Liszt brought Brahms into the act. (Brahms at the time was dictating note by note a new violin work.) The moderator asked, "Where is he standing?"

"He's standing here a little bit behind me and he's very clear but not quite the same as looking at anybody who is in the flesh."

"Do you actually hear him speaking to you?" the moderator asked.

"Yes," Mrs. Brown replied.

Subsequent TV appearances followed on the continent and the BBC documentary was telecast in the United States as a segment of CBS' "60 Minutes" on April 14, 1970.

The entire music section of *Time* magazine (July 6, 1970) was devoted to Rosemary's "Voices of Silence" about the time Philips Records released in the United States "A Musical Seance," the first commercial recording of the spirits' music. Rosemary plays several simple pieces on one side and Peter Katin, the young British concert pianist, performs more difficult compositions from Rosemary's manuscripts on the other. The record, made in December 1969 in Wembley Town Hall in Lon-



Music evolving under Rosemary Brown's fingers at this old upright piano holds the key to one of the most dramatic musical mysteries of our times, possibly of all time.

don, presents eight "new" compositions by Liszt, two by Chopin, a Beethoven bagatelle and one piece by Schubert, Debussy, Brahms, Grieg and Schumann — 16 in all, from more than 400 in various stages of completion at the end of 1969.

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DESPITE A plethora of suspicious sniggering as to how the music came to be, the fantastic fact remains that it does exist. And according to the musicologists Rosemary Brown simply is incapable of such prolific composition. The Philips recording removes all doubt as to her training and experience. Her playing is stiff, without nuances, amateurish.

But what do the experts say of the music purportedly written by spirits?

Composer-conductor Andre Previn commented on the BBC telecast when it was rebroadcast in the United States: "Some of the music . . . I would be willing to accept as — you know —third-, fourth-, fifth-rate Lizst. I think it is music the composers them-

selves probably would have discarded happily or forgotten about willingly. Of course the amazing thing about all this is that in order to write parodies of any kind whether this good or worse or possibly better, takes quite a bit of musical education. For someone who does not know the simple vocabulary, the hieroglyphics that constitute notating music, it's damn difficult to write that stuff down and have it even be as simplistically sensible as it is."

On the same occasion composer-critic Virgil Thomson was less generous. He said, "I find far more resemblance from one of her compositions to another than I do to the composers who inspired them. . . ."

The opinion of the English composer Richard Rodney Bennett has been widely publicized here and abroad. He said, "A lot of people can improvise but you couldn't fake music like this without years of training. I couldn't have faked some of the Beethoven myself. Even if some of the pieces are bad, that doesn't mean anything. I produce lots of lousy pieces."

Prof. Ian Parrott, Department of Music, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, first heard Rosemary Brown and Mary Firth play some of the music at a gathering at the College of Psychic Science in London February 11, 1968, and later listened to more of it recorded by Mary Firth. Writing in the *Quarterly Review* published by the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies, he said, "Not all the pieces were of equal quality but there was no mistaking the personality of each (composer)." To the question "Could it be faked?" Professor Parrott answers, "In 20 years as a university professor of music I have had only *one* student who *might* have been able to achieve *some* small part of it and then I am sure he would not have wanted to do it. . . ."

Hepzibah Menuhin, a pianist of a stature approaching that of her famous brother, violinist Yehudi Menuhin, calls Rosemary Brown "very sincere. I look at these manuscripts with immense respect. Each piece is distinctly in the composer's style. She is obviously a psychic person and can plug herself into these influences. How it happens I don't know. I don't think we will ever know."

The widely-respected music critic Robert C. Marsh reviewed the Philips record in the October 11, 1970, *Chicago Sun-Times*. His open-mindedness pays tribute to Rosemary Brown:

"Clearly, (her) experiences deserve to be treated with re-

spect and studied with scientific care and objectivity. If one is to charge that this is a hoax, it would be necessary to find a motive and the person or persons clever enough to produce the fakes. For there is no doubt that all these works have the distinctive stylistic imprints of the dead composers to whom they are attributed. . .

"The history of the arts offers numerous examples of successful fakery, but generally the profit motive was close to the surface. In Mrs. Brown's case this does not apply. Indeed, you rather feel, if something like this were really to happen, this is the way it probably would be."

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IF ALL THIS music-making is not a put-on, why do the composers send through Rosemary Brown compositions that are "fourth-rate," "middling," "simplistic" — as these works have been called? The answer is clear from the spiritualist viewpoint: the composers have banded together not to add to the legacy of the world's great music but *to prove survival after death.*

Why was this anonymous British widow chosen as the channel for the music? "The composers," Rosemary says, "told me that I am so suitable as a medium because I have had such inadequate musical training. If I myself were an accomplished pianist my performance (as a medium) would be much less convincing to the skeptics than is now the case."

But if all this music-making is a put-on, where is that "profit motive"? The *Time* article points to it: "For (skeptics) the whole thing is clearly a case of chicanery for profit and fame. The Philips contract has brought Rosemary $2,000 to $3,000 but can be expected to earn more. . . ." How much more—to pay for six years of what Andre Previn calls "damn difficult" music annotation?

Is fame sufficient motive? She has achieved fame — of a sort. Mrs. Brown was asked on the BBC telecast if she had been ridiculed.

"Slightly," she replied, "The sort of thing I'm prepared to face for the sake of the work."

This demure reply scores as an understatement, for some of the publicity which has racketed around the world has made her famous as an oddball. That she would be thought "crazy" is her own reason for having kept the communications secret for two years, revealing her experiences in 1966 presumably at the composers' behest.

Mrs. Brown has intimated that a book is in the offing so that she

may give to the world many interesting little sidelights about the composers themselves — for example, Liszt accompanying her to market and balking at the price of bananas; Chopin warning that an unattended water tap was about to flood her bathroom; Beethoven looking fine, "without that crabby look." If, while occupied with time-consuming notation of the "new" music, Rosemary gets the book written, will it be a best seller, its royalties the long-awaited bonanza?

Dr. W. H. C. Tenhaeff, Professor of Parapsychology, State University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, has made a preliminary study of Rosemary Brown. He does not reject the possibility that she is in contact with the composers of the past but believes it can't be assumed without further study.

"One of the first questions a psychologist would ask is whether we are not dealing with a so-called cryptomnesia (literally, hidden memory) . . ." Citing known cases he concludes, " . . . A scrutiny of all the data available . . . must lead to the conclusion that the cryptomnesia hypothesis (unconscious plagiarism) does not convincingly explain the origin of her compositions which now number more than 400."

Persons who have watched Rosemary "receiving" the music bear witness that she works differently with each of them. Beethoven gives her fragments of three or four pieces at a time and "puts them together eventually." Liszt has a way of controlling her hands "while I watch and try to memorize the notes."

This seems to rule out the possibility that Rosemary herself is the composer of the pieces. Every creative person — writer, artist or composer — has his own style. In Professor Tenhaeff's words: "Every artistic achievement (and so also every composition) bears an 'I' character. But this is absent in the case of Rosemary Brown . . . Her compositions bear a 'non-I' character."

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IF THE CASE baffles musicologists and psychologists, think of the frustration of the skeptics who say flatly there must be a rational explanation and then can't come up with one. A nonbeliever is pianist Dennis Matthews who insists Rosemary's works are pastiche, pieces "in the style of" this or that composer. To produce pastiche compositions in the numbers attributed to Rosemary is a monumental task, as Professor Parrott has said. However, British spiritualists have confirmed that

she is an extraordinary medium and it is conceivable that her mediumistic talents are at work in quite a different way than she ingenuously supposes.

As some persons have photographic memory for words Rosemary may have a mental recording device for sounds — particularly musical sounds. While this concept partially contradicts the opinion of Dr. Tenhaeff that cryptomnesia does not explain the mystery, it is conceivable that unconsciously Rosemary is transcribing music she hears in playback on her built-in recording device. Her experiences with the composers themselves may be attributed to fantasies that would not be foreign to a fertile mediumistic turn of mind. This explanation would account for the "non-I" character of Rosemary's own style and the opinions of persons such as Virgil Thomson who do not agree that the compositions bear individualistic stylistic imprints.

Another hypothesis, while "rational" concerns the idiosyncrasies of the musical public. For a composer to pass off his own music as the work of another or as folk music (as Fritz Kreisler did, attributing his own compositions to the 18th-Century composer Gaetano Pugnani) is a harmless ploy to get acceptance for "new" music. This kind of trick seems quite beyond Rosemary Brown, whose sincerity and dedication to proving survival are well attested. Over and above this, it seems agreed that the quality of the music coming from the spirits will not make it immortal no matter what trickery might be involved.

To go a long step further, might she be a tool in the hands of a struggling composer who — in this time of serial music, electronic sound and dry, intellectual, even computer-produced manuscripts — can't get his little romantic tunes before the public? (It is notable that not all the manuscripts Rosemar has produced are in the same hand. In one case when her hand "was controlled by the communicator" her script is "remarkably like Chopin's.") Nevertheless, this hypothesis presupposes a conspiracy of such proportions as to boggle the mind. For if she is playing Trilby to a modern musical Svengali, when the conniving composer surfaces he'll live forever in the shadow of Rosemary Brown.

Skeptics lean toward the belief that Rosemary in some mysterious manner receives inspiration from the works, not from the spirits, of the dead

composers and that she uses the musical styles of the past as models. But many prefer to believe she really enjoys the company of such illustrious musical giants as Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Schumann — even while they make her slave over that "damn difficult" annotation.



WHO CUT THE OAK?

By Lucius Farish

DID VIKINGS visit New York state in the year 1371? Evidently someone did — someone with an ax. The *Arkansas Gazette* for May 12, 1841, reported:

"In 1834 a white oak tree was cut in the town of Lyons, Wayne County (N.Y.), two miles west of the village, measuring four and a half feet in diameter. In the body of the tree, about three and a half feet from the ground, was found a large and deep cutting by an ax, severing the heart of the tree and exhibiting with perfect distinctness the marks of the ax at the present time. The whole cavity thus created by the original cutting was found to be incased by 460 years' growth — that is, concealed beneath 460 layers of timber which had grown over it subsequent to the cutting. Consequently the original cutting must have been in the year 1371 or 118 years before the discovery of America by Columbus."



THE TREE THAT WOULDN'T BE CUT

I WAS TOLD to take care of the tree and warn those who wished to uproot it that sad things would happen to them," explained Allanah Pallikutaru, 55, when workers at the Cochrane Road Secondary School in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, discovered they could not cut down a tree to make way for a playing field.

At first the workers attempted to fell it with axes but they were stopped in their tracks, mysteriously unable to move. A bulldozer was brought in but it failed too. Its engine died each time it approached the tree. Or sometimes its driver became so dizzy he was unable to operate the machine.

School officials finally gave up and resigned themselves to having a smaller athletic field.

Mrs. Pallikutaru, a domestic servant, spends most of her earnings buying milk, fruit and oil to offer the tree, for she claims that it is the home of the Hindu goddess Esewary who appeared to her in a vision.

Residents of the area, duly impressed, now have erected a shelter around the tree.

YOUR PATH around the ZODIAC



By WINIFRED TENNES

A NATIVE of Illinois, Winifred Tennes studied astrology for some years with Katherine de Jersey, assisting her in preparing personalized horoscopes. In recent years Mrs. Tennes has been teaching, writing, lecturing and giving personal consultations. Since 1969, at the invitation of Maine Township High School which maintains an extensive adult education program, she has been teaching astrology in its East and South branches in Park Ridge, Ill.

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ARIES

Or Aries Ascendant — March 21-April 19 — Cardinal Fire Sign — Ruler: MARS

MANY ARIES people have felt stymied and disappointed during the past month because they were unable to go ahead with their personal plans. However, this month, beginning May 4, the planet Mercury turns direct so things should start to happen to encourage you and increase your optimism. Nevertheless, you still must exercise patience where a partner or partnership is concerned. Something unpredictable could occur early in May to affect your emotional life, your marriage or the financial side of some business relationship. You may find it difficult to put your ideas across because of opposition they encounter but they should win more acceptance by May 30 or 31. Patience also is needed if you are studying or planning to travel; the planets governing these sectors of your horoscope still are retrograde.

Some of you may enter into a friendship that can prove explosive. The excitement of the relationship will keep you on edge but be careful that aggression and independence on your part does not scare this new friend away.

Financial affairs still are under stress but some gains can be made from May 15 to 18.

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3rd week 

4th week  

TAURUS

Or Taurus Ascendant — April 20-May 20 — Fixed Earth Sign — Ruler: VENUS

PLANS THAT you have been making secretly during the past month now may be brought into the open. The



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obstacles that have held you back should be alleviated. There can be a great deal of personal activity in your life after May 17 when the planet Mercury, now direct, enters your first solar house.




2nd week

May 1 to 4 marks a period when some sudden unexpected circumstance connected with an employer or employee may cause you concern and worry. Do not let this affect your health; continue to be patient and persistent in order to reach your objectives. It is advisable to have a serious discussion with an older person between May 13 and 17 about your personal problems.




3rd week

In mid-May you may face a problem concerning your partner's financial status or an inheritance. Though possibly abundant money may be available you still may find it disappears quickly or is spent foolishly. This is not a good time to become involved in a lawsuit of any kind.




4th week

From May 23 to 30 avoid making personal decisions or decisions involving your professional standing. An error in judgment concerning your job is possible and what you start at this time will be difficult to finish.

GEMINI

Or Gemini Ascendant **May 21-June 21** **Mutable Air Sign** **Ruler: MERCURY**




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EARLY MAY can find you concerned over an unexpected separation from a loved one, close friend or child. School graduation or marriage may take a child away from your home. Desire for freedom could end a romance. Quarrels due to misunderstanding could break up a friendship. Those who speculate financially can find this is an unpredictable period and must use caution to avoid losses.



2nd week

Starting May 4 you may find you are traveling more than usual. A trip during mid-May can prove different, romantic and exciting. This period also favors Geminis who are studying advanced subjects and those who are in the legal or publishing business.



3rd week

In May you will have time and energy to do the things you have been postponing and you should enjoy yourself socially, associating with friends who are artistic, good-humored and witty. Don't let a tricky situation at home spoil your fun. On May 16 and 17 give serious consideration to the secret plans you are making or to a behind-the-scenes situation.




4th week

The partnership picture — marriage or business — appears rosy during May 19-23 but could have a deceptive angle which bears investigation.

CANCER

Or Cancer Ascendant **June 22-July 22** **Cardinal Water Sign** **Ruler: MOON**

LIVING WITH the unexpected can be frustrating, especial-

ly for the supersensitive Cancer. Keeping peace and harmony in the home when a job demands your time and energy can be difficult. Early in May the Cancer who is moody and temperamental and gives way to emotions may find himself facing an unusual circumstance and possible separation. Also guard against opposing the views of a superior.

A business project that has met with obstacles and delays during the past month should progress nicely after May 4. Mercury, planet of the mind, turns direct at this time in your 10th solar house. When it enters your 11th solar house on May 17 you should concentrate on your friends as well as your hopes and wishes for the future.

For a long time a rather tricky situation has existed between you and some blood relative. Around mid-May it will be advantageous to seek the reason for this and then try to rebuild this relationship.

May 20 to 31 should be a helpful period where your work is concerned but avoid financial entanglements with friends. The loss of a friend may affect you deeply.

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LEO

Or Leo Ascendant | July 23-August 22 | Fixed Fire Sign | Ruler: SUN

LEOS WHO are waiting for some communication, a letter or phone call from a relative can expect further delay. When you do receive the news it may be surprising and unusual and might upset your status quo. You may take an unexpected trip as a result of this news.

Do not be surprised if a feminine in-law causes a situation that could lead to a separation. Advice will be offered by a relative or counselor but you must make your own decisions.

Many Leos have been having difficulty progressing professionally. Decisions and changes may be made in this area after May 4 when the planet Mercury turns direct. However, from May 26 to 31 try not to force your opinions on your business associate or mate. If you are dealing with the public be careful how you express yourself or you will antagonize. Problems may be expected in your marital and/or business relationships after May 4 when the planet Mars enters your seventh solar house.

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KEY TO THE SYMBOLS:

SUN: personal affairs. DOLLAR SIGN: finances. LETTERS: communications of all kinds, documents. HOUSE: domestic affairs. HEARTS: love affairs. CHILDREN (self-explanatory). CADUCEUS (medical insignia): health. DOUBLE RINGS: marriage and business partnerships. SKULL AND CROSSBONES: death. SUITCASE: travel. SUNDIAL: age and responsibilities. HORSESHOE: general good luck. HANDCLASP: friends. DAGGER: arguments.

From May 11 to 23 a child or the one you think of as "cool" will require your undivided attention. An event of importance will be rewarding once you overcome the obstacles.

VIRGO

Or Virgo Ascendant August 23-September 22 Mutable Earth Sign Ruler: MERCURY



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4th week

MONEY OR possessions could be the subject of long discussions with a business partner, mate or legal advisor. May 1 to 6 marks a period when someone opposes you on how money should be spent or valued property disposed of. Some unusual circumstance related to your job or to an associate could affect your financial affairs. To avoid loss, hang onto your money and let your friends and relatives borrow elsewhere.

On May 17 the planet Mercury, now direct, enters your ninth solar house. This should enable you to improve communication with in-laws and the period also favors travel, advanced study and publishing.

Domestic matters and other problems relating to your home may require some action during May 20 to 31. Should you purchase property at this time be sure you are getting adequate value for your dollar. Indications are you could be paying too much—either the home is faulty or the deal is shady. Be sure to read the fine print!

Some action may have to be taken after you receive news from afar or while traveling. This news could relate to your job or to someone who works for you. Avoid arguments with a loved one, including children, from May 25 to 28.

LIBRA

Or Libra Ascendant September 23-October 23 Cardinal Air Sign Ruler: VENUS



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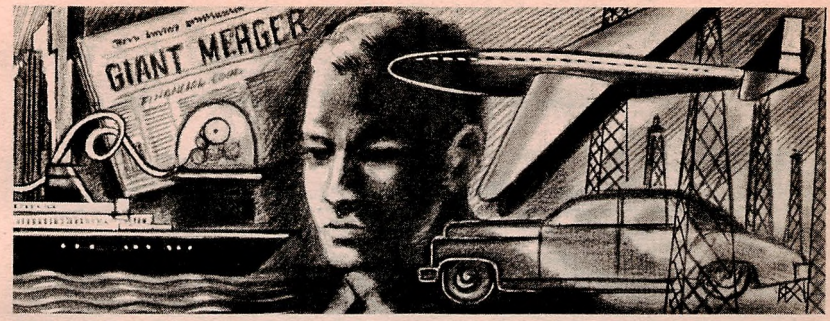




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PARTNERSHIP relationships, marriage and/or business, or public dealings are under fire May 1 to 6. A touchy situation calls for understanding on your part. To force your will on others would only cause a breach. Those of you who have found it difficult to reach decisions regarding these relationships should find things progressing more easily after May 4, for at this time the planet Mercury turns direct in your seventh solar house. Then on May 17 Mercury enters your eighth solar house and may have some bearing on decisions you will need to make concerning partnership money.

A fortunate period starts May 4 when the planet Mars moves into your fifth solar house for a six-month period. This should be a very creative period for many of you and a good time to launch a new venture. Your emotional life should be equally exciting. You could meet someone new and thrilling. There should be plenty of action to please the social romantic Libran.



KNOW YOUR ASPECTS! The sun in favorable relationship (sextile or trine) to Saturn at the time of one's birth signifies his life will be moral and well-ordered and his actions well-considered. This aspect tends to make one reliable, conscientious, patient, ambitious, persistent, conservative, long-lived and generally healthy. However, an astrologer would not make full judgment without considering the sign and house positions of other planets involved and other aspects which bear on them.

May 20 to 31 is also a beneficent period although some caution must be used May 25 to 28. Try to be diplomatic during this period; be careful not to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. An argument with a loved one or a child is possible.

SCORPIO

Or Scorpio Ascendant October 24-November 22 Fixed Water Sign Ruler: PLUTO

YOUR HEALTH should be your major concern the first week of this month. An unsettled, unpredictable and upsetting emotional situation in your home and/or place of business may be affecting your nerves and health in general. But some job problems and long delays that have been bugging you recently should be relieved after May 4 when the planet Mercury turns direct in your sixth solar house. After May 17 this planet enters your seventh solar house and you could advantageously seek advice and help from your mate or business partner. Your own health will improve if you share your responsibilities instead of always carrying the load yourself. Delegating authority is difficult for many Scorpios because you feel you can do things better than others but sometimes it is essential to conserve your own energy.

May 20 to 25 some financial matters will need special attention. Perhaps you may have larger than usual bills or will be spending more for property or other possessions.

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2nd week



3rd week



4th week





Use caution and be sure you get value received for money spent.

Between May 25 and 28 it is possible there will be friction between you and a mate or child in the home.

Surprises may be in store for you as May ends.

SAGITTARIUS

Or Sagittarius Ascendant November 23-December 21 Mutable Fire Sign Ruler: JUPITER




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4th week

SOMEWHAT unconventional news may reach you in the first week of May from or about a loved one, friend or child. Don't let this news upset you or you may trigger a break in the relationship. This child may not be a "person" but rather a business or something you have created and now call "your baby." Some of you Sagittarians will have met with irksome delays during the past few weeks but things should progress more favorably after May 4 when the planet Mercury turns direct in your fifth solar house.

After May 17 both Mercury and Venus enter your sixth solar house, indicating more favorable conditions in your work and an improvement in your health. Where previously your work has been depressing and laborious you now should find a happier situation. There will be greater harmony among the people with whom you work which alone will make your tasks more pleasurable.

Your third solar house, which relates to communications, travel and blood relatives, becomes more active after May 4 when the planet Mars moves into this sector of your horoscope.

You can experience some personal enjoyment this month if you go ahead on your own and disregard opposition from a mate or business partner.

CAPRICORN

Or Capricorn Ascendant December 22-January 19 Cardinal Earth Sign Ruler: SATURN



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2nd week



3rd week

A SEMBLANCE of balance should be reached May 1 to 6 between your professional and domestic affairs. A financial problem may be the root of the disturbance. A woman in your home opposes you and you find it difficult to cope with her; try an unusual and completely different approach to solve this problem. Domestic affairs should improve after May 4.

After May 17 the planets Mercury and Venus enter your fifth solar house. Each Capricorn has faced a different problem — some with children, some with romance, others with financial speculation. A few of you have been concerned with all three. But now all these problems should start to ameliorate.

An attachment made behind the scenes can be delightful-

ly inspiring; the sexual attraction should be great and extremely fulfilling.

When the planet Mars enters your second solar house on May 4 you may have to do something to improve your financial situation. But be careful of any investments you make between May 25 and 28. Your impulse is to act but you could make an error in judgment.

4th week



AQUARIUS

Or Aquarius Ascendant January 20-February 18 Fixed Air Sign Ruler: URANUS

AQUARIANS WHO have faced disappointing and depressing situations at home will be pleased to know that the planet Venus will enter their fourth solar house on May 19. Peace, harmony and a generally pleasant atmosphere should prevail. At least it will sugarcoat otherwise bitter pills some of you will have to swallow.

1st week



Mercury enters this same sector on May 17. Then you should be able to decide what to do about your property and/or home and these decisions should be good ones. Do some entertaining at home and enjoy those friends you find optimistic and inspiring.

2nd week



May 1 to 6 is unfavorable for travel or communication. A visitor in your home at this time well could be the cause of some dissension. Unconventional ideas or action would be upsetting to you now.

3rd week



You may wish to start a new project this month, especially after May 4 when the planet Mars enters your first solar house where it will remain for the next six months. But be careful in any action you take relating to your home or property between May 25 and 28. You are likely to argue with a loved one due to a misunderstanding. You may be unusually aggressive and restless during most of the month so find something constructive to do.

4th week





PISCES

Or Pisces Ascendant February 19-March 20 Mutable Water Sign Ruler: NEPTUNE

YOU WILL BE very sensitive to an emotional situation early in May, from the first to the sixth especially, but you must not let yourself get too involved. If it isn't too late stay away from an unwise romance for it will have a disturbing effect on your life. If romance is not an issue then watch your financial situation. While the period generally favors finances the unexpected action of a mate or business partner could upset the status quo.

1st week



2nd week



Communication with relatives should improve after May 17 when the planet Mercury, now direct, enters your third solar house. You can plan short trips but be careful from May 25 to 28. An accident is possible because you use poor judgment or behave impulsively. Also, avoid arguing with a

3rd week







4th week

female over some secret matter.

On May 4 the planet Mars enters your 12th solar house bringing into your life greater activity of a secret nature. Some Pisces will find pleasure in working in hospitals or institutions. You will accomplish more if you go quietly about your own business.

Some professional opportunities arising between May 20 and 31 should be scrutinized before you accept them. May 21 to 23 could be a testing period when you *must* stay honest and operate within the law.



OF MONKEYS AND PEACOCKS

By Henry Duskis

EVIDENCE THAT two zoo inhabitants — one feathered, one mammal — can foretell impending earthquakes was published in an Associated Press report in the *Los Angeles Times* at the end of 1969.

In the Giza Zoo in Cairo, Egypt, seconds *before* an earthquake which lasted only 100 seconds, monkeys stopped their screeching and began to whine and run into each other. Apparently terrified peacocks stopped their strutting, neatly closed their tail feathers and began to scream.

Shortly thereafter buildings in the city were swaying crazily while panicking people dashed outdoors seeking safety under the open sky.

Cairo Zoological Gardens director Mohamad Abdel Rahim explained that while few animals are believed to have a sixth sense for earthquakes monkeys and peacocks are true temblor sensitives.

AS PREDICTED

WHEN BURGLARS STOLE $250,000 in jewelry and cash from her apartment, Chicago astrologer Mrs. Harvey Gershien was not surprised. It was in the stars, she told police.

She had been expecting the burglary for about a month, she said, because her charts had shown similar astrological signs 10 years before just prior to a burglary then.



Mary Beliczky, an elderly woman of Yugoslav descent, says her psychic ability is a "gift from God."

Mary's Magic

My traveling companion did not need stars, cards or a crystal ball to know the secret I was hiding.

By Ruth Brazis

I WAS JOLTED awake as thunder crashed and shook the windows of the London hotel where I was staying. In the dim light I could see the tiny figure of my 80-year-old roommate standing at the foot of my bed.

"Ruth," she asked, "it is true you had an operation four years ago? It is true you have four children? Aha! Is it true you are running away from your husband *and* another man?"

I was stunned. I never had seen this woman before yesterday afternoon at Kennedy Airport in New York and this was only the first night of our projected 10-country tour.

I switched on the light and stared unbelievingly at the strange, chuckling old woman who stood there in a white nightgown, barefooted, with a slipping crown of six wire curlers around her ears. What she had said was true but how did she know?

"You are surprised, no?" She asked in her Hungarian accent. (I found out later that she had been born in Yugoslavia.) "I know much about you! I am psychic!"

With this announcement Mary Beliczky curled up on my bed and proceeded to tell me things about myself that she had no way of knowing.

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SO BEGAN my relationship with an amazing woman who since July 1967 has

become my greatest friend and counselor. She has guided me — just as she has thousands of others — with her ability to delve deeply and intuitively and to add wise advice to this acquired knowledge.

Our tour was 21 days long. During that time I tried to understand the source of Mary's magic, which did not need cards, palms or crystal balls to work. When I asked her bluntly if she were a witch she denied it strenuously.

"But this 'thing' of yours. . ." I persisted.

"You mean my gift? Yes, God has been good to me and I have used it. During the depression sometimes 30 or 40 people would come to my home every day, mostly desperate people looking for a bit of hope to face a future. I helped them when I could but I am honest. I can tell people only what I see and feel."

Mary touched the cross around her neck. "One is born with this power. It isn't something you can acquire or even take credit for. One must be careful, however, for there are many pretenders and fakes who will take your money and tell you only things they know you want to hear."

In the course of the long bus rides through the countries of Europe I thought of the many problems that had led me here. For me the trip was an escape and a time to start rebuilding my shattered life. With my children grown and gone my husband had neglected me to build a business and I had taken up with another man. The affair had proved physically satisfying but spiritually empty. I longed for a word from home that I was being missed but at each hotel it was always the same — no mail.

"Wait until Paris," Mary said. "You won't get a letter but you will be very happy." But her words did not console me and I passed through the continent only dimly appreciating it.

On a side trip to Capri by hydrofoil I asked Mary about the people who came to see her. Why does anyone seek out a psychic reader?

"Sometimes just curiosity but mostly unhappiness." Her expression clouded. "A few are desperate like the young girl who came to me after a broken love affair. I sensed danger immediately and was able to persuade her to give me the gun in her purse. Women love too deeply," she sighed.

"Once I even had a gun pointed at me. A woman came into my study, sat down and nervously opened her pocket book. She took out a gun and one of my business cards. 'Yours?' she asked, pointing to the card. I

nodded. 'But you can't be!' she cried. 'You're old enough to be his grandmother!' She burst into laughing sobs and then explained, 'I found this card in my husband's inside coat pocket. I thought you were his mistress. I came to kill you.' The next day I had my cards reprinted with my business listed under my name."

About one fourth of Mary's customers are men — businessmen, cynical husbands and troubled young ones.

It was raining in Paris when we arrived there at the end of our tour. Soaked and tired, I walked into the St. Lazare Hotel — straight into the waiting arms of my husband! He had missed me and had come! As predicted I was "very happy."

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TODAY MARY continues to live alone in Cleveland, Ohio, where to many persons — most of them clients for years — her home is a virtual shrine. Though semiretired, reading only for a few friends, she usually can be coaxed to "tell a fortune" especially when the appeal is made by a child or grandchild of a past customer.

Whatever the basis of her "wild talent" I think Mary's greatest magic is the love she exudes for all her fellow human beings — despite the fact that she thinks they act stupidly sometimes.

I asked her recently about the future of our country in general. The pictures she saw were far from pleasant — another political assassination, the abolishment of marriage licenses and more destructive natural upheavals like earthquakes, fires and floods.

"But," she said, brightening, "there will always be God."



A THIEVING RAT

WHEN HIS EMPLOYER accused him of stealing a bill from the cash box, a service station attendant in Rustenburg, South Africa, swore his innocence and vowed to catch whoever stole it — and sure enough, the next night the thief returned. The attendant saw a rat making off with a rand note ($1.40) from the cash box. He killed it and went on to trace down its nest, where he found six tiny rats asleep, and snugly wrapped in booknotes. His employer apologized.

The GHOST with the WOODEN LEG

By Alice Cary Williams

"Home is the sailor, home from the sea . . ." Had the old captain returned to claim his earthly property?

IN MOST WAYS it was a stroke of luck to find a lovely old house surrounded by spacious lawns with lilacs, japonica and clematis in abundance and even an orchard. Two enormous Norway spruce trees stood before the small white clapboard house like sentinels—magnificent trees but poor guardians against the supernatural, I later discovered.

I had been looking for a place our household could settle into before my parents' Golden Wedding anniversary in June 1925. Thus, on a drive through Ridgefield, Conn., I saw the little house and decided to inquire about it. I learned it had been built by a schoolmaster named Northrup 150 years before and to my delight the realtor told me it was for sale.

I arranged to buy the house and in April 1925 I moved in with Marta Stearns, an old friend, and my cat Blackie. We knew some heavy work had been cut out for us, for Mr. Northrup and later tenants had been satisfied without electricity, central heating or modern plumbing. Late the first night, bone tired, we dragged ourselves to bed for what we expected to be a good night's sleep.

Blackie and I scarcely had dozed off before something awakened us. Startled and uneasy I snapped awake and lit a candle, listening all the while to footsteps in the attic overhead.

The sounds were like those made by a man limping, one step heavy, the other light. I heard a trunk moved and its inner tray set on the floor. Then there was walking, the tray was put back again — and silence ensued.

I glanced at the cat on the foot of my bed. His fur stood on end; he crouched with his eyes glued to the ceiling, his upper lip curled back, deep eerie growls coming from his throat.

I was too frightened to go up to investigate that night but the

next morning I did. I found nothing to explain the noises. The trunk was firmly closed, its tray in place. I even looked for a tree branch outside that might be brushing against a window. There was none.

The weird sounds were repeated every few nights and my alarm increased. What alarmed me even more was the discovery that when I would awaken Marta to listen to the sounds she could hear nothing. I got jittery thinking of what country living must be doing to my mental stability.

I felt better, however, when Jessie Adam, the organist at the Church of the Ascension in New York City, came to visit. She slept in the room next to mine, also under the attic. One morning shortly after her arrival she came to breakfast, carrying her packed suitcase. Her face was pale.

"I can't stay another night in this house!" she exclaimed. "It's haunted. I didn't sleep a wink." Then she described in exact detail the sounds I had heard.

A few days after she left I drove into Danbury to buy lawn furniture at the Sears Roebuck store. When the old clerk, Mr. King, was taking down my address his eyebrows shot up and he looked at me strangely.

"That house is haunted," he said matter-of-factly. "It used to belong in my wife's family. Her uncle, a sea captain, had a wooden leg. When he came home there for good he brought a trunk with him. Died there too. Some folks claimed to hear him afterwards limping around in the attic, packing and unpacking that trunk. The place stayed vacant for years.

"So you're the sucker as bought it? You don't hear nothin'? Have to be pixilated, I guess."

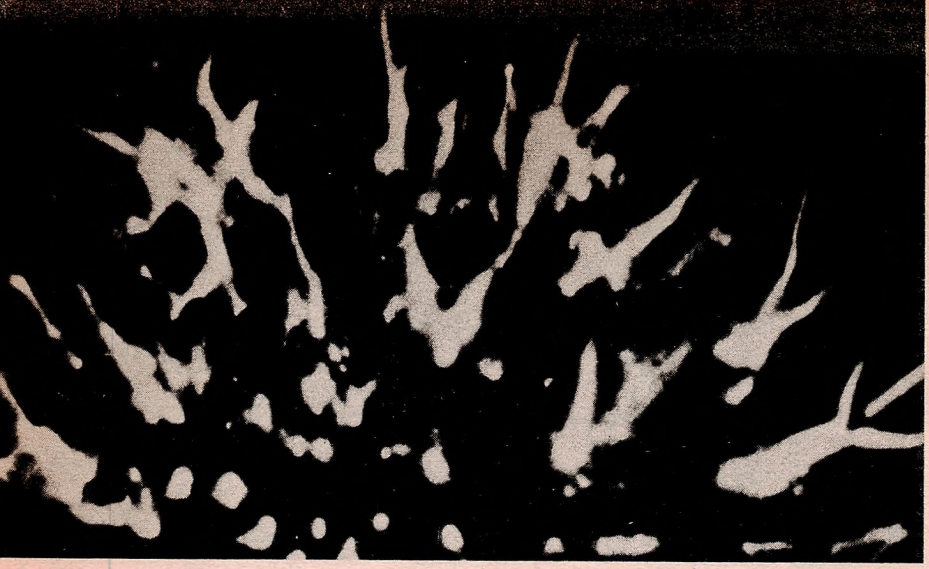
His rudeness, which later I thought he probably hadn't intended, didn't even register. I had learned enough. I had bought a house and with it an unhappy spirit and I intended to keep one and get rid of the other.

I believe that unhappy spirits can be exorcised and I sought help from Dr. Donald Aldrich, also from the Church of the Ascension where my friend Jessie was organist. Dr. Aldrich agreed to conduct the ceremony.

A few days later he and I went up to the attic. He read a simple prayer asking that the spirit be laid to rest.

I never heard the ghostly sounds again.





Soviet Union Magazine reported in 1962 on new method of photography invented by Semyon Kirlian which captures emanations like these from human chest.

"A reliable basis for the belief
in the survival of the soul and memory . . ."

Dr. Gustaf Stromberg's NONPHYSICAL WORLD

By James Crenshaw

GUSTAF STROMBERG, who before his death was one of the world's foremost astronomers, believed that all life, all matter, everything originates in a nonphysical world and remains rooted in that world. He visualized a kind of eternity dimension from which energy and form emerge according to a purposive plan of preexistent patterns or fields which govern the perceptible world of the five senses.

Dr. Stromberg, for nearly three decades on the staff of the Mt. Wilson Observatory in Southern California, relied on scientific data and the ideas of his fellow-scientists to promote his view that an immaterial world supports and guides both the development of living forms and the nature of so-called inanimate matter. Moreover, he



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Over the years he became expert in covering court cases and matters involving the law. As a consequence he has been honored seven times by the State Bar of California. He also is one of the few laymen to have an article published by the Journal of the American Bar Association.

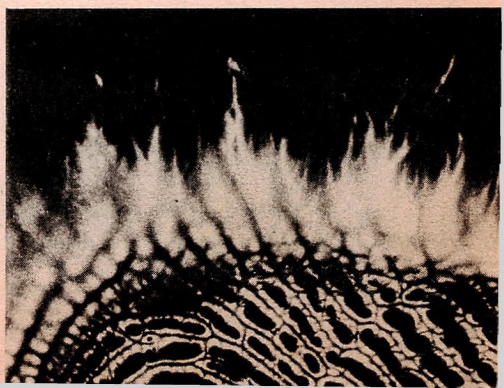
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came to the conclusion that consciousness survives its association with physical matter and that memories are carried over into the nonphysical world.

His theories now are being brought up to date by other scientist-philosophers who are finding further evidence that the mechanistic, nonteleological (purposeless) concept of life is out of date.

When Stromberg's book *The Soul of the Universe* first was published in 1940 (David McKay Co., Philadelphia, Pa.) his idea that organizing fields are the directing forces behind living forms had not been fully corroborated in the laboratory. Subsequently at Yale University Dr. H. S. Burr and his associates performed a series of experiments to test their own "electrodynamic" theory of life. And their investigations showed that all living plants and animals are surrounded by electrical fields, complex in pattern and extending well beyond the visual limits of the living organism. Most significantly, they discovered that when the oxygen supply necessary to maintain the metabolism



Kirlian photos of finger in high-frequency field suggest luminescence is intimately linked with life. Series taken of leaf show flares, twinkles and glows as colors fade, then disappear when leaf dies.

of an organism is reduced, the measurable (and observable) field enveloping and apparently maintaining it contracts without change in structure and disappears completely when death ensues.

Burr stated, "It is hard to escape the conclusion that the electrical pattern is primary and in some measure at least determines the morphological pattern."

This is a preliminary conclusion of the greatest importance to biologists and scientists because if it is correct it means that living matter is organized in all its stages of growth by an electrical force field which seems to have a kind of intelligence of its own and which disappears at death leaving the material body to disintegrate into the dust of its outer chemistry.

Stromberg postulated that such fields emerge from and return to what he called the nonphysical world and he pictured the world of physical forms as patterns of energy that emerge from a nonphysical world which has its own immaterial structures. Living matter in particular, he said, arises out of and exists because of the nonphysical world which — like Plato's archetypes — governs the forms that energies take as they emerge from this intangible realm.

The structure and composition of living organisms, he found, were determined by "immaterial wave systems" or "living fields" having innate properties that enable them to arrange certain types of molecules into the complex, highly organized forms of living plants and animals. The directing power of this unseen organizing energy is to be noted especially in the process of mitosis (cell division). These observable processes have made it possible to develop a scientific theory of the relationship of mind to matter, incidentally providing a reliable basis for the old belief in the survival of the soul and its memories at death. In other words, the wave patterns associated with memory and personality necessarily would carry over into the nonphysical world, perhaps to reemerge (reincarnate) physically at a later time with modifications depending upon the developing consciousness behind the emerging patterns.

Although Dr. Burr and his associates at Yale were working on their experiments while Dr. Stromberg was formulating his theory of the nonphysical world Dr. Stromberg was not aware of this corroborative investigation until his book was completed. In his experiments Dr. Burr placed extremely sensitive microvolt

meters close to and in many cases within the living organisms. He and his colleagues confirmed the previously observed fact that the electric potential in a living fluid mass varied from one point to another, thus indicating a pattern. With their refined equipment they were able to map the organizing fields of force and the changes in these fields during the normal growth of the organism. They also measured and mapped changes during the more drastic process of metamorphosis — as when a larva changes into a butterfly.

After the publication of *The Soul of the Universe* Dr. Stromberg proposed, on the basis of the Yale researches, a theory of "autonomous" living fields. Stromberg believed the sources of these organizing electric fields could not be located in the electrically charged particles of which matter generally is supposed to be composed. Rather, he believed, they should be regarded as "singularities" (motivating units) in preexisting force fields beyond space and time and having no metrical properties, such as size. They would, however, have topological or morphological characteristics (form).

"Fields of this sort can be imagined as existing in an extremely contracted and dormant form in an egg cell or seed," Stromberg said. "Going one step further, it may be postulated that the living field, when it is in its potential form, has no size at all, in which case it must be regarded as a nonphysical potentiality."

Stromberg further concluded that the idea of living sources in the nonphysical world becoming living elements in the physical world was in full harmony with his previous theory of emergent energy.

"Life seems to have emerged from 'another world' than that described in the science of physics," Stromberg commented.

He felt this idea paralleled the idea presented by the Burr group which postulates that organizing fields are "primary properties of the universe and that they are, to a greater or less extent, modified by the presence of matter, the field and the particles being thus dependently related."*

"In order to explain the relationship between mind and matter," Stromberg said, "one must assume the existence of a nonphysical world." There are, he continued, many types of emergence from the nonphysical into the space-time world and, he concluded, the two worlds are "everywhere contiguous" — that

*This quotation is from a letter Burr wrote to Stromberg.

is, adjoining or in contact.

He pictured the emergence of both mental and physical qualities into the physical world of space and time as including the senses of color, momentum, pleasure and pain, as well as energy and its manifestations. Hence, because the origin of mental qualities is in the non-physical world it would follow that a personality that has lost its physical shell could continue to be either hellishly or paradisiacally aware of them there.

Stromberg's thinking in his later years (he died in January 1962) was considerably influenced by the discovery of what has been called the fifth or "eternity dimension," so named by a group of British mathematicians headed by J. G. Bennett. The introduction of this fifth dimension, designed to simplify and generalize the familiar physical laws, has been useful in theoretical physics, especially in formulating the elusive unified field theory — a mathematical expression in a single formula for all known facts about electric, magnetic and gravitational forces.

Stromberg noted that Einstein was unable to formulate such a theory, although he made several attempts to do so using only the four dimensions of space and time.

"The addition of a fifth dimension in the cosmic reference frame has made it possible to include in the description of the universe those characteristics which do not change with time," said Stromberg. "Bennett therefore gives the fifth dimension the expressive name 'eternity.' The main reason for the introduction of this new dimension in our world picture was the need of a domain in Cosmos in which no dissipation of energy takes place."

After Bennett's book on the fifth dimension appeared Stromberg realized that the "eternity" dimension was practically the same as his own concept of non-physical time in the world from which emergent energies and patterns arise. The introduction of the eternity dimension into the framework of theoretical physics made it possible to conceive of a real world beyond physical space and time.

Stromberg believed that the "eternity domain . . . is the abode of God," as well as the abode of "man's immortal soul after the garment of flesh has been cast off." He also believed man can maintain communication with this universal power.

"The introduction of the five-dimensional world-frame has made it possible for us to explain a number of psychic phenome-

na," he once declared.

Likewise he was sure that man's spiritual and ethical development continues in the "cosmic abode" beyond space and time until he has fulfilled the mission for which he was created.

"We shall now make a fundamental assumption," he wrote shortly before his own journey into eternity. "In the nonphysical world beyond space and time, which has here been called the eternity domain, lies the ultimate origin of all things: energy, matter, life, consciousness and mind. In short, all the characteristics of the world, physical as well as mental, are supposed to have their origin and their sustaining 'roots' in this recently discovered extraphysical domain. This assumption should be regarded as a 'working hypothesis' and its justification depends on whether or not it can explain, or rather help us to visualize, the relationship between physical and mental phenomena."

Physicists who generally have abandoned the old notion that ultimate particles are the substance of matter henceforth should find the fifth or eternity dimension compatible with the wave nature of matter.

Since they regard matter as a form of energy, Stromberg noted, "The radiations from the sun can be described mathematically as a wave motion, although not as a vibration in a material substance (m e d i u m). The 'waves' represent the chance of energy emerging at a particular place in the physical world. What emerges, radiation, consists of small parcels of energy which physicists call photons and corpuscles. Energy can be regarded as emerging from a nonphysical world into a physical world."

Particles are the result rather than the cause of "small parcels of energy" emerging into the physical universe.

"It has been found," Stromberg said, "that the properties of a field of force cannot be the effect of electrically charged particles assumed to exist within the atom. For instance, electrons do not, as formerly was assumed, move in orbits around the atomic nuclei or like bullets from one place to another."

In a 1946 paper for the Franklin Institute on "emergent energy" he wrote, "In matter, it is the field structure that moves and not the corpuscles involved. The error that has crept into our scientific thinking is that we have taken over the old idea of solid matter in continuous motion, forced on us by the crudeness of our organs of perception,

and have applied it as a characteristic of the elements of matter. When this idea of moving corpuscles is abandoned, our difficulties in obtaining a unified picture of the corpuscular nature and the wave nature of matter and radiation disappear . . ."

Dr. Stromberg took the position that, in the case of atomic structure, the old question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, had been settled. The Greek notion of solid particles as the building blocks of matter was gone forever and in its place the idea of the "autonomous field" was substituted. Fields of force, he maintained, were the governors of all structures and in this concept he has had widespread support.

"The field that determines the characteristics of the atoms and the propagation of electrons," he said, "consists of oscillating elements and has properties similar to a system of waves, and these waves determine statistically where and when we can expect energy-carrying particles (such as electrons) to appear.

"It also follows that the fields which determine the structure and function of a living organism are autonomous; that is, they are not determined by the configuration and actions of the atoms in the matter of which the organism is built."

Therefore, particles are not the motivating causes of fields of energy but rather the result. "Particles at rest," he declared, "have energies, masses, angular momentum and in some cases at least, electric charges of certain definite amounts, a fact which indicates that they have properties which cannot be expressed in terms of our concept of continuous space and time."

Einstein, who wrote the foreword for Stromberg's book, asked in his own book of essays, *Out of My Later Years,* "Should it not be possible to explain the total inertia of the particles electromagnetically?" And he answered himself, "What appears certain to me . . . is that in the foundations of any consistent field theory there shall not be, in addition to the concept of field, any concept concerning particles. The whole theory must be based solely on partial differential equations and their singularity free solutions."

Another scientist went so far as to state that the solid atom had been reduced almost to a mental concept.

Stromberg's thesis in support of energies emerging from a nonphysical world into the world of matter (as we know it) leans heavily on the idea that particles are, in fact, bundles of patterned energy which impinge upon the

physical senses because of their vibrational structure.

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The existence of "organizing fields" is something more than a mere theory since the pioneering work done at Yale and other research centers. In recent years there has been a great deal of research in connection with what have become known as "standing waves" and electrical fields associated with living matter which greatly supplements the Yale experiments. Indeed, the bridge between physics and biology in this area of research is becoming broader and firmer as the years go by.

Dr. Stromberg wrote: "Erwin Schrödinger, the founder of modern wave mechanics, has applied wave mechanical considerations to explain the stability of the fields governing the structure of living organisms. He compares the genes, the hereditary elements existing in the nuclei of the germ cells and reproduced in the body cells, with liquid, aperiodic crystals which are relatively stable at ordinary temperatures.

"The structure of the genes in the germ cells is duplicated in the genes of the body cells, and the wave system in the genes serve as governing and stabilizing centers in the formation of a living organism.

"The fixed structure of an organ, for instance, must then be regarded as a result of stabilizing factors in the nuclei of the cells. Such stabilizing effects are evident in the healing of wounds and the restoration and regeneration of damaged organs."

German embryologist Hans Spemann (Stromberg calls him "one of the greatest") as long ago as 1921 introduced the idea of organizing fields after experiments which demonstrated that, in the blastopore (the tiny opening of an embryo in its gastrula stage), a progressive wave of organization can be observed in microscopic studies as changes in the appearance of the cells occur. Significantly, all the cells appear to have the same latent potentialities and it is the field that seems to determine which of these potentialities will be developed in each separate part of the embryo.

Most easily recognized is the stage when the outer cell layers of the blastopore are turned into the cavity of the embryo, a process that takes place in man and in practically all animals. The organization and development of the various bodily parts and functions are equally well directed.

"We can compare a living field with a melody," said Stromberg. "A musical melody is the effect

on our organs of hearing a time sequence of frequencies and the melody is not changed if it is played fast or slow, forte or pianissimo, provided the frequencies and their order are unchanged.

"A field of force is a pattern of frequencies existing in space as well as in time. A living field can therefore be described as an intricate frequency pattern, a 'symphony of life' that retains its properties when undergoing great changes in size. The intricate physical properties indicate the existence of qualities of a type quite different from those described in the science of physics."

What about the role of the so-called "genetic code" in this symphony of life?

The mechanists, who fast are becoming a minority among those who seek to present a comprehensive picture of life forces, would have us believe that the genes and chromosomes, along with those mysterious genetic substances known as DNA and RNA, produce their effects by mere chemical reactions — not too well understood at the present time, to be sure, but ultimately explainable in terms of chemical changes if we look close and far enough.

But this mechanistic structure rests heavily upon an implied acceptance of the idea of "discrete" (individually distinct) particles. Thus the genes and their codes and the strange substances (DNA and RNA) which are associated with the transmission of specific and grouped hereditary traits would be pictured as computerized elements in a fabulously complex and minutely programed machine.

It is true that ribonucleic and deoxyribonucleic acids, although so far not artificially synthesized, can be shown to bring about specialized genetic results. This tends to support the purely chemical theory of heredity, especially as certain combinations of traits appear to be associated with one substance — as if there were a configuration of grouped characteristics — whereas single traits not so definitively related seem to go with another genetic substance.

Stromberg and those scientists who agree with him answer that since we no longer are concerned with particles as far as physical structures are concerned all such combinations must be considered a magnificent interplay between vastly complex fields of force. There are no such things as particles in the solid sense; there are only energy fields which necessarily govern the activity of the apparent particles and which are a result, not a

cause. These fields not only govern structure, *they are structure.* Because there is considerable evidence that these fields are "autonomous" — not dependent upon the structures we perceive with our five senses for their being — the mechanists would find it hard to account for their directive actions by chemistry alone.

As these directing fields disappear into some nonphysical realm at the death of the organism (or contract to the point of nondetectability) Stromberg and his supporters believe they originally must have emerged from the same nonphysical world according to an infinite plan worked out by what they call the "Soul of the Universe."

What does all this mean to the field of psychical research and speculations on the ultimate destiny of man?

Certainly it gives new life to speculations on reincarnation as part of the scheme of life and on the nature of man's abode in the nonphysical world.

What is the relationship and importance of the nonphysical universe to our everyday world?

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These questions and some of the scientific bases for positive replies in line with Stromberg's theories will be discussed in the second part of this two-part article, in the next issue of FATE.



WHAT WILL IT GROW UP TO BE?

By Helen D. Kennedy

ARE WE ABOUT to create a monster? The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has proposed placing new life forms on other planets. One such life form would be capable of dissolving and changing rocks into organic compounds useful to man.

If atmospheric conditions on other planets were the same as the earth's this would provide the answer to many of our own ecology problems. Unfortunately, of course, this is not the case.

Dr. William Kauffman, an astrophysicist at Griffith Park Observatory in California, characterizes the idea as a "mad scientist" adventure. He feels that the introduction of originally harmless, helpful life cells might create a situation in which the cells could undergo such rapid mutation that they might become dangerous. The results, he said, are unpredictable. No one knows what changes could take place — and they could be uncontrollable.

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By John R. Dearth

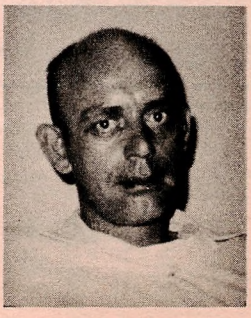
IT WAS COLD and blustery in Pekin, Ill., on January 19, 1965. I was visiting my grandmother Eva Layer and she had retired. There was nothing on television I cared to watch so I selected a book from the bookcase and went to bed.

After reading for half an hour I lost interest in the book. I lit a cigarette and as I sat on the side of the bed I began thinking of my parents. Mother had died from a heart attack the summer before and we had lost my dad Richard Dearth November 22, 1963. He had fallen 185 feet from a smokestack being built at Hennepin, Ill. I missed them both terribly but especially my father. Whenever I was alone and idle my thoughts turned to him.

I've listened to different people talk of unusual things that happened to them and my usual smart-aleck reaction was to snicker. I don't do that anymore. The experience I had shook me up and later I had a hard time convincing myself it wasn't simply a dream. But it has changed my whole outlook on life and made me take the time to read about the hereafter. And about ghosts.

After putting out my cigarette I turned off the light and tried to sleep. I was restless, however, and it was hard just to lie there. Suddenly I heard someone say, "John!" It unnerved me because Granny was asleep, I supposed. I turned over and almost cried out — for there stood my father. I thought someone was playing a joke on me but after staring a few minutes I knew better. It was my dad all right but I could see him only from the knees up and he looked foggy. He was wearing the two-piece grey work clothes he regularly had worn.

He was smiling and asked if I were all right. I said, "Yes, how about you?"



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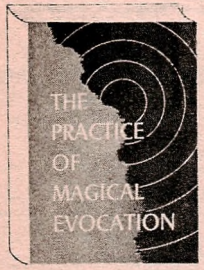


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He said, "I'm O.K., except I'm awfully tired from walking so far."

I wanted to know how he had found me, for I was not in my home, but he said he didn't know. It was just like talking to him when he was alive. Finally I asked what happened after his death. He said he had found himself walking along. It was neither hot nor cold and he couldn't understand the tired feeling. But he told me that he now realizes that hell is what we live through here on earth. He insisted he couldn't stay long but asked me to try to make the most of my life.

I hadn't noticed that I had lighted another cigarette as he was talking. Just as he said he had to go Granny came into the room. She had heard us talking and thought some fellow had come in to spend the night with me.

I felt stunned but I asked Granny to sit down, for I had something I wanted to tell her. I was afraid she would laugh at me but she herself had heard the two voices. She had recognized mine but not the other one. After I told her what had happened she looked shocked and didn't know what to think. Neither of us ever told anyone about it.

From that night on I haven't made fun of any of the unusual tales I've heard. One thing I know for sure, strange things can happen — to me and to you. — *Lubbock, Tex.*

"I MUST GO . . ."

By Lucile Lingo

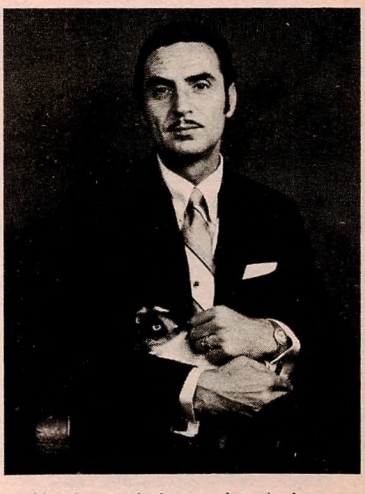
EARLY IN 1943 we were living in a trailer in Jensen Beach, Fla. My husband was in defense work, constructing roads, and early in World War II we had bought the trailer because we knew we would be moving all over Florida.

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had more freedom, less work and a lot of time for fun. Every trailer camp we lived in had dances during the week and many other activities for the residents.

In 1944 we moved back to Miami and lived in a trailer park until our home (which had been rented while we were gone) was available again. About the time the war ended my mother Katherine Overton decided she wanted to come to Florida to live. She gave up her home in Louisville, Ky., and we gave Mother our trailer to live in until she could find a house to her liking.

It turned out that she loved trailer life, as we had. The people in the camps were good neighbors, always helping each other, and there was something doing all the time. So she stayed on in the trailer.

The morning of March 24, 1948, she was sitting on the side of the bed, having just awakened, and she looked up to see her sister, Theresa Shircliff, standing before her. My mother had some knowledge of spiritualism and therefore she was surprised but not alarmed to see her.

"What are you doing here, Tess?" Mother asked.

"I must go now, I must," my aunt replied and then disappeared.

That morning I received a call from Aunt Tess's home in Louisville with the news that she had succumbed to lung cancer. She was in her 70's and in the last few years of her illness her beautiful coppery hair had turned grey.

I drove over to the trailer to tell Mother the news. As I approached the open door she said, "Aunt Tess is dead!"

"How did you know?" I asked in amazement.

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By Albina Bailey

IN THE YEAR 1928 (I was so little I've forgotten the time of year) my parents Michael and Marie Ropes and I reached our apartment in Worcester, Mass., one evening a little after dark. My father turned on the light but it flickered and went out. My mother tried the light again and still again and it wouldn't stay on. My parents gave up eventually and we started up the stairs by the light of a match my father struck. But each time a match was lighted it too would go out. We groped our way upstairs as Mother said, "This is a warning that something awful is going to happen."

Sometime in the late hours of the night a knock sounded on the door. Father went to answer it and found my Grandfather LeBoeuf on the threshold. He had brought word that his daughter, my Aunt Yvonne, had died.

The wake was to be held in a funeral parlor which had a common boundary with our yard. When I begged my mother to allow me to see my Aunt Yvonne she agreed that I could but only for a few moments, then I could go out the back entrance of the funeral home and into our backyard.

I was only seven years old but supremely confident that I could make my way home alone. However, walking into the back of the funeral parlor I couldn't find the exit. Instead I found myself in an area where coffins and other mortuary supplies were kept. I became so frightened that I screamed. Mother came running and took me home, trying to comfort me on the way. She put me to bed and then returned to the funeral parlor.

I lay in bed, still shaking with fear and crying. Suddenly the most beautiful sight I ever had seen appeared at the foot of my bed. It seemed to

be a beautiful angel but as I looked closer I saw that it was my Aunt Yvonne. When I reached out to touch her she disappeared and at the same moment all my fear left me. — *Dudley, Mass.*

AN EYE FOR AN EYE

By H. Paul Eads

IN MY BOYHOOD in Harlan County, Ky., one of my shuddery pleasures was visiting among the mountain folk and listening to the ghost stories told with utmost sincerity and believed throughout "the dark and bloody grounds." On one occasion, however, I experienced the real thing.

In 1909 the Black Mountains were sparsely settled by hardy mountain people, most of whom could neither read nor write. They had no doctors (expectant mothers were attended by midwives), seldom a visit from a minister and all strangers were suspect.

In the spring of the year my parents took me with them to visit friends in Upper Martin's Fork. When we arrived the folks told us that another villager, Irwin Fowler, had contacted the dreaded typhoid fever and was at the point of death. According to custom the neighbors all congregated at his home to "sit with the sick" and our friends asked us to go along.

While we covered the three miles to Mr. Fowler's home I heard the adults saying that Mr. Fowler's daughter had died three weeks previously and that he, fearing the disease, had refused to go near her.

Again according to custom the neighbors sat up in shifts, while others prepared food and some slept. I was only 11 years old and therefore one of the three selected for the first part of the night. The other two were Mrs. Ruth Witt, a middle-aged woman, and John Hensley, about 20 years old.

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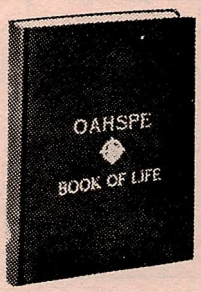
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The night was comfortably warm but a fire was lighted in the fireplace to give light rather than heat. All openings in the log cabin, two unglazed windows and the door, were open wide. Conversation was pitched mild and low so as not to disturb the sick man and about 10:30 P. M. talk fell off altogether. At this time the unbelievable happened. I was astonished and speechless and I believe the other two were under the same spell.

Mrs. Witt rose from her chair, went to the bedside, felt Mr. Fowler's pulse and then returned to her chair. At this moment I saw a dense yellowish-grey mass beginning to form at the lower part of Mr. Fowler's forehead, between his eyebrows. Then a string-like form about the dimension of a wooden pencil began to rise toward the ceiling. It rose to a height of about three feet, arched, traveled parallel to the physical body on the bed, crossed the footboard, then began forming itself into a replica of Mr. Fowler—the same size arms, legs, head and body. Next this strange form clasped its hands on the footboard, looked intently toward the body on the bed, shook its head as if saying "no," turned and went to the far corner of the room where it squatted like a man sitting on his heels. (I learned later that Mr. Fowler often took this position.)

The misty form sat that way for what seemed a long time but probably was only seconds, then rose, went again to the foot of the bed, nodded in the affirmative and slowly began to disappear into thin air except at Mr. Fowler's forehead where the last of the yellowish-grey substance lingered briefly, then disappeared after detaching itself from the forehead.

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us and said, "He is gone."

No sooner had the words left her lips than one of the largest house cats I had ever seen jumped through the window and in one bounding leap landed on the bed and began to claw and dig toward the human face below the sheet. Then another and another and another cat came. We three couldn't handle them. We shouted for the others to come in and taking any weapon they could reach the men killed the cats.

When the ordeal was over we found the cats had destroyed Mr. Fowler's face beyond recognition. They had scratched and bitten into his shoulders and torso with a terrible ferocity. How many cats were there? The estimates afterward were varied but to say there were between 50 and 75 would not be an exaggeration. But the mystery was, where did the cats come from? There were few in the village.

Eventually it came out that Mr. Fowler hated cats, and he would wound or kill every cat he could. Was his bloody end karma?

I didn't breathe a word about the yellowish-grey substance I had seen — that is, not until Mrs. Witt came to see us about a week later and quizzed me about it. Still I kept my lips sealed until she described exactly what I had seen. Together we went to Mr. Hensley's home in Hurst where he also verified the full details. Then we three agreed not to say what had happened because we wouldn't be believed.

"Just another ghost story," folks would say.—*Hartshorne, Okla.*





New Books



By David Techter

PROPHETS COMPARED

IN A RECENT column I commented upon Brad Steiger's paperback biography of Irene Hughes, *Know the Future Today* (Paperback Library, New York, N.Y., 1970, 188 pages, 75 cents) but I postponed discussing Mrs. Hughes' contribution to the volume, some 17 pages of predictions, because I want to go into the nature of psychic predictions. Two other paperbacks dealing with prophecy are also in hand and I shall discuss the three together. By chance, both have ties to *Know the Future Today*. Brad Steiger has written an introduction to Robert E. Smith's *The Man Who Sees Tomorrow* (Paperback Library, New York, N.Y., 1970, 175 pages, 75 cents) while Mrs. Hughes is included in Raymond Van Over's *ESP and the Clairvoyants* (Award Books, New York, N.Y., 1970, 151 pages, 75 cents).

Of the two, Smith's biography of Georgia seer "Doc" Anderson is far more impressive. He tells the story of Anderson's colorful life in lively prose and with considerable flair for personalities. Fortunately many of Anderson's most impressive predictions are documented. Then fully 85 pages are devoted to prophecies for the future. In the style of Jeron King Criswell's volumes, Anderson includes a few predictions for each state in the union. Unlike Criswell's, however, "Doc's" prophecies strike one as more or less pausible, lacking the former's emphasis on bizarre scandals, cannibalism, mayhem and sex. FATE readers are almost sure to enjoy this readable paperback. My only complaint concerns the rather implausible tale of Anderson's journeying about the world, meeting secret occult leaders in every land he visits. Even if one assumes that an unknown American psychic could make the connections and be accepted (highly unlikely) there appear to be insuperable language barriers. Anderson's career is flamboyant enough without gilding the lily.

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IN CONTRAST, Van Over's potentially promising volume is

lightweight indeed. In his many years in the psychic field Van Over has acquired greater depth than he displays in this paperback. Although the cover plays up predictions by contemporary clairvoyants only four pages are directly concerned with them. Another 50 pages give thumbnail sketches of noted psychics of the past and present. The rest of the volume attempts to cover the entire psychic field so that, obviously, only the highlights can be included and much abbreviated at that. It does have an advantage over many other popular books in the psychic field in that it contains nothing outright incorrect or misleading. The complete novice may find it useful but the majority of FATE readers will have encountered this material better-said elsewhere. Undoubtedly Van Over is qualified to produce an informative well-rounded volume in the psychic field but unfortunately this effort is not it. It is my suggestion that readers will do better to acquire a copy of the excellent new magazine, *Inner Space*, which is edited by Raymond Van Over.

However, the four pages of predictions the book contains are interesting and I admit to being impressed by those attributed to Maurice Woodruff. The section is headed "Predictions for the 1970's"; thus technically it is for the next decade but Woodruff already has two solid hits: "British Prime Minister Harold Wilson will go" and "China will put a satellite in orbit." He also comes pretty close with "Nasser will be deposed," although this suggests human deposition rather than that of the Grim Reaper. Irene Hughes is a bit off the mark with her "1970 will be a year of assassination of certain men in Egypt and Cuba." As for another Hughes prediction, if there was "major news of a cancer preventive widespread by June 1970" I must have missed it.

WHAT IS A PREDICTION?

ALL OF THIS brings us to the knotty problem of what is a psychic prediction precisely. While psychic researchers generally accept the existence of precognition, most of the evidence comes from laboratory experiments and precognitive dreams. The much less manageable area of public predictions, from Nostradamus on down, has not received the attention it deserves. There is a considerable problem in evaluating public prophecies, particularly when a vast percentage of such predictions (including those in these three volumes) have nothing whatever to do with psychic ability. One way of getting at the problem would be to list types of alleged predictions that do not involve precognition:

(1) Clearly predictions involving the will of the predictor (I'll go downtown tomorrow") take no ESP.

(2) Predictions that influence behavior or attitudes of others similarly are questionable. The old fortune-teller's ploy "You will meet someone this week who will be important in your life" is virtually self-fulfilling. Impressionable clients will make *anyone* they meet important in their lives. These first two categories rarely occur in public prophecies although it has been argued that Jeane Dixon's public prediction of Kennedy's assassination could have given Lee Harvey Oswald the idea. I personally find it difficult to credit this particular argument.

(3) Predictions depending upon definition are not valid instances of precognition. Such a prediction would be "The Republicans will do well at the polls in 1970." An observer looking at New York, Connecticut, Tennessee and Maryland would score the prediction correct; another observer looking at a number of other states would disagree. The flaw is in the ambiguity of the prediction. What is

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meant by "do well"? A striking example of this Number 3 type by Doc Anderson, quoted on page 46 of Smith's book, is "There will be more interest in matters of the occult and the supernatural in 1969." By what criterion do we determine the accuracy or inaccuracy of such a statement? Daniel Logan's prediction, in the Van Over volume, "A new movement of youth seeking higher values through spiritual means will begin" is another classic example of this sort of "nonprophecy." It is impossible to evaluate this kind of ambiguous nonsense.

(4) To be classed as a psychic prediction, of course, the prophecy must not be based on rational inference. Otherwise astronomers would be considered exceptional psychics—they publish in the daily press the exact time the sun will rise and set and they're never wrong. But their statements are based on rational inference following established physical laws; no precognition is needed.

Neither is ESP needed to make such "predictions" as Doc Anderson's "The competition of foreign airlines will create lower air fares to Europe," or Irene Hughes' "There will be accidents of all kinds involving all means of transportation in 1970," or Daniel Logan's "The USA will be involved in Southern Asia for many more years." It's just this sort of statement that gives the psychic field a black eye in the minds of the public.

(5) Perhaps this is just a variation of Type 4 — the prediction that parallels what informed observers making no claims to ESP are saying anyway. I am most *unimpressed* by psychics who foretell a war between Russia and China. Many students of world affairs believe such a conflict is inevitable. It takes no precognitive powers to predict this. Yet we see Jeane Dixon, Irene Hughes and a host of others regularly coming out

with such "predictions." Only when a prediction is *contrary* to popular opinion and later turns out to be correct is there evidence for paranormal abilities.

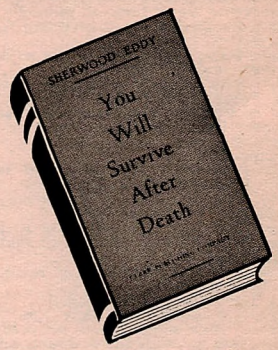
(6) A final category arises from the plethora of public prophets and the knotty problem of who said it first. It strikes me that a number of published predictions fall into the category of "me, too." Since Edgar Cayce's prediction that California would slide into the sea practically every major seer has echoed a similar foreboding. Are all these psychic impressions independent? I doubt it. Jeane Dixon for example predicts a natural calamity, "divine intervention, perhaps a meteor;" Criswell has predicted in print for more than a year that a large meteor will strike England. If this unlikely event occurs who gets the credit, one or both? Joseph DeLouise and Irene Hughes both predicted that Governor Kerner of Illinois would not seek reelection. In this instance, the facts seem to support their claims to independent impressions but the situation is not so clear-cut in most "me, too" predictions.

PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE

SINCE PUBLIC predictions have become popular many seers feel obliged to issue a list of annual forecasts. The practice has not been healthy for the psychic field. Many a psychic, realizing that a poor set of predictions could destroy his or her reputation, has leaned strongly toward types three, four and five rather than precise forecasts.

And there are other hazards for the public prognosticator besides the loss of vanity. A psychic who predicts the death of a public figure can be sued for "damaging my public image" and this is responsible for the vagueness of some such predictions. Also, some sensitives (Doc Anderson is one) feel that to predict

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death may indicate a desire for the public figure's death. Thus we see such circumlocutions as "A prominent public figure will pass away" or "So-and-so should take care of his health as I see the strong possibility of serious illness or even passing." Then the true prediction is disclosed to a few close friends. Credit is taken if the actual prediction is fulfilled but in case of a miss the weasel-worded public statement usually covers the seer. There is always a "prominent public figure" to conveniently die, or obviously So-and-so heeded the advice, watched his health and thus averted the tragedy!

This practice of public vs. private predictions is particularly undesirable from the standpoint of the psychic researcher. Jeane Dixon, for one, has not made a public prediction worth printing in years but she continues to score well on her private revelations to newspaper friends. Irene Hughes has a similar custom of keeping a private journal of her impressions, carefully dated and often shared with her husband or a friend. She has disclosed some of her private predictions to me or to friends of mine and they were, without exception, misses. Irene, of course, "made no such predictions" in public. There is no way of ascertaining how accurate she has been over the years when many of her misses are buried. From the standpoint of psychic research, misses do as much to illuminate the psi process as do hits.

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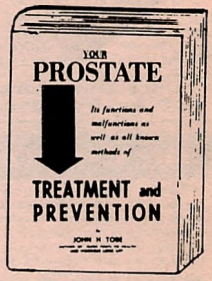
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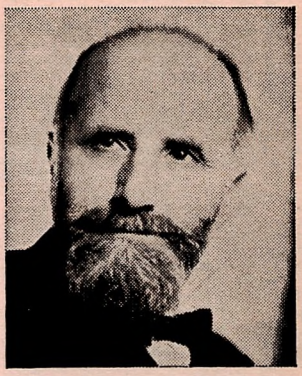
OVERSEEING THE SEERS

WITH THESE criteria of what constitutes a psychic prediction in mind, it is illuminating to examine the published prophecies of the seers as quoted in the Van Over opus. Three of Jeane Dixon's four prophecies clearly are based either on rational inference or parallel what the experts are saying. (Her one remaining prediction is the aforementioned meteor disaster.) Daniel Logan manages only four "good" predictions out of 10 quoted because I would toss out six including the usual a la Cayce California disaster. Maurice Woodruff's predictions also include this old chestnut but Woodruff on the whole does very well. Of his 10 quoted statements I consider no less than seven valid predictions and of these two and possibly three are hits. The Rev. Clifford Royse, Jr., of Chicago, has only four statements but two appear to be possibly precognitive. Of Irene Hughes' seven statements included here, four probably are psychic predictions. Two refer to long-range matters and the hoped-for cancer preventative for 1970 is already listed as a miss. Her prediction which possibly referred to Nasser's death reads in full: "1970 will be a year of assassination of certain important men in Egypt and Cuba. In China the death of an outstanding leader will occur" Even if we grudgingly stretch a point to give her a hit for Egypt, Cuba and China appear to be misses.

Analyzing Irene's predictions in *Know the Future Today* is more complex. By conservative estimate at least 90 different subjects are included amongst her forecasts with some topics receiving several sentences. Even so, it is quite evident that ambiguous statements and

"predictions" based on rational inference and on what the experts are saying anyway abound. I estimate only 31 of these predictions to be possibly precognitive and only a few have time limitations that permit current evaluation. Of those which mention 1970 she correctly predicted loss of favor for Prime Minister Wilson and student demonstrations in Japan. Alas, there has been no drop in unemployment in 1970. It is unclear whether the "assassination of a political figure in our nation during 1970" is the same as or different from the predicted "murder of a high-level person between September and December" but I know of no tragedy that fits either description. I fail to find any outstanding hits amongst her other dated precognitions. Certainly the results here are far from her frequently-claimed 90 percent accuracy. It is only by throwing in "predictions" of types three, four and five that she rises above 50 percent.

If 17 pages of Irene Hughes' predictions are difficult to analyze, nearly 100 pages of Doc Anderson's are beyond coping with. It is clear that many of the Georgia seer's prognostications are examples of my types three, four and five — ambiguous, rational inference and what the experts are saying anyway. But it also is evident that many of his predictions are surprisingly precise. He will make a fairly sweeping prediction of serious earthquakes in the midwest and then name an obscure Missouri town as the center of the disturbance. A weakness in his predictions is the frequent vagueness about time. Notoriously this is the most difficult aspect of a psychic's impressions but the lack of this specificity makes many of Anderson's predictions difficult to evaluate. The general heading for most of his prophecies refers to the seventies so presumably the bulk of them are to



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OTHER REVIEWS

THE PSYCHIC WORLD OF BISHOP PIKE by Hans Holzer, Crown Publishers, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1970, 224 pages, $5.95.

The first part of Hans Holzer's *Psychic World of Bishop Pike* contains some interesting material. Although sometimes vague and strained it details psychic experiences the bishop encountered in his early life as a clergyman at his first rectory and in the Cathedral library. But when we come to the mishmash of hints and elaborations about mysterious political criminals alleged to have killed the bishop we are on shaky ground indeed.

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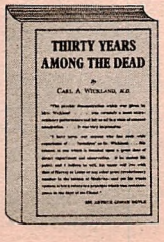
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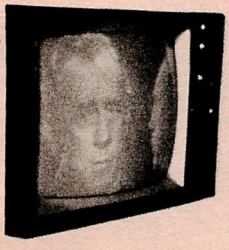
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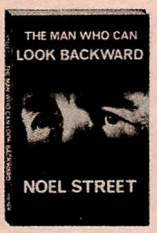


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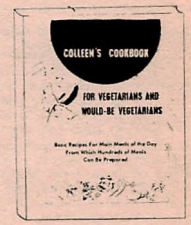
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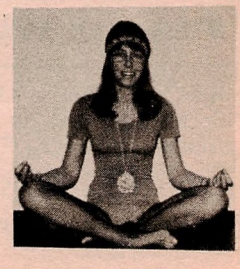


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The book which the editor hopes "will be disturbing to the many who still claim there is no problem" is based on the Houston Conference on Ethics in Medicine and Technology Authors of the book's six chapters are Dr. Margaret Mead, the eminent cultural anthropologist, who discusses some of the considerations that interweave to create the ethical context of questions relating to medicine and technology; Dr. Emmanuel Mesthene, director of the Harvard Program on Technology and Society, who shows that religious myths and values depend on the social values of any given time although their functions are not so dependent; and Dr. Helmut Thielicke, professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Hamburg, reported to be "one of the giants in the postwar theological revival in Germany" having "done more work in the field of ethics than any other (man) in history," who discusses the artificial prolongation of life, the distinction between human life and biological life, the physician and "metaphysical guilt," and other issues related to man's effort to cope biologically with the apparatuses he himself has made.

Robert Drinan, dean of the Boston College Law School, Dr. Paul Ramsey, professor of Religion at Princeton and Research Professor of Ethics at Georgetown University School of Medicine, and Dr. Joseph Fletcher, professor of Social Ethics at Episcopal Theological School, focus attention on the specific issues of abortion, efforts to asexually create or artificially make a man and the problems posed by the new technological devices in medical care, cryonic possibilities such as human hibernation or "deep-freeze" for indeterminate lengths of time, and autocontrol of mood and intelligence. All these issues raise the Faustian question: "Will man's growing power over his life and world be his undoing?"

Fletcher observes that "the belief that God is at work directly or indirectly in all natural phenomena is a form of animism or simple pantheism, a hopelessly primitive kind of God-thought and God-talk" which "hangs on long after the theologians generally have bid them good-bye."

A great deal of the past conventional wisdom for dealing with birth, death and health control has been on the grounds that it is allegedly "unnatural" or "against nature." But technology has a way of undermining conventions, of changing the world, and with it our lives and priorities. —*Tommy W. Rogers.*

YEAR OF THE SASQUATCH by John Green, Cheam Publishing, Ltd., Box 99, Agassiz, B.C., Canada, 1970, 80 pages, $3.00 (paperbound).

In a previous book, *On the Track of the Sasquatch*, Canadian journalist John Green examined the evidence for the existence of abominable snowman-like creatures in North America. His second book, *Year of the Sasquatch*, contains more recent material and some quite interesting and recently-discovered historical reports.

Following a resumé of the better-known sasquatch reports, Green presents accounts dating back to 1811 which seem to indicate the presence of hairy giants in Canada well over 150 years ago.

One chapter of the book is devoted to the work of George F. Haas, an Oakland, Calif., researcher who publishes a monthly *Bigfoot Bulletin*. Mr. Haas certainly is one of the most dedicated researchers into the Bigfoot/sasquatch mystery and it is time his work received recognition.

In a fascinating chapter titled "Across the World" Green reprints portions of a paper by Soviet researcher B. F. Porshnev relating to the Russian equivalent of the sas-

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quatch. Reports of such creatures (variously designated as "Almas," "Almasti" and "Kaptar") come from various points in Russia and Central Asia. These reports too go back many years into the past. The thoroughness of Porshnev's dissertation indicates the subject has received serious attention from at least some Soviet scientists.

The remainder of the book treats such topics as tracks in the snow, computer analyses of reports and eyewitness accounts. *Year of the Sasquatch* is well illustrated with photos, drawings and reproductions of newspaper accounts. Updating a truly fascinating subject, Green's book is well worth the price. — *Lucius Farish.*

BORDERLAND by W. T. Stead, University Books, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1970, 344 pages, $5.95.

W. T. Stead is remembered today as a journalist and newsman and as an early propagandist for spiritualism. His own automatically-written *Letters from Julia* became a classic of Victorian-age spiritualism.

At the end of 1891 Stead devoted two issues of his newspaper-magazine, *Review of Reviews*, to psychic phenomena. Originally titled "Real Ghost Stories" and "More Ghost Stories" these were collector's items until University Books republished them under the name of the magazine Stead founded in 1893, *Borderland.*

I can appreciate this new edition, for I read the originals — two columns on each page in tiny print with an average of 75 lines to a column!

The cases Stead printed were mostly anecdotal without much verification. Some of the accounts have found their way into standard psychic literature and readers may be surprised to learn this was the original source. For example, the case of

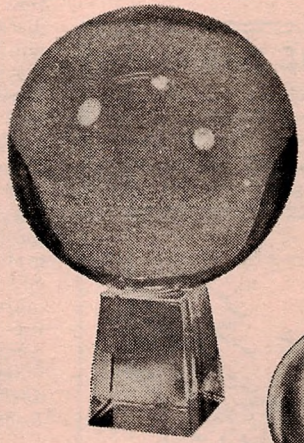
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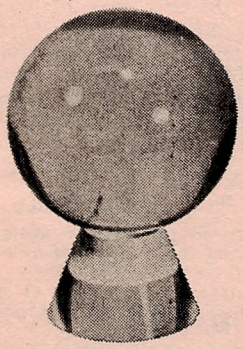
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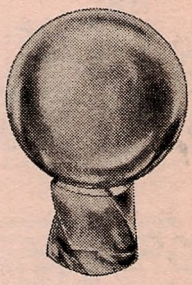
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Mr. Thompson's "double" appearing in the Dickinson photographic shop, which can be found in every book on astral projection, is here with all its voluminous documentation.

One section of *Borderland* is devoted to haunted houses. This contains the most complete account in print of the famous Willington Mill haunting. Also included is information on the Epworth poltergeist which can't be found anyplace except in the original sources.

Other portions of the book are amusingly bad. One narrative was sent in by a minister who had a disconcerting rendezvous with a ghost. The enthusiastic clergyman, his memory on a phenomenal spree, reports word for word what the ghost told him — all 700 words! Is this stretching credulity?

Unfortunately the new edition has had to omit the wonderful photographs used in the originals and it's too bad that more biographical information on Stead has not been included in the new introduction. He was a more interesting subject than even the tales of common folks which comprise the book. Nevertheless, whether or not taken seriously *Borderland* is fun reading. — *D. Scott Rogo.*

ALSO NOTABLE

SPIRIT WORLD BREAKTHROUGH by Jack Perry and Robert Neil Porter, Regency Press, London, England, 1970, $3.75.

LIFE IN THE HEREAFTER by Elizabeth M. Thompson, Regency Press, London, England, 1970, $3.75.

THE RIVER OF LIGHT by Jean Marshall, Regency Press, London, England, 1970, $6.00.
These three volumes concern spirit communications, the first a compilation of messages allegedly from such notables as Catherine of Aragon, Benjamin Franklin, Marilyn Monroe, Henry VIII, Sappho and others. The second, *Life in the Hereafter*, adds Mary Queen of Scots, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Jean Marshall's book compiles spirit communications obtained through automatic writing from "Gwyneth, the Lifegiver."

Report FROM THE Readers

"AN IGNORANT HOAX"

Regarding the "mysterious lead crosses" discussed by Gaston Burridge in your February 1971 issue, the date "A.D. 800" could not have been inscribed *in* A.D. 800, for the Christian world did not start dating from the birth of Christ until the 10th Century A.D. Up to that time the Christians dated from the founding of Rome in 754 B.C. Hence, anyone who wrote "DCCC" in what we now call 800 A.D. was referring to the *Anno Romanum* 800 which was the year 46 *Anno Domini*.

The cross has been a common symbol since before written history. It has been found in ancient temples in Japan, throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Pacific Islands. Only recently has it been adopted as a Christian symbol and it is not now and was not in 800 A.D. a Jewish symbol. When, then, should "Jewish Romans" have left it in Arizona?

Moreover, metals do not lend themselves to carbon-14 dating; only organic materials such as wood have a carbon 14 content.

The whole story is fishy. Primarily because of the anachronistic dating I agree with those who brand it a hoax — and an ignorant hoax at that. — *Elizabeth Gould Davis, Sarasota, Fla.*

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"THE MOVING FINGER WRITES . . ."

Ernest A. Kehr writes concerning my article "Yetis of Bhutan" ("Report to the Readers," November 1970 FATE) challenging the veracity of statements regarding the stamps. I can only say that a highly-respected stamp dealer in the Los Angeles area has told me that the stamps in question and others from Bhutan *are* popular with collectors and can be used legitimately in mailings.

Mr. Kehr is correct in saying that certain philatelic organizations have blacklisted these — and stamps from other countries — when they are issued principally for financial gain.

At any rate, the caption that upset Mr. Kehr . . . "highly-prized by collectors" . . . was not my doing. — *John J. Sanz, Los Angeles, Calif.*

REVIEWERS ON THE HOT SEAT

During the years I have subscribed to FATE it has been my impression that the book reviews were fair and reasonable. For this reason I am particularly appalled at the misstatements in Tom Lyle's review of my book, *The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom,* (January 1971 FATE) and I hope you will print these corrections.

The reviewer calls my book "a purely promotional effort for Theosophy." On the contrary I differ from the usual Theosophical teachings by correlating the evolution of consciousness with biological evolution on this earth. While paying tribute to Mme. Blavatsky I reject completely her account of "anthropogenesis" as involving human evolution prior to the appearance on earth of other mammals. (Incidentally, her first name was Helena, not Helen.)

Mr. Lyle states that I recommend a version of reincarnation "calling for individual souls 'budding off' from a group soul — a version presented in *Isis Revealed,* written by guess who?" Blavatsky's *Isis Unveiled* (not *Revealed*) contains no

discussion of reincarnation at all, the idea being mentioned only in connection with the Tibetan belief that certain high lamas are "reincarnated Buddhas." My hypothesis of individual souls "budding off" from a group soul is concerned with the *origin* of individual souls, not their reincarnation, and is based on biological analogy. I do not accept the "special creation" of biological species and it seems equally absurd to me to accept the "special creation" of souls. Life evolves; all living things have grown out of previous life. They are not specially "created." Hence the concept of individual souls "budding off" from a previously existing group soul, which itself represented an evolution from the original "One" or universal soul, seemed to me to be rational. (I got the idea originally from Edward Carpenter's *The Drama of Love and Death* which I first read in 1916, 20 years before I read anything at all by Blavatsky!)

Your reviewer also incorrectly implies that I use the term "ascended" souls or "Ascended Masters." I believe that expression is used in the teachings of what I consider a "pseudo-occult" organization but I do not use the word "ascended" in my book at any time.

Mr. Lyle seems ignorant not only of the contents of Blavatsky's first book but also of the meaning of the word "wisdom." He states as a criticism that my book rejects "all mechanical or methodological approaches." I did not say that crystal balls, Ouija boards, spiritualistic seances and so on were "delusional and useless" but rather that they "all have really nothing to do with and will not lead to that Wisdom which was once really 'occult' or hidden." The investigation of and attempts to control psychic phenomena are abundantly dealt with in many other books. My book is an attempt to state in a logically organized out-

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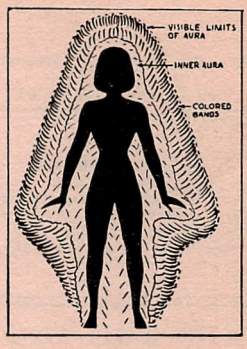


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line the "basic ideas" of that "Wisdom" — which is something quite different. — *Anna Kennedy Winner, Philadelphia, Pa.*

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Henry Cole has made quite a few errors in his review of R. G. Torrens' *The Golden Dawn, Its Inner Teachings* (January 1971 FATE). Torrens' book was published in 1969, not 1970. Aleister Crowley's *Book of Thoth* Tarot cards by Jerry Kay are $15, not $25.

Since the cards became available about the middle of 1969 it would follow that Mr. Torrens would not have known about them during the time he was writing his book. (Of course there was a set of blue Crowley Tarot cards available a few years ago which evidently neither Mr. Torrens nor Mr. Cole knew about!)

These examples show the lack of care exercised by Henry Cole in the preparation of his review. — *John Wood, Reseda, Calif.*

MORE ON THE PARLOR STUNT

In the February 1971 FATE readers Clara Beveridge and George Hoffman report separately on the old parlor levitation stunt, noting that the lifted body seems abnormally light.

The late Hereward Carrington investigated this weight loss using a large platform scale from the Toledo Scale Company which had been especially adjusted for accuracy. The large vertical dial was read by an engineer from that company. As reported in Carrington's book, *The Story of Psychic Science* (1931), a young lady was seated on a chair in the center of the large weighing platform and four male lifters also were wholly supported by the platform. All five engaged in a breathing ritual, inhaling and exhaling in unison several times, then holding their breath while the girl was slowly lifted from the chair by fingers placed at her

armpits and below her knees. Five lifts were made and each time the needle of the dial indicated a loss of 52 to 60 pounds followed by a slow return to normal.

Carrington noted that if he lifted a chair while standing on the platform or rose quickly from a squatting position the needle indicated a sudden increase in weight, then a decrease, and quick return to normal. These are reactions to the quick upward acceleration and subsequent tendency of the needle to oscillate. But as Carrington reports, in the five lifting tests no gain in weight was indicated — just the loss followed by return to normal "as the subject was held for some considerable time in the air." Photographs in the book, taken before and during a lift, show the dial reading decrease.

Carrington said he had no theory for the peculiar results. Noting that they conformed to the subjective feelings of the lifters, he was not inclined to attribute them to any *actual* loss of physical weight. He hoped that others would make similar tests in the hope of discovering some mechanical explanation. — *Harold Steinour, Oceanside, Calif.*

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I have read nearly every book I can find on the subject of Wicca or The Old Religion and I am very

sincere in my wish to join a coven. I am not interested in satanism or black magic. I have found that many undesirable groups call themselves covens and pretend to practice Wicca while participating in every possible type of perversion.

Are there no true witches left? A witch should not or cannot work alone. What am I to do?

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A MAJOR CORRECTION

Your October, 1970, issue on page 98 published a news item by Rho Sigma ("Europeans Disregard Condon's UFO Put-down") about the one-hour German TV documentary, "The Delegation," which was produced by the Bavaria Film Corporation (Munich) for the Second German Television Network.

It is our duty to inform you that "The Delegation" documentary was initiated and its production was permanently assisted and supervised by:

(1) Karl L. Veit, president of *Deutsche UFO Studiengemeinschaft e.V.*, editor-publisher of the *UFO Nachrichten* monthly and owner of the Ventla Publ. Corporation.

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I am sorry to inform you that the respected Maj. Donald Keyhoe and NICAP were never involved in the Mainz UFO Congress and the *UFO Investigator* never mentioned the congress, the resolution nor the preparation of the German TV documentary.

I am certain that Major Keyhoe himself would protest your news item presenting him as an advisor on this production in which DUIST AND ICUFON invested thousands of dollars to bring before the public the shameful Condon report and its misrepresentations. — *Colman VonKeviczky, Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network, Jackson Heights, N.Y.*

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I quote from the astrological forecast for Pisceans in the October, 1970, FATE:

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As in most astrological predictions this is hedged by the word "may." However, otherwise the prediction is quite specific. I have read that astrologers claim a 70 percent accuracy rate and on the basis of this the prediction is one of a most ominous nature.

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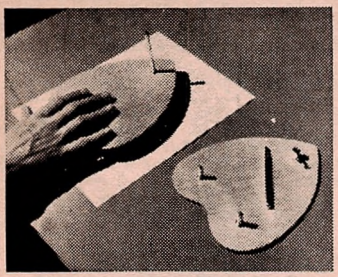
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